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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the December edition of our e-news. I recently did a talk at a mens breakfast at a church in Felixstowe. In preparing the talk I was drawn to the encounter that Phillip had with the Ethiopian Eunuch. The Ethiopian Eunuch was reading from the book of Isaiah in his carriage. He was a treasury official, clearly an educated man but he did not understand the scripture as a foreshadowing of Jesus. Phillip prompted by the holy spirit explained it to him. The Ethiopian Eunuch went away enthusiastically worshipping God. There are some parallels with Jesus encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well where Jesus explains to her the living waters after which she excitedly runs back to her village telling the people all about him. In both cases they receive the holy spirit but interestingly Phillip is prompted by the Holy spirit to engage in the first place. It is the same for us all, in that we may not all be evangelists but we are all called to evangelise. We need to be open to the promptings of the Holy spirit as Phillip was and mindful of the opportunities that God places before us.



During our talk we asked a lot of questions about our faith and how things are now. Questions like. Is our faith taught well in schools. Is our faith represented well in the media. Is our faith prominent or even properly understood in the political powers and authorities. Can we speak freely about our faith without being marginalised or deemed a bit weird. Are stereotypes and caricatures about our faith common. Do we have enough young people and families in our churches. What will church attendance look like in 20 years time. Each of us will have a view on these subjects but our bottom line is Do we love and

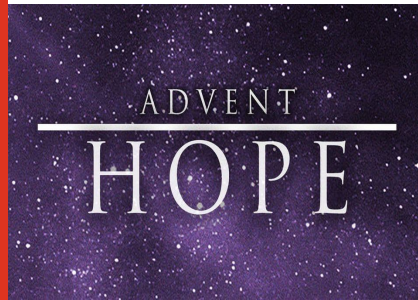


care for people enough to share our faith with them albeit in a respectful and gentle way that they too will come to know the Lord.

The picture (Right) depicts census forms being collated before computerisation. The results of the 2021 census will soon be published and it is tipped that yet more people will identify as non religious. The 2011 census showed an increase from 15 to 25 percent so it will be interesting to see how much this has changed in the



Meantime. Another recent study reveals an interesting statistic, that 1 in 6 atheists still pray. Who are they praying too? There are times in life where people need to reach out, often at a time when life is beyond our control, there is a pleading. Even for us as Christians there is a need to plead, to plead for our communities, our nation and the wider world. For healing hurts, for reconciliation and to humble ourselves and repent.



The season of advent is now upon us. Candles are being lit in homes and churches across the world in preparation for marking the birth of Christ. The advent ring or wreath is a longstanding tradition believed to have begun in the middle ages. The ring itself symbolises God's eternity, the immortality of the soul and everlasting life in Christ. The

evergreen decoration symbolises life itself. Laurel for persecution and suffering, Pine holly and yew for strength and healing and pine cones for resurrection. The four advent candles represent 1) Hope, it points to the prophets and the ultimate prophesy that Jesus the messiah is coming. The second candle represents 2) Faith, also known as the Bethlehem candle to represent the faith that Mary and Joseph had. The third candle often known as the shepherds candle represents 3) Joy and is pink in colour unlike the other three which are purple. The third Sunday in advent is often known as Gaudete as it marks the joy of the birth of the Christ child. The fourth candle represents 4) Peace also known as the Angels candle to reflect 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all men'. There is a further candle lit on Christmas eve, white in colour to represent the purity of the sinless saviour, to mark the birth of Jesus Emmanuel God with us.



We often stress the importance of prayer in the Christian life. Many Christians will say that they do not pray enough nor spend enough time reading the Bible, for many the business of life just gets in the way. Too many distractions. It is often when we are in a spot of bother



that we are more likely to reach out to God but perhaps he is not so much to the forefront when life is going well. A couple of people recently have told me that life feels so desperate that they cannot feel that there is a way through. Life feels hopeless. One of the things that helps us to maintain a healthy prayer life is to have a prayer buddy, somebody who will encourage you and with whom you can

share prayer time together. I have recently embraced the idea of having prayer buddies and it has really helped. One of my prayer buddies recently observed that We worship a God who will find a way when there is no way. We often limit the possibilities and lack the mental creativity to see what is possible. In understanding that there is a way, truth and a light we ignite the hope that is represented by the first candle of advent.

Christmas day will be a little different for us this year as our family are scattered around in Lancashire, Scotland and Guernsey so will not be seeing them over the Christmas period. We will however be spending time with our Christian family as we help provide a Christmas meal in the church for those in our community. Showing the love of God on Christmas day as he showed his love for us.

