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Street Jesus News: Welcome to the February edition of our e-news.

Firstly apologies for the February edition being later than usual. I have been away quite a bit during January so the time available to put together e-news has been somewhat limited.

Its been rather nice to have a change of scenery particularly after the covid restrictions of these past two years. I have recently been to

Guernsey visiting family and it was great to see our grandchildren there. Its amazing how our environment dictates our behaviour and how we feel. What is immediately apparent is the slower pace of life and the greater opportunity to relax. The environment is very natural with countless small coves and sandy



beaches outdoor activities are encouraged. Even the young schoolchildren have sailing lessons as schools are usually very close to the beach. I was told that children are much freer to move around unsupervised as the crime rate is very low to the extent that most people leave their doors unlocked. Education seems more rounded with little or no emphasis on league tables. Interestingly the authorities are quite strict with home inspections by the local authority and rules enforced for any transgressions.

Jesus asks us not to live in a spirit of fear but he also asks us to obey



the authorities. It struck me that everybody there understands why the laws are so strictly enforced and generally complies with them, there is order and respect. When we look at other political situations and see that the people at the top do not abide by the rules but expect everyone else to, then that respect and

trust for authority becomes eroded. Whatever happens in our lives we know we can trust that God is with us and we know that he keeps his promises. And has the ultimate authority.

My daughter has recently made friends with the wife of the local vicar who has asked if she would like to do an Alpha course. She has been thinking about faith for a while but like many people has a number of unanswered questions. We all went to Breakfast church which was very

service. The worship was contemporary and relaxed. The talk was about the importance of having a light in our lives so that we may be auided in the right way. Not everybodies experience of Church is this

well attended by people of all ages. I noticed how the vicar and his wife circulated speaking to just about everybody. Being new to the church we certainly received a warm welcome. The cooked and continental breakfast was funded by the congregation and was very much appreciated by everyone and set us up nicely for a very enthusiastic church





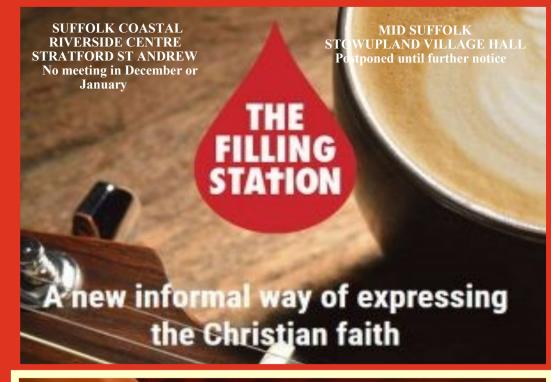
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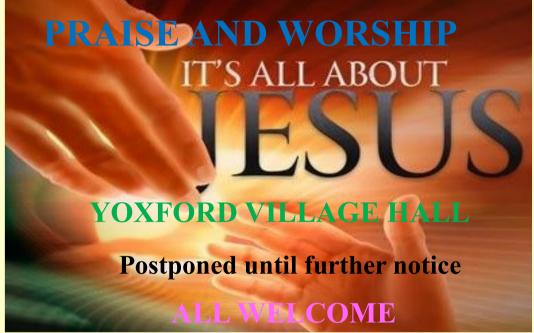
Positive and we certainly hear some complaints on our facebook page about Christians who struggle with some aspects of church culture. Some feel excluded due to cliques and a lack of involvement but the breakfast is a great idea for getting people together before a service. It felt like family and of course God wants us to be party of his family. In our own church here in Wickham market. Messy church and Café church have been great at helping people navigate any barriers they may have to attend a church service.

Gods Blessings for the year ahead. Graham.











Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening Every 4th Saturday of the month.

Organisations



Clare Priory Retreat

www.clarepriory.org.uk



Inspiring Christians to transform their workplace and the nation







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PRAYER Every Tuesday 7pm Kelsale Village Hall IP172PB

Contact Paul or Mandy Weekes on 01728-604053

Open to God Service

1st Sunday of the month at 6.30pm





Information Network



https://networksuffolk.org.uk/



<u>Covid-Loss Support</u> <u>Group</u>

A **FREE** 6 Week Support Group exploring loss from Covid-19

Starting Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7pm-8.30pm at *Inspire* Counselling and Training
The Fletcher Centre, Ipswich. IP1 2EX

This group is for anyone who has experienced loss of <u>any kind</u> such as the loss of a job, the loss of health or loss through death.

For more information:

Phone: Inspire office on 01473 217694

Email: contact@inspirecounselling.org.uk







MIE running group

We have had a mixture of people from MIE and from outside the church, and also a mix of Runners and non-runners. We start at 6.30pm on Monday evenings in St Johns car park, we warm up, have a run/walk session and a fun active game! We always finish with a thought from the Bible. Please continue to pray for this opportunity to reach out or why not invite a friend and come along Tracev@mie.org.uk



Churches Together at Prayer

Monthly Prayer online
1st of each month at 7pm

Praying for our world each other revival

Zoom Meeting ID: 819 191 3344

(for password email: lynspall@gmail.com)

CU LUNCHTIME

JUST42 ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FOR THEIR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY TO STUDENTS IN FARLINGAYE HIGH SCHOOL. CAN YOU GIVE A HOUR OF YOUR TIME EITHER TUESDAY OR THURSDAY 1.00 TILL 2.00PM? PLEASE CALL 07376 075021 FOR A CHAT











It's church... but not as you know it!

