

# E News Issue 69 February 2021

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

One of the questions we have been asking ourselves during lockdown is how can we continue to evangelise and show the love of the Lord to

those around us.? Its harder when we are not meeting together to encourage and inspire one another but not impossible. The Church here in Wickham Market has been reaching out to those who are struggling by distributing 'Boxes of hope' to those who are in need, mainly food but also activity books for children and families including information on Christian spirituality. This is part of a



network across the country called TLG (Transforming lives for God ) and is something that individual Churches can be part of.

Church services continue to be streamed right across the country to keep us in touch with one another and our facebook page has grown as



we continue to share Christian content with our brothers and sisters all over the world. But for those who do not have a faith its been harder to share Jesus because we have not been able to meet people face to face as much. I have a friend Ruth Leigh who has worked tirelessly over the years to encourage people to explore faith and Church but in lockdown she has taken a new path in order to reach people. Ruth has always wanted to be an author and for some time she has been writing for Christian organisations such as Stewardship but recently she has achieved

her lifetime ambition and had a book published by Instant apostle a well known Christian publisher. The Diary of Isabella M Smugge is a gentle humorous tale about a woman who has rejected the concept of humility and has constructed the perfect image for herself She is as far from God as it is possible to be. But then events happen. All of us know a Smugge in our lives and some of us probably have an inner Issy which makes the book very relatable. For those of us whose journey to faith has been a slow gradual process and discovered later in life this is a book we can identify with. I don't want to give too much away but I recommend that you give it a read. I was petty much smiling from start to finish and we certainly need something a bit light and cheery in these challenging times.

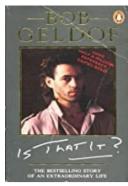
In 1985 I had the pleasure of attending Live aid, it was a wonderful event and i will always remember thousands of people singing 'Feed the world at the end as the crowd was spilling out onto Wembley way. There was a real good factor, we felt that we were doing something useful to address famine



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relief in Ethiopia. Bob Geldof fired by righteous indignation and with fervour put this amazing spectacle together. How he persuaded the

biggest names in rock and pop music to take part was testimony to his passion and drive. The two concerts raised \$127 million. We felt pretty good about ourselves but I have often thought over the years that my previous fundraising efforts in times past were more about my own ego rather than compassion. There is something in us that wants to be seen as being good. I was yet to understand that whatever we may do for others is by the grace of God. Whatever abilities and gifts we may have are given freely by him. Its not about us.



In the aftermath of Live aid Bob Geldof wrote a book entitled 'Is that it' in which he describes a sense of anti-climax, that somehow having achieved this great thing, probably nothing in the future could ever match it. This is a very natural feeling but again God puts all our feelings into some kind of perspective.

When i have achieved things in my life i have also felt this way but so often just went on to the next thing, though in truth nothing could satisfy. Neither profession nor material gain and in pursuit of these things we can soon neglect our relationships. The great thing about a relationship with God is that there is always a looking forward in hope

We are missing our work out on the street chatting to people, listening to what's going on in their lives and sharing Jesus. The



relationships we experience are more often transient, we do have regular visitors to our stall but most often we do not see those people again. We aim to leave them with something of Jesus, a listening ear, an act of kindness, a prayer, something to think about. We understand the limitations of what we do though. Ultimately its

about getting alongside people, because for all those who come to faith, a Christian is involved somehow, usually by forming a relationship over time with that person. Isabella M Smugge is in need of that relationship and so are many others.

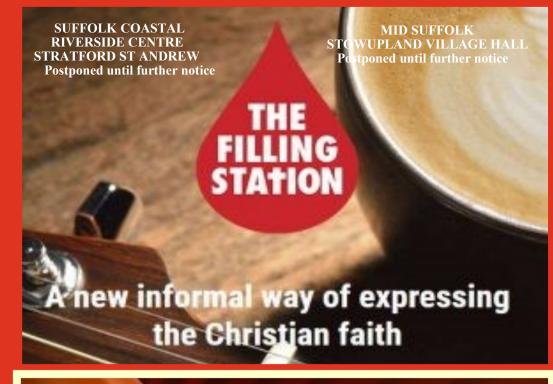
Our pathway to getting back out on the Street again is drawing ever closer as the roll out of the Covid 19 vaccine is gathering apace. We

look forward to a rapid reduction in cases, hospital admissions and deaths. It is with great sadness that we read, over 100.000 people have now died from this dreadful disease. We pray for all those families and friends who have been affected ,that God will bring them his love presence and comfort. We pray also for all the wonderful health service staff and key workers, that they will remain well and safe.



