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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the August edition of our e-news.

Jesus told us to go into the world and tell people about him and it was a real joy to be able to do that on our recent outreach to the Ipswich music day. This was the fifth time we have attended this event and it was a very busy day. Thank God for 'Jesus at the door' as we had many

people who engaged with the pictures. We had a number of people who felt that they were spiritual by nature and that there was a higher power, there is clearly something inside that yearns to worship or believe in something. We met a young couple who prayed every day but were not sure who they were praying to. They both saw prayer as an act of thankfulness. It put me in mind of the story of a ten year old girl skipping through a

field on a bright sunny blue skied day asking. 'Who do I thank' Another couple also said they prayed together before they went to bed each night but had no real concept of the Christian God. We took them through 'Jesus at the door' and they were quite amazed and said

that we had given them a lot to go home and think about.



We met others who identified as Christians but did not go to church because they found it difficult to relate to. Although its possible to identify with Christ and not go to Church we do need to accept that Churches and Christians are not perfect. A church can rarely be exactly what we would like it to be and we are there primary to worship God as part of the body. A good church feeds us spiritually, Allows us to

come together in worship of a holy God and support one another to

work to support our communities.

We were able to offer a pastoral listening ear to a lady who is estranged from her daughter and grandchildren. We were able to pray with her. Another young man had some interesting theories about the book of Enoch so we were able to talk about the importance of focusing on Jesus as we can soon start getting distracted from the core message. We also spoke to a lady whose close friend had died just two weeks previously and in obvious grief was asking why good

people die and bad people seem to live to a ripe old age. Why does God allow such suffering. There is no easy answer to this question. We were able to go through Jesus at the door with her and explain that whatever trials we may suffer in life God is there with us if we want him to be. She is interested in learning more, she took a gospel of Mark and we are hoping to keep contact

with her and point her to a local Alpha course. As was the case last year we were able to speak with a muslim man



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Which reminded us of a conversation we had with two Young muslim men last year. We were able to have a very polite open conversation about the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. It was a model of how we should relate with one another across the interfaith spectrum. Not dumbing down our faith in order not to

offend but speak it boldly and in truth. This year was no different, a very respectful conversation we had and Jesus at the door helped enormously to get us to the heart of the Gospel quickly. We focused on aspects of relationship, the love and grace of God as opposed to rules regulations, pillars and rituals in order to win Gods favour. What we receive as Christians is a free gift when we believe in the God we serve.



We also met a man when we were packing up with universalist views. We have heard a lot of these ideas recently. He thought Jesus was a good man, a great teacher but not the only pathway to God. He felt that nature was God and thought it unfair that people who have not had Jesus revealed to them would be denied eternal life. He felt that ethnic religions such as those practiced by indigenous tribes were equally valid. He strongly believed that we would all be re-incarnated. We tried to focus the conversation on the Holy spirit which is a good



connect point for those who express spirituality. The idea that we have a human spirit which is meant to intertwine with Gods Holy spirit, so that we become one with him. We could agree that the kingdom of God is at hand, within touching distance, as close as a decision of the heart. The bible tells us that the only way to the father is through Jesus 'No one comes to the Father except by me'. Yet we are also told that Gods laws are written in our

hearts and that the beauty of nature reveals to us the proof of Gods existence and because of this we should instinctively know that God exists. Whether you believe in an inclusive or exclusive view our job is to share the gospel with everyone. Jesus has given us that responsibility.

We spoke to a stall holder about the need for community rather than focusing on the need to solely make money We explained that this was very much a part of Jesus teaching. We did have a small number of people who engaged with 'Jesus at the door' but rejected it or just walked away without comment This rejection of course is part of what we do, just as Jesus was rejected in his day.

We had other interesting conversations. An ex drug addict who gave his life to Jesus and an ex army man who had gone on to run Alpha courses. We also had Christians who were asking questions about meanings in the bible, particularly the book of Job.

We forged good relations with stewards security and all the stalls around including the LGBT one close by. Five boxes of chocolates were given out on the day which were very much appreciated. We took

prayer requests on the prayer tree, gave out Christian literature and animal bible verse cards which are always very popular with the children. £63 was taken from the sale of African crafts to benefit the Beehive and we had very many conversations about the Beehive and handed out lots of their leaflets. We enjoyed a truly amazing day to which we give God all the glory. Our next



outreach is at the Wickham Market summer market on Saturday August 19th A huge thankyou to Ipswich borough council for organising such a fine event with an estimated 40,000 people in attendence. See you soon Blessings Graham





The Filling Station is an informal way of expressing the Christian Faith, using celebration meetings to encourage the local church, predominantly in rural areas across the UK.

