



# E-News

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### Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the August edition of our e-news.

We are certainly living in unprecedented times and as we emerge from Covid 19 lock down we do so carefully as we have no wish to become infected ourselves nor to infect others. We are now being asked to wear masks in enclosed public spaces as we begin to have more contact with one another. There is still a lot of anxiety in many quarters and a reluctance to do too much too soon. The Prime minister has expressed his concern of a second wave of infections but also wants to get the economy kick started so not to saddle us with a deeper recession than is necessary. The mask can be a symbol both of fear or reassurance which is no doubt with us until a vaccine can be found.

We have received some comment with regard to suspending our Street operations suggesting that we should trust God to protect us when we are mixing with the public out on the Street.

It's worth noting that many Christians including pastors have died from the disease. Because of the way we work we are in very close contact with visitors, when we pray with people, when we play top that and while we are selling we are handing over goods which may



be a source of infection. Our prayerful attitude is that we show love best to people by protecting them and not increasing their anxiety. Our experience has been that many people have realised just how fragile we are and that the material things that we base our life on can be taken

from us so easily. This has given us many opportunities on line to communicate the gospel and we have had more conversations about death than before.

I rarely write on a personal level but since my last newsletter my Mum died on July 8th after a long illness having had a stroke five years ago and been bedridden since last October. Her quality of life was very poor. Death is not a subject we like to talk about but my Mums passing has allowed me to have those kind of conversations with people who do not have a faith including those in my own family. A few months before my mum had her first stroke in 2005 I had an extraordinary conversation with her. Having returned from Church I told her how good the sermon had been and she simply replied "Jesus died for my sins" I knew that she watched Songs of praise every Sunday but I had no idea of the depth of her faith which she began to be increasingly open about in her last days



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She remembered a great deal of the teaching. She told me that she prayed often. She spoke about how my Nan used to take her to Church twice every Sunday as a girl but that she had not continued after she married as my Dad had no faith. It was interesting that she held Jesus so close to her heart but never mentioned it. Latterly we got into the habit of reading scripture and praying together, she had the Lords prayer and the serenity prayer by her bed which she read many times during the day. My Mum was a woman of great patience and gentleness, she displayed much of the fruit of the spirit and she lived the serenity prayer out in real life. She was very loving and she knew where she was going.



As I gave the Eulogy at her service of celebration last Monday I was confident that she was with Jesus while others close to me clearly did not have that same hope or belief and were visibly feeling their loss. That's not to say that I was not sad, there is a huge gap in our home without Mum but the day was not about my feelings but rather her rising to Glory, a cause of celebration. This is incongruous if you do not have faith in God, almost inappropriate.

But the questions and comments came "Where has her energy and life force gone? "what is heaven like",? "does everyone go there".?" All of life's endeavours seem pointless" "You just go in a hole and that's the end" When confronted by death of a loved one our own mortality comes sharply into focus. For some fear kicks in.



An atheist recently told me its all pie in the sky when you die, Gods not real. Just do your best while you are here.

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, it is something we can reach out to, that we get a foretaste of in this life, The sense of his presence and love in our time, both in the word and in prayer is a reality. It's a confidence in somebody who is not seen but rather experienced which continues beyond our mortal coil. How do we convey this to people with no faith?

When we are talking with people on the street, these kind of scenarios are discussed. Finding sensitive words is always a challenge for those who are experiencing grief. We know that God does not make everything hunky dory, life is still tough in this instance but our message is that God is with us in the messy business of life. At the end of a conversation we will often say "If you decide to take Jesus into your heart you will never regret it." Its this relational aspect where we meet Jesus not just in the rules and regulations but by his spiritual presence which brings healing.



Create Your Own Red and White Thank You Card by paulastore

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Our bible passage today from 2 John:4-13 focusses on the command to love one another and this love can be painful when we lose somebody we care about but we realise that he loved us first and God has purchased us at great cost. As well as thanking my Mum for being such a great mum i was able to thank God for the gift of her life. It is by his grace that abundant everlasting life exists. Amen!!!

At Street Jesus we are continuing to suspend our activities and will be reviewing our situation in September. We have been invited to a couple of Christmas markets so we will need to make a decision on when we can go out again. In any event our online work has carried on and we have enjoyed some very interesting conversations. We are receiving a lot of prayer requests and we ask God to minister to all those in need.

Keep safe. Blessings Graham





## Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL  
RIVERSIDE CENTRE  
STRATFORD ST ANDREW  
Postponed until further notice

MID SUFFOLK  
STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL  
Postponed until further notice

### THE FILLING STATION

A new informal way of expressing  
the Christian faith

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

IT'S ALL ABOUT

**JESUS**

**YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**Postponed until further notice**

**ALL WELCOME**



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



[www.townpastors.org.uk](http://www.townpastors.org.uk)



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OF ENGLAND  
SUFFOLK

[www.cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org)

oasis

English Language School

[oasisenglish.org.uk](http://oasisenglish.org.uk)



Prayer



rodandjulie.com



## IPSWICH IN PRAYER

PRAYING FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE TOWN  
BY THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD

[www.ipswichinprayer.co.uk](http://www.ipswichinprayer.co.uk)



Postponed until further notice

**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**



Postposed until further notice



[www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk](http://www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk)

42 Warwick Ave  
Woodbridge  
01394 383479

# Network SUFFOLK

- \*The Gospel of folly– Book
- \*Home for good– Activity bag.
- \*Kick start– Covid 19
- \*No need to worry
- \*Motorcyclists on a mission.

