



CROMERCHURCH
transforming lives with Jesus Christ

Prayer Letter 67

December 2019

Dear Friends,

“The Light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”

John 1v5

In October we, once again, held a Light Party for local families but this year it was held in the church building with neon disco, luminous face painting and glow sticks. It was very well attended and reminded us of the passage in John. Some of the lights were left in situ for the Christmas season, a visual reminder of Christ's light in the world.

I begin with the good news that Rev. Will Warren, who was Interim Vicar for nearly a year, has been appointed Priest in Charge and was licensed in October. He, his wife Claire and their young family Timothy, Jonathan and baby Lydia are now settled into the Vicarage and Cromer life. Rev. Jennie Hodgkinson (Assistant Minister) has now recovered from illness and is slowly returning to ministry. Please pray for both Will and Jennie as they minister here in Cromer.

Over the summer we watched our three Peregrine Falcons grow and fledge, we joined in all the fun of Carnival Week, winning the Best Float Competition, we celebrated and gave thanks for the Cromer Scripture Union Beach Mission which has been running since 1883. Scripture Union have now ended their involvement and handed over to the Churches in Cromer to run a beach mission. We are leading this new initiative next year and will actively seek the involvement of those from neighbouring churches. Simon Fenn, our Head of

Mission has already made good progress with this and I know he would greatly value your prayers.

The Christmas festivities began with the Tree Festival in church and the Civic Service and both the Junior School and the Cromer Academy held their Carol Services in church. All these links with the community are greatly appreciated and nurtured. Our toddler groups and a Saturday kids club have connections to a large number of families, and we are praying to find further opportunities to share the love of Jesus with them. Plans will soon begin for Easter, the Passion Play performed outside the church on Good Friday is a wonderful witness and watched by a great number of townsfolk and visitors, please pray that we shall have good weather and that seeds will be sown.

On behalf of the church family I want to thank you for taking such an interest in our ministry and for holding us in prayer. We pray that you and your church families will be greatly blessed this Christmas and that we shall all share the Light of Christ with those we meet.

God Bless from,

Vivienne Benford