

E-News Issue 042 January 2019

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HONEST

Street Jesus News: And if somebody asks about your Christian hope always be ready to explain it, but do this in a gentle and respectful way.

1 Peter 3:15-16

Welcome to the January edition of Street Jesus e news. We hope you have all had a great Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and that you are looking forward to 2019 with hope and optimism. We wish you all a happy and peaceful new year.

Christmas is often a time of reflection and it has been very noticeable on our facebook page that Christmas in reality doesn't always turn out to be the jolly time that is hoped for. Relationship tensions often come to the fore and the sense of loss of loved ones is somehow intensified over the festive period. The emotions that God has given us to feel love and joy can also lead to a deep grief that arises from missing somebody so special. We pray for all those who have and are

feeling loss this Christmas.

Jesus identifies with us in our suffering as he himself suffered and was separated from his Father. In fact he asked why had he been forsaken. Sometimes in life we too can feel forsaken. There are many anxious homeless and lonely people in our culture and it is a very real misery. The seed of many mental health problems arise from a crisis of self esteem. When we were at Spring Harvest last year we heard about Patrick Reagans new project to tackle issues of mental health which seem to be on

the increase particularly in the young.

His book 'Honesty over silence' hints at one of the primary problems in dealing with this issue and that is an inability to communicate our distress due to the stigma attached to mental health and fear of being seen as weak. Men probably have a greater problem in this respect due to the cultural narrative that the masculine trait is 'You have to be strong to be a man'

Having faith in God and drawing on his word in scripture as well as developing an active prayer life can be of immense benefit. To know that you are loved and valued and able to feel Gods presence in the tough times can transform us by beginning a process of inner repair.

On our facebook page recently we had a poster who stated 'Islam is the true religion of Allah' accompanied by a very polite request for respect. As you can imagine on a Christian site this provoked quite a



response. Sadly some of it was not very grace-full. However most were keen to lovingly point out the differences between Christianity and Islam and emphasise the relational nature of our faith as opposed to the remoteness of the God of Islam plus the differences between the life of Jesus and that of

their prophet as recorded in the Hadith. Some were asking for an

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explanation as to why he thought Islam was the true religion. None was forthcoming. Its worth noting that Islam has a great tradition of scholarship but not so much among the adherents who often do not get to discuss the meaning or context of the Qu'ran. The poster as it turned out was not a Street Jesus member and had arranged technically that the message would repeat at the top of our page. Not wanting to discourage discussion or remove him from our site (because we believe in welcoming people of all faiths and none) we activated the vetting facility to nullify this tactic. Almost immediately the posts and threads disappeared from our site. In contrast at Street Jesus we are committed to sharing and

We were very pleased to attend Wickham Market craft market in the village hall on December 1st. £240 was raised for the Beehive our best ever total for an indoor event. It was very well attended and well organised. We had many conversations about

explaining our faith as in 1 Peter 3:15-16 and

the Beehive.

this is why we go out.

We again had a brilliant day at Woodbridge Christmas market on Sunday 2nd December, we had a number of pastoral and prayer opportunities particularly around cancer sufferers, a child with Leukaemia, a teenager with lymphoma and a man with a

peg feed having suffered traumatic damage to his neck affecting his ability to eat normally. All were offered prayer. A total of £385 was raised for the Beehive. We were once again joined by Rob from the Presence -Faith on the street team (See pictured above) along with Doggie who proved to be very popular as usual and that's just with the adults. Its amazing how many people had to have a double take

> thinking he is real. We got through eight boxes of celebration chocolates as free gifts for passers by. (See myself offering them

out left)

Unfortunately we decided to cancel our outreach to Leiston on Ice, it was very windy on the morning and so not conducive to having the Gazebo out. We very much had in mind our day at Felixstowe carnival last August where we had to hang on to the Gazebo in very gusty weather for much of the day, retrieving flying craft items as they blew off the tables. As it happened the wind did die down and we probably could have gone. We were very disappointed as we had planned to meet up with our friends from Leiston St

Margarets church who were going to help out on the stall. Good thing is that we are back in Leiston on our next outreach at the Co -op on February 9th. We hope to meet up with them again then. Our last outing before Christmas was at the Wickham Market Christmas market on December 15th. It was very cold but again we had a very good day £210 was raised for the Beehive which was remarkable bearing in mind the cold conditions. We were also able to support a person who was looking after somebody at home with severe mental health problems. She was able to share with us how vital her faith was in being able to cope. It was this inspirational person and that conversation as well as recent Facebook posts that has led us to focus our prayers and thinking on mental health issues at this time. Let us also love respect and pray for all Muslims in Jesus name. Our next meeting will be on Monday January 14th 7.30pm at