What to expect when we meet:

A warm welcome with light refreshments... Contemporary worship led by local worship leaders... Stories of God at work today... Guest Speakers to refresh our faith...

Prayer together for worldwide and personal needs...

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew Refreshments at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

Guest Speakers visiting soon:

Thursday 25th May Fran Nguyen Missionary and Trauma counsellor

Thursday 22nd June Tom Boswell Pioneer Minister at SKC church

Thursday 13th July

Thursday 13th July Celebration evening! Worship, food and testimonies!

Everyone is Welcome

https://thefillingstation.org.uk/



New ALPHA course
Starts 27 September 2023
7pm in St John's Church
St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS



Vicar: Rev Charles Trefusis
Tel:01394 383162
email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk
www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk



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



www.talithakoum.org.uk

COASTS

English Language School





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clarepriory.org,uk













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







Tuesday mornings during school holidays, 9:30-11:30am at St John's Church, Woodbridge IP12 1HS.

Toys ~ Stories ~ Playdough ~ Refreshments Plus crafts for preschool & primary ages, and more!

Summer 2023

25th July

1st August

8th August

15th August

22nd August

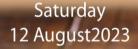
29th August

A place for children aged 0-11 years and their families to relax and have fun!



For more information visit www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk or contact us at info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk or 01394 383162





Men's Breakfast.

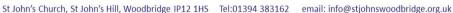
come and join us for croissant's, bacon rolls tea and coffee.

9am till about 11am. In St John's Church Ha

New members are always welcome.













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.

NO CRITERIA - ALL WELCOME

NEW: Free Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

Our Faith Community is registered with

THE WELCOME DIRECTORY



Our commitment: We will welcome people, who have been in prison, into our faith community and support them



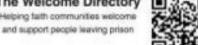
The Welcome Directory is a directory of faith communities in England and Wales who are committed to welcoming and appropriately supporting people who have left or are leaving prison, and is available on-line and in printed format. It enables prison chaplains, probation workers, other professionals, and individuals to identify a faith community in their local area that is a good place for someone leaving prison to attend.

For more information please talk to your local Welcome Directory Champion,

or visit welcomedirectory.org.uk

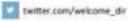
Note: Our faith community has a safeguarding policy which ensures that all safeguarding risks are managed appropriately.

The Welcome Directory Helping faith communities welcome





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Pub Theology

Conversations about God. faith and life...in a pub.

> Fortnightly on Sundays following Evensong

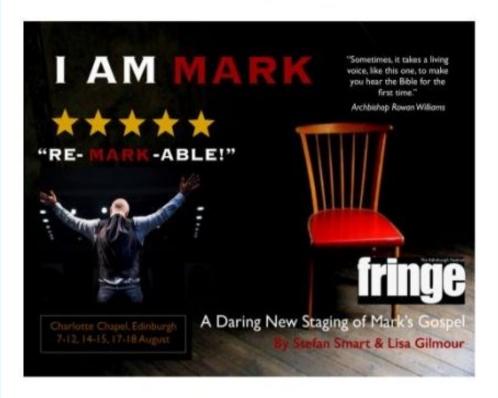


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Recreation of Ancient Storytelling Experience Reignites Humanity and Hope

"Sometimes it takes a living voice, like this one, to make you hear the Bible for the first time."

(Archbishop Rowan Williams)



Stefan Smart will be bringing his widely acclaimed one-man play, IAM MARK, back to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe on August 7-12, 14-15, 17-18 offering the opportunity to experience Mark's Gospel live as intended, rather than confined to the pages of scripture.



Saturday 18 November 2023 6 pm



Less income and your finances feeling out of control? ...

then the free **CAP Money Course** is for you.

The Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre is running an online 3-session course on money management, beginning on Monday 16 January 2023 at 10.45am. This will be run in St John's Old Vicarage, St John's Hill Woodbridge, IP12 1HS.

You draw up your own budget and set up a money management system that takes away the stress of wondering how much you dare spend and helps you to feel in control.

The course is devised by the award-winning *Christians Against Poverty* and delivered by local trained money coaches who give you tools to make important decisions about your finances.

