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## Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the May edition of our e-news.

Its good to be back composing e-news after a break in April. On a personal level its been a rich month in terms of evangelism with many opportunities to share Jesus. The main themes of discussions has been loneliness in lockdown and the often stated idea that people believe in a spiritual energy in their lives. "I'm a spiritual person" is a phrase I have heard a lot recently but this spirituality is not linked with God or Jesus in any way. In reports these last few years it has often been stated that the number of people who believe in God has fallen dramatically. Should we be concerned about this? Given the nature of todays media and various cultural messages we should certainly not be surprised and whilst people often say they do not need



God, most often the conversations we have start with an expression of emotional pain or anxiety. There is clearly a spiritual need in many people so why do people reject God? In most cases those people have a Church experience or background. So why do many reject the church? Is it the teaching that is too challenging, is it the environment that is



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too alien or is it us as Christians who are unappealing? When I first came back to Church in 2007 I was hugely challenged by the teaching and I would say that I was convicted by it but its also seemed quite complex to me and not easy to understand. It took a long time for me to understand the limitations of the law and rules and regulations and take on board the amazing concept of Gods grace. The idea that we get a blessing that we don't deserve seems almost scandalous and the whole edifice on which your life has been based is turned upside down. Church culture including its rituals, is very strange to the uninitiated. As a result I can relate to people who find church difficult.

What helped amidst all this strangeness was the sheer friendliness of the people in Church and the thing that moved the dial forward was not the formality of Church or the rituals but the relationships i formed particularly in the home group i joined. It was a gradual process of enlightenment and growing closer to God in a safe non-judgemental environment.



The question that bugs me is about how Church can remain true to the teachings of Christ yet offer something that is initially attractive for people to begin this wonderful journey of exploration. This journey has led me to the pearl of great price and God has given me and many



Others a desire to experience the same. Churches are beginning to welcome people back after the lockdown and it's been great to meet with brothers and sisters again, catching up with what's been happening in their lives. On line services have served a purpose but there is nothing like meeting in person. It will be intriguing to note how lockdown will have affected how we do church. One of the things which has proved beneficial in bringing people into church has been contemporary styles of worship like café church, these tend to be theologically less exacting but more centred on community, are interactive and quite fun. The idea being that relationships are forged first and that the teaching is explored in the less formal setting of home groups.



Will those extra people who have accessed on line services take the next step of actually attending church but just as important how can they be encouraged onto the road of discipleship. What will church be like in the months ahead, will there be changes because sometimes a break allows for reflection.

For the upcoming generations. Will churches be vibrant communities that inspire or will they become empty and derelict?

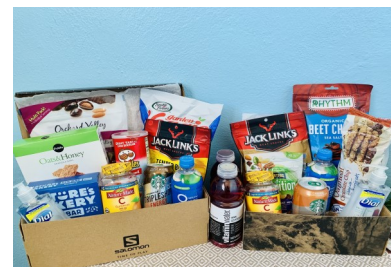
It's very frustrating not to be able to sing in Church but somebody



recently told me that they were still singing God's praises in their hearts which I felt was a lovely sentiment. We did however meet outside in a socially distanced way during our service here in Wickham Market last week to sing 'In Christ alone'. There is something great about singing praises in a more public way and I have always enjoyed those Church events like Praise in the park. Perhaps every church

should have at least one service outside each year

I bumped into a young family in the village the other day who confided that they had been struggling recently. They were so grateful that the Church was running the Box of hope scheme to help put food on the table. It is more often these acts of love and kindness that will draw people to faith than declarations or theology.



As much as we are concerned about what happens in church it's our reaching out which is just as important. We gather to scatter. Like Church services our street ministry has been seriously restricted by Covid but we will be meeting again when restrictions are removed after June. Our missions for the rest of the year will be restricted by the fact that many local events that we routinely attend will not be taking place but there are other avenues that we will be able to explore. Looking forward to the great re-set

Our bible passage this month is a famous scripture from Ecclesiastes 3. A time for every purpose under heaven. This tells us that there are different seasons for different things. Covid has heightened this sense of season. It was brought home to me recently following the death of my father as we reflected on his life and all that it contained. Whatever season we are in we know that God can be with us, whatever challenges there may be. He has planted eternity in our hearts and he wishes us to enjoy the fruits of our labours particularly when we see these as a gift from him, that we may be thankful.

May the month of May be full with God's gifts and blessings for you  
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



# HOPE<sup>into</sup> ACTION

## IPSWICH

Enabling churches to house the homeless

[ipswich.hopeintoaction.org.uk](http://ipswich.hopeintoaction.org.uk)



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

42 Warwick Ave  
Woodbridge  
01394 383479

# Network SUFFOLK

- \*Fancy joining CAP
- \*How do I find a disabled friendly church
- \*Light up green—St Johns ambulance
- \*Reducing isolation with food
- \*Christian aid—e-envelopes

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

## Reducing Isolation with Food



Abbeycroft Leisure, West Suffolk College and the Bury St Edmunds Rickshaw are teaming up with a host of other charities and organisations to provide heat at home meals delivered to isolated adults living in Bury St Edmunds once a month.

