

#### E News Issue 105 March 2024

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Welcome to the March edition of Street Jesus e-news. As we make our way through the lent period we look forward to reflecting on and celebrating the death and resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus. The Christian tradition for lent is to give something up as a sign of sacrifice and to test ones personal discipline as a shadow of

Jesus being tested by the devil during his 40 days in the wilderness. The devil challenged Jesus to turn stones into bread, to jump of the highest point of the temple to prove that the angels would protect him and was also offered all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus resisted these temptations telling Satan that man could not live by bread alone, that we should not



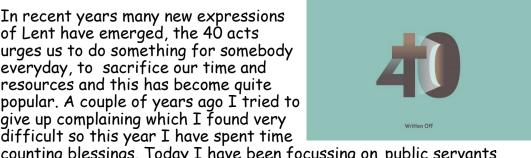
test God and that we are to seek his kingdom alone rather than all the earthly ones. This still applies to us today. Our real and lasting food is spiritual and of God, that it is his kingdom only that satisfies the soul rather than whatever the flesh and earthly kingdom can offer. We can



get pleasure from a great many things and there is nothing wrong with many of these things but invariably these are short lived. I get pleasure from inventing and playing board games but these cannot meet the deeper longings of the soul, they cannot transform a person they cannot give a deep sense of truth and are limited in providing a purpose for our lives. We may enjoy the

company of others while playing but nothing compares to a relationship of love forgiveness and grace that God gives. The central point of Lent is that whatever we sacrifice it should be done with God being our main focus. Many people fast for Lent with many believing that it is a requirement of our faith and although Jesus fasted it is not a command. Some feel guilty that they don't fast but should do and feel less of a Christian for not doing so. The nature of how we fast is also important. Jesus speaks against those who make a show of fasting before others, asking instead that we should fast in secret. Fasting is closely associated with prayer and the two together help us in our connection with God. I was also very interested to read in a medical journal the benefits of fasting but it did stress that medical advice should be obtained with certain medical conditions such as diabetes.

In recent years many new expressions of Lent have emerged, the 40 acts urges us to do something for somebody everyday, to sacrifice our time and resources and this has become quite popular. A couple of years ago I tried to give up complaining which I found very difficult so this year I have spent time





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and am particularly thinking of Doctors, nurses, and the emergency services. Its quite amazing to think about how many different types of public servants there are, and a very good exercise to realise how many people there are serving us and our needs. Tommorow my blessing will be music with Sunday being dedicated to charities. Can you think of 40 blessiongs in your life.

From time to time I like to visit a different church as I feel it is good to experience different types of Church and styles of worship to see how church is expressed elsewhere. We can easily become so rooted in one place that we are unaware of all the splendid things going on nearby. If we venture beyond our immediate Christian



bubble we can be blessed by a new experience. This e-news serves to make you all aware of whats going on, the work of our local churches is quite amazing. This month I visited St John the Baptist church Felixstowe which was very enjoyable, a great welcome and lots of people took the trouble to come and have a chat. A warm welcome is so important for somebody who is just visiting or new to Church. The service itself was more traditional than I am used to. Priests were in full regalia and rituals to which I was not accustomed. The teaching



was very good. The church is very active in the community and has a massive food pantry and supports the pushchair pitstop scheme which supports young families along with other churches in Felixstowe.

I mention this because there are so many different expressions of worship. In my own church in Wickham market there are a variety of worship styles and services. We

have Together at 11 a café style service, we have a communion service, a testimony Sunday, Oasis a service tailored for older worshippers. We have an evening service once a month which is less structured, freer of ritual and very holy spirit focussed. Whatever our own preferences we know that we are not in church to be entertained, we are there to worship a holy and loving God with all our heart mind soul and strength.

