

# E News April 2024

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Welcome to the April edition of Street Jesus e-news.

We hope you have all had a very good Easter from a reflective Good

Friday considering the gruesome suffering not just physically but the mental and emotional torment of Jesus being separated from the Father. The nakedness, the shame, the mocking and injustice. The bearing of the sins of the entire world taken upon himself in an act of sacrificial love. To the joy of Easter Sunday, where the risen Lord defeats



death and breaks the barrier between mankind and God so that we may come to know him personally, experience the Holy spirit and be transformed by his love and Grace.

This is the good news of the gospels which we are to proclaim to all the world. The people of the body of Christ have many and varied gifts bestowed upon them through Gods grace and whilst not all people are

called to be evangelists we are all called to evangelise. This means sharing the good news with as many people as possible. This can be by simply loving people, supporting them in troubled times providing a listening ear or by a simple hug. In getting alongside people and showing Love we hope they can see something of Jesus in us. Something about us that makes them curious



and want to know more about him. At some point however we will need to share and speak out about what our dear saviour means to us. How he loves, how he heals, how he transforms us for the good. In talking about Jesus there is a risk that people may become annoyed or dismissive and it can be hard not to take this personally but we should always remember that the person is really rejecting Jesus not you personally. Sharing in the workplace can be tricky these days and we need to be wise and discerning in this area.

We recently did an outreach at the Leiston bandstand. It was very very cold. We normally work from Leiston Co-op but they are reviewing



their policy of hosting charity collections at their stores. The Bandstand may have not had the same level of footfall but we still had significant conversations on the day. Just after we set up We learnt about the Project 40seven foodbank and hub run by some extraordinary people who shared their life stories, gave insights into attitudes how people

react when you are down and out including the response of the authorities. The foodbank had some interesting features being run more like club. We were sad to hear that some people rejected the nearby Church foodbank fearing that people would start talking to them about Jesus and try and convert them. This is a perception that is not part of the vast majority of Church food banks who simply provide food for those who are struggling financially, its to show love not a form of



### Street Jesus News:

Blackmail. Due to the ongoing cost of living squeeze Food bank use remains high with many now offering money management courses to help people budget and cooking classes. With the vast increase in takeaway outlets in recent times people are less inclined to cook for themselves despite it being a much cheaper option.

Our Seekers group continues to generate very interesting conversa-

tions, one of the group who has given his life to the Lord has given his first testimony in Church. What was pleasing was his understanding that he has a long way to go. We speak often about the Christian life being a journey to get ever closer to God. Being a Christian is more than just a label and being passive in that identity. It is a moving dy-



namic thing whereby we desire to grow closer to God and fulfil the purpose that he has for our lives. Please pray for our group, for Demnise and I who lead it and those seekers who come because they are curious about God.

On March 14th we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Street Jesus. We have done over 100 outreaches in that time in all the main towns and villages in the Suffolk coastal area and Ipswich. We have met hun-



dreds of people. We have provided pastoral care, often just listening to peoples troubles, We have spoken to many about Jesus, to atheists agnostics, people of other faiths, humanists, and people who have a whole range of identities. There are many memorable conversations that stand out and I have been reflecting on many of them. The subjects we have spoken about

have been incredibly diverse. We have sold African crafts to aid the Beehive childrens foundation (Africa). We have given out chocolates free and many now look out for us to get their little treat. We have used games and various themes to attract people. We have given out Bibles and a whole range of Christian literature. If any of you have spare bibles that you do not need or want we would gladly receive them. We gift these for free. We have done healing on the street, prayed for many people and taken prayer requests on our prayer tree. In recent times we have been singing worship songs as we work. We have developed an approach called 'Jesus at the door' which has helped

us to be more effective in sharing the gospel. In addition we share our faith online, write to the letters page of the East Anglian daily times when matters of faith arise and of course we have started the seekers group. The van has illicited much comment over the years and countless conversations and this includes the tip runs and carriage where we are able to help people who are



struggling. The work is highly enjoyable and occasionally challenging but there are so many people responsible for making it all happen. We would like to thank all those who tithe to us including our Church herein Wickham Market. Your generous donations enable us to pay for our pitch fees and other costs. We would like to thank Mary Clear who heads the prayer side of our ministry and the sizable team that prays for us whilst we are out. This gives us the spiritual protection essential when meeting all kinds of people. I personally would like to thank the Street Jesus team who show great courage is speaking out their faith and the manifest gifts they bring to the the table. But most of all we give all the glory to God Whatever good we may do is down to the gifts he has given us by his grace. Thankyou all for your love and support.