7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH All Welcome. Please email if you plan to attend Gods blessings Graham



SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP



SUFFOLK COASTAL

THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE

STRATFORD ST ANDREW

Thursday January 24th 7pm

MID SUFFOLK
STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL
Wednesday January 9th 7pm





Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening Saturday January 26th 7pm



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suffolkrefugee.org.uk



http://tfsuffolk.org.uk/



http://hopeintoaction.org.uk/
Enabling churches to house the homeless



www.cantusfirmus.











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

- *Statue of St Peter— Aldeburgh Church
- *Christian Aid visit
- *Good News in Bury
- *Vacancy— Children and Family Pastoral worker
- *Quaker response to UN report on poverty.

https://networksuffolk.org.uk/



Events

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley

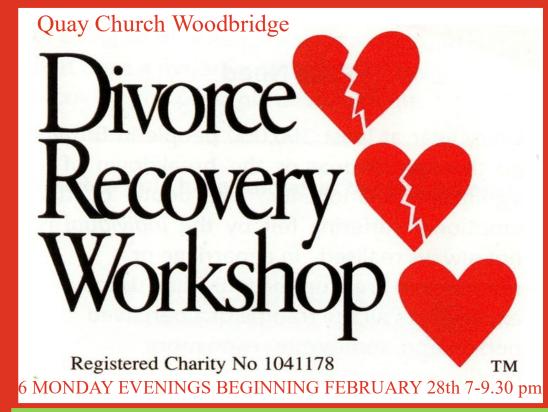
Please put this date in your diaries now as we look to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of



"The Key" in 2019. We are delighted that our good friends Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley have agreed to join in our celebrations. Paul and Fiona officially opened "The Key" in 1999 and were also with us for our 10th Anniversary in 2009. Paul's distinguished career includes being the award winning lead singer of Manfred Mann and the Blues Band. Fiona, an

accomplished actress and singer has worked in all areas of show business from her acclaimed TV series "Widows" to leading roles at the Royal National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. Pau

and Fiona will share how they both became Christians in very different ways. Please join us for what will be our 100th Outreach Event in "The Key".







University of Suffolk Saturday February 2nd 8.30-10.45





Lead Honestly

£15 including Breakfast www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lead-honestly-tickets-



"Know the truth and the truth will set you free."

Making fruitful

disciples not just converts

A new 10 session course on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm will be starting on: 16th January 2019. If you are interested in attending please contact our church office: 01394 383162

www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

LIVE out your new identity in Christ

BREAK through to spiritual maturity

Uncover strongholds and deception

Resolve issues from the past

Become a genuinely fruitful disciple

"Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship... In a very non-pressed, non-judgemental environment." - Bear Grylls host of "Man vs Wild".





UPCOMING COURSES

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH February 22nd 7.30pm for 8 Weeks www.hopeipswich.co.uk



Spring Convention with Gill Gifford 'Empowering Lives' Sunday 10 - Tuesday 12 March 2019

We are excited to announce that Gill Gifford of Cutting Edge Ministries will be joining us for a Spring Convention - 'Empowering Lives' on:

> Sunday 10 March 10.30 am Morning Meeting & 7.00 pm Prayer & Praise Special Monday 11 March, 7.30 pm Tuesday 12 March, 7.30 pm

Further details to follow shortly. Save the Dates.



Christian Life Centre, 2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS. Tel: 01394 273700 Email: mail@riveroflifechurch.net Website: www.riveroflifechurch.net

Teaching Courses

Suffolk Theology Forum

Exploring Christian theological issues in an open, non-partisan way

Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7:30 PM
Refreshments available from 7:00 PM

Dr Denis Alexander

Emeritus Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion and Molecular Biologist

will speak on

Genes, Determinism & God



Dr Denis Alexander is the Emeritus Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St Edmund's College, Cambridge, where he is an Emeritus Fellow. Dr Alexander was previously Chairman of the Molecular Immunology Programme and Head of the Laboratory of Lymphocyte Signalling and Development at the Babraham Institute, Cambridge. Prior to that Dr Alexander was at the Imperial Cancer Research Laboratories in London (now Cancer Research

UK), and spent 15 years developing university departments and laboratories overseas, latterly as Associate Professor of Biochemistry in the Medical Faculty of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, where he helped to establish the National Unit of Human Genetics. Dr Alexander was initially an Open Scholar at Oxford reading Biochemistry, before obtaining a PhD in Neurochemistry at the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

Dr Alexander writes, lectures and broadcasts widely in the field of science and religion. From 1992-2013 he was Editor of the journal Science & Christian Belief.

