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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the April edition of Street Jesus e-news.

Most months because i am very busy with all sorts of things i scramble to get the Street Jesus news out before the deadline, this is in part because there is a huge amount going on in our local Christian community so there is always plenty to communicate.

Ironically this month being unable to work i have had plenty of time to do the news but because of the Carona virus pandemic the usual Church activities have been suspended or cancelled so there has been much less to convey.

Churches are not meeting in the usual way, with services and other activities being cancelled. Does this mean that the Church has been inactive? Not at all Churches have adapted very quickly to live stream services with many finding new audiences and Christians are initiating schemes to support the elderly and vulnerable who are having to self isolate in their own homes.

Isolation is a difficult issue for us as we believe God has created us to commune with and love one another. Relationship is reflected in the Godhead, father son and holy spirit working in unison. Yet we live in a society where loneliness is endemic and is a significant factor in causing mental health problems and reducing life expectancy. There are some who are ignoring advice and taking risks partly because of the strong need to associate with others.



Even in isolation we are yearning and looking for ways to connect. In Italy balcony singing has become a common expression of

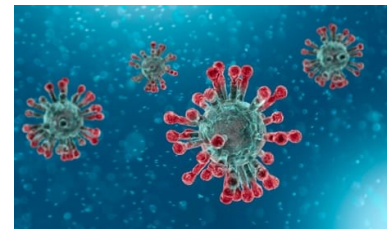
community. In the UK we have taken to our doorsteps to applaud and show appreciation of front line staff in the NHS who are putting themselves at risk to care for the sick.

One of the features of the Coronavirus restrictions is the change in our behaviour in response to it. We have seen panic buying of goods in shops to the point where supermarket shelves have been emptied causing others to go without basic supplies,

We have seen people still gathering in significant numbers not realising that they could be carrying the virus and transmitting it to others. Extreme behaviours such as the coronavirus challenge have seen people coughing intentionally into peoples faces and licking supermarket shelves.

Its good to remember that these instances are rare and that in general the response has been responsible. The lack of vehicles on the roads and people in

the street is an encouraging sign of how much we love and consider



others. Not being able to work or earn, feeling insecure about how we are going to pay the bills and put food on the table. The need to provide for ourselves and our families and to keep a roof over our heads is a factor in people carrying on regardless. How do you survive on universal credit at £96 a week.

It has been heartening to hear of so many stories of sacrifice, over 600,000 volunteers have signed up to help the vulnerable over 9,000 former health care professionals have pledged to return to work. Everyone from taxi drivers to shop owners offering services for free to help people out.

Jesus calls us to agape and love of our neighbour and we have all become more aware of our neighbours and making sure they are ok. While at home we are catching up on the 'Jobs I've been wanting to do' list. We are spending more time with our own families and giving them time which cannot be afforded when we are busy at work or in various other endeavours. This can be a challenge for some but also an opportunity to reconnect.



This pandemic is causing fear and anxiety but allows us as Christians an opportunity to model something else, to model Jesus. When Jesus said fear not it wasn't because there is nothing to fear because there is clearly something to fear from a virus that can kill you, but rather that God is with us in this situation and that it is possible to feel his love and peace.

The long term economic effects are likely to be severe, the government is having to borrow huge amounts of money to support people and our standard of living is likely to be adversely affected in the longer term, for some there will be hardship. We may need to rethink life and what is really important. To appreciate our wonderful creation, care for others and value time with one another, rather than a new car, the latest gadget or a holiday in the sun. Jesus asks us not to focus on the material but to store up our treasures in heaven. One of the positive aspects of being confined to home is the opportunity to spend more time in the word and in prayer, in this way we are able to feel the presence of God in these troubled times and glean wisdom on how to respond to the challenges ahead. In this we gain confidence and hope for the future and for the life to come.

It's been great to witness increasing use of social media to help us stay connected. Our own church here in Wickham market has been live streaming and teaching on social media. It has had a very good response with more hits than a normal attendance at Sunday service. Does this represent an opportunity to share the gospel with friends and family? You can watch a service at a time of your choosing. I know many churches are doing the same.

Our bible reading this month is from Isaiah 26:12-21 and speaks of us having to stay at home, close the door and wait for the storm to pass. This seems very apt today when we also consider that the passage speaks of the life giving light falling like dew on God's people in place of the dead. The light of love. The building may be closed but the Church is still open. We are the Church.

Please note All Street Jesus meetings and outreaches are suspended for the immediate future.

Keep safe. Blessings Graham



All Saints
Wickham Market

SS Peter & Paul
Tottenham

Job 38:1-4

Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm. He said:
'Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?
Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'

'Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?
Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you
know!'



Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL
RIVERSIDE CENTRE
STRATFORD ST ANDREW
Postponed until further notice

MID SUFFOLK
STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL
Postponed until further notice

THE FILLING STATION

A new informal way of expressing
the Christian faith

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

IT'S ALL ABOUT

JESUS

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Postponed until further notice

ALL WELCOME



Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening
Postponed until further notice



www.talithakoum.org.uk



www.larcheipswich.org.uk/



The Gideons

jen.sheehan@ntlworld.com

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7pm
Kelsale Village Hall
IP172PB

Contact Paul or Mandy
Weekes on 01728-604053

Healing Prayer Service

1st Sunday of the month at 6.30pm



www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk

42 Warwick Ave
Woodbridge
01394 383479

Network SUFFOLK

- *Corvid 19– How to help people in your community.
- *Reassurance
- *Church Online
- *Tending the garden of hope.
- *Community action –Suffolk

<https://networksuffolk.org.uk/>

THE VENUE

At the heart of the beautiful Suffolk village of Monks Eleigh is an ancient barn, which was converted into a chapel in the 19th century. The recently renovated building is owned by *The Ansell Trust* and is managed as a Day Retreat Centre by a team from the *United Reformed Church* and *St Peter's Church*.



A space for people to be at HOME
with themselves, with others, or with their God

THE VISION

It's a place to find space: time to reflect, to meet, to talk, to be quiet, to recharge batteries, to just 'be'. It's available to everyone, of any faith or none.

Groups or individuals can use it for meetings, retreats, or simply as a base to explore the surrounding area. It's for all who need it, regardless of ability to pay.



FOR MORE INFORMATION & BOOKINGS CONTACT

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THE FACILITIES

There is the main meeting room (seats up to 40) with a small kitchen area (for drinks and plating food), including washing up facilities and linen, along with glasses, crockery and cutlery for 40 people as well as supplies of tea, coffee and sugar.

There is also an electronic organ, keyboard and audio-visual equipment available for use. There are 2 toilets, one of which is wheelchair accessible, and there is space for parking at the front of the building and in close proximity.

THE QUIET PLACE

A short walk from the chapel is a five acre area of water meadow, preserved as a haven for wildlife by one of the centre's management team. In line with the vision and ethos of HOME, *The Quiet Place* is also available to individuals and groups on day retreat. You can follow a special trail with reflections or just stroll and sit and ponder. The distinctive wet meadow ecosystem is a natural home to special species of butterflies, birds and dragonflies.

A Pilgrimage of Song 2020

Saturday 30 May Chevington to St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Saturday 22 August Rougham to St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A walk through the countryside, singing a service at each church along the way, ending with Compline at the Cathedral and a hot meal in Pilgrim's Kitchen.

Cantusfirmus.org.uk

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we hunger after - meaning and
intimacy and relationship... In a
very non-pressed,
non-judgemental environment."*

*- Bear Grylls
host of "Man vs Wild".*

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Outreach

STREET JESUS



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic
We have suspended our Street
outreaches until such time as we
receive advice that we may do so

Suffolk Theology Forum 2019-2020

Exploring Christian theological issues in an open, non-partisan way
at Co-op Education Centre, central Ipswich

Refreshments served before the start of the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIMES OF THESE LECTURES

Programme

THURSDAY 12 September 2019 7:30 PM – 9:15 PM	<u>Hugh Williamson</u> <i>Emeritus Regus Professor of Hebrew at Oxford University</i>	The Dead Sea Scrolls
THURSDAY 7 November 2019 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<u>Rowland Howarth</u> <i>Cornerstone Animator at L'Arche, Ipswich</i>	The Theology of Community
THURSDAY 6 February 2020 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Dr Elaine Storkey <i>Broadcaster, philosopher, sociologist and theologian.</i>	
THURSDAY 30 April 2020 7:30 PM – 9:15 PM	Dr Gudrun Warren <i>Librarian and Curator, Norwich Cathedral</i>	
THURSDAY 9 July 2020 7:30 PM – 9:15 PM	Dr Beth Phillips <i>Tutor in Theology & Ethics, Westcott House</i>	Ethics of Conflict and Violence

[Download a Programme](#)

Co-op Education Centre

Pedestrian entrance - 11 Fore Street, Ipswich IP4 1JW. Free car park. Walking distance from bus & train stations.

Car park entrance on Waterworks Street – for SatNav use IP4 1JG or coordinates 52.055 1.160

Theology Forum online www.stf.one

Queries: Vanda Broughton, Forum Secretary 01728 748280 v.broughton@ucl.ac.uk



Sunday 14 June 2020, 5 pm St Edmundsbury Cathedral

tearfund

www.tearfund.org

Fundraisers



BLESSING JARS

Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya

A great place to put your loose change in and say a blessing at the end of the day.