Blessings Graham



The Filling Station is an informal way of expressing the Christian Faith, using celebration meetings to encourage the local church, predominantly in rural areas across the UK.

#### What to expect when we meet:

A warm welcome with light refreshments... Contemporary worship led by local worship leaders... Stories of God at work today... Guest Speakers to refresh our faith...

Prayer together for worldwide and personal needs...

Details of speakers and dates will be announced on the website.

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew Refreshments at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

## Everyone is Welcome

https://thefillingstation.org.uk/



Do join come and join us on the Alpha course beginning in St John's Church St John's Hill Woodbridge IP12 1HS on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm

Contact the church office to sign up Tel 01394 383162 email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk





Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening Every 4th Saturday of the month.





suffolk.hopeintoaction.org.uk/

Enabling churches to house the homeless





### **CANTUS FIRMUS**

www.cantusfirmus.org.uk



facebook.com/Theplacebythewater/



https://homeforgood.org.uk/

home for good







# Open to God Service

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am





Our Faith Community is registered with

### THE WELCOME DIRECTORY



Our commitment: We will welcome people, who have been in prison, into our faith community and support them



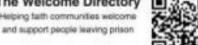
The Welcome Directory is a directory of faith communities in England and Wales who are committed to welcoming and appropriately supporting people who have left or are leaving prison, and is available on-line and in printed format. It enables prison chaplains, probation workers, other professionals, and individuals to identify a faith community in their local area that is a good place for someone leaving prison to attend.

For more information please talk to your local Welcome Directory Champion,

or visit welcomedirectory.org.uk

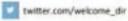
Note: Our faith community has a safeguarding policy which ensures that all safeguarding risks are managed appropriately.

The Welcome Directory Helping faith communities welcome





facebook.com/TheWelcomeDirectory



### Pub Theology

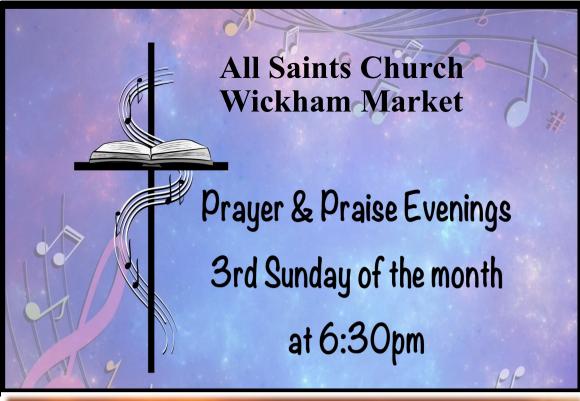
Conversations about God. faith and life...in a pub.

> Fortnightly on Sundays following Evensong



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Sunday 7 April

'Presence'

Eyes opened: The road to Emmaus

Refreshments from 6.00pm in St John's IP12 1HS

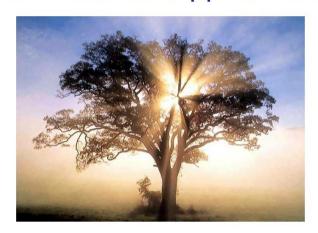


A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



### **Bereavement Support Group**





#### Dates for 2024

10 April 8 May 12 June 10 July

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. If you would like more information or support please contact Kathy Blair

Informal service for all ages



Every third Sunday of the month at 11am All Saints Church, refreshments from 10.30am







Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9am until 12pm



Open Alternate Weekend Days
10am until 2pm

### St Edmunds Church ~ Langer Road IP11 2HR

Childrens Clothing From Tiny Baby to 16Yrs

Buggies, Playmats and Toys Galore

Maternity and Adult Clothing

Baby Items and much MUCH MORE!