<https://networksuffolk.org.uk/>



## National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020

Online

Hope and peace  
in a time of fear  
and suffering

[www.christiansinparliament.co.uk](http://www.christiansinparliament.co.uk)



# GOV.UK

Corona virus advice for churches

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)



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](http://Cantusfirmus.org.uk)



*"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".*

**Alpha**



## CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH - [www.hopeipswich.co.uk](http://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

# 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](http://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](mailto:thepaellalady@gmail.com) or  
[Pam@jenkins-net.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:streetjesus2012@gmail.com)  
or [thepaellalady@gmail.com](mailto: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

## HOME, BUT NOT ALONE

Connecting volunteers and vulnerable people in Suffolk

DOWNLOAD

Tribe - Volunteer  
APP TO VOLUNTEER



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

#COVID19SUFFOLK



BUZZ KNITS Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya  
[www.facebook.com/buzzknits](https://www.facebook.com/buzzknits)

## CHURCH CAFÉ'S



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

[24/7prayer.com](http://24/7prayer.com)

Lectio 365– A daily devotional



**PRAYER MEETING**

**POSTPONED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

# STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH



## Gallery



Our beautiful hand painted candles by Louise Gailey which we take with us to sell on all our outreaches. These are very popular and everything raised benefits the Beehive in Nakuru Kenya and the our project.

## CD of the month

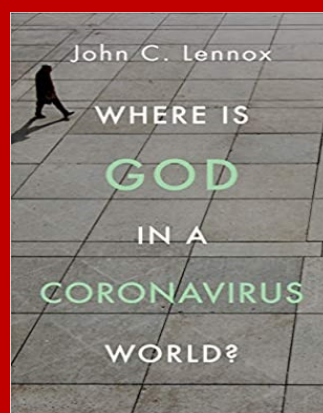


Love ran red

Chris Tomlin

[Eden.co.uk](http://Eden.co.uk)

## Book of the month



### BOOK OF THE MONTH

**How belief in a loving and sovereign God helps us to make sense of and cope with the coronavirus outbreak.**

We are living through a unique, era-defining period. Many of our old certainties have gone, whatever our view of the world and whatever our beliefs. The coronavirus pandemic and its effects are perplexing and unsettling for all of us. How do we begin to think it through and cope with it?

## Newsletter



To receive our monthly newsletter

**The Beehive Buzz**

Contact- [sarah@aboutmedia.co.uk](mailto:sarah@aboutmedia.co.uk)

# 'THEOS'

*Think tank on religion and society*

The Sacred– Adam Wagner  
Religious London  
Xinjiang– The fear of the other.  
Bridging the gap– Economic inequality  
Cohesive societies– Faith and belief.  
What do pandemics change?  
An emotional history of doubt.

## Gatherings



**New Wine** Cancelled 2020

[www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org)

**Spring Harvest** Cancelled 2020

[www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org)

**Big Church day out** Cancelled 2020

[www.bigchurchdayout.com](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com)

**Keswick** Cancelled 2020

[Keswickministries.org](http://Keswickministries.org)

**Greenbelt** Cancelled 2020

[www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk)

**Word Alive** Cancelled 2020

[www.wordaliveevent.org](http://www.wordaliveevent.org)

**Dauids tent** 2020 -August 28th-31st

[www.davidstent.net](http://www.davidstent.net)

**Hillsong Conference** Cancelled 2020

[www.hillsong.com](http://www.hillsong.com)

**Newday** Cancelled 2020

[www.newday.co.uk](http://www.newday.co.uk)

## Our Partners

## Parting Seas

[www.parting-seas.co.uk](http://www.parting-seas.co.uk)

[partingseas2013@gmail.com](mailto:partingseas2013@gmail.com)



SUPPORTING CHILD MUMS AND THEIR BABIES AT THE BEEHIVE KENYA



## Bible reading

How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the truth. Just as the father commanded. I am writing to remind you. Dear friends that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment but one we have had from the beginning. Love is doing what God has commanded us and he has commanded us to love one another. Just as you have heard from the beginning. I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the father and the son. If anyone comes to your meeting and do not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement. Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work. I have much more to say to you but I don't want to do it with paper and ink. For I hope to visit you soon and talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. Greetings from the children of your sister chosen by God.

2 John :4-13

## Prayer

### How Good.



How good is the God we adore  
Our faithful unchangeable friend  
His Love is great as his power. And  
knows neither measure nor end.  
Tis Jesus the first and the last.  
Whose spirit shall guide us safe home.  
We'll praise him for all that is past.  
We will trust him for all that is to come.

## Quote to note

We are sent into the world like Jesus to serve, for this is the natural expression of love for our neighbours. We love, We go, We serve.

John Stott

## 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. If you do not wish to receive our e news or would like more information about the project please e mail [streetjesus2012@gmail.com](mailto:streetjesus2012@gmail.com)**