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Street Jesus News:

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

So the wonderful weather continues and it's been a real blessing to get into the garden, one of the benefits of our current situation has been the time to catch up with the jobs list and I must say that our garden hasn't been so neat and tidy for a very long time. It's a bit of a cliché to say that we are never so close to God as when we are in our gardens but it certainly is a great opportunity to Pray, reflect and just observe the beauty of what God has created, everything from the trees shrubs, plants, the birds and insects. Today I received a wonderful blog written by our dear friend Ruth Leigh who describes a recent short bike ride around our village and what richness there is in having time to observe things in greater detail which we would otherwise miss as we rush by in our metal boxes in a state of terminal busyness.



Close to her house is this most wonderful Bluebell wood which we are able to walk to from our home. Most years like an annual pilgrimage we visit this woodland and marvel at the blue haze but some years they have gone over before we have had a chance to see them, a shame that a busy life causes us to miss so much. 'What is this life if full of care we have no time to stand and stare' or as the bible would say 'Be still and know that I am God.'

One of the other things I have enjoyed is learning to bake, starting with Victoria sponge fruit cake and fudge my latest offerings have been Hot cross buns and bread. Apt for Easter and the breaking of the body. When Barbara (my wife) was in Australia for five weeks last year I was able to cook all the meals I needed for myself and family but I missed the home made cakes so much. I realised that I had no clue how to bake.



We can often take things for granted but when they are not there we gain a certain appreciation and through my lessons I have realised there is a lot of thought and work that goes into creating them. When Barbara goes away to visit her family next year I will not be losing any weight that's for sure.

We know that out of bad can come good, we say more time equals more life, a more abundant life as Jesus explains, and we as Christians have somebody to thank and someone to whom we can give all the glory. But for many it's not like that, many have lost loved ones, many have been incredibly ill while relatives have been sick with worry, many have lost jobs and income and are fearful for the future. Businesses are going to the wall. Relationships have been put under strain as people have been forced to spend more time together. For those people the extra time to be still, has been filled with anxiety and depression. What can we say to people in these terrible situations?



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One of the joys of hosting the Street Jesus facebook page is getting a steady stream of testimonies. We just love it when people share their stories, when we learn of people living a desperate hopeless existence who come to know Jesus in quite a dramatic way and to hear how their lives are completely transformed.

Our whole faith is based on hope, on the promises of God, the kingdom that is at hand, within touching distance, just a decision away. To be part of the redemption of the whole of creation is exciting. At Easter we were thinking of what Christ has done for us in that very profound act of sacrifice on the cross but it is not just for us alone but for every living creature and the whole of creation.



It is for those people who are suffering right here, right now. Our job is to offer people that hope knowing that if they make that decision to follow Jesus not only will their life change and be more purpose driven but their change of mindset will enable them to look at life from a new spiritual perspective. Some of us know this because we have been there and telling our own story can be very powerful. Let us share Jesus particularly with those who are fearful and downcast at this difficult time

One of the most difficult things about social distancing is not being able to give people a hug. For those of us who are quite demonstrable in this way it's a big miss and something that we do naturally without thinking. Scientists tell us that hugging releases feel good chemicals in the body and psychologically we need to connect with one another. Not being able to hug our grandchildren for example, to show them love in this way, to communicate behind windows or at a distance seems most unnatural.



One of the ways that groups have been able to keep connected is through the wonders of zoom and there has been endless ways in which people have been able to entertain one another, keep contact and conduct their normal business. Our Church has been using it for services and we are just awaiting delivery of a microphone camera so that we can continue meeting as a home group. Even Parliament has been using this technology. Its not quite the same as face to face contact but it does help prevent social isolation and as a Church it is keeping us connected as the body of Christ.



God has made us to connect with one another and him but whatever hole this lack of human connection may create God can fill. We are able to perceive his love in our prayer time, through scripture and the natural wonders that he has placed before us. At a time when there are less distractions lets use it to connect with him.