Pitstop Pantry: A Food Bank Open To All

# Everything FREE!!





The Beehive Foundation

Fundraising evening

at Jars of Clay

Friday 19 April 2024

7.00p.m

Booking essential

https://jarsofclayceramics.ecwid.com





### Table Tennis Drop-In Every Wednesday starting on the 4 October 2023

#### 10am to 12pm

With a 15min break for tea/coffee and a brief testimony

In St John's Church Hall St John's Street, Woodbridge **IP12 1ED** 

Everyone and any ability welcome, do bring a friend along



A suggested donation of £2 per person to cover costs

Contact Bob Huddlestone 07754 048056 or Richard Bolt 07824 177830

Tel:01394 383162

St John's Discovering God and sharing the love of Jesus email: Into@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk





Saturday 27th April 2024 10am – 12pm

**BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL** 

### **FREE ENTRY**



- Home-grown plants for sale at bargain prices (cash only)
- All proceeds to both Bealings churches
- Free parking
- Teas, coffees and homemade cakes



Find us on Facebook "Bealings Spring Plant Sale'





### The BASIC Life Charity

#### **COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP**

Come along to



2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS

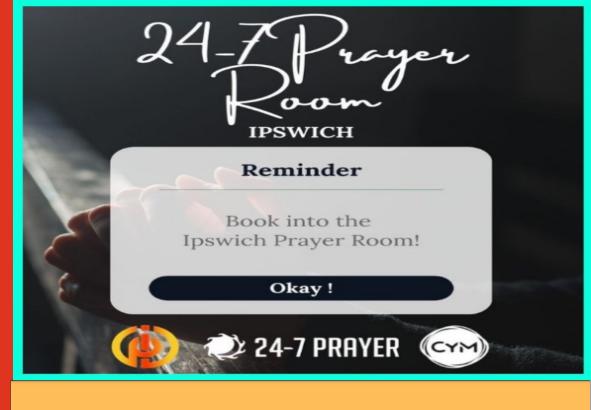
Friday Mornings at 11.00 am

#### **AFFORDABLE FOOD**

Fill a bag for £2.

**NO CRITERIA - ALL WELCOME** 

\*NEW: Free Tea, Coffee & Biscuits\*



Join the St. Felix

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No Experience Needed

- > Sing fun songs
- > Learn techniques

> Meet new people

Ages 12+

St. Felix Church Rendlesham

> Thursdays 7.15pm - 8.45pm (Term Time)

Email: togetherwesing21@gmail.com



### Thursday Lunchtimes

Refreshments at low cost 12 noon - 1.00 pm
A short talk 1.10 - 1.50 pm

You are welcome to either or both

#### Season 2023/2024

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Cancer Awareness and Prevention

Imani Sorhaindo, Holistic Health Practitioner

Apr 18th Who's Buried in the church Graveyard?

Mike Smith; local historian and church archivist

Apr 25<sup>th</sup> The Soup Kitchen of Ipswich Ian Walters

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Home for Good Suffolk, connecting and supporting families involved in fostering and adoption

Elaine Ingram

www.christchurch-ipswich.org.uk
Twitter at @ThursdayForum and Facebook:Thursdayforumipswich



# World Day of Prayer



A global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action

FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH

URGENTLY NEEDED -IS THIS YOU?

# Sanctuary

#### MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE SANCTUARY DAY CENTRE FOR IPSWICH ASYLUM SEEKERS

Hooray! The Day Centre is now open and has a Manager and a bunch of amazing volunteers but we need a few more! Can you help?
Can you offer a few hours a week or fortnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in central Ipswich to talk about Ipswich life, help people with their English, encourage a bit of art?
Then we'd love to hear from you!

Email sanctuary@stmaryletower.org for more information from the Centre Manager







### **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







Christchurch Park

Meet by the benches near the mansion

Free twice monthly walk to connect and share without fear or judgment

For details email mhmipswich@outlook.com or find us on Instagram:



mhmipswich mentalhealthmates www.mentalhealthmates.co.uk





THURSDAYS FROM 5-6:30PM 5-11 YEAR OLDS



£1 PER CHILD GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, MESSY FUN, COMPETITIONS, PRAYERS, BIBLE STORIES, CHALLENGES, TUCK SHOP AND MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 07500058657 OR POP IN TO FELIXSTOWE SALVATION ARMY, COBBOLD ROAD, IP11 7EL



THE SALVATION ARMY IS A REGISTERED CHARITY IN ENGLAND (214779)

For 11-16 year olds



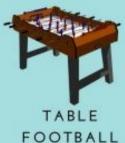
Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

## AT THE RUNWAY CAFÉ MARTLESHAM

# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN THE AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL?













