



E-News

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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the September edition of our e-news. Its been very encouraging to see things beginning to get back to normal, whatever normal may mean as many would say its not very normal to go back to rushing around like mad things. So many different aspects of life have been changed by Corvid 19, for example workplace practices have been reconfigured as many continue to work from home. We can see that everything is connected to everything else in that town centre coffee shops for example are suffering because people are not going into the office. GP's are not seeing so many people in their surgeries and I have heard of a number of people sending in photographs of visible ailments in order to get a diagnosis and the appropriate treatment.



Its interpersonal contact that has been reduced for many people and so it has been with Church which has adapted brilliantly by live streaming services and this has kept us connected and interested. But there really is no adequate substitute for us meeting in person. The feeling of raising the roof in worship together. I had some idea that at a given point we would all go back together in a joyous reunion hungry for the corporate. Instead Churches are gradually opening for private prayer with some socially distanced services but with no singing. There is something about singing that elevates the soul and I personally really miss it. We do it of course during the online services at home but most often succeed only in driving the cat out of the room. Attending Church is also a spiritual charging point, we somehow spark off one another and I believe God works among us when we are together.



So how are we filling the gap, how are we staying connected to God? I have found the various posters including sermons and commentaries on the Street Jesus facebook page very encouraging, which has reminded me to stay in the word. I have very much enjoyed posting a worship song from you tube each day and the Ministry of music keeping us up to date with all the brilliant yet relatively unknown Christian artists out there , We have also put out a daily Christian quote as encouragement and try to highlight the work of a Christian ministry or organisation each day. Their practical work of love in action continues despite the pandemic. A news article to help us think about how we fit in to the culture at large and how we apply Christian principles in practical terms when our beliefs are at odds with the world. These often stimulate discussion on the forum. We also have a daily devotional on our website. Another site that I have visited every day is Network Suffolk which is brilliant at keeping us informed of what is going on in the county, day to day we post their articles. There are many things that we can do to stay in

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the Zone.

Many have been reflecting on the actual nature of Church and asking the question . How effective is it in its current form? I recently had an interesting chat with a Christian couple who have just moved to Leiston on this very subject. Lockdown had given them time and space to pray and ask ' How do we reach the lost? Do we even think it important or is it just too difficult in a culture that is leaving Christianity behind.

How are we encouraging the next generation and in 10 years time what will be the average age in the vast majority of our Churches. Do we care enough about the future of the Church and has it become primarily a place of comfort for us?

This is the conversation we must continue to have as a Church. There are some great initiatives like Cafe church, Forest Church and Messy church which encourage families where the presentation of the Love of God is less theological, where the language and rituals are less

alien, where community is built, where interest is created but through which faith can be explored in a less traditional environment.

The Lords prayer, the creeds and the Eucharist are extremely important but completely baffling for a new person coming into Church. Church should not just be about us, but rather a vehicle to save the lost. This dear couple recommended a book by

BACK TO ACTS

HOW TO START A HOUSE CHURCH



Torben Sondergaard called the Final reformation which reminds us of the nature of the early church as seen in the book of Acts. It also inspires us to see how this could look today.

The early Church was essentially a series of house churches, it was a tight knit community rooted in their community.

They were radically generous selling their possessions to give to others. They stuck fast to the teachings of the Apostles. They were steeped in prayer and daily shared the love meal, breaking the bread and taking the wine together. They were clearly holy spirit led, they worshipped and were known for their joy but most importantly were constantly adding to their number and making new disciples. How many new disciples are we making in our churches?



Some Christian groups are practicing open house on the estates where they live, building relationships and looking to help people in practical ways by showing the love of Christ. The Eden project, part of the message trust work in many of our inner cities getting alongside people giving love support and practical help. In other places open houses are springing up where Christians share their homes with their community. This is a real challenge for us as we ask ourselves 'How sacrificial are we prepared to be for the kingdom of God'

Our bible reading this month relates to the Israelites camping at Mount Sinai, they were grumbling and had forgotten that God had rescued them from their cruel slavery in Egypt. Moses is asked by God to strike the rock, as a result the water flowed and the people were no longer thirsty. The Rock we see as Jesus, he too was struck but what flows from that action is the waters of the Holy spirit, the well that bubbles up from within. This is seen most vividly in the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. This is what guides us as to Gods purpose for our life, just as God gave Moses the purpose of leading the people to the promised land. This too is our desire.