On behalf of everybody on the Street Jesus team I would like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Blessings Graham



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Jonathan Aitken at the HIA Conference 2017

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asking how
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helped me with
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gardening skills,
life skills,
spiritual growth

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They are
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everything

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through the
church is
lovely

I value everything with my
mentor. he video called me
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Thursday Dec 22nd The Wise Men

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St Philip's Community Hub – 10am-3pm

Wednesday

St John's lady chapel or meeting room – 10am-3pm

Thursday

St Philip's Community Hub – 10am-3pm
Seaton Road Methodist – 11am-3pm
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Friday

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Community Cuppa Calendar:

2022

Tuesday 24th May

Tuesday 26th July

Tuesday 23rd August

Tuesday 25th October

Tuesday 22nd November

2023

Tuesday 24th January

Tuesday 28th February

Tuesday 25th April



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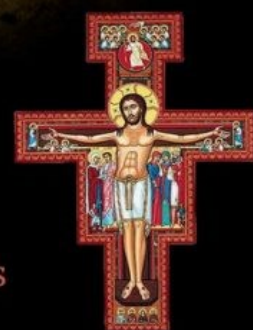


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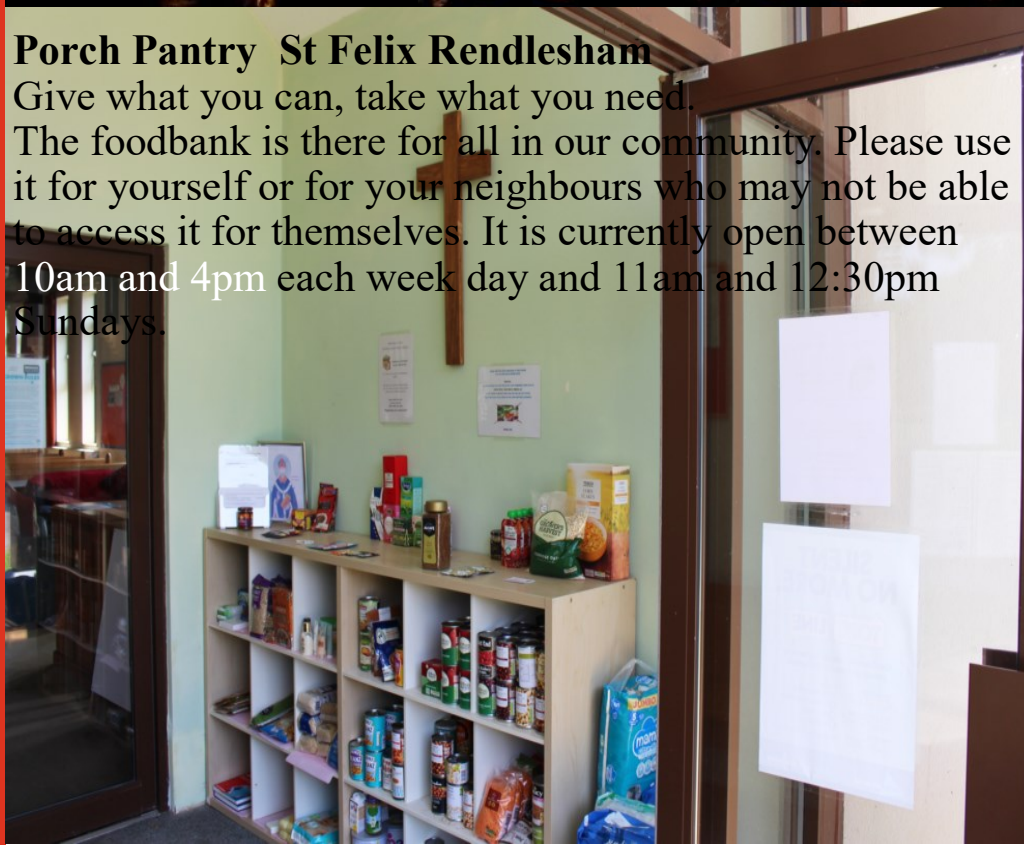
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Our next outreach will be in December
We will be at the Wickham Market
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- Saturday, 3 December 2022
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm
- Christmas concert - Woodbridge Quay Church



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PRAYER MEETING

Monday December 12th 7.30pm

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



With the Wickham Christmas market approaching here is a picture of our stall from a previous year 2019

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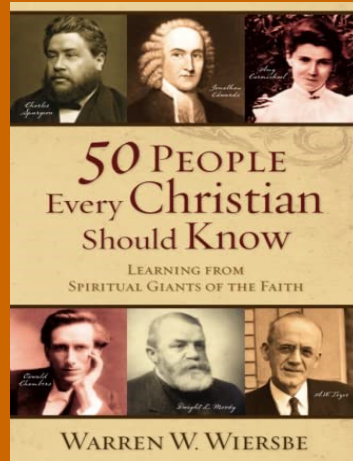


CD of the month

Chris Tomlin

Always

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Christians in the twenty-first century need encouragement and inspiration to lead lives that honour God. When faith is weak or the pressures of the world seem overwhelming, remembering the great men and women of the past can inspire us to renewed strength and purpose. Our spiritual struggles are not new, and the stories of those who have gone before us can help lead the way to our own victories.

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www.springharvest.org

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www.bigchurchdayout.com

Keswick July 15th-August 4th 2023

Keswickministries.org

Greenbelt August 24th-27th 2023

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Word Alive April 1st-6th 2023

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Dauids tent August 25th-28th 2023

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Newday July 31st-August 4th 2023

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Bible reading

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south^l to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"^l And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Prayer



Help me

Help me love the life I live right now.
Show me the good things
I often overlook
and help me be content with what I have.
Forgive me when I compare
myself to others,
forgive me for longing for things
outside of You and Your kingdom.
Thank You for loving me right where I am,
right as I am.
Help me keep my eyes on You.

Amen

Quote to note

The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."
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.

Our next meeting will be on Monday January 9th at 7.30 pm.
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
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