

# ENews Issue 91 February 2023

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

It was a great experience to attend the morning service at Malvern priory last weekend. Nice to randomly meet people who had lived in Suffolk but wonderful to hear a talk by John Butterworth who spoke to us about Open doors an organisation who monitor countries for their record on allowing Christian freedoms. They produce an annual watch list which grades countries on the degree to which they

persecute Christians. North Korea has topped the list in recent years and remain the worst country for persecuting Christians closely followed by Somalia and Yemen .John held up flags of various countries and the congregation were invited to say if that coun-

try was on the watch list. The most interesting country was Albania which everyone thought was on the watch list. Albania under

Enver Hoxha ruled the country as a dictator from 1944 to 1985, it was considered to be the most closed country and the worlds first Atheist state. Expressing Christian faith was punishable by death. Today Albania has a thriving Christian community and John tells the story of an army captain Berti Dosti whose job was listening to the worlds airwaves to identify perceived threats as Albania feared invasion by the USA, Russia and Britain. Paranoia is nearly always a feature of dictators. However Captain Dosti accidentally came across a Christian radio station Trans world Radio based in Monte Carlo. The story of

Berti Dostis journey from army captain to Christian pastor is outlined in Johns book Gods secret listener. It is a truly fascinating and inspirational read. Wherever there is great persecution, the courage of witness is greater still.

5,621 Christians were killed for their faith across the world in the past year, a sobering figure and yet Christianity is increasing in many of the 50 countries on the Open doors watch list. If you would like to learn more about the work of open doors you can visit rtheir

website opendoorsuk.org

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JOHN BUTTERWORTH

Lent begins on February 22nd this year. There are many inspirational

books of lent readings and of course the recent trend has been to follow 40 Acts a devotional that encourages us to do something sacrificial for somebody on each day of lent rather than give something up. Last year I pledged to give up moaning for lent and this proved far more difficult than I first imagined and



made me realise how much I actually commented and opined on things. This year I am pledging to put time aside to be thankful to God for something each day.



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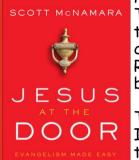
After our Christmas and new years break we tend not to do outreach in January. We use it as a rest and reflection month. February is set to be a month of family commitments so our next outreach will be at Leiston Co-op on March 11th On Easter Saturday we plan to be in Felixstowe. In May Framlingham, June in Rendlesham and Woodbridge and July in Ipswich. Exact details will be given in our monthly news. This is an exciting time as we plan our outreaches for the year as we seek to cover all the main centres of population in the Suffolk coastal area.

We have always seen ourselves as a seed planting operation but increasingly we feel we are being led to reap. Our seekers group which we are hoping to start in March is one part of this. It will be a small closed group of invited seekers of Faith numbering maybe 3-4 people. We aim to share our faith and life experiences with the idea of pointing people toward

We have also recently been studying a book Called

Jesus at the door by Scott McNamara as a teaching tool to evangelise in a more direct way. It uses an image of Jesus at the door ( of your

heart )to then ask some supplementary questions. SCOTT MCNAMARA This has been very effective for those who have used this method. It would seem that an image opens up a conversation more readily than just words alone. Romans 10:14 urges us to tell people about our faith because everyone needs o know.



The 'Tip run' evangelism continues to be interesting. It has been a season of evictions. Three in the past two months. All single women, two with young children. The level of anxiety and stress caused by the

uncertainty of not having a home is significant. Two of the instances are due to relationship breakdown, mental health issues including bereavement. We know about these things because we hear of them in the media but it is quite something else to hear of them first hand and experience the distress person to person. In two instances landlords were selling their properties, the other was for non-payment of rent. The housing lists are long with a lack of social housing available. Private rents are high when compared with social housing and take up a larger portion of peoples incomes. Lifestyles, spending habits and addictions all exacerbate the problems. We go and give support in a non-judgemental way and because people are struggling they are often willing to listen about God and how lives can be transformed by him.

