

Thanks to everyone who contributed following the Mission Service at the end of November. We have been able to send £400 to **Tearfund** because of their generosity. We have also sent a further £125 to Zephaniah Trust from donations given by the congregation. This is in addition to the £250 which we sent last month as part of our mission giving.

Ever wondered where the money goes from book sales at Church? It helps a group called **EccyMeccy**, for older men at risk of becoming isolated meeting at Eccleshill Mechanics' Institute. We have received an update thanking us for £100 which had been raised prior to lockdown.

"The donation will be put to running costs when the group meet up again pass on our sincere thanks to the members of the church for their support."

Contact the office if you would like to read the letter in full.

Thanks are also due to Kath & Charley Bolt who run the book sales.

Prayer requests can be submitted via email to the church office at prayer@eldwickchurch.org.uk Requests are forwarded anonymously to the prayer team.

We are on Facebook @TheEldwickChurch & **Twitter** @EldwickChurch.

Have a look at our new website: eldwickchurch.org.uk



Worshipping, Working & Growing Together

Sunday 3 January 2021
The Second Sunday of Christmas

This week:
Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Worship

We pray for Jenny Dunn and those in her pastoral group: Thelma Widdowson, Julie Rollinson, Shirley Haigh, Jenny & Tony Reavill, Sandra & David Brown Snr.

We ask God's healing for Lottie Brown, Mollie Brumfitt, Kate Lomas, the Marsden family, Peter Penney, Anne Samuel, Jane Thrower, Joe Tyler & Marylyn Whelan.

Here is the link for Sunday's YouTube service:
[Worship Sunday 3 January 2021](#)

A message from the **Light Up Nativity** Team:

"A huge thank you for everything you did to make the Light Up Nativity go so well. Whether it was making angels and stars, packing up the children's Advent bags, making life size sheep, a donkey and signage, making beautiful wise men crowns, star wands, lollypop Mary and Josephs or standing out in the cold as an inn keeper, steward and especially to those of you who prayed for ok weather and that all would go well. Thank you ☆"

There were some agonising discussions literally just before the event as Covid restrictions were felt to tighten their grip. We were very grateful for the sensible and measured discussions by the Church trustees who gave us their blessing and prayers.

Thank you to David McAloon who arrived to bless the event just before we opened; it was very much appreciated.

Despite the cold and a lot of ticketed people who did not show up, we still feel it was well worth the effort and it definitely touched many people who do not attend our church in the

traditional sense. Over 90 Christmas bags were given out to children.

So, thank you again as without your help, support and prayers this event would just not have been possible.” Julie on behalf of the Light Up Nativity Team.

£340 was raised from those who visited the event. This will be shared between **Action for Children & the Children’s Society**.

In normal times, we would have been supporting **Christian Aid’s Christmas Appeal** by putting out envelopes on our church chairs.

You can still donate: You can bank transfer the Eldwick Church, marking your donation ‘Christian Aid’, or send a cheque to Sharron by post. Donations can also be made by direct bank transfer to the ‘Bingley Christian Aid Committee’, account 83772594; sort code 20-76-92. Tony Plumbe (Bingley Christian Aid co-ordinator) requests that if you use the last method to let him know by email, ajplumbe@hotmail.com or phone 01274 566607.

Another way is via the **Christian Aid website** at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal>

The job advert for the Minister’s post at TEC is now being re-advertised. The closing date is 18 January 2021. Please pray for a positive outcome from this.