

# E-News Issue 60 June 2020

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

We hope that you have all remained well and virus free during these past weeks and that psychologically and spiritually you are all keeping well. With mental health week being highlighted recently we are all becoming much more aware of mental health issues. Prince William has been very open about his own particular struggles and the effects of

his mothers death which have become more evident at the event of having children himself. Because mental health issues are often hidden and there is a stigma and shame around them the tendency is to hide and not talk about it. His message is basically. Share your troubles with somebody and seek help. It is estimated that a surge in mental health problems will become evident as the Covid



19 restrictions are lifted. Already we are hearing of people who are terrified to go outside at all for fear of contracting the virus. Mental health nurses and councillors are already busy but their workload will undoubtedly increase. It was great to see International nurses day being marked in the local media but it was very noticeable that mental

health nurses were not included despite the very difficult and worthwhile job they do.



As Christians we are not immune from mental health problems and they can be a real impediment to us but we do have a God with who we can communicate and we know that he has the power to heal. Even if we have good mental health we can still have periods

of spiritual dryness as if we are wandering in a desert and can begin to harbour doubts about our faith.

Even the disciples who were with Jesus sometimes couldn't understand or lacked faith in him, we think of Thomas and

Peter in particular. Sometimes its just a case of hanging in there. If we have a Christian friend who is going through a barren spell, the best thing to do is just simply listen and pray with and for them.

The media have gone into overdrive to help keep our spirits up, for those of us who are a bit older there has been a lot of reruns of classic sit coms as new programmes are unable to be made due to social distancing, while there has been an army of you tube entertainers doing all sorts of funny things. There has been many online choirs and

the Blessing video by Tim Hughes has gone viral introducing contemporary worship to a whole new audience, with versions being made all around the world. And heroes who cannot help being moved



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by Captain Tom Moore at the age of 99 who quietly started walking a circuit around his garden in order to raise funds for the NHS to help

fight the Corvid 19 virus. His gesture caught the imagination of the public and his fundraising total is now approaching £33 million. His 100th birthday was celebrated across the country and he received 125,000 cards. He is shortly to be knighted. One of the things which is so heartwarming about Tom is his humility in the face of such media attention.

The Government have come under extreme scrutiny at this time of unprecedented crisis. The Prime Ministers special advisor Dominic Cummings has broken the lockdown rules which he himself

helped to write and there is a lot of anger across the country yet also some sympathy from others for the situation he was in. Dominic did not feel the need to apologise or resign and Boris Johnson has given him unconditional support. It was interesting to see a whole posse of photographers who were criticizing him for his lack of adherence to



the rules whilst themselves not social distancing as they jostled to get near to photograph him outside his home. Even before the lockdown he had been receiving death threats and it is said that the number of MP's who are receiving hate mail has dramatically increased in recent times. What can we make of all these various behaviours.? Well they arouse emotions in us as we establish what is right and justified.

Jesus knew well the problems associated with political power in his dealings with Pilate, he exposed his hypocrisy. he also saw the baying crowd calling for his own head. He witnessed the mocking and the threats and yet on the cross he said "Father forgive them they know not what they do" There are times when we all fall short of Gods perfect standard so let us pray for our leaders and media that they may have the scales removed from their eyes to see clearly the ways and wisdom of Gods kingdom.

When we go out on the Street we have a number of tracts which explain the Christian faith but we have recently come across a book that takes a different approach by asking the atheist What do you believe. So rather than having to defend our faith we are able to challenge the Atheist thinking instead. The book is 'Before you say I don't believe' by Roger Carswell. This is something we hope to use on the street when we get back to work.

When we begin to see and understand God working in our lives there is always healing as we absorb his word and in prayer. I have recently come across some challenging videos on healing presented by Barry Bennett. For anybody interested in healing these are worth viewing. Just Google Healing videos Barry Bennett youtube and they should appear.