To apply for this free online course email Bob Huddlestone boblizh@gmail.com or text to 07754 048056 by 15th January 2023



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Men's Ministry

Are you a Man, Bloke, Geezer, Gentleman, Fella, Dude?

We are now holding a monthly Men's Ministry meeting at River of Life Church Felixstowe

NEXT MEETING: 4 AUGUST 7.15 PM - 9.15 PM

Further details and sign up board availlable at the back of Church.

If you have any questions, please speak to lan Hallwood.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Quiet Garden Days in Brightwell

The Quiet Garden Movement flows from the example of Jesus's withdrawal to natural places to pray and his invitation, *Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest'* (St Mark's Gospel 6.31).

Slow down. Take time out. Breathe deeply.

Quiet Gardens provide hospitality and a safe, quiet space for coming home to yourself, for spiritual contemplation and reflection. If this is something that would appeal to you the following dates are available to book:

Tuesday May 9th, Thursday June 29th, Thursday July 27th Thursday August 24th and Thursday September 21st 2023

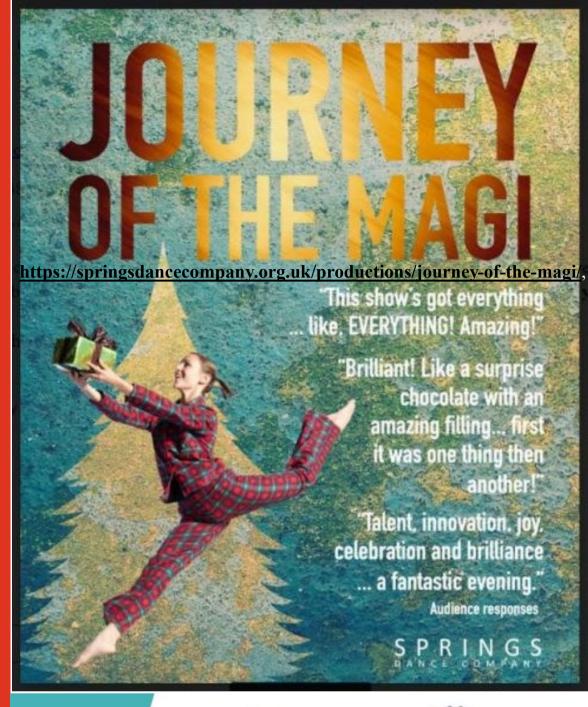
A light lunch is provided with the day running from 10am to 3pm. Booking is essential as numbers are very limited. The garden has many steps and slopes, but plenty of seats.

A voluntary donation to cover costs is suggested.

To book: email dairyfarmquietgarden@gmail.com
or speak to Bob James on 07921919651 or to Julia Lincoln in person.

Lynne and Bob James and Julia Lincoln





URGENTLY NEEDED -IS THIS YOU?

Sanctuary

MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE SANCTUARY DAY CENTRE FOR IPSWICH ASYLUM SEEKERS

Hooray! The Day Centre is now open and has a Manager and a bunch of amazing volunteers but we need a few more! Can you help?
Can you offer a few hours a week or fortnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in central Ipswich to talk about Ipswich life, help people with their English, encourage a bit of art?
Then we'd love to hear from you!

Email sanctuary@stmaryletower.org for more information from the Centre Manager





Repair Café Woodbridge Bin it? No way!

Examples of repairs:

- -A toaster that no longer works
- -Hem that's come down
- -A lamp with a broken switch















Runs within The Hub community cafe Do join usl



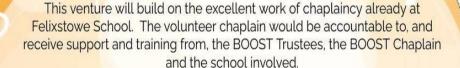


First Monday of every month 10 am-12 Midday St Johns Church Woodbridge, IP12 1HS



BOOST Primary School Chaplaincy

We would ask for your prayers as the BOOST Trustees explore the possibility of appointing a voluntary part time chaplain to work in a local primary school. The role would be 2-3 hours per week based over a lunchtime through term time.





