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And if somebody asks about your Christian hope always be ready to explain it, but do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Peter 3:15-16

Welcome to the April edition of our e-news. As we approach Easter i was reminded of the importance of our sanctification by a quote i read from Simon Ponsonby which i have included in this months quote to note. The blood and death of Christ is indeed in vain if we do not open ourselves up and allow the love that Christ has shown to change us in some way. Some read the process of sanctification as being pious or sanctimonious and it can be a temptation for Christians to be that way. Christ asks us though to be humble and to embrace the holy spirit that we should bear fruit for his kingdom. Being humble doesn't mean being timid because Jesus asks us to be bold nor does it mean that we should shut up about the good news of our salvation. Easter is the perfect time to convey to people what Jesus is all about. Its not about the bunny !!!. In order to understand we must first confront ourselves. The things that we cannot shake off, those hurts and traumas that stubbornly will not go away. The tears that are cried inside as well as out. And we may well hide it but God knows even if we may not. Its scandalous to our culture that such joy should emanate from such pain but ironically when we seek joy in the world pain is sometimes the result. But the whole Easter story tells a profound truth about our lives. We simply have to be honest and admit it. We at Street Jesus are always interested to learn how best to tell the story, how best to share the good news in what is an extremely sensitive society. Nobody likes the harsh reality of the crucifixion. Why does there have to be a dead body people will say, its far too brutal to be loving. But where does human sin go ? It tends to just sit there in our bodies like a spiritual death sentence unless it is dealt with and although we can be adept at rationalising our hurts and failings dealing with them to a point, there is always a cost sometimes hidden sometimes visible. Only by taking Jesus into our heart and recognising the nature of our own failings and his sacrificial love can we begin to move forward into a new spiritual life and draw closer to God. A few years ago a well known secular organisation ran an advertising campaign on buses in London and other cities. The slogan was "There probably is no God so stop worrying and enjoy yourself" What was striking about the Ad was its uncertainty because you would have expected an atheist to say categorically that there is no God. This maybe shows our nervousness as a society in making an exclusive truth claim. Christianity is not popular in some quarters because we as Christians do make an exclusive truth claim and in doing so many believe we are excluding all others, those who have a different creed. The truth is that Jesus teaches us to love all people. Their individual characteristics are unimportant and this is shown most vividly in the parable of the good Samaritan. The race religion, gender or sexuality of a person is immaterial. Jesus saved criticism for a small number of people only, mainly his own followers and the pious and cruel religious leaders of his day. He repeatedly urged the crowds to turn to God for their salvation because his teachings addressed those things which

Street Jesus News: harm us. Another bus advertising campaign was run by the pressure group Stonewall the slogan read "Some people are Gay Get over it" Some Christians ran counter bus advertising campaigns which were generally seen as negative toward that group of people. Would Jesus have done that? It was therefore very cheering to learn of the recent bus advertising campaign run by quotejesus.com which conveyed much more positive messages.



Blessed are the peacemakers



Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth



You will be with me in paradise.



And we at Street Jesus have our own message Love hope Freedom- Just as you are

So lets take a positive message forward for all those we meet this Easter. Peace love hope freedom and God wants to love and draw close to you just where you are. We will be out on Easter Saturday with that aim in mind. Our next meeting is on Monday April 3rd at 7.30pm, at 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market you would be most welcome to join us. Wishing you all Gods peace this Easter Graham

Worship

INFORMATION

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE

STRATFORD ST ANDREW

Thursday April 27th 7.00pm Speaker James Nickol Filling Station director for S/E England



DRIES WORSHIP FI REFRESHMENT Saturday April 22nd 7.30pm The Kings centre 30 Queen Annes Road Great Yarmouth NR310LE



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PRAISE AND WORSHIP ITS ALL ABOUT YOU JESUS YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL Saturday April 1st 7pm ALL WELCOME

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Prayer





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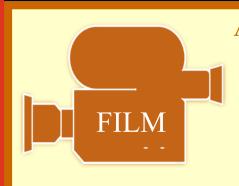
PRAYING FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE TOWN BY THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD

Retreat

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FARM BY THE WATER RETREAT SLUICE FARM KIRTON thefarmbythewater@gmail.com 01394-448914

EXALC		EVEN
Monday 27th February	10.00— 14.30	Lent Retreat—A day of quiet Reflection in the presence of God. We will provide calm space to rest and be still. Lunch is provided.
Saturday 11th March	17.30— 22.00	An early evening stroll followed by hot supper at the Farm. A time to relax.
Monday 20th March	10.00— 14.30	A quiet day to reflect on God's purpose in our lives, and how we can move forward into deeper intimacy and obedience through seeking His will for us. There will be times for quiet reflection . Lunch will be provided.
Saturday 1st April	11.00— 15.30	A chance to focus on this beautiful season of Easter - with time of worship, bible study, prayer and a time for quiet reflection. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.
Saturday 8th April	11.00— 16.00	Easter time crafts, Spring walks, lots of cake and choco- late and of course an early Easter egg hunt (outside weather permitting). Donations towards crafts etc will be gratefully received. All ages welcome.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH KESGRAVE April 3rd—Sixty Six 2-4pm May 8th—Suffragette 2-4 pm

Film

Teaching Courses Education Lectures



SUFFOLK THEOLOGY FORUM Co-op Education centre 11 Fore Street Ipswich IP41JW

Thursday March 9th 7.30-9.15pm **Prof - Tom o'loughlin Professor in historical theology at the university of Nottingham** From Jerusalem temple to parish church -Tables and alters in Christianity

Thursday

at Christ Church Tacket Street



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 2016/2017

Mar 23rd	Ten Days in Cambodia Ann Fox, ActionAid

- Mar 30th A Journey up the Mississippi David Atkins, Churches Together in Hadleigh
- April 6th How We Used To Get From A to B Chris Turland, Ipswich Transport Museum

When Forum meets the church will be open from 10-2pm

Forum now takes a break and will resume on April 27th

www.christchurch-lpswich.org.uk

REVIVAL FIRE

We invite you to an evening of Praise, Worship, Testimony, Prophecy, Word and Prayer Ministry

> Led by Local and International Evangelist Colin Reed

Nansen Road Baptist Hall, Nansen Road, Ipswich IP3 9HN Saturdays: 25th February, 25th March, 29th April

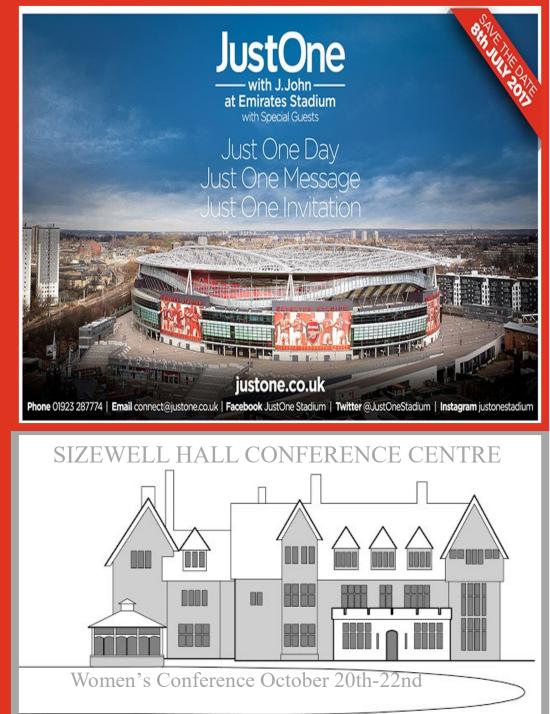
19.00 – 21.00 We are not starting a new church but establishing a ministry to help build up the "body of Christ" For more information: 07791627335; 07751459385



Hosted by All Saints' Milton in association with New Wine



NewWine



Enquiries - 01728-830715

This Easter Churches Together in Felixstowe invite us to the following Easter events :



Good Friday Open Air Service: Friday 14 April, 10.45 am – 12.00 noon at the Felixstowe Triangle Canopy, Hamilton Road. (10.45 am Setting the Scene, 11.15 am United Service)

Easter Sunrise Service Easter Sunday 16 April, 6.00 am at the Seafront outside Felixstowe Town Hall.