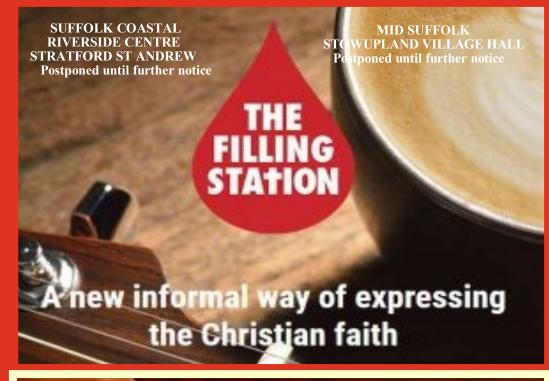
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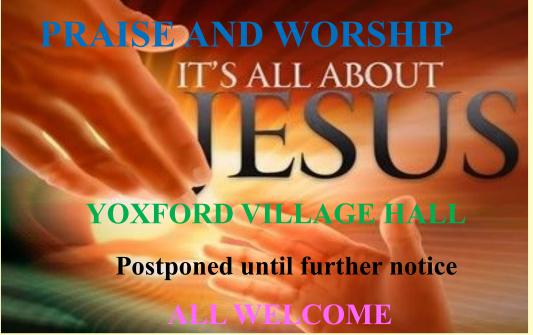
Isaiah 53:4-11 which deals with Christ as healer, predicted long before he came to earth in the flesh. I have recently fully recovered from a stroke and know that others praying for me have been vital in my recovery. By his stripes we are healed Praise God

On this Pentecost weekend let us invite the holy spirit to work in our lives, may our cup runneth over.

Keep safe. Blessings Graham









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





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The Gideons

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# 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

- \*Judith Offord– Lockdown reflections
- \*Selig Trust seeks new centre
- \*Empowered—Lord bless Ipswich
- \*Become a wild Christian
- \*Online events

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Outreach



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic We have suspended our Street outreaches until such time as we receive advice that we may do so

# tearfund

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**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



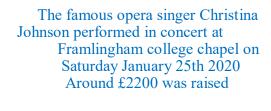
#### QUIZ NIGHT Seckford Hall hotel Date to be confirmed



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





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

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

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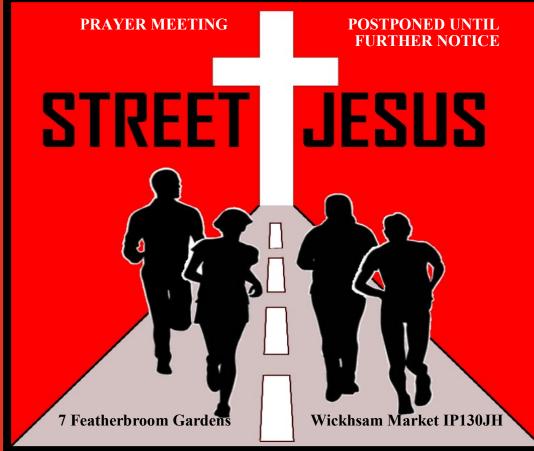




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

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





Gallery



We have been unable to get out to do our usual Street work during the Caronavirus pandemic but the message remains the same wherever we may go.

LOVE—HOPE—FREEDOM

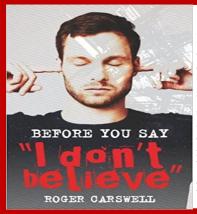
CD of the month



Amy Grant Greatest hits

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Book of the month



#### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

It has become fashionable to believe that Christians are deluded, naive, following myths; and that science has debunked the need for God in society today. But Christian faith is not a leap in the dark. It is founded on so much evidence that the non believer is the one who has questions to answer. In 'Before you say I don't believe', Christian speaker and writer, Roger Carswell, asks 34 questions to those who don't believe. They are not the questions usually aired in the media, but they are posed not to cause an argument, but to bring readers to the point where they put their trust in Jesus. Be warned: it will take courage to openly read this book, but if you do, it may change your life!

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#### Bible reading

Yet it was our weaknesses he carries, it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins but he was pieced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us like sheep have strayed away. We have left Gods path to follow our own. Yet the Lord layed on him the sins of us all. He was oppresased and treated harshly but never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep is silent before the shearers he did not open his mouth. Unjustly condemned he was led away. None cared that he died without descendents and his life was cut short in midstream But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone but he was buried like a criminal, he was put in a rich mans grave. But it was the Lords good plan tocrush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin he will have many descendents. He will enjoy a long life and the Lords good plan will prosper in his hands. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish he will be satisfied and because of his experience my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous for he will bear all their sins. Isaiah 53:4-11

#### Prayer

# Dear Father of all the peoples We who can eat our fill. Ask as your gift at harvest A dedicated will. Show us you hungry brothers Teach us that we must care. Help us to live more simply Because we want to share. For you who fed the hungry May we so break our bread. In constant costly giving That others may be fed.

#### Quote to note

To be a Christian means to excuse the inexcusable because God has excused the inexcusable in you.

C.S. Lewis

### 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!

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