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thepaellalady@gmail.com or
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BEEHIVE FUNDRAISERS

£488 has been raised through our blessings jars so far. Our grateful thanks to all who have contributed



GUITAR CONCERT

All Saints Church Wickham Market
Saturday November 10th 3-5pm
£406 was raised



QUIZ NIGHT

Seckford Hall hotel
Date to be confirmed

For details streetjesus2012@gmail.com
or thepaellalady@gmail.com



The famous opera singer Christina Johnson
performed in concert at
St Augustine's church Ipswich
Saturday November 23rd 7.30pm
£1467.50



The famous opera singer Christina
Johnson performed in concert at
Framlingham college chapel on
Saturday January 25th 2020
Around £2200 was raised



HOME, BUT NOT ALONE

DOWNLOAD



#COVID19SUFFOLK



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CHURCH CAFÉ'S



CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street
THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham
OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.
HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ-St Johns Woodbridge - Every Monday morning 10-12

24/7prayer.com

Lectio 365– A daily devotional



PRAYER MEETING

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



Reflecting back on our outreach at Aldeburgh carnival last summer. Paul and Mandy show us their great big smiles

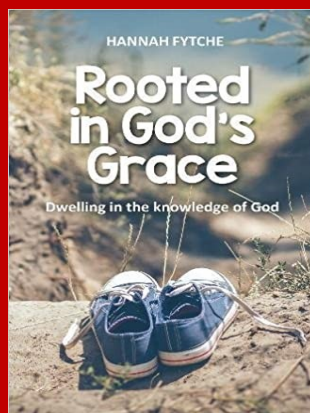
CD of the month



Passion Roar
Live from Passion 2020

Eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Are you just reading the Bible and praying just as part of a to-do list? Is ticking them off each day as much as we can hope for? Hannah Fytche is adamant that it isn't and she suggests that we start by recognising our relationship with God through Jesus Christ - a place of freedom and grace rather than a striving to earn approval by getting things done. Rooted in God's Grace will give you passion and confidence and will embolden you for growing in the knowledge of God creatively. 'What I love about this book is its grasp of theology, together with its practical, creative, grounded and imaginative writing.

Newsletter



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newsletter

The Beehive Buzz

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'THEOS'

Think tank on religion and society

The Sacred— Rabbi Sacks
Pandemic-A Poem
Is God a populist?
Clapping the NHS
Human Dignity— Sally Phillips
Unherd— News item

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings



New Wine Cancelled 2020—
www.new-wine.org

Spring Harvest Cancelled 2020
www.springharvest.org

Big Church day out Cancelled 2020
www.bigchurchdayout.com

Keswick 2020 -July 11th– July 31st
Keswickministries.org

Greenbelt 2020 -August 28th-31st
www.greenbelt.org.uk

Word Alive Cancelled 2020
www.wordaliveevent.org

Dauids tent 2020 -August 28th—31st
www.davidstent.net

Hillsong Conference 2020 July 22-24th
www.hillsong.com

Newday 2020 August 3rd-8th
www.newday.co.uk

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Bible reading

Lord you will grant us peace, all we have accomplished is really from you. Oh Lord our God others have ruled us but you alone are the one we worship. Those who served before are dead and gone, their departed spirits will never return. You attacked them and destroyed them and they are long forgotten. O Lord you have made our nation great. Yes you have made us great, you have extended our borders and we give you the glory. Lord in distress we searched for you, we prayed beneath the burden of your discipline. Just as a pregnant woman writhes and cries out in pain as she gives birth so were we in your presence Lord. We are to writhe in agony, but nothing comes of our suffering. We have not given salvation to the earth nor brought life into the world. But those who die in the Lord will live, their bodies will rise again. Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy. For your life giving light will fall like dew on your people in the place of the dead. Go home my people and lock your doors. Hide yourself for a little while until the Lord's anger has passed. Look the Lord is coming from heaven to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will no longer hide those who have been killed, they will be brought out for all the world to see

Isaiah 26:12-21

Prayer

The eye of God



The eye of the great God be upon you.
The eye of the God of glory be upon you.
The eye of the son be upon you
The eye of the spirit mild be on you.
To aid you and to shepherd you.
May the kindly eye
of the three be upon you.
To aid you and to shepherd you.

Amen

Quote to note

Without doubt the mightiest thought the mind can entertain is the thought of God.

A.W. Tozer

Please get involved

If you have a heart for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others and would like to become involved with our project then please contact us for more information.

If you would like us to promote any of your Church events we will do our best to include them in our e news.

If you would like to contribute to e-news with any information or recommendations such as a book, music C D, film, article, a prayer, or a bible verse then please e mail us on streetjesus2012@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be announced after the current Government restrictions are lifted.

THANK YOU !

Thank you for showing interest in the Street Jesus project. If you do not wish to receive our e news or would like more information about the project please e mail streetjesus2012@gmail.com