The Runway Cafe, attached to St Michael's Church, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL

Affordable Food



Community

**Business And Service In Christ** 

The BASIC Life Charity Pop-Up Shop

St.Felix Church, Rendlesham

Every Tuesday 11am

All Welcome!

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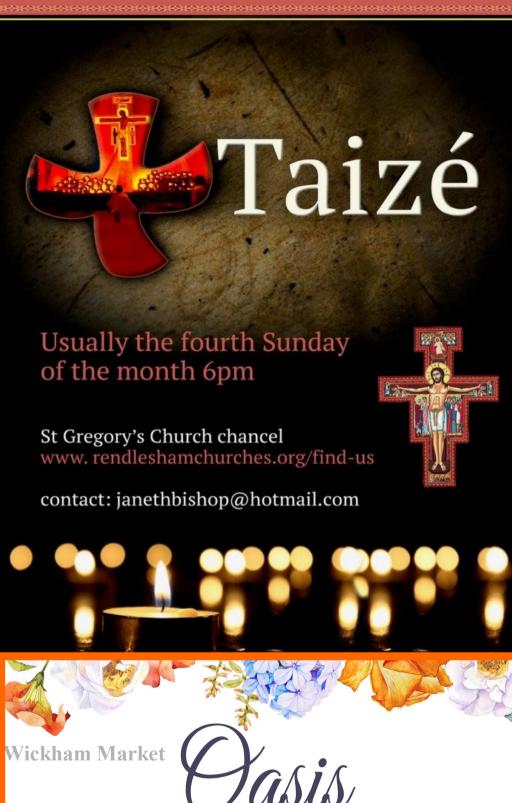
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Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya

A great place to put your loose change in and say a blessing at the end of the day.

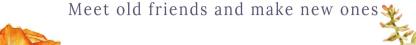
To obtain a jar please e-mail thepaellalady@gmail.com or Pam@jenkins-net.co.uk

### Song Prayer Silence



Informal Service @ All Saints Church 3pm every Second Sunday. All invited!

A time of worship, fellowship, and light refreshments.



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### Commitment Course

Committing to Jesus & the Church

Saturday 13 April, 9.30 am

If you want to join the fellowship or just want to know us better, our Commitment Course is for you.

This is your opportunity to find out about River of Life Church and how we are part of God's plan for fulfilling His purposes.

Please book in, by Wednesday 10 April, via:
Sign Up Board in Church
Website: www.riveroflifechurch.net [Connect Joining RoL]
Email: mail@riveroflifechurch.net or
Phone: 01394 273700

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www.riveroflifechurch.net/hubb

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### OPEN DOOR

LOVE

Coffee, tea, biscuits and friends

Friday morning
Drop in from
10:00am

At All Saints Church
Every Friday Morning



# JOB CLUB

Are you wanting to get back into work?

We offer support with CV writing, job searches and applications, practice interviews, and access to IT.

#### **EVERY WEDNESDAY (FROM 28 FEBRUARY)**

10.00 - 12.00

The Salvation Army, Cobbold Road, Felixstowe









Outreach



Our next outreach is at Leiston Bandstand

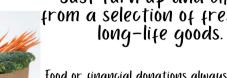
Saturday March 2nd

#### **OPEN EVERY** THURSDAY 9-11AM **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**



"ANYONE WHO HAS TWO SHIRTS SHOULD SHARE WITH THE ONE WHO HAS NONE. AND ANYONE WHO HAS FOOD SHOULD DO THE SAME" **LUKE 3:11** 

Free for anyone in need.
Just turn up and choose
from a selection of fresh and





Food or financial donations always welcome.

#### SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



We meet in St. Michaels Church

At 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month

This is a family worship with a difference, with activities for children and families including crafts, music, and games and a special tea for everyone.

We currently meet in St. Michaels Church ready to start at 4pm.

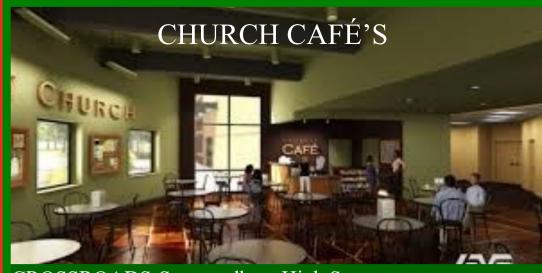
There will be a short time of worship as we begin Everyone is welcome; please let us know if you are planning to come so that there is plenty to eat.