All sorts of theories continue to be shared on social media regarding the vaccine. Many claiming that Covid is a hoax that hospitals are empty and many are posting videos of empty hospital corridors as proof. I have viewed a number of these and they are clearly taken in out patients clinics at weekends or at night when they are closed. There are also worries about the makeup of the vaccine that it contains micro-metals that could store our biometric information, that it alters our DNA, introducing genetic material from animals making us less human. That the vaccine is designed to depopulate the world. Side effects which are usual for all new vaccines are widely circulated and cited as proof that the vaccine is harmful. In all of this we look to God for guidance, that he will calm fears, that evil intent wherever it lies will be removed. We ourselves seek the greater good. Our message? Get the vaccine and stay safe.

Gods blessings Graham







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





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www.homeforgood.org.uk/connect/suffolk-











# PRAYER Every Tuesday 7pm Kelsale Village Hall IP172PB

Contact Paul or Mandy Weekes on 01728-604053

## **Healing Prayer Service**

1st Sunday of the month at 6.30pm





Information Network

# Network & SUFFOLK

- \*Ambulance paramedic—Message of hope
- \*The Pandemic— Is God saying something
- \*MA in mission, evangelism and Church planting
- \*CAP Life skills course
- \*Crown him with many crowns

https://networksuffolk.org.uk/

### February at the Farm

Please get in touch for more information or to receive a zoom link thefarmbythewater@gmail.com

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Date	Event	Details
1st Feb @ 10	Simply Pray	A prayer focus for protection of our Police service in Suffolk
5th Feb @ 10	Bible Club	Jeremiah 1 1-12—God calls the unexpected people to represent Him.
8th Feb @ 10	Simply Pray	A prayer focus for protection and blessings of our farming communities
12th Feb @ 10am 15th Feb @ 7pm	Bible Journalling with Leanne.	A creative, bible focused journalling workshop .
14th Feb @ 6.30	Farm Praise	We come together for fellowship and worship .This month its all about be- ing loved by an amazing God.
15th Feb @ 10	Simply Pray	A prayer focus for lent and Easter events in Suffolk
19th Feb @ 10— 12.30	A Lent Retreat	The big de-clutter—a time of personal reflection on finding space and time for God in our lives .
22nd Feb @ 10	Simply Pray	We come together to pray for churches together across the county and for Churches together in Suffolk.
24th Feb @ 7.30	A Lent Retreat (a shortened evening focus)	The big de-clutter—a time of personal reflection on finding space and time for God in our business
26th Feb @ 10	Bible Club	Mark 10 17—31. Entering into God's Kingdom.

LOVE THE LORD
your GOD with all your
HEART & WITH
ALL YOUR SOUL

& with all your strength.
— DEUTERONOMY 6:5 NIV

The Farm by the Water







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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Has the impact of Coronavirus left you worrying about your bills, your job or your home?

There are people that can help.

Call us free on **0800 068 3131** 

The Suffolk Advice and Support Line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.





#### Home, But Not Alone

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Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

The Home, But Not Alone free phoneline is for people who need **urgent** help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is only for people who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.

Coronavirus Emergency Phoneline



9am-5pm Monday to Friday For all other enquiries please visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/homebutnotalone









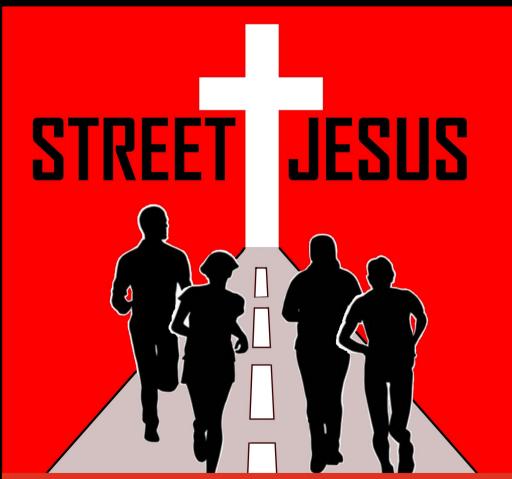




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HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH - www.hopeipswich.co.uk BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH Tel- 01473-259271 TRIMLEY ST MARTIN CHURCH Tel 01394-200406 ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGE 01394-383162 COLCHESTER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH -01473-290115 ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH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

Outreach



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic We have suspended our Street outreaches until such time as we prayerfully believe we should 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



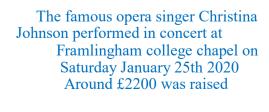
QUIZ NIGHT Seckford Hall hotel Date to be confirmed

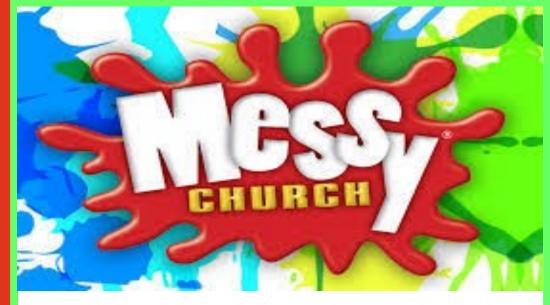


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The famous opera singer Christina Johnson performed in concert at
St Augustine's church Ipswich
Saturday November 23rd 7.30pm
£1467.50