From time to time I hear people say that they are not comfortable to talk to people about Jesus, often afraid of rejection or marginalisation. I am not called to be an evangelist or I prefer just to get alongside people and love them they might say. It is true that

evangelism has many expressions and although we may not all be called as evangelists we are all commanded to share our faith and in a secular society this can prove difficult. When I first went out on the Street I worked with Presence Faith on the street in Ipswich. They were brilliant at finding creative ways to engage with people.



Recently I have been supporting somebody who has been going through a very difficult time. Somebody who was reluctant to even entertain a conversation about faith. Conversations more recently have been more open about God. Seeing sense where previously it sounded foolish. I have taken to sending a bible verse by text each day and praying that it would settle in the heart. The word of God is so very powerful. Do you know somebody today who would benefit from a text of Holy scripture? Gods blessings Graham







United Kingdom Fellowship

New venue



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



homeforgood.org.uk/connect-locally/suffolk

christians against poverty

capuk.org







Clare priory

clarepriory.org,uk



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUFFOLK









# 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









Alpha @ St Andrew's Bredfield & St John's Woodbridge

#### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks.

You can learn more about Alpha on their website @ https://alpha.org.uk/

Our next course starts on 18th January 2023 in St John's Church Woodbridge IP12 1HS

'Alpha was the best thing I ever did. It helped answer some huge questions and to find a simple empowering faith in my life.' - Bear Grylls, TV Adventurer

> If you would like to join the course please contact the Benefice office on Tel: 01394 383162 or by email to info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk



www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk







#### The BASIC Life Charity COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP





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



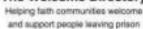
The Welcome Directory is a directory of faith communities in England and Wales who are committed to welcoming and appropriately supporting people who have left or are leaving prison, and is available on-line and in printed format. It enables prison chaplains, probation workers, other professionals, and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

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

The Welcome Directory







twitter.com/welcome\_dir



## Pub Theology

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

> Fortnightly on Sundays following Evensong



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# **Community Light Orchestra**



Featuring guest choir

**Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir** 

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7.30pm

River of Life Church, Felixstowe

Christian Life Centre, 2 Carr Road, IP11 2FS

#### **Admission Free**

Retiring Collection in aid of Felixstowe (CAP) & The Compass









### 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.

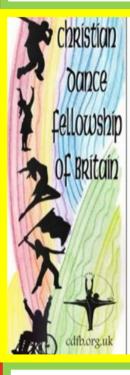
The course is devised by the award-winning *Christians Against Poverty* and delivered by local trained money coaches who give you tools to make important decisions about your finances.

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



www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk





### Messianic Dance Workshop

Israeli style worship dance and teaching on dance in scripture. This workshop will be taught by Vera Chierico, leader of the New Jerusalem Dancers who has extensive international teaching experience

Saturday 11th February

1pm-4pm

All Saints Church Hall, Blenheim Road Ipswich, IPI 4EB

The workshop is suitable for men and women with no previous experience, as well as those who have done some Messianic or Israeli dance before

We are running this workshop on a donation basis
To book a place or for more information contact
Bona Gerrie CDFB Eastern Regional Coordinator
<a href="mailto:eastern@cdfb.org.uk">eastern@cdfb.org.uk</a> 07443053080

The Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain is registered in England & Wales as a company limited by guarantee (No. 5466472) and a charity (No. 115037). Registered office: Supset Hallows, 21 Admirals Close, Watchet TA23,00



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

# christians against poverty



### **Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre**

**Based at SKC Church** 

If you would like to find out more about the services that we offer If you are weighed down by debt call FREE on 0800 328 006 or find us at capdebthelp.org.uk

# 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





The Repair Cafe

is run by voluntee who assist in the repairing of broken items for a voluntary contribution.