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**If you know someone that lives alone  
and without a support network please  
send us an email:**

**[community@acleisure.com](mailto:community@acleisure.com)**

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To help sustain this project we are taking  
donations through our crowdfunding page:  
[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/aclrif](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/aclrif)



0800 804 8044

# Daily HOPE

A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

**Has the impact of  
Coronavirus left you  
worrying about your  
bills, your job or  
your home?**

There are people that can help.  
Call us free on **0800 068 3131**

The Suffolk Advice and Support  
Line is open from 9am to 5pm,  
Monday to Friday.



## Home, But Not Alone

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Resilience

Supporting vulnerable people in **Suffolk**

The Home, But Not Alone free phoneline is for people who need **urgent** help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is only for people who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.

Coronavirus Emergency Phoneline

 **0800 876 6926**

9am-5pm Monday to Friday

For all other enquiries please visit

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





*"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  
prayerfully believe we should 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

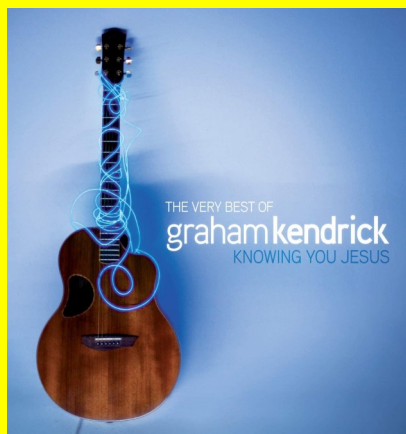
Wickham Market IP130JH

## Gallery



Rob and Doggie with the local constabulary at Framlingham Sausage Fest in October 2019

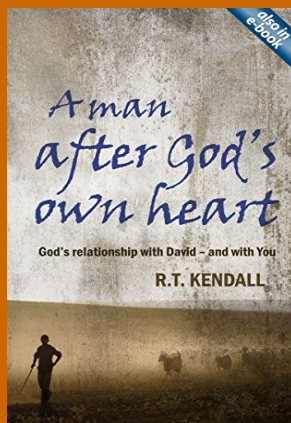
## CD of the month



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The very best of  
Graham Kendrick

## Book of the month



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

David was a man with deep feelings. He was a poet and musician as well as being Israel's greatest King and one of the greatest ever military leaders. David wrote that 'the Lord confides in those who fear him' (Psalm 25:14). It is a great honour to have someone confide in you - but to think that God would confide in a human being is amazing! David was someone with whom God chose to share his heart. If you wish to know what it is like to be confided in by God - to become a person after God's own heart too - then this book will help you discover what such a relationship is like.

## 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*

Vulnerability and the pandemic.  
Guvna B - Toxic masculinity  
Politics of the common good. .  
University Chaplains during Covid.  
Fractured—Why societies are coming apart.  
Visual communication in a digital world.  
Who was to blame for the death of Jesus

## Gatherings



**New Wine** Cancelled 2021 [www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org)

**Spring Harvest** Cancelled 2021  
[www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org)

**Big Church day out** Cancelled 2021  
[www.bigchurchdayout.com](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com)

**Keswick** Cancelled 2021  
[Keswickministries.org](http://Keswickministries.org)

**Greenbelt** Cancelled 2021  
[www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk)

**Word Alive** Cancelled 2021  
[www.wordaliveevent.org](http://www.wordaliveevent.org)

**Dauids tent** 2020 -August 28th-31st  
[www.davidstent.net](http://www.davidstent.net)

**Hillsong Conference** Cancelled 2021  
[www.hillsong.com](http://www.hillsong.com)

**Newday** Cancelled 2021  
[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

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build up, a time to cry and a time to laugh, a time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to Gather stones and a time to scatter stones, a time to embrace and a time to turn away, a time to search and a time to quit searching, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be quiet and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do people really get for all their hard work? I have seen the burden that God has placed on us all. Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart but even so people cannot see the whole scope of Gods work from beginning to end. So I have concluded that there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. And people should eat drink and enjoy the fruits of their labour for these are gifts from God. And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. Gods purpose is that people should fear him. What is happening now has happened before and what will happen in the future has happened before because God makes the same things happen over and over again.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

## Prayer



### We commend

Thanks to you kind father  
for my daily bread,  
for my home and things  
for my cosy bed.  
Mother father and some dear ones.  
Bless them while I pray.  
May I try to help them  
and cheerfully obey.

## Quote to note

God intends to give us what we need not what we think we want

C.S.Lewis

## 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.  
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