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Street Jesus News:

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 November edition of Street Jesus e news. How the evenings draw in, the clocks go back and all hallows eve and bonfire night are now upon us. How full the shops have been this year with Halloween costumes even for babies. Many people today see Halloween and 'trick or treating' as just a bit of harmless fun. Looking at the Christian origins of Halloween we find that the date for all hallows eve was formalised by Pope Gregory III in 835 as October 31st which was in preparation for All saints day and all Souls day. This festival has been marked by different traditions down the centuries but was set as an act of remembrance for departed Christian souls and saints. Church services were held with the lighting of candles to remember the dead or the lighting of 'jack o lanterns' to ward off evil spirits, often being placed on the window sills of homes for protection. Feasts were often held where those present abstained from meat or soul cakes were made for poor people who would go from door to door demanding them in exchange for prayers for the hosts dead relatives.



This is thought to be an early form of 'trick or treating'. People would also don masks and wear costumes to disguise themselves as a protection from evil spirits. Bonfires known as soul lights were often lit to guide lost souls away from good Christian folk.

In the middle ages there was a tradition of Christians dressing as saints with cryers walking the streets, dressed in black calling for the remembrance of lost saints, a practice which was known as souling. In France graveside prayer vigils were held with bowls of milk being left on the grave for departed souls and in Spain special

pastries were baked called 'Bones of the holy'

Today Halloween is largely a commercial festival, a very Americanised event. Alongside the parent supervised trick or treating is much wilful vandalism to peoples property and in many areas Halloween provokes a high degree of anxiety particularly among the elderly and its coercive nature (however light hearted) is something to which many believe is not a great example to children. Halloween has another side and although its origins may be found in Celtic pagan festivals such as the Samhain which was linked to the dying of nature we know that occult practices are intertwined with it which call on evil spirits to present themselves. Witchcraft is still practiced more widely than we imagine in this country today. It is important to understand that in the unseen spiritual world there are dark forces that manifest themselves in real life. Should we really celebrate them?

Its has therefore been heartening to see Christians being actively positive with a number of light parties being organised in churches and communities locally along with prayer vigils so regardless of all



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the various practices down the centuries prayer is the most effective in protecting us (as in the lords prayer- Deliver us from evil) from darkness. So if you do light a candle please remember Jesus as much as the departed saints and if you do go door to door why not just treat with a prayer and a sweet and forget the trick. How about Placing a Jesus light in your pumpkin instead and carve out a cross rather than an ugly face. Jesus is beautiful after all.

We too were able to shine a light at the recent Framlingham sausage fest we again met some interesting people and took the 'Top That'



game out for the first time. It was a great success with each player receiving a bible verse and a chocolate. £56 was raised on the sale of African crafts for the Beehive Nakuru Kenya and £22 was donated to the Street Jesus project. Our thanks to the organisers who ran a very enjoyable event.

Team Street Jesus at sausage fest

We also enjoyed our first trip to the Yoxford monthly indoor market. There was a great variety of stalls and £85 was raised for the Beehive. We had our most unusual prayer request to date which made us fully understand the agony in the lives of some people which confirmed in us why we do what we do. Just being out there for people. We also had our indoor roller banners out for the first time as well as our A5 flyers promoting our website which will be launched at All saints church Wickham Market on Sunday November 26th (the date has been moved from the 5th.)



Our New roller banners at Yoxford

On November 4th we will be at the **Table top sale** at Wickham Market village hall 10am-12 noon and the Wickham Market **Christmas shopping event** on November 25th at All Saints Church
In December we will be at the Woodbridge Christmas street Fair on Sunday 3rd and the Wickham Market Christmas Market on Wednesday 13th. Please check us out at any of these events we will be very pleased to see you.