A relaxed time of discussion & refreshments. All are welcome - come with your questions

On the first Sunday of each month from 4:00 to 5:00pm in the Barnsdale Centre, Sutton Heath

For more information, contact Padre Trevor Homfray-Cooper on 07976203278 / padretrevorhc@gmail.com

Afternoon Praise

A lively and informal service for all ages. Every other week beginning 19th September at St John's Churc<mark>h, W</mark>oodbridge.

Doors open 3:45 for a 4:00pm start.

Drinks and cakes provided.

Everyone welcome!



St. John



CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH - www.hopeipswich.co.uk BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH Tel- 01473-259271 TRIMLEY ST MARTIN CHURCH Tel 01394-200406 ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGE 01394-383162 COLCHESTER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH -01473-290115 ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH - IPSWICH- 01473 723960

Outreach



Our next outreach is likely to be in early March and will be advertised in the February issue of our newsletter

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. To obtain a jar please e-mail thepaellalady@gmail.com or Pam@jenkins-net.co.uk



Leiston Town Pastors are seeking to recruit Christian Church members to their teams. The roles are: Town Pastor - Patrolling the town in pairs between 9.00pm and 12.00am on a Friday evening. Base Prayer - In a team of two, supporting the pastors with prayer, refreshment and coordination from our operating base in the town centre. Home Prayer - Supporting the work with prayer for one hour, at home whilst the pastors are on patrol. This work is rewarding, fulfilling and appreciated by the public and statutory agencies For more information please contact: Leiston Town Pastors Tel: 07804 004669 Email: LeistonTP@gmail.com or speak with a member of your church who is already involved with Town Pastors



The BASIC Life Charity COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP

Come along to



2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS

Friday Mornings at 11.00 am

AFFORDABLE FOOD

Fill a bag for £2.

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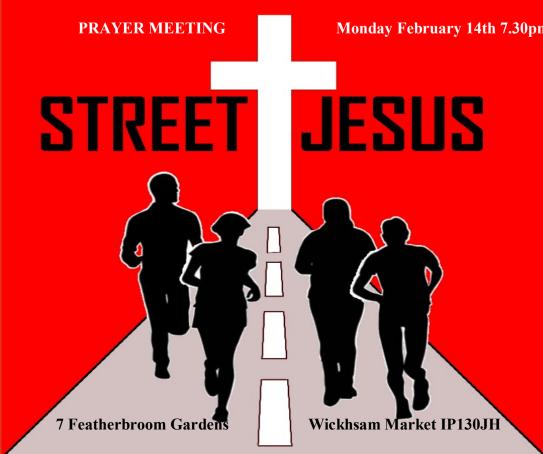




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ-St Johns Woodbridge - Every Monday morning 10-12





Gallery



Denise and Mike stop for a photo while setting up the stall for the Wickham Market Christmas market.

CD of the month

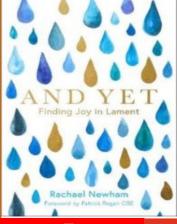


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My Saviour

Carrie Underwood

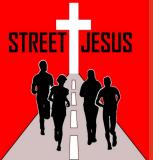
Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

If you're looking for a book to help you explore lament, pain, suffering and darkness in an accessible but theologically-rich way, this is the one. It's not been written specifically as an Advent devotional, but the six chapters follow the liturgical year – starting with Advent then Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time – so to read it during Advent would be highly appropriate. I love Rachael Newham's warm style, dotted with anecdotes from her own experience, connecting with us in our hard times, and deeply persuading us that lament has an important role to play in life and faith. Practising lament can be spiritually powerful and enhances our connection with what is happening in the world.

Facebook



If you would like to join our facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/1246450225452294

Think tank on religion and society

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings





Bible reading

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin just like the rest of the world obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the heart of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to Gods anger just like everyone else. But God is so rich in his mercy and he loved us so much that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead (It is only by Gods grace that you have been saved) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Jesus Christ. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealthy of his grace and kindness toward us as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his Grace when you believed. And you cant take credit for this as it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done so none of us can boast about it. For we are Gods masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so that we can do the good things that we planned long ago.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Prayer

Thank you Thankyou For all your gifts Lord For your creation and the sun and rain that give life and growth For health and strength For our homes family and friends For our Church and worship For every chance to serve you For Jesus Christ and what he has done for us Amen

Quote to note

"There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling. Bishop Desmond Tutu

Please get involved

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 on Monday 10th January at 7.30 pm. At 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH

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 streetjesus 2012@gmail.com