Supported by:





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



The British Legion Band
In Concert
Saturday 4th February 2023
At 7.00pm
Woodbridge Community Hall
Station Road Woodbridge
In Aid of the Salvation Army Foodbank
Tickets available from the
Salvation Army New Street





Choir, Instrumentalists and Friends present a special Candlemas celebration in word, music and song

> with St Edmundsbury Cathedral's InHarmony project

> > Music led by Richard Hubbard and Sarah Dodds

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Sunday 5 February 5.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

Further details at www.stmaryswoodbridge.org.uk 01394 388820

# "still de my vision"

A service with a Celtic Christian theme

Sun 12 February 6pm West Mersea Parish Church

cantusfirmus.org.uk

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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)

Everyone is welcome to our

# WARM ROOM

St John's Church Hall, Woodbridge



FREE hot drinks and lunchtime soup provided

**Mondays** 

11.45am - 4.00pm

**Starting on** 

5 December 2022





You are welcome to come for a free afternoon of chat, board games, toys or bring your own craft, knitting or work to do.

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

www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk Email: info@Stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk Tel: 01394 383162 With Funding From





#### FRAMLINGHAM

'The Toast Rack'

A new venture called 'the Tout Rack', is being organised by Sandy Rowles at St Michael's. Coffee and tea will be served, with toast, and biscuits, on the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 10 -12 noon, beginning on Saturday 5th February. We hope that this will be an opportunity for people to meet and chat, and perhaps for some to get used to being out and about again in a safe and friendly forum. No charge will be made, but any donations are always welcome.



For 11-16 year olds



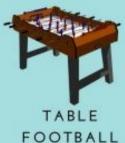
Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

## 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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# Church Warm Spaces open from the week beginning Monday 31st October 2022

Monday St Peter and St Paul's Church – 2-5pm

Tuesday
The Salvation Army – 10am-3pm
Trimley Methodist Church – 11am-3pm
St Philip's Community Hub – 10am-3pm

Wednesday
St John's lady chapel or meeting room – 10am-3pm

Thursday
St Philip's Community Hub – 10am-3pm
Seaton Road Methodist – 11am-3pm
(3rd Thursday of month a 2 course meal is available for £5)

Friday
The Convent – 10am-3pm

Warm Spaces that run over lunch times are providing food (usually soup and a roll)

For further information email warmspace@churchestogetherfelixstowe.org or call 07935 362281



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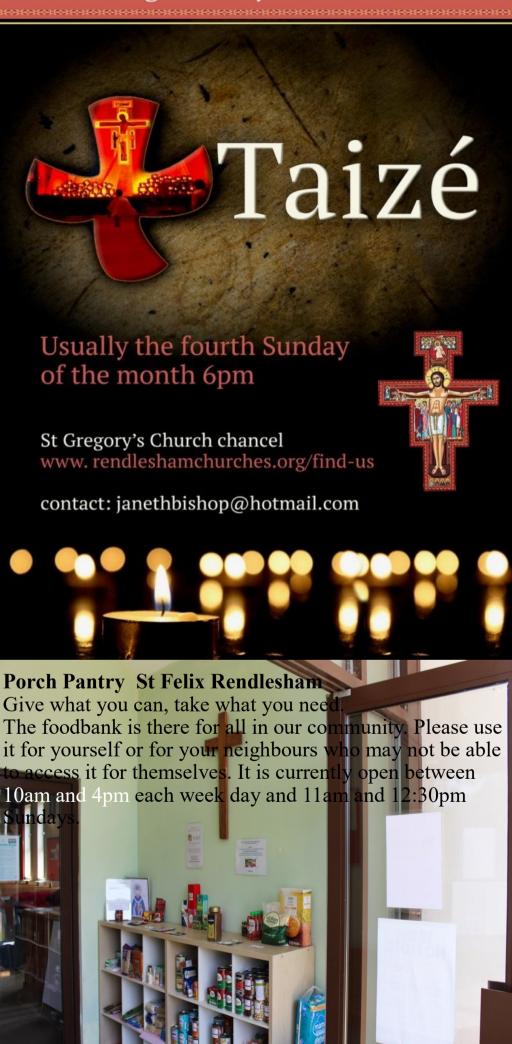
To obtain a jar please e-mail thepaellalady@gmail.com or Pam@jenkins-net.co.uk