Our bible reading this month is again taken from Isaiah and speaks of God doing a new thing, opening a way and a path for us. He wants us to be a living sacrifice and not a burden. This does not include forgetting to ask him for help. I have recently been reading a book called Happy by Derren Brown the illusionist who is extolling the ancient Greek philosophy of Stoicism. It has many virtues but its efficacy relies solely on our own individual efforts to train our minds. In contrast as Christians we simply open our hands to receive When we ask, God provides his grace which Philip Yancey describes in this months quote as perplexing and powerful. The power to do Gods will is actually a gift. This is the good news that we desire to convey when out meeting the public. For our more instant news visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1246450225452294/>

Our next meeting has been put back to Monday November 13th 7.30pm at 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH All Welcome Please e-mail if you plan to attend

Gods blessings Graham



SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE

STRATFORD ST ANDREW

Thursday November 23rd 7pm

Speaker Sandy Millar & Emmy Wilson

Wednesday December 13th

Special event

Seckford Theatre -Woodbridge



**THE
FILLING
STATION**

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

ITS ALL ABOUT YOU JESUS

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday November 4th 7pm

ALL WELCOME

St. Margaret's

Church Road, Leiston

'Lights to Remember'

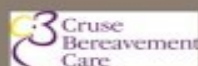
Thursday 2nd November at 7pm

A special service of
Readings & Reflection.
A time to remember
those known & loved
who have died recently
or in the past.

Come and light
a candle
in memory
of a loved one



A collection will be taken
to support the work of
'Cruse Bereavement Care'



New Church



United Kingdom Fellowship
ukfellowship@tiscali.co.uk
01728604053

SAXMUNDHAM MARKET HALL

EVERY SUNDAY 10.30AM

FROM NOVEMBER 5th

Organisations



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Please pray with us:

- 1st time we are going to 2 Prisons in a weekend
- HMP-Leyhill is new prison to us. Cat D
- Saturday concert. Some 50-80 men could attend
- HMP-Eastwood Park (Women) – annual visit
- Sunday - TWO morning services a.m. (40+ attending each)
- Concert in the afternoon (100+ coming?)
- The message of HOPE
- Safe journeys. 5 hours journey back home Sunday evening

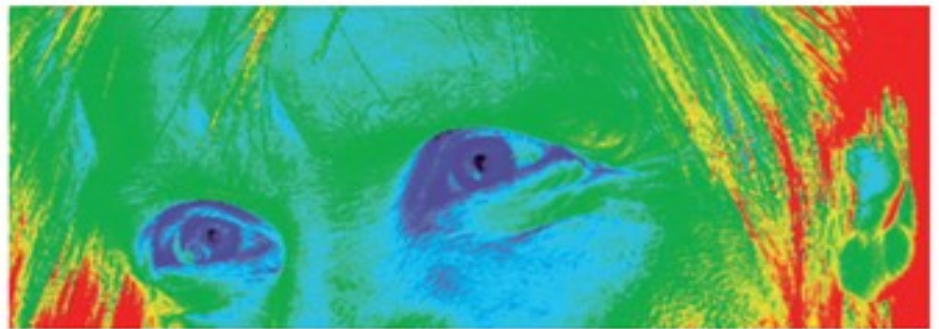
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Network SUFFOLK

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

Just 42—Looking for sponsors
New Day Retreat centre—Monks Eleigh
YMCA Trinity Group launch pre-school
Volunteer with Home Start
Job Opportunities

Teaching
Courses
Education
Lectures



Addiction means you've lost control
Recovery means getting it back
We're here to help.

Women Together

a support group for women affected by addictions

Mondays: 10.30am to 11.30am

**Venue: Whitton Baptist Church,
209 Highfield Road, Ipswich, IP1 6DH**

Mondays: 7.45pm to 9.00pm

**Venue: Shepherd Drive Baptist Church, Shepherd Drive,
Pinewood, Ipswich IP8 3SL**

Thursdays: 1.30pm to 2.30pm

**Venue: Ipswich Community Church,
Clarkson Street, Ipswich IP1 2JL**

Phone: 07503 416576

Email: womentogether@talithakoum.org.uk

**Website: www.talithakoum.org.uk
(closed Bank Holidays)**



Finding JOY

A prayer and spirituality day

Tuesday 7 November 2017

10.00am - 4.00pm

The St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

A day led by Bishop Tim Stevens

We live in uncertain and troubling times. Many experience anxiety about the future and within the Church there is evidence of worries about what the next generation may bring. During this day Bishop Tim Stevens will explore God's promise to us of "a joy which is complete". How do we live this joy in our personal lives and in the Church and in a world like this? There will be space in the day for discussion and reflection and prayer.

This is part of the ongoing Diocesan prayer and spirituality initiatives aiming to encourage the priority of prayerfulness at the heart of all we do.