Co-op Education Centre

Pedestrian entrance - 11 Fore Street, Ipswich IP4 1JW.
within walking distance from bus & train stations.
Free car park - Car park entrance on Waterworks Street
For SatNav use IP4 1JG or coordinates 52.055 1.160

Entry £5 a meeting. Free to student card holders. Open to all. No need to book.

Queries: Vanda Broughton, Forum Secretary <u>01728 748280</u> <u>v.broughton@ucl.ac.uk</u>

Visit our web site on www.eefa.net/stf/



Children's and Youth Leader Training

Monday 28 January 2019 7:00 - 9:30pm

Lowestoft Community Church, The Depot 8 Hadenham Rd, Lowestoft, NR33 7NF

A training session for anyone involved with children's and youth work at church - whether paid or voluntary - to learn more about working with and supporting children who are fostered or adopted.

> For more info or to book your place, visit homeforgood.org.uk/events



Theatre

SALTMINE THEATRE COMPANY



OHN NEWTON- AMAZING GRACE Looking for Church venues Summer 2019 For details See -Network Suffolk

Outreach



WE ARE AT

- *Leiston Co-op Saturday February 9th 9am-4pm
- *Old Jet Rendlesham Saturday March 2nd 10am-2pm
- * Friday Street Car Boot Sunday March 17th 7am-12noon
- * Yard Sale -7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market Saturday April 6th 9-4
- * Felixstowe or Woodbridge TBC- Easter Saturday 20th April * Melton Car Boot -Saturday May 4th
- *Suffolk Show -29th &30th May
- * Rendlesham Community day-Saturday June 8th
- * Woodbridge Regatta- Sunday June 23rd
- * Ipswich Music Day -Sunday July 7th
- * Woodbridge Family Day Out -Sunday July 14th
- * Saxmundham Music Festival Saturday July 27th

Tower Appeal

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Fellowship

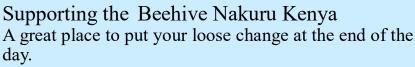


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www.tearfund.org

Fundraisers





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



BEEHIVE FUNDRAISERS













£1821.20p has been raised through our blessings jars since June 2018 Our grateful thanks to all who have contributed

ROMY HILS FLUTE CONCERT All Saints Church Wickham Market Sunday July 22nd 3pm £405 was raised

CLASSICAL CONCERT CHRISTINA JOHNSON St Michaels Church Framlingham Saturday September 15th 6pm £2136 was raised

GUITAR CONCERT All Saints Church Wickham Market Saturday November 10th 3-5pm £406 was raised

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHIC DAY Saturday November 3rd All Saints Church Wickham Market Awaiting commission total

QUIZ NIGHT
All Saints Church Wickham Market
To be confirmed

New Church



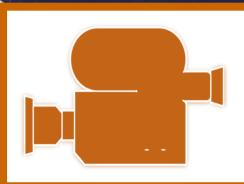
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CHURCH HAVE
MOVED FROM
THE NOVOTEL
TO QUAY PLACE
NEAR THE
WATERFRONT
IN IPSWICH

SERVICES

Every Sunday 10.30am



Film



FILM

Finding your feet Monday January 21st 2-4pm All Saints Church-Kesgrave To Book Contact Charlotte 07711013614

Music



Cafés

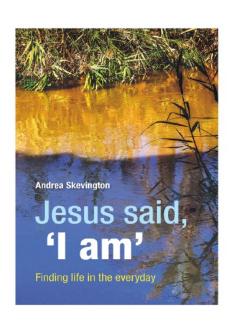


CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

COMMUNITY CAFE'-Felixstowe River of Life church

Book Launch

BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION



Friday 18 January 2019, 7.30 pm

St Andrew's Church, Station Road, Melton IP12 1PX

Additional parking at the Council Offices, Riduna Park

Drawing on the imagery of the Hebrew scriptures, Jesus identifies himself as the 'I am' of Israel's narrative.

