

Street Jesus News:

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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 December edition of Street Jesus e news. We hope that despite the dark evenings you are all beginning to feel bright with the anticipation that we associate with advent as we prepare ourselves in mind and body to celebrate Emmanuel 'God with us' Jesus is after all the light of the world and as we look up at the stars which are so prominent at this time of the year in awe and wonder we think of the Jesus who was there at their creation and of the bright shining

star over Bethlehem at his birth. Christmas can be an emotional time, family gatherings can be precious, a time to store up lovely memories but for others it can be a time of conflict or sadness, particularly those who are missing loved ones and who are on their own. Many people complain about the stress of



Christmas and others get in serious debt in order to make it a very special time, we complain about the rampant consumerism and the busy crowded shops but there is something nice about giving and receiving gifts as long as its done within our means, after all Jesus received gifts at his birth. For us as Christians we reflect on the greatest gift of all, Gods gift to humanity, his son Jesus Christ. In a secular culture the message of Jesus Christ can get left out as various groups seek to paganise it or rename it as a winter festival. Even nativity plays have



become more diverse and far removed from their original meaning whilst public nativity scenes have been banned in some places for fear of upsetting those of other faiths. Its ironic then that people of other faiths are not a bit offended and often fully participate in it. We should not get too worked up about these things and just pray that people will connect with the real reason for the season and work creatively to present its true meaning.

It was with this in mind that we obtained

some first Christmas childrens' story books for visitors to our stall which we have given away free. They have been very well received by parents keen for their children to learn that its about something other than Santa.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website, www.stretjesus.org.uk which we did last Sunday at All saints church Wickham Market. We have been working on this for about five years writing articles and gathering resources. We would like to extend our thanks to Polly Baker for doing the artwork and David Jordon for doing all the technical stuff. The website would not have happened



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without them. The website is in our usual red and white to represent the blood of Christ and the purity of the holy spirit. The website contains a lot of contact details for outreach projects in East Suffolk and Ipswich to enable Christians to access those either for themselves or for those in need. There is an education section aimed



Want to know more? www.streetjesus.org.uk streetjesus2012@gmail.com at those who want to increase their knowledge of Christianity. There are a whole raft of resources including various websites to increase awareness of the amazing Christian work that is going on in this country and across the world and to consider any support you may want to give. There is also a section to support campaigns for justice. Our mission statement, monthly e-news, facebook page and daily devotions can all be found in the intro section as well as a donate page for those who would like to support

us in our mission of Street and online evangelism. The site is at an embryonic stage and will grow in the months and years ahead. If you would like to suggest a resource or make a comment on the site please email us or message/comment through our facebook page. We hope the website will prove a support for you in your Christian life.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our recent outreach to the Wickham Market table top sale due to team illness but thankfully we were

recovered enough to attend the Christmas shopping event at All Saints Wickham Market on November 26th. We were again able to provide pastoral and prayer support and the 'Top that ' game was as popular as ever. A total of £85 was raised for the Beehive project Nakuru Kenya as part of a grand total of £474 which was a great effort. The event was very well organised by the Beehive fundraising committee. The nativity gourd (right) created a lot of interest and that along with a whole new line of African crafts will be on sale at the Woodbridge Christmas market next



Sunday December 3rd 10am—4pm . Please pop by we would be glad to see you for a chat.

In addition to going out in public places we also have a heart to evangelise on line. Our facebook page which was originally intended to make people aware of Christian events both locally and nationally, to share bible passages, Christian quotes and resources has more



recently developed into a discussion forum. This is a development that we welcome because the whole point of evangelism is to discuss your faith. We have in excess of 800 members now, many of whom do not have a faith and some wish to take issue with us. Its important that we discuss and challenge their viewpoints and listen to what they have to say. Its been disappointing that a very

small minority have resorted to bad language and personal comments. We have reviewed our information blurb to encourage people to discuss in a respectful way and whilst we are happy for people to dissent and challenge, we will not tolerate personal abuse on the site. Free speech is important but we do also believe in responsibility of speech so that members do not feel inhibited in expressing their viewpoint. It may be that some members are disappointed in the change of tone on the page but we remember that Jesus mixed with all types of people including those who were hostile to him. Our next meeting will be on Monday January 8th 7.30pm at 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH All Welcome -Please email if you plan to attend

Worship

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP



THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE STRATFORD ST ANDREW Wednesday December 13th Special event Seckford Theatre -Woodbridge See poster below