**This event is free, donations to cover costs will be welcomed.
Drinks are provided, but please bring your own lunch.**

To register please go to finding-joy-spirituality.eventbrite.co.uk. Enquiries to Caroline Redman at spirituality@cofesuffolk.org or phone 01359 269335.

Please note there is no car parking available at the St Nicholas Centre (apart from a limited number of disabled spaces)

**Growing in
depth**



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich

St John's Church, Woodbridge
23rd November, 10am-2pm

NewWine

LEADERS
DAY

NewWine
Local churches changing nations



Paul Harcourt

**New Wine's National
Leader and vicar at All
Saints Woodford Wells**

St. John's
Woodbridge



Café Church– 7pm

Commitment
to Christ

19 November - part 1
3rd December - part 2



Rev Bishop Sandy Miller

Former Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London (HTB) and initiator of the ALPHA programme



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

Thursday November 9th 7.30pm
Dr Jonathon Chaplin
Director of the Kirby-Laing institute
Faith in diversity– A Christian
perspective on multi culturalism

Adoption Sunday November 5th



home for good

www.homeforgood.org.uk

Life Explored - Coffee Mornings

“What’s the best gift God could give you?”



Rushmere Christian Fellowship invites you to a series of Coffee Mornings to be held in different homes during the next three months. This will be an informal, discussion time when you can ask any question or just come along and meet other people.

From 10:30 am to 12 noon:

- ◆ Wednesday 18 October - 87 Renfrew Road, Ipswich
- ◆ Wednesday 15 November - 15 Cromarty Road, Ipswich
- ◆ Wednesday 6 December - 15 Cromarty Road, Ipswich

For more information contact: Stephen French on 01473 431701

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Coming soon ...

Parentalk

THE TEENAGE YEARS

A great new course that covers vital topics for parents of teenagers



For more details and to sign up, contact: Michelle Jones on 07570 093097 or email: michelle.msmljones@ntlworld.com

www.careforthefamily.org.uk

This course, run by Steve & Michelle Jones, on behalf of Rushmere Christian Fellowship, will be held on six consecutive Wednesday evenings from 1 November to 6 December 2017 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Colchester Road Baptist Church, 75 Colchester Road, Ipswich:

This will be valuable to parents, grandparents, carers and those who work with pre-teens and teenagers. Each evening will involve watching a DVD and discussing together how to navigate the challenging teenage years.

"Informal, supportive group ... Learnt a lot from each other as well as the course content. Some great tools to help get through the teenage years."

"A great chance to realise what you do well, get tips for the other bits and, most of all, share with others. You are not alone!"

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Fundraisers



BEEHIVE FUNDRAISERS 2017



£1917 has been raised through our blessings jars in the last year. Our grateful thanks to all who have contributed



YARD SALE & CRAFTS

A total of £322 was raised



QUIZ NIGHT

All Saints Church Wickham Market

Saturday October 14th

A total of £237 was raised



CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHIC EVENT

All Saints Church Wickham Market

Saturday November 11th

To book a session -thepaellalady@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

All saints church Wickham Market

Saturday November 25th



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



CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH LEISTON
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 11AM-2PM

DINNER & JAZZ AT THE ABBEY

Saturday 18th November at 7:30pm

The evening will feature a four course meal, entertainment, a raffle and our own silent auction. Held at the Abbey School Hall in Woodbridge .

Phoenix have been entertaining the people of Ipswich and Suffolk for nearly ten years now with a unique blend of jazz, soul and blues standards.

Tickets £40 each | Contact Just42 On 01394 380992 | or info@just42.org.uk

| Wine will be available to purchase on the night of the dinner |



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PROM PRAISE

Royal Albert Hall

5 May 2018

**Next concert: Saturday
16th December 2017, 7.30pm
Framlingham College Chapel
Phoenix Singers**

**G F Handel's masterpiece
MESSIAH**

Tickets: £12 and £10 (£6
and £5 for under 18s)
available from Hall Farm
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william@glasse.org.uk,
07802 597071, choir
members, and at the door.
charity no. 1076549



Sport



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INTER-CHURCH 5-A-SIDE LEAGUE

CHOIR



Singing at Big Family Day out- Woodbridge Regatta Day

QUAY GOSPEL VOICES



A community Gospel choir open to all. Singing Gospel songs to make you feel uplifted. Come and join us if you love singing, no audition required!