We have recently been hearing from some of the venues where we traditionally attend Street events. These have largely been cancelled including those at Christmas, largely due to the problems maintaining social distancing. We are looking at doing some non-event Street work and will keep you posted.

Keep safe. Gods 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



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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
SUFFOLK
www.cofesuffolk.org



oasisenglish.org.uk

Prayer



rodandjulie.com



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BY THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD

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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

42 Warwick Ave
Woodbridge
01394 383479

Network SUFFOLK

*Update and Appeal– Talitha Koum

*Forest Church hub invite.

*Foxearth nature reserve—Art

*Parentalk

*Greenbelt Festival 2020

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



National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020

Online

Hope and peace
in a time of fear
and suffering

www.christiansinparliament.co.uk



GOV.UK

Corona virus advice for churches

www.gov.uk

Appeal for help

Talitha
Koum

Giving Women
Hope

Amanda (01473 857432)

*"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



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BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH Tel- 01473-259271
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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

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



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

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BUZZ KNITS Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya
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

Lectio 365– A daily devotional



PRAYER MEETING

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



Just a selection of the tracts that we have available to visitors to our stall including the Good News Newspaper. Not everybody feels comfortable having a chat but happy to take something away to read which includes details of our web-site

CD of the month

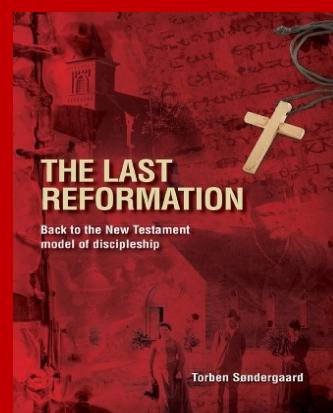


Graves into Gardens

Elevation Worship

Eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Much of what we see expressed in the church today is built on more than just the New Testament. It's built, instead, mostly on the Old Testament, Church culture, and Paganism. It is therefore imperative that we as God's people dare to stop and take a closer look at the Church today and compare it to the first Church we read about in the Bible. If we are to succeed in making disciples of all nations then we must go back to the "template" we find in the Bible. Let the reformation begin!

Newsletter



To receive our monthly newsletter

The Beehive Buzz

Contact- 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

Spring Harvest Cancelled 2020

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

Dauids tent 2020 -August 28th-31st

www.davidstent.net

Hillsong Conference Cancelled 2020

www.hillsong.com

Newday Cancelled 2020

www.newday.co.uk

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SUPPORTING CHILD MUMS AND THEIR BABIES AT THE BEEHIVE KENYA

Bible reading

At the Lords command all the community of Israel. Left the wilderness of sin and moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim but there was no water there for the people to drink. So once more the people complained against Moses "Give us water to drink" they demanded. "Quiet Moses replied "Why are you complaining against me And why are you testing the Lord? But tormented by thirst they continued to argue with Moses. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" "Are you trying to kill us, our children and our livestock with thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord "What should I do with these people? They are ready to stone me!" The Lord said to Moses "Walk in front of the people, take your staff, the one you used when you struck the water of the Nile. And call some of the elders of Israel to join you. I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock and the water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink" So Moses struck the rock as he was told and water gushed out as the elders looked on. Moses named the place Mas-sah (which means test) and Meribah (Which means arguing) because the people of Israel argued with Moses and tested the Lord by saying "Is the Lord here with us or not?"

Exodus 17:1-11

Prayer

The Prisoners lantern.



Lead us from death to life.
From falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope.
From fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love.
From war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts,
Our world,
Our universe.

Amen

Quote to note

The proof of spiritual maturity is not how pure you are but rather awareness of your impurity. That very awareness opens the door to grace.

Philip Yancey

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 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