We are excited about this possible new venture and ask that you continue with us in prayer so that we may be attentive to God's prompting and direction. If you would like to know more about the role please do get in touch via boostfelixstowechaplaincy@gmail.com



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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







Christchurch Park

Meet by the benches near the mansion

Free twice monthly walk to connect and share without fear or judgment

For details email mhmipswich@outlook.com or find us on Instagram:



mhmipswich mentalhealthmates www.mentalhealthmates.co.uk





THURSDAYS FROM 5-6:30PM 5-11 YEAR OLDS



£1 PER CHILD GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, MESSY FUN, COMPETITIONS, PRAYERS, BIBLE STORIES, CHALLENGES, TUCK SHOP AND MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 07500058657 OR POP IN TO FELIXSTOWE SALVATION ARMY, COBBOLD ROAD, IP11 7EL



THE SALVATION ARMY IS A REGISTERED CHARITY IN ENGLAND (214779)





Ride and Stride Saturday 9 September

Along with Churches across Suffolk, River of Life will be open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday 9 September 2023 for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride.

We will need 2 volunteers for each hourly slot to welcome cyclists or walkers, sign their forms and offer some refreshment.

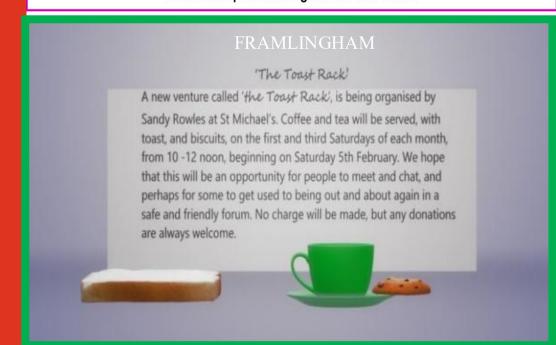
Some might also like to see round the Church.

If you would like to help, please sign the board at Church.





If you would like to take part in the bike ride and stride, full details on how to register, including sponsorship forms are available via the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website: https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/



For 11-16 year olds



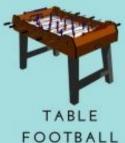
Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

AT THE RUNWAY CAFÉ MARTLESHAM

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN THE AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL?













The Runway Cafe, attached to St Michael's Church, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL

Affordable Food



Community

Business And Service In Christ

The BASIC Life Charity Pop-Up Shop

St.Felix Church, Rendlesham

Every Tuesday 11am

All Welcome!

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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

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EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN EVENTS WITH QUALITY MUSIC...

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Summer, is Coming

What a better way to celebrate and reach your community.

Ministry of Music have a number of good quality Christian artists Soloist or Bands, suitable for your Christian event.

Caught In The Past, Daughters of Davis, ECHO, Peter 118, Voices Beyond, Aaron Shah, Andy Mayo, Bean Baker, Dave Wellington, FeedEm, Hiddenman, Jerome Silva, Joe Hardy, Luke Wareham, Matt McChlery, Paul Rushton, Rob Westall, Abigail Angus, Amy Faith Morley, Chrisee, Emma Rosso, Jessie Dipper, Julia Loveless, Kay Morgan-Israel, Loulita Gill, Nicky Whyman, Tremaine.

PA and Lighting, can also be provided

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THE MESSAGE IS IN THE MUSIC!

Begin Starts Thursday 14 September The Adventure

Register Now:

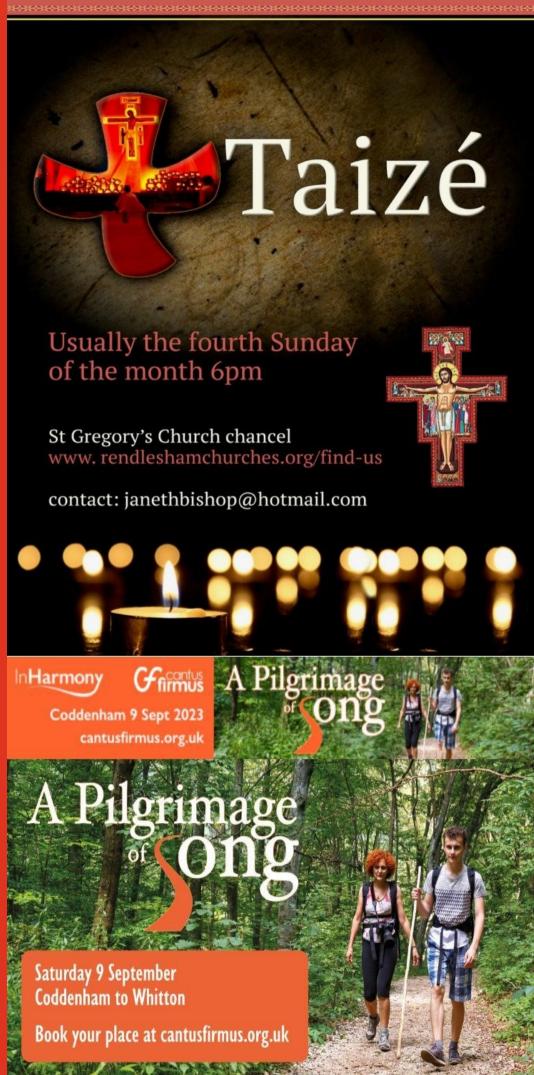
Website: www.riveroflifechurch.net [Teaching Alpha]

