

WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Weekly Prayer Focus: 26th December 2021 EBA Regional Team

As we write this Prayer Focus our new team has just been away on retreat together. Spending time getting to know each other individually and as a team. Praying together for each of us individually and for the Association as a whole.

As we reflected over this last year, we looked back experiencing a mixture of feelings. The year started with us still facing challenges with covid lockdown, challenges that remain and perhaps for the foreseeable future may be more challenging. Losing Nick Lear as part of the team in May as he moved to Plymouth to take up a new role. Spending six months without a full team meant additional responsibilities for Graeme and Beth amongst seeking and appointing new team members. The year is finishing on a high point as Claire and Gale joined us in November and we are excited for all that 2022 holds.

Even with the challenges of 2022 Beth, Graeme, Claire and Gale have preached in 67 different locations and been involved in 23 Inductions and Ordinations. 18 sermons have been recorded and released on the EBA YouTube channel with the latest being a sermon for advent and a sermon for the New year. You can find these and the other short and seasonal videos we have produced on our [YouTube channel](#) and we hope and pray that these videos will continue to be a blessing to churches and individuals.

One of the highlights of the year was the Ministers Conference with a difference (due to covid) which gave us a day in small groups on zoom hearing from and engaging with Kate Coleman and Cham Kaur-Mann from Next Leadership and then a day in Thetford Forest riding on Segways and braving the Go Ape course. It was good to be together in this different way even in the pouring rain!

Prayer points

- Pray for the Regional team and their families.
- The new team as we develop working relationships with each other and the churches.
- Pray for Fiona Heddle, the new moderator of the trustee board and the trustees that serve the Association.
- Pray for God's spirit to continue to move across the area in power.



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