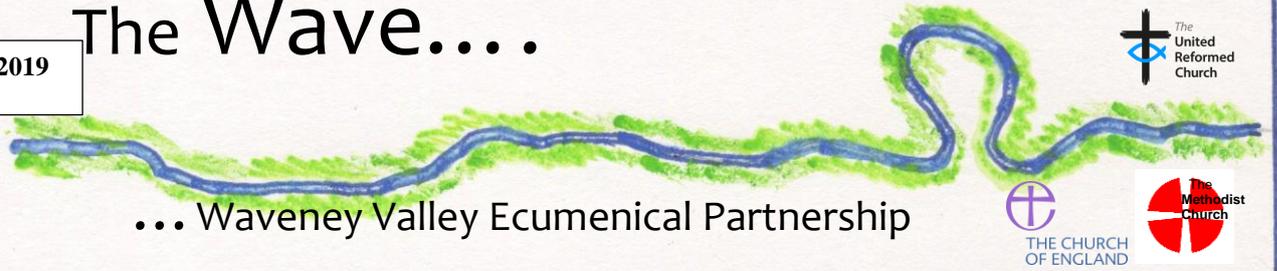


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# The Wave....



... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



## *Minister's letter*

Christmas is cleared away, the house returns to normal, but the dark days of winter are still ahead.....Are you one of the people, like me, who hopes that our weather will not be too bad, no snow, no freezing cold. Surely as the days lengthen it will get better? Yes, of course it will, but January and early February are difficult times simply because of the lack of light.

Of course we remember last year, just as we appeared to be pulling out of winter the 'beast from the east arrived'. What it did do however was to make people think about those who would have difficulty getting about and a lot of good, helpful things were done by many people, not just those of faith. There was a light shone into a dark world by these kind acts.

Many religions celebrate the season with a festival of light – was this to cheer us up through the dark in past times? And we too, should take the warm glow of Christmas into winter with us, so that when we emerge into lighter, sunnier days we will be filled with cheer.

The gift of Christmas is the generosity of people, and this a gift worth keeping and giving to others, for who knows who we do a kindness to. It could be Christ himself.

Wishing you a joyous new year,

*Jacquie*



## *Thank you...*

From London Road Church Nativity Festival -  
“A big 'thank you' to all those people who supported our Nativity Festival in any way. It was a successful weekend with 102 exhibits, ranging from the minute to the unusual. Visitors also made many complimentary and encouraging comments. We are already looking forward our 2019 festival!”



*New year, new time, new format* – from January 2019 “Encircling Prayer” is undergoing changes. It will continue to be held in London Road Church, Harleston, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening of the month, *at the earlier time of 6pm*. This brings it into line with all other evening services in the Partnership.

It will be called “Quiet Worship” which perhaps better reflects what it is all about. The format changes from month to month but it is a led service which always includes an opportunity for silent prayer, sometimes with quiet music, pictures, ‘hands on’ quiet activities. It is currently a small group of people who would really love others to join them, either on a regular basis or just popping in occasionally. Why not ‘try it and see?’

We would love to see you at London Road on Sunday evening 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.

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# 2019

## His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter  
Its history unknown;  
Oh, how my feet would tremble  
To tread its paths alone!  
But I have heard a whisper,  
I know I shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest."  
What will the New Year bring me?  
I may not, must not know;  
Will it be love and rapture,  
Or loneliness and woe?  
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;  
I surely shall be blest;  
"My presence shall go with thee,  
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author

***Happy New Year!***