Our bible reading this month is Psalm 150 We are to praise God for his mighty works and greatness and make music with harps lyres tambourines and cymbals. With song and dance. In my minds eye i have been thinking of the day when we all get to go back to Church. Its going to be great to meet one another in person again in celebration. Much like myself missing Barbara's cakes I am sure we will all appreciate Church just that little bit more when we get to take the bread and drink the wine together in communion again. As we see the rainbows in windows and on flags in appreciation of our wonderful NHS let us also remember that it is a sign of Gods blessing.

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

Keep safe. Blessings Graham



Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL
RIVERSIDE CENTRE
STRATFORD ST ANDREW
Postponed until further notice

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

IT'S ALL ABOUT

JESUS

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ALL WELCOME



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Postponed until further notice



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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



Postposed until further notice



www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk

42 Warwick Ave
Woodbridge
01394 383479

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- *Tending the garden of hope.
- *Christian aid week.

<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
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Alpha



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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

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.

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



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



Wickham Market All Saints
Woodbridge Methodist Church
Melton –St Andrews church-

Postponed until
further notice

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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

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PRAYER MEETING

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

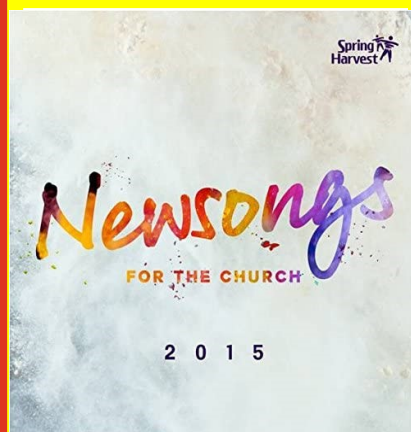
Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



Reflecting back on our outreach at Wickham Market summer market 2019. John Julia Mike and Denise in smiley mode.

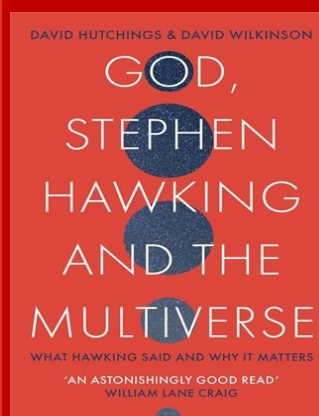
CD of the month



New songs for the Church
Spring Harvest 2020

Eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

This very well received book looks at the work and ideas of one of the most famous scientists in history Stephen Hawking and looks at his scientific theories from a theological perspective. Many people dismiss the Christian faith on the grounds that science has proved everything and that we no longer need God to explain the universe. This book questions many of those assumptions. It looks at the man himself, his views on God, the challenges that he faced and how he overcame huge obstacles to form his scientific theories.

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'THEOS'

Think tank on religion and society

The Sacred— Bim Afolami
Ramadan—The relevance of fasting.
Is God a populist?
The Sacred reflections
An emotional history of doubt.
UThe Sacred Ruth Hunt.

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 Cancelled 2020

Keswickministries.org

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www.greenbelt.org.uk

Word Alive Cancelled 2020

www.wordaliveevent.org

Dauids tent 2020 -August 28th-31st

www.davidstent.net

Hillsong Conference Cancelled2020

www.hillsong.com

Newday 2020 August 3rd-8th

www.newday.co.uk

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Bible reading

Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary
Praise him in his mighty heaven.
Praise him for his mighty works.
Praise his unequalled greatness.
Praise him with a blast of the rams horn.
Praise him with the Lyre and Harp.
Praise him with tambourine and dancing.
Praise him with strings and flutes.
Praise him with a clash of cymbals
Praise him with loud clashing cymbals.
Let everything that breathes sing praise to the Lord.
Praise the Lord.

Psalm 150

Prayer



Show us

Show us good Lord
The peace we should seek
The peace we must give
The peace we can give
The peace we must keep
The peace we must forgo
The peace you have given
In Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Quote to note

If i cannot do great things, i can do small things
in a great way Martin Luther King Jr

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](mailto: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.
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information about the project please
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