#### For more information, or to tell us you are coming, please contact:

Revd. Mary Lamb, marylamb1952@googlemail.com

or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125 or check details with the parish office ...framparish@gmail.com We have had great fun in the past and look forward to seeing old and new families.

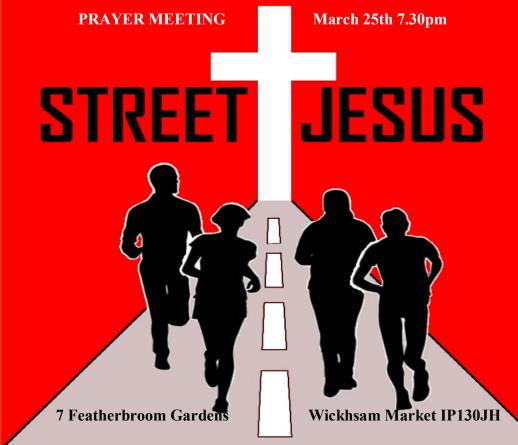




CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

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



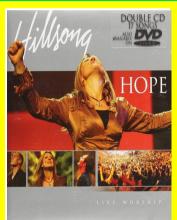


Gallery



Street Jesus on Outreach in Leiston

CD of the month

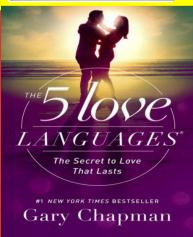


CD / DVD of the month

**HOPE** 

Hillsong Worship

Book of the month



#### BOOK OF THE MONTH

Words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service, physical touching - learning these love languages will get your marriage off to a great start or enhance a long-standing one! Chapman explains the purpose of each "language" and shows you how to identify the one that's meaningful to your spouse now. Updated to reflect the complexities of relationships in today's world, this new edition of The 5 Love Languages reveals intrinsic truths and provides action steps in each chapter that will help you on your way to a healthier relationship. Also includes an updated

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# Think tank on religion and society

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings

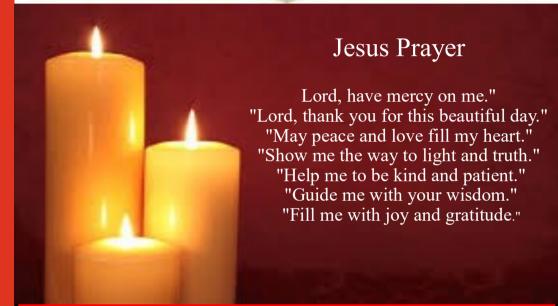
New Wine July 25th- 30th 2024 www.new-wine.org Spring Harvest April 8th –14th 2024 www.springharvest.org Big Church day out May 25th –26th 2024 www.bigchurchdayout.com Keswick July 13th-August 2nd 2024 Keswickministries.org Greenbelt August 22nd -25th 2024 www.greenbelt.org.uk Word Alive April 2nd-7th 2024 www.wordaliveevent.org Davids tent August 23rd-26th 2024 www.davidstent.net ong Conference July 9th-11th 2024 www.hillsong.com Newday July 29th-August 2nd 2024 www.newday.co.uk



### Bible reading

At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>17</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for [a] their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>19</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself. Again, when a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before them, they will die. Since you did not warn them, they will die for their sin. The righteous things that person did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>21</sup> But if you do warn the righteous person not to sin and they do not sin, they will surely live because they took warning, and you will have saved yourself." The hand of the LORD was on me there, and he said to me, "Get up and go out to the plain, and there I will speak to you." <sup>23</sup> So I got up and went out to the plain. And the glory of the LORD was standing there, like the glory I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell facedown. Then the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet. He spoke to me and said: "Go, shut yourself inside your house. 25 And you, son of man, they will tie with ropes; you will be bound so that you cannot go out among the people. <sup>26</sup> I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be silent and unable to rebuke them, for they are a rebellious people. <sup>27</sup> But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you shall say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says Whoever will listen let them listen, and whoever will refuse let them refuse; for they are a rebellious people. Ezekiel 3:16-27

### Prayer



Quote to note

Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself."- St. John Vianney

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 on Monday May 13th at 7.30 pm.

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