Email: mail@riveroflifechurch.net

Phone: 01394 273700



Song Prayer Silence





CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH - www.hopeipswich.co.uk BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH I 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
ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGERIVER OF LIFE CHURCH FELIXSTOWE

Outreach



Our next outreach is at the Wickham market summer market on Saturday 19th August and then Trinity park car boot sale Ipswich on Sunday 17th September



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Welcome to Alive@4

We meet in St. Michaels Church

At 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month

This is a family worship with a difference, with activities for children and families including crafts, music, and games and a special tea for everyone.

We currently meet in St. Michaels Church ready to start at 4pm.

There will be a short time of worship as we begin

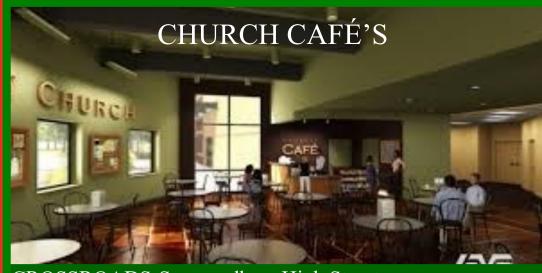
Everyone is welcome; please let us know if you are planning to come so that there is plenty to eat.

For more information, or to tell us you are coming, please contact:

Revd. Mary Lamb, marylamb1952@googlemail.com

or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125 or check details with the parish office ...framparish@gmail.com We have had great fun in the past and look forward to seeing old and new families.

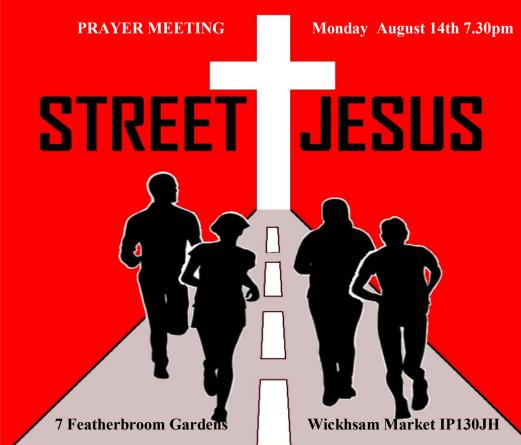




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

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





Gallery



Stall all set up for Ipswich Music day 2023

CD of the month

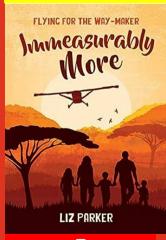


CD of the month

My Saviour

Carrie Underwood

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

The sounds of heavy gunfire ripped the air apart. Each new volley of shots made me jump..."Get the children to safety!" someone yelled. 'When Liz Parker was growing up in a Liverpool vicarage, she never in her wildest dreams imagined that she would one day grow up to marry a missionary pilot and eventually serve with him in Uganda. This is the incredible story of their family's travels, from their four-year preparation in South Africa, to the sun-drenched land of Tanzania, the unexpected conflict of South Sudan and the fast-moving busyness of Kenya. Follow their journey, through each new country, through every up and down of family life, and meet inspiring people along the way. Through all the peaks and valleys, you'll discover their dependence on a way-making, promise-keeping God, who has done immeasurably more than they could have ever asked or imagined

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Think tank on religion and society

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Gatherings





Bible reading

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will repay each person according to what they have done." ¹³ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism. ² All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. ¹⁴ (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) ¹⁶ This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Prayer

Courage Lord, I am praying for your strength and courage. Your promise is that you are always here with me and I should not fear anything, even if I walk through the shadows of the valley of the dead. Grant me the peace to stop worrying and courageously live the way you want me to live. Amen.

Quote to note

The measure of love is to love without measuring." – Saint Augustine.

Please get

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 AGM, meeting will be on Monday September 11th at 7.30 pm. At 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market

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