Our Facebook page is as active as ever. The divisions over the Israel Gaza conflict remain a hot topic but there has recently been an increase in postings on hell. Hell is not preached very often in our churches with the focus increasingly centred around Gods love and

grace. Its not great "advertising" to speak of judgement and hell fire and we are naturally reluctant to speak of anything that smacks of fear and control lest we upset people and put them off coming to Church. A recent letter to the East Anglican daily times contends that the whole Christian faith



is based on control. However we worship a God of justice and justice cannot be served when sin is present. We need to be freed from sin. A Holy God cannot be corrupted. The very nature of hell is often contested but at the very least it is separation from God. Surely there is nothing worse.

Our first outreach of 2024 will be at Leiston Bandstand on Saturday 2nd March. We are excited to be going out again and hope that we are able to represent Christ well and find the right words of wisdom for all those visiting us. We will be using Jesus at the door and have a number of new Christian books including bibles and CD's to hand out. We have a good team, we will be singing worship songs and you are welcome to come and join us. We will also be out the following Sunday 10th March at Trinity park car boot sale. 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...

Details of speakers and dates will be announced on the website.
Google Suffolk coastal filling station.

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

## Everyone is Welcome

https://thefillingstation.org.uk/



Do join come and join us on the Alpha course beginning in St John's Church St John's Hill Woodbridge IP12 1HS on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm

Contact the church office to sign up

Tel 01394 383162 email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk





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





suffolk.hopeintoaction.org.uk/

Enabling churches to house the homeless





#### **CANTUS FIRMUS**

www.cantusfirmus.org.uk



facebook.com/Theplacebythewater/



https://homeforgood.org.uk/

home for good







## Open to God Service

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am





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



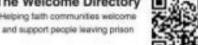
The Welcome Directory is a directory of faith communities in England and Wales who are committed to welcoming and appropriately supporting people who have left or are leaving prison, and is available on-line and in printed format. It enables prison chaplains, probation workers, other professionals, and 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

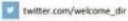
Note: Our faith community has a safeguarding policy which ensures that all safeguarding risks are managed appropriately.

The Welcome Directory Helping faith communities welcome





facebook.com/TheWelcomeDirectory



### Pub Theology

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

> Fortnightly on Sundays following Evensong







- Saturday, 23 March 2024
- 10:00am 3:00pm
- Woodbridge Quay Church

## COFFEE

EASTER FAIR
Homemade Refreshments,
Suffolk Crafts, Fairtrade Gifts

# 0800 804 8044 Daily HOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers





www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

. St John's Church, St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS Tel:01394 383162 email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

Informal service for all ages



**Every third Sunday of the month at 11am** All Saints Church, refreshments from 10.30am







Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9am until 12pm



Open Alternate Weekend Days
10am until 2pm

St Edmunds Church ~ Langer Road IP11 2HR

Childrens Clothing From Tiny Baby to 16Yrs

Buggies, Playmats and Toys Galore



Baby Items and much MUCH MORE!

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Would you like to support others to



burlington communities



rides

Enjoy free refreshmentsSmoothie bike

 Walking & cycling info





## St John's Ladies Evening

Saturday 9 March at 7pm, in the church

Refreshments and cake provided, an opportunity for Ladies to gather together for fellowship, a reflection on our identity as women and some craft activities

#### All Saints Church Kesgrave

warmly invites you to a Family Service for

### Mothering Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### 10.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service

Thanking God for our Mums, Step-Mums, Grandmas, Step-grandmas, Aunties & others who are like a MUM to us!



All Ages WELCOME!!!



All Saints Church Kesgrave, Main Road, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 1AA allsaints.parish@outlook.com

#### Table Tennis Drop-In Every Wednesday starting on the 4 October 2023

#### 10am to 12pm

With a 15min break for tea/coffee and a brief testimony

In St John's Church Hall St John's Street, Woodbridge IP12 1ED

Everyone and any ability welcome, do bring a friend along



A suggested donation of £2 per person to cover costs Contact Bob Huddlestone 07754 048056 or Richard Bolt 07824 177830

St John's Discovering God and sharing the love of Jesus "

Tel:01394 383162

email: <u>info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.t</u> www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk





Saturday 27th April 2024 10am – 12pm

**BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL** 

#### **FREE ENTRY**



- Home-grown plants for sale at bargain prices (cash only)
- All proceeds to both Bealings churches
- Free parking
- Teas, coffees and homemade cakes



Find us on Facebook "Bealings Spring Plant Sale'





#### The BASIC Life Charity

#### **COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP**

Come along to



2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS

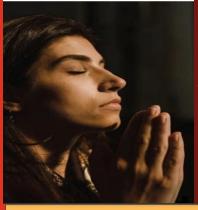
Friday Mornings at 11.00 am

#### **AFFORDABLE FOOD**

Fill a bag for £2.

**NO CRITERIA - ALL WELCOME** 

\*NEW: Free Tea, Coffee & Biscuits\*



Ipswich In Prayer and CYM are partnering to set up a 24/7 prayer room in Ipswich, something that many people have wanted for a while.

The initiative is due to start on 14 February, initially for the period of Lent. If you are immediately moved to want to sign up then please use this Ipswich specific prayer room link: <a href="https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/8c5c69">https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/8c5c69</a>

Join the St. Felix

## CHOIR

No Experience Needed



St. Felix Church Rendlesham



Ages 12+

Thursdays 7.15pm - 8.45pm (Term Time)

Email: togetherwesing21@gmail.com

## NewWine Network

## Prayer Ministry Training Day

**Saturday, 16 March 10.00am – 4.00pm** St John's Church, St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS.

We're delighted to be running a Prayer Ministry Training Day, led by Lin Button and a team. This will include biblical teaching and practical guidelines that will equip you to be intentional about praying for others as Jesus prayed. You will be encouraged to step out in praying for people whatever the context.

This is for anyone (newcomers or established teams) who wants to explore, be refreshed, or grow in this ministry, and will also help you establish guidelines for developing a Pastoral Prayer Ministry in your church.

Lin Button worships at All Saints Woodford Wells, has been involved in healing prayer since 1979, and is a regular New Wine speaker.

Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own lunch.

Cost: £10 payable on the day by cash or credit/debit card.

Please register by:

- Scanning the QR code opposite
- Or following the link:

https://stjohnswoodbridge.churchsuite.com/events/fz1gcdt6

●Or by calling St John's on 01394 383162

Looking ahead
REGIONAL EVENING CELEBRATION WITH JOHN COLES
Sunday, 21 April (refreshments from 6 pm. Celebration from 6.30 pm)
St John's Church, St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS.

#### For more information:

Contact Charles and Kate Trefusis at Charles@stjohnswoodbridge.co.uk or call 01394 383162



## World Day of Prayer



A global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action

FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH

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







#### **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:



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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



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warmly invite you to join us for home-made soup, bread & cheese, fruit, tea & coffee

#### in St Mary's House 11 Market Hill

Donations in aid of the Anglican Church of Tanzania





8th, 15th & 22nd March

12.30pm to 2pm



## Samaritan's Purse® Water Filter Project Offering

We usually take up a special offering this time of year for Samaritan's Purse Water Filter Project.

We have decided to move this offering to co-inside with World Water Day and the offering will therefore be on Sunday 24 March 2024.

If you would like to donate to this project beforehand, please visit: https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/water-sanitation-hygiene/resources/

"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" Matthew 25: 35

For 11-16 year olds



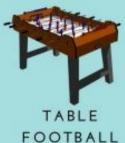
Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

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

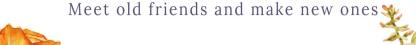
To obtain a jar please e-mail thepaellalady@gmail.com or Pam@jenkins-net.co.uk

#### Song Prayer Silence



Informal Service @ All Saints Church 3pm every Second Sunday. All invited!

A time of worship, fellowship, and light refreshments.