Through sensitive retelling, thoughtful discussion and creative exercises, Andrea Skevington shows the transforming power of Jesus' words. Each chapter focuses on a different 'I am' saying and offers ideas for reflection and response, including suggestions for further study, prayer and meditation, creative response, 'life and service' practical outreach, music and further reading.

Jesus Said, 'I Am' integrates faith and imagination, story and study, helping the reader towards a well-grounded and more profound faith.



Andrea Skevington lives in Suffolk with her family. She writes for both adults and

children, winning the Christian Book of the Year award (Speaking Volumes) for her retelling, The Lion Classic Bible (Lion Hudson, 2011). She also preaches and leads Bible studies and children's groups, creative writing workshops and retreats.

ISBN 978 0 85746 562 7, paperback, 160 pages, £8.99

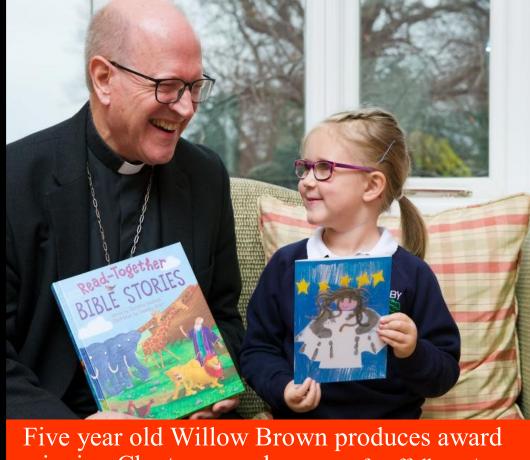


AN EVENING WITH PAUL JONES & FIONA HENDLEY QUAY CHURCH WOODBRIDGE Sunday January 27th 6.30pm Paul Jones formerly of the rock and blues band Manfred Mann and Fiona Hendley Actress and star of the TV series 'Widows' share their very different stories of coming to faith



A wide range of local Christian organisations will be exhibiting

Gallery



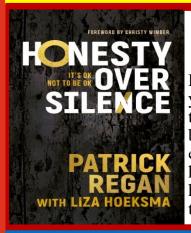
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CD of the month

Holy Roar Chris Tomlin

www.eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Patrick Reagan better known for his work with youth in London's inner city is now focusing on the problems of mental health in our society. This book is a rallying call to raise awareness and encourage people to speak about their mental health issues. He places God at the centre in the healing process and is taking his message across the country

Newsletter



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Judi Casimitjana— Ethical Veganism
US Evangelicals and the Democrats
Michael Gove— Moral purpose in Government
Christ at the heart of creation— Rowan Williams
Paul Bickley-Neighbourhood resilience
10 Christian books

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings



New Wine 2019– July 27th August 7th www.new-wine.org Soul Survivor 2019 July Awaiting dates info@soulsurvivor.com Spring Harvest 2019 April 9th –19th www.springharvest.org Big Church day out 2019 May 25-26th www.bigchurchdayout.com Keswick 2019 -July 13th- August 2nd Keswickministries.org Greenbelt 2019 - August 23rd-26th www.greenbelt.org.uk Word Alive 2019 April 13th-18th www.wordaliveevent.org Davids tent 2019August 23rd-26th www.davidstent.net Faith camp 2018 June 22-26th www.kingdomfaith.com/faithcamp

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SUPPORTING CHILD MUMS AND THEIR BABIES AT THE BEEHIVE KEN

Bible reading

On the first day of the Festival of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you" "As you go into the city" he told them "you will see a certain man, tell him 'The teacher says my time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with the disciples at your house" So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. When it was evening Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating he said "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me" Greatly distressed each one asked in turn "am i the one lord" He replied "One of you who has just eaten from this bowl will betray me for the son of man must die as the scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had not been born.! Judas the one who would betray him also asked "Rabbi am I the one?" And Jesus told him "You have said it" As they were eating Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples saying "Take this and eat it for this is my body" And he took the cup of wine and gave thanks for it. He gave it to them and said "Each of you drink from it for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words I will not drink this wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my fathers kingdom. Then they sang a hymn and went out to the mount of olives. Matthew 26: 17-30

Prayer

God of Peace O God of many names Lover of all nations We pray for peace In our hearts In our homes In our nations In our world The peace of your will. The peace of our need Amen

Quote to note

To have found God and still to pursue him is the souls paradox of love

A.W.Tozer

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 January 14th 7.30pm 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