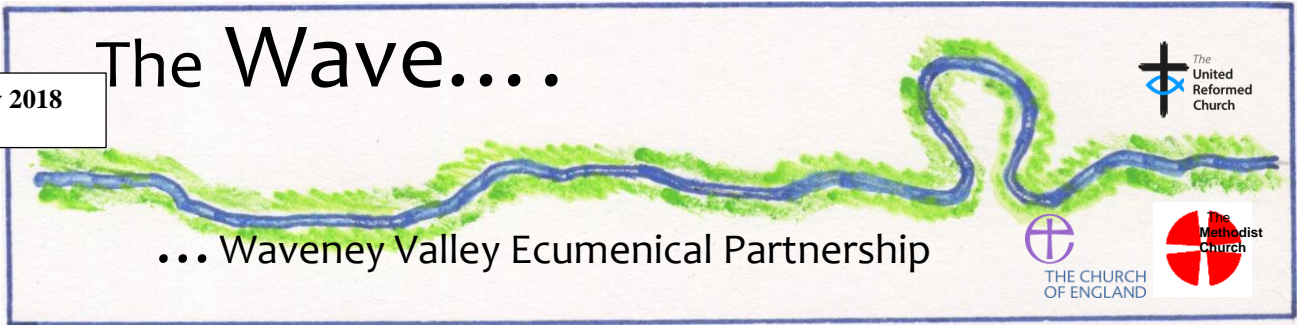


January 2018



JANUARY MUSINGS

As I write this winter has its icy grip on the country, letting us know that it will be a while before the sun begins to warm the land again. But some of the days are just gorgeous, perfect blue skies which in the summer would mean long hot days.

Whatever the season, we can be grateful for all that God gives to us. But of course this is also a time of little light, and although we have started the move towards longer days it will be a while before we fully notice the difference. I am reminded of those wonderful words from the beginning of John's gospel: *The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.* During Christmas we have celebrated the light coming into the world, the light that is Jesus Christ. As we enter the darker days of winter let us remember that the light of Jesus Christ goes with us, whatever challenges we may face in the coming year.



Wishing you all a happy and blessed new year,

Jacquie



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST COUNTRY

Rev'd Ruth (Browning) sends New Year greetings to all in the Partnership. They were originally meant to be Christmas greetings but, unfortunately, I caught her out by moving forward the deadline for the last Wave. (Apologies to Ruth.)



News from London Road Church

Nativity

Over the weekend of 1st 2nd 3rd December London Road Church Harleston was transformed into a 'Nativity Wonderland' with forty-six beautiful nativity scenes of various sizes and designs ranging from the tiniest to life size models. Those people who visited the exhibition thoroughly enjoyed the variety of scenes on display and of course also enjoyed a seasonal mince pie and a cup of tea or coffee!
Look out for the 2nd Annual Nativity Festival in 2018.

Coffee Mornings: It is planned to hold a Saturday Coffee Morning on every third Saturday of the month and the first one of the new year will take place on **Saturday 20th January** from 10am to 12 noon. Coffee/tea, biscuits and cake will be served. Everyone welcome. Proceeds this month will be for our Church Funds.

Revised information for preaching plan and directory

From **1st January 2018** the contact for hymns and readings will be
Eileen Irvine. e.irvine@talktalk.net 01379 308025.

ALL PREACHERS PLEASE NOTETHE ABOVE CHANGE and let Eileen have the relevant information by Wednesday evening of the week. Many thanks for your co-operation.