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

Postponed until further notice

## HOME, BUT NOT ALONE

Connecting volunteers and vulnerable people in Suffolk

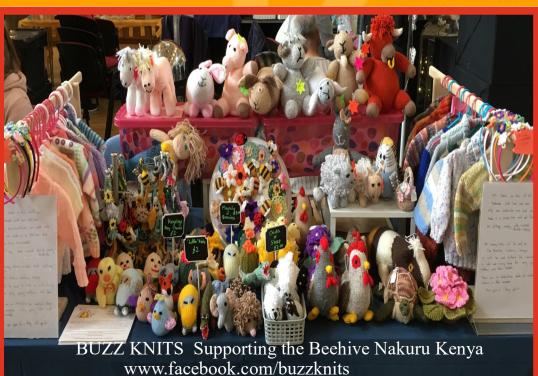
Tribe - Volunteer

APP TO VOLUNTEER



Need a volunteer's help? Call: 0800 876 6926

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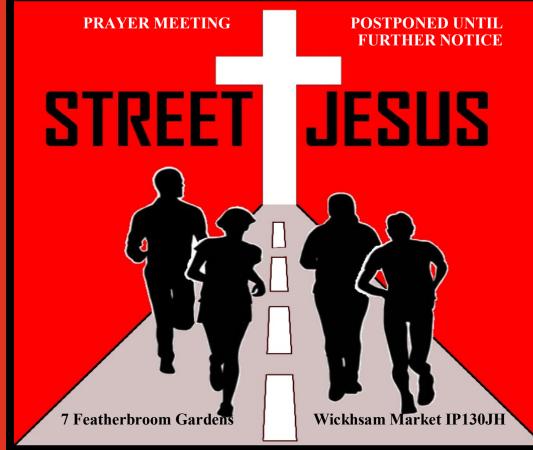




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

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



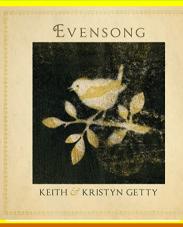


Gallery



A collection of Christian tracts that we used when out on the stall at Aldeburgh carnival.

CD of the month

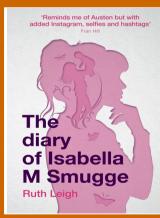


CD of the month

Evensong

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Book of the month



#### BOOK OF THE MONTH

This wonderful novel is a humorous gentle account of the life of Isabella M Smugge, a woman of such wonderous capabilities that the word humility does not have a place in her vocabulary. However the inevitable travails of life brings change and she begins on a journey to look at life in a different way. Her contact with Christians in her village gives her food for thought. Here we see transformation taking place through the gentle supportive non judgemental approach of Christian friends. If you would like some light relief amidst the challenging environment in which we now live this is the book for you

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## THEOS

Think tank on religion and society

Nurturing social cohesion.

The inaugural address you didn't hear

Why the great reset needs theology.

The search for the secular Jesus

The two faces of Christianity in the USA.

Building back better—The church and social cohesion.

Economic inequality—Church responses

Gatherings



New Wine Cancelled 2020
www.new-wine.org
Spring Harvest Cancelled 2021
www.springharvest.org
Big Church day out Cancelled 2020

www.bigchurchdayout.com
Keswick Cancelled 2020

Keswickministries.org

Greenbelt Cancelled 2020

www.greenbelt.org.uk

Word Alive Cancelled 2020

www.wordaliveevent.org

Davids tent 2020 - August 28th-31st

www.davidstent.net

**Hillsong Conference** Cancelled 2020

www.hillsong.com

Newday Cancelled 2020

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#### Bible reading

What good is it dear brothers and sisters if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing and you say "Goodbye and have a good day, keep warm and eat well" but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see faith by itself is not good enough. Unless it produces good deeds it is dead and useless. Now some people may argue that some people have faith and others have good deeds but I say "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds" You say you have faith for you believe that there is one God. Good for you even the demons believe this and they tremble in terror. How foolish Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Don't you remember that our ancestors Abraham was shown to be right with God through his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the alter? You see his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the scriptures say "Abraham believed God and God counted him as righteous because of his faith. He was even called the friend of God. So you see we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God because of her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them away safely by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath so also faith is dead without works.

James 2:14-26

#### Prayer

# God give me strength To run this race God give me power to do the right. And courage to last me through the fight. God give me strength to see your face And heart to stand till evil cease And at the last O God your peace

Quote to note

If we knew what people had been through, their sorrows and their sufferings we would not be so quick to judge.

Nicky Gumbel

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 announced after the current Government restrictions are lifted.

THANK YOU!

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