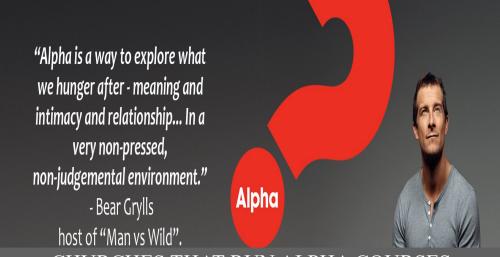
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### Song Prayer Silence





#### 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 will be on March 11th at Leiston Co-op 9am –4pm



www.shct.org.uk



#### 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

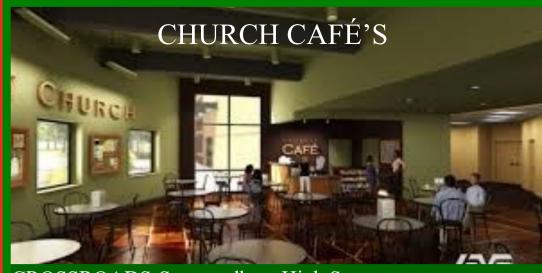
Everyone is welcome; please let us know if you are planning to come so that there is plenty to eat.

#### 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.

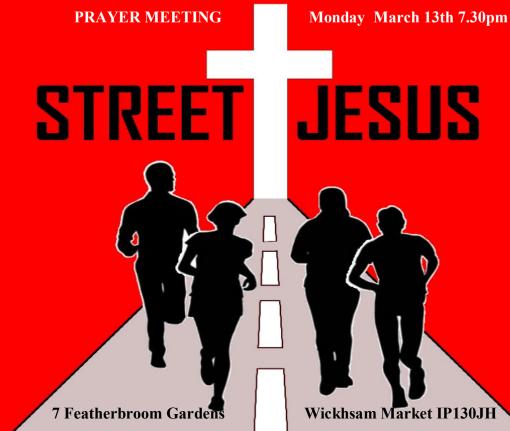




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

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



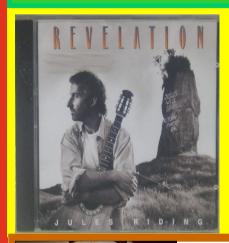


#### Gallery



Beautiful hand painted candles by Louise Gailey sold in aid of Street Jesus

CD of the month

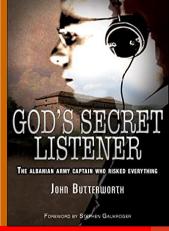


CD of the month

Jules Riding

Revelation

Book of the month



#### BOOK OF THE MONTH

Albania the country, the world first atheist state. But Captain Berti Dosti, one of the elite communications team monitoring Albania's borders for American incursions, was leaving his country unguarded for 15 minutes a week as he tuned into Trans World Radio's broadcasts, ultimately becoming a believer. Had he been discovered he would probably have been shot. With churches destroyed and Christian leaders executed or jailed, post-Communist Albania with its Muslim heritage was tough ground for Christian mission. But Pastor Dosti helped to lead the new wave of church planting that has swept the country. Combining total integrity with social compassion, he and his colleagues have reached thousands, now there is a church in every community in Albania

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# Think tank on religion and society

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings





#### Bible reading

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1: 19-26

#### Prayer



Almighty God,
We bless you for our lives,
we give you praise
for your abundant mercy
and grace we receive.
We thank you for your faithfulness
even though
we are not that faithful to you. Lord
Jesus, we ask you to give us all
peace in our mind, body, soul and
spirit.

Amen

Quote to note

"The most common one-liner in the Bible is, "Do not be afraid." Someone counted, and it occurs 365 times." ...Richard Rhor

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.

Our next meeting will be on Monday February 13th 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