

Charitable Giving Update We sent £900 to Holme Wood and also £250 to Bradford Soup Run at the end of December. Rev Helen Hodgson (Holme Wood) sent us this in reply: *"Happy New Year..... here's hoping and praying it will be a brighter one for one and all."*

SO sorry for the delay in letting you know we received your message - yet again we are overwhelmed with the love, kindness, and huge generosity!

We had people at the vicarage door each day last week - in need of food parcels and electricity/gas top up's - I think this coming month will see an increase too.

We are so very grateful that we can share the generosity of others - thank you!"

Rev Barbara Walls recently sent an update from **Bingley Foodbank** to say that in 2020, they helped 3 times the number of people vs 2018. This comes with a message of thanks for the donations of food or money from members of our Church. The Foodbank is seeing an increasing number of families that have been hit by the financial consequences of the pandemic.

Christian Aid Supporter's Virtual

Conference We've been asked to save the date for a virtual Christian Aid conference 22 – 26 February. More details soon *#changemakers2021*

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 10 January 2021
The Baptism of Christ

This week:

Sunday: 10.30 am Morning Worship

We pray for Norma Feather and her pastoral group: Margaret Hartley & Pat Coote.
We ask God's healing for Lottie Brown, Mollie Brumfitt, Kate Lomas, the Marsden family, Anne Samuel, Jane Thrower, Joe Tyler & Marylyn Whelan.

Following the announcement of a new lockdown, the Trustees met via Zoom on Monday 3rd Jan. **It was their unanimous decision to suspend communal worship for the foreseeable future in order to keep everyone safe.**

A weekly worship service will be available on YouTube as normal. It will either be livestreamed from church by a small team, or totally pre-recorded.

Here is the link for Sunday's YouTube service, We welcome the Archdeacon of Bradford, Rev Andy Jolley to give the talk.

[Worship 10 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**.

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.