Easter Fun Afternoon

Thursday 13 April 2017 2 pm - 4 pm Rushmere Village Hall, Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich

All ages welcome, but most suitable for children between the ages of 3 and 8'ish. Parents/carers are required to stay with their children

Fun, games, activities, Bible stories, crafts and music



£1 per child (adults free) - Places must be booked in advance Call Lucy Mortlock on Ipswich 720401 or 07713 705751 for more details and/or to book a place

Family



Travel

Book of the month

INTRODUCING ISRAEL



LAND OF THE BIBLE

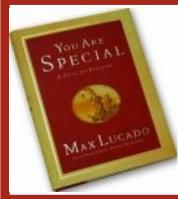
Join other members of St John's church on this tour to Israel organised by Maranatha Tours It will be a memorable adventure to share with our church family

Please contact Mary Howard for a brochure of booking form.



7-14th November 2017 8 days selected highlights

For further information visit: www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk or email mary@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk



I have not yet read this book but have included it on the recommendation of somebody who gave a testimony recently in our Church. This book deals with issues of self esteem and God has worked so powerfully through it as to change the mind of a woman who was at such low ebb, at the end of her tether and who was seriously contemplating suicide. Amazingly the lady who gave this testimony was prompted by God to give this book for her to read. The take home message is -When God is prompting you to do something. Do it. It may be a matter of life or death.

Fundraisers





FIND Quiz 2017

The INNER WHEEL & ROTARY CLUBs of IPSWICH ORWELL have joined forces with FIND for another FUNdraising QUIZ Tell all your friends and make up a table of 6 (max) players.

7.00 for 7.30pm on Saturday 29th April 2017

At The VILLAGE HALL, MILL LANE, GREAT BLAKENHAM.

IPSWICH IP6 ONJ

(Opposite THE CHEQUERS WIN the TROPHY for the TEAM with the HIGHEST SCORE

SPOT PRIZES to be WON & GRAND RAFFLE

 There will be a LICENSED BAR available at generous "Club Prices"



(Sorry, alcoholic drinks may NOT be brought into the Hall by players)

A delicious platter of buffet food will be SERVED TO every Team Table

Tickets for the Quiz Night at £10 per person are available from: Maureen on 01473 833351 or Sandra on 01473 225423 Please make cheques payable to: "The Rotary Club of Ipswich Orwell"

ALLFIX (UK) LTD Unit 66 Claydon Business Park, Gt. Blakenham, Ipswich IP6 ONL Generously supporting FIND Quiz 2017

All proceeds to FIND (Families In Need) Registered Charity Number 1106050



BEEHIVE FUNDRAISERS 2017

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Sunday April 2nd 3.30-5.00pm

Professional Flautist Romy Hills and

Pianist Mark Pulman All Saints Church Wickham Market







CREAM TEAS & CRAFTS Hacheston village hall Monday May 29th 1-5pm Childrens activities Free entrance

Our recent quiz night raised £406 and our pop up coffee and craft morning£214 A HUGE Thankyou to all who supported us

Fundraisers



BLESSING JARS

Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya A great place to put your loose change at the end of the day. To obtain a jar please e-mail thepaellalady@gmail.com or Pam@jenkins-net.co.uk

Talitha Koum Quiz Night Wednesday 14 June 2017 6:45-7:45 pm arrive and enjoy meal 8 pm quiz will start 10:30pm approx. finish

At Seckford Golf Club, Seckford Hall Road Great Bealings, Woodbridge **IP13 6NT**



£15 per head which includes choice of hot meal and prizes for first 3 teams. Bar available to buy drinks.

To book a team of 4 (team name needed) please contact the TK office on 01473 857432 or email admin@talithakoum.org. Book early to avoid disappointment.