Venue: **Woodbridge Quay Church**

When: **Tuesday Night**

Time: **7:15pm - 8:45pm**

Price: **£3.50 per session**

Email: dave@thequay.org.uk

Woodbridge

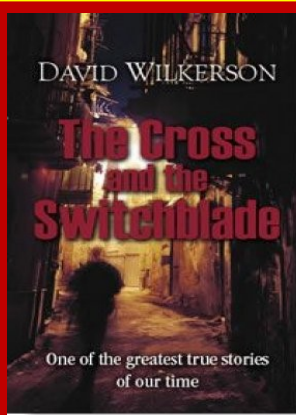
CD of the month



CD OF THE MONTH

THE PEACE PROJECT
Hillsong Christmas Music
www.eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

This Christian classic by David Wilkerson is testimony to God's love through the power of the holy spirit working in and giving courage to one man in the violent, drug fuelled environment of New York's street gangs. This is a story of life death and redemption. David has inspired a worldwide street ministry and this is where it all began. First published in 1963 it still resonates.

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The Beehive Buzz

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In defence of the flawed Nobel peace prize-Blog
Mental health -The pursuit of perfection—Article
Whos afraid of the secular state– Book review

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings



New Wine 2018– July 28th August 8th
www.new-wine.org

Soul Survivor 2018 July -August
info@soulsurvivor.com

Spring Harvest 2018 April 2th –12th
www.springharvest.org

Big Church day out 2018 May 26-27th
www.bigchurchdayout.com

Keswick 2018 -July 13th– August 3rd
Keswickministries.org

Greenbelt 2018 -August 24th-27th

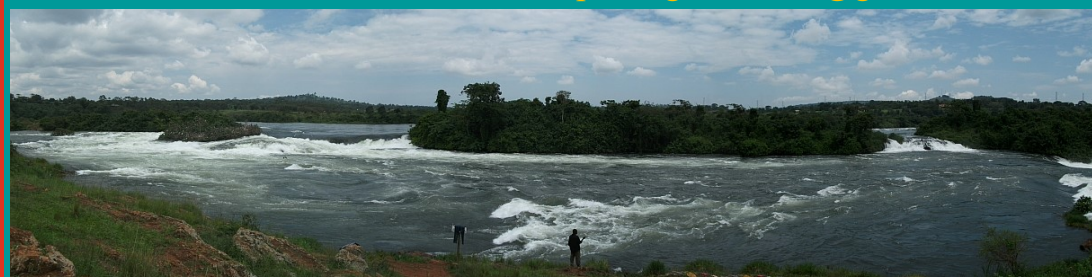
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SUPPORTING CHILD MUMS AND THEIR BABIES AT THE BEEHIVE KENYA

Bible reading

This is what the Lord says— your redeemer the holy one of Israel. For your sakes I will send an army against Babylon, forcing Babylonians to flee in those ships they are so proud of. I am the Lord your holy one, Israel's creator and king. I am the Lord who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea. I called forth the mighty army of Egypt with all its chariots and horses. I drew them beneath the waves and they drowned, their lives snuffed out like a smouldering candlewick. But forget all that, it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See I have already begun, do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wastelands. The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls too, for giving them water in the dessert. Yes I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed. I have made Israel for myself and they will someday honour me before the whole world. But dear family of Jacob you refuse to ask for my help. You have grown tired of me o Israel. You have not brought me sheep or goats for burnt offerings. You have not honoured me with sacrifices though I have not burdened or wearied you with requests for grain offerings or Frankincense. You have not brought me fragrant Calamus or pleased me with the fat from sacrifices. Instead you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your faults. I -yes I alone will blot out your sins for my sake and will never think of them again. Let us review the situation together and you can present your case to prove your innocence. From the very beginning your first ancestor sinned against me, all your leaders broke my laws. This is why I have disgraced your priests. I have decreed complete destruction for Jacob and shame for Israel. Isaiah 43:14-28

Prayer



HARVEST

The earth is fruitful
May we be generous
The earth is fragile
May we be gentle
The earth is fractured
May we be just
Creating God
harvest in us
a joy and generosity.
As we together share
in thanks and giving
Amen

Quote to note

Grace is the most powerful perplexing force in the planet and i believe the only answer to our twisted violent planet
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 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 November 13th

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