#### Thursday Lunchtimes

Refreshments at low cost 12 noon - 1.00 pm A short talk 1.10 - 1.50 pm

You are welcome to either or both

#### Season 2023/2024

Mar 7th Shipbuilding in Ipswich Chris Turland, local historian and artist

Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Reflections on a Fireman's Life in Suffolk Ken Seager

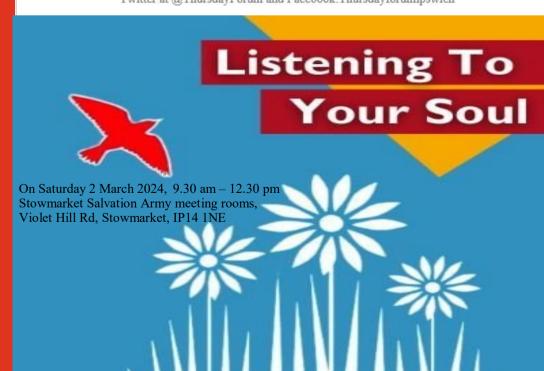
Mar 21st Ipswich Reggae Band

Thursday Forum takes an Easter Break for two weeks

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Cancer Awareness and Prevention

Imani Sorhaindo, Holistic Health Practitioner

www.christchurch-ipswich.org.uk Twitter at @ThursdayForum and Facebook:Thursdayforumipswich



Join us for our

#### **Easter Celebration**

at River of Life Church, 2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS at 10.30 am on Sunday 31 March

Praise and Worship Service

Celebrating our risen Saviour on Easter Sunday Morning

Full children's programme available & gifts for children followed by free coffee, tea and hot cross buns.

Free Parking

All Welcome

For more information visit: www.riveroflifechurch.net





#### **Commitment Course**

Committing to Jesus & the Church

Saturday 13 April, 9.30 am

If you want to join the fellowship or just want to know us better, our Commitment Course is for you.

This is your opportunity to find out about River of Life Church and how we are part of God's plan for fulfilling His purposes.

Please book in, by Wednesday 10 April, via:
Sign Up Board in Church
Website: www.riveroflifechurch.net [Connect Joining RoL]
Email: mail@riveroflifechurch.net or
Phone: 01394 273700

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All Saints SS Peter & Paul
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### OPEN DOOR

LOVE

Coffee, tea, biscuits and friends

Friday morning
Drop in from
10:00am

At All Saints Church
Every Friday Morning



## JOB CLUB

Are you wanting to get back into work?

We offer support with CV writing, job searches and applications, practice interviews, and access to IT.

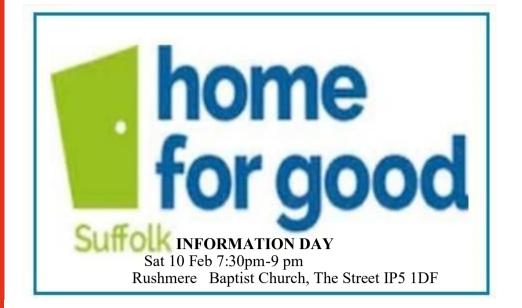
#### **EVERY WEDNESDAY (FROM 28 FEBRUARY)**

10.00 - 12.00

The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road, Felixstowe





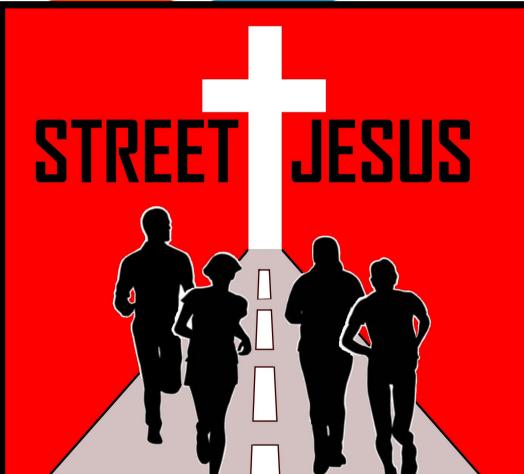








Outreach



Our next outreach is at Leiston Bandstand

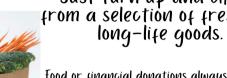
Saturday March 2nd

#### **OPEN EVERY** THURSDAY 9-11AM **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**



"ANYONE WHO HAS TWO SHIRTS SHOULD SHARE WITH THE ONE WHO HAS NONE. AND ANYONE WHO HAS FOOD SHOULD DO THE SAME" **LUKE 3:11** 

Free for anyone in need.
Just turn up and choose from a selection of fresh and





Food or financial donations always welcome.

#### SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



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.

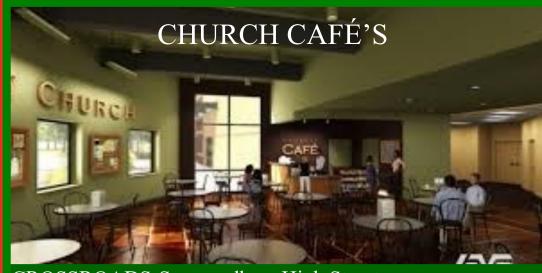
There will be a short time of worship as we begin Everyone is welcome; please let us know if you are planning to come so that there is plenty to eat.

#### 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.

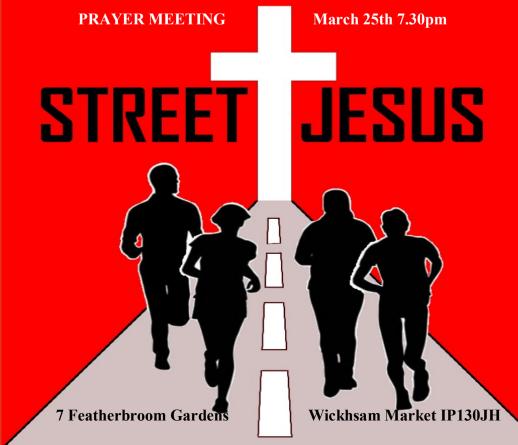




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

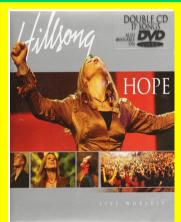
HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ-St Johns Woodbridge - Every Monday morning 10-12





Evangeline the Street Jesus van coming up to her fifth birthday with just under fifty outreaches under her belt. So quite a few miles on the clock for God.

CD of the month

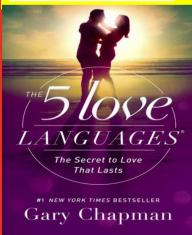


CD / DVD of the month

**HOPE** 

Hillsong Worship

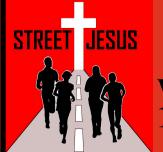
Book of the month



#### BOOK OF THE MONTH

Words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service, physical touching - learning these love languages will get your marriage off to a great start or enhance a long-standing one! Chapman explains the purpose of each "language" and shows you how to identify the one that's meaningful to your spouse now. Updated to reflect the complexities of relationships in today's world, this new edition of The 5 Love Languages reveals intrinsic truths and provides action steps in each chapter that will help you on your way to a healthier relationship. Also includes an updated

Facebook



Check out our facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/1246450225452294

## Think tank on religion and society

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings

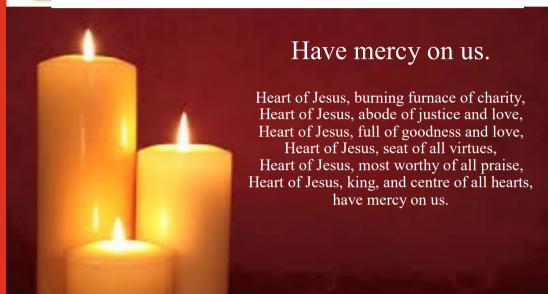




#### Bible reading

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5:1-11

Prayer



Quote to note

He said "Love...as I have loved you." We cannot love too much."

Amy Carmichael

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 next meeting will be on Monday March 11th 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