DIARY DATES



ALL SOULS ORCHESTRA PRESENTS PROM PRAISE

'Melton Chapel' will be running a coach to 'PROM PRAISE 2017' It takes place in the ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON on Saturday 22nd April @ 7.30pm Featuring: The All Souls Orchestra & Massed Prom Praise Choir Noel Tredinnick (conductor) with Andrew Finden (baritone) Grace Yeo (piano) Paul Baloche + other guests

Ticket prices will not be announced until January 2017 but as a general guide ticket prices for 2016 were £33 for stalls seats. These are the most recommended as they afford a good view as the seating is 'stepped', and these are the seats we will be booking. There are no concessions. There is a 2% handling charge and a £2.50 processing charge by the booking office to be added to the ticket price...making a total of £36.16 at last year's rate. The coach fare will be approximately £20 Coach pick up points will be Melton & Ipswich.

Please note: owing to some having to cancel last minute for the 'Christmas Praise' concert and us losing the £32.50 cost per person, the tickets for 'Prom Praise' and the coach fare will be payable on booking. If for some reason you are unable to come there will be no refund made, and the responsibility will be on you to find someone you can sell your ticket on to if possible.

For any further information and booking please contact Graeme Duncan tel: 07850 350889 As we expect the demand to be high you can make a temporary reservation now and I will contact you further as soon as ticket prices are confirmed.

Music

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On my side Kim Walker Smith

Formerly of Jesus Culture

Available on Amazon

A Unity Worship Evening with Cathy Burton in association with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

Saturday 20 May 2017 at 7.30 am

at the Christian Life Centre, 2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS.

Cathy Burton, prominent worship leader and singer-songwriter, has teamed up with MAF to perform a series of free concerts. Playing her trademark, heartfelt and emotionally honest songs, these concerts are always a great event.

www.cantusfirmus.org.uk/pil

An amazing opportunity to see God's love in action through the work of MAF. Throughout the concert, there will be inspiring DVD presentations and footage of MAF's vital work in reaching forgotten people.

All are welcome. Free Entry. There will be a retiring offering for the work of MAF.



Tel: 01394 273700 E-mail: mail@riveroflifechurch.net Website: riveroflifechurch.net





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THE SHERINGHAM SHANTYMEN



The famous Sheringham Shantymen for their first concert in this area!

St. Margaret's Church, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston

Friday, 7th April, 2017 at 7.30pm

Raising funds for St. Margaret's Church and to give local people a jolly good concert. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets cost £10 each and can be obtained from Margaret's Shop in Sizewell Road, Leiston or

from Peter and Jenefer Roberts, 01728 603772

Next concert: Saturday 8th April 2017, 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Framlingham

Phoenix Singers

Tickets: £12.00 (£6.00 for under 18s) available from Hall Farm Butchers, 25, Market Hill, Framlingham, William Glasse <u>william@qlasse.orq.uk</u>, 07802 597071, choir members, and at the door. charity no. 1076549





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Bible reading

Prayer

Quote to note

Please get involved

THANK YOU !

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him the power of the life giving spirit has freed you from the power of sin that ends in death. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own son in a body like the bodies we sinners have and in that body God declared an end to sins control over us. By giving his son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things but those who are controlled by the holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting the sinful nature control your mind leads to death, But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God It never did obey Gods laws and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the spirit of God living in you. (and remember that those who do not have the spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to God at all) And Christ lives within you, even though your body will die because of sin, the spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. And as God raised Jesus from the dead he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same spirit living within you..

Romans 8: 1-11

A PRAYER FOR LOW SELF ESTEEM



Lord thankyou that in Christ I am chosen, holy and dearly loved When I am tempted to measure myself against the worlds standards or my own foolish comparisons help me recognise satan's lies and refuse his temptations. But rely on your truth about me instead Amen

Not to pursue sanctification is to trample the blood of Jesus underfoot, it is to make a mockery of the misery and mercy of calvary. Simon Ponsonby

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 let us know. 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 April 3rd 7.30pm at 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH ALL WELCOME!

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