PRAISE AND WORSHIP IT'S ALL ABOUT UESUU VOXFORD VILLAGE HALL INST SATURDAY EACH MONTH 7pm ALL WELCOME

New Church



United Kingdom Fellowship ukfellowship@tiscali.co.uk 01728604053

> SAXMUNDHAM MARKET HALL

EVERY SUNDAY 10.30AM

FROM NOVEMBER 5th

Organisations





www.phoebecentre.org.uk Support– Advocacy– counselling For black and ethnic minority women and children



Holistic support A place of belonging A compassionate community. www.larche.org.uk



Language skills to help refugees and immigrants integrate into our culture

www.oasisenglish.org.uk







http://www.chrisandvon.com

For all your worship music event needs

Prayer



rodandjulie.com

IPSWICH IN PRAYER

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

www.ipswichinprayer.co.uk



FinnyMusic









Ken

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Simon

Cox

The FM RoadTeam



Luc Ray-Mathur

John "Finny"

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR FINNY & THE TEAM

Jonathan Evans



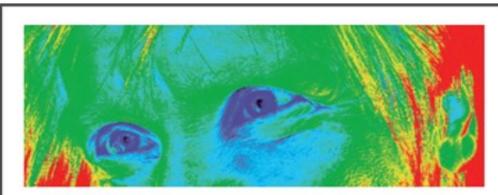
Information Network

Network. SUFFOLK

https://networksuffolk.org.uk/

YMCA Host mental health forum for primary schools

New Day Retreat centre—Monks Eleigh Chris and von release their new CD Awards for local Christian aid supporters Job Opportunities



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 www.talithakoum.org.uk (closed Bank Holidays)



Teaching Courses Education Lectures

Monday 4th December Advent retreat day At the Farm by the Water 10.30—3.00 Lunch and refreshments will be provided

A Time Of Anticipation

The Farm by the Water Sluice Farm Kirton IP10 0QF Tel ; 01394 448914 thefarmbythewater@gmail.com

Advent



The farm is run purely by donations which cover refreshments, materials, running costs etc. Form more information please get in touch

Café Church-7pm

Connetimen

to Christ

19 November - part 1 3rd December - part 2



Season

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

Thursday February 8th 7.30pm

Dr Russell Re Manning

Is Theology Natural?

ADVENT RETREAT Otley hall

Rev Bishop Sandy Miller

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

St. John's

Friday December 1st To book www.otleyhall.co.uk

Life Explored - Coffee Mornings

^{of}Advent

"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

www.rcfchurch.org.uk Charity Number: 1165779





to book: https://new-monasticism.eventbrite.co.uk

enquiries:

Jutta Brueck 07958 360564 jutta.brueck@cofesuffolk.org www.stthomasipswich.org.uk

Fundraisers



BEEHIVE FUNDRAISERS 2017











 $\pounds 1917$ 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 SHOPPING EVENT All saints church Wickham Market A total of £474 was raised

POP UP CAFÉ & GIFTS Wickham Market Flaming fryer Monday December 4th 9am-12 noon

Fundraiser



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



Fun, games, the Nativity story, activities and crafts

£1 per child Places need to be booked by Monday 11th December please Call Lucy Mortlock on Ipswich 720401 or 07713 705751 for more details and/or to book a place

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Music

Events

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH

December 2nd 7.30-9.30pm at the Orwell centre



An evening of festive fun and beauty with Hayley Sparkes £5 including drinks and nibbles To book - https://hci.churchsuite.co.uk/events/



CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN



THE FARM BY THE WATER

A family fun day for all ages (the family is who are all together.) We will be having Christmas Crafts to try a Christmas Quiz, Seasonal snacks and drinks and of course watching Christmas films in front of the fire with snacks and treats. It is a drop in arrangement so come and go as you like. RSVP's needed for catering and craft.



The Farm by the Water Phone: 01394 448914 Sluice Farm Kirton Suffolk IP10 OQF

Mobile: 07884373799 E-mail: thefarmbythewater@gmail.com

Saturday 2nd Dec

- Crafts for all ages
- Games
- Quiz
- Food and drinks



ALL OF THE EVENTS AT THE FARM ARE FUNDED THROUGH DONATIONS-WHICH ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AND ENI FUTURE EVENTS CAN BE SCHEDULED. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Music

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

Children's

Prayer umperdinck St John's Church Woodbridge

A Holy

Night

Festive Music for Trumpets, Sopranos & Organ with

Carols for All

(includes refreshments and mince pies/cake

presents the

Asaph Ensemble's

Concerto for 2 Trumpets Vivaldi

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Winter from the Seasons Vivaldi

Soprano Nicola Hooke Mezzo Soprano Louise Mott

Trumpets Peter Desmond David Hooke

Organ Robert Evans Introduced by David Hooke 7.00pm Sat 16th December 2017 St. John's Church Woodbridge St. John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS Tickets: £4, Children £2, Family of four £10 To pre-order tickets email info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk or phone 01394 383162

Christmas

Classical Chart Topper CHRISTINA JOHNSTON

Beautiful New EP "Christmas with Christina Johnston" out December 8th on Tadlow Classics featuring a brand new track by Matthew Sheeran

Guest Roger Seville DECEMBER 23RD Aldeburgh Parish Church 4PM

ADVANCED TICKETS £10 ON THE DOOR: £12 www.ticketline.co.uk/christina-johnston Telephone: 0844 888 9991



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

G F Handel's masterpiece

Tickets: £12 and £10 (£6 and £5 for under 18s) available from Hall Farm Butchers, 25, Market Hill, Framlingham, William Glasse <u>william@glasse.org.uk,</u> 07802 597071, choir members, and at the door. charity no. 1076549





Sport

INTER-CHURCH 5-A-SIDE LEAGUE

Music





Come and join us for 'Carols on the Green' Saturday 9th December 3-4pm Opposite Broke Hall shops - Penshurst Road

With the Ipswich over 50's Brass Band and The St Augustine's Puppet team

Celebrate with your local community this Christmas

Joined by the Mayor of Ipswich Refreshments served after the carols



Carol Service

for Talitha Koum

Friday 15thDecember 7.30pm at Shepherd Drive Baptist Church Laburnum Close, Pinewood, Ipswich IP3 8SL

A warm welcome to all

There will be refreshments served afterwards & the opportunity to donate to TK if you wish

> www.talithakoum.org.uk tel: 01473 857432

No Greater Love The new CD from Chris and Von



For enquiries www.chrisandvon.com M-07812462363

Christmas Concert by Suffolk Phoenix Brass



Saturday 9 December 2017 7.30 pm

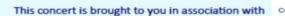
at Colchester Road Baptist Church

Guest of Honour:

Deputy Mayor of Ipswich (Councillor Roger Fern)

Free admission

A collection will be taken during the concert, and all proceeds will go to the charities chosen by the Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Sarah Barber. The three charities are FIND (Families in Need), Lighthouse Women's Aid and the Ipswich Hospital Charity.



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Retreat

NATIVITY

Discover God's Greatest Gift

St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield invite you to join us for our All Age Nativity Service

Sunday 3rd December 10:00am at the Riverside Theatre

For more information contact the church office on 01394 383162 or info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk



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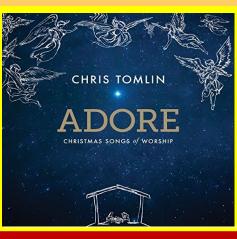
www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk



CD of the month

Book of the month

Newsletter



WARNER

COLD-CASE CHRISTIANITY



Christmas songs of worship

www.eden.co.uk

BOOK OF THE MONTH

J Warner Wallace was a homicide detective for 25 years and as a sceptic as to the claims of Christianity he set out to prove the point. Using techniques used in cold case murder investigations he came to believe the case for Christ and the claims about his life to be true. The process he uses is interesting and his finds can help us as Christians answer the questions that people ask us.

To receive our monthly newsletter The Beehive Buzz Contact- ian@jenkins-net.co.uk Society

The public theology think tank

Why I am offended by Greggs nativity sausage– Article What links Church growth, social action and discipleship Freedom of speech in universities Rebooting capitalism Fiction or gospel truth Religion in public life - Report 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 Keswick 2018 -July 13th– August 3rd Keswickministries.org Greenbelt 2018 -August 24th-27th

Our Partners



www.facebook.com/presence-faith-on-thestreet-458263437658658

Parting Seas

www.parting-seas.co.uk partingseas2013@gmail.com

SUPPORTING CHILD MUMS AND THEIR BABIES AT THE BEEHIVE KENY.

Bible reading

Prayer

Quote to note

Please get involved

THANK YOU !

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished one of his disciples came to him and said "Lord teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples. Jesus said this is how you should pray. "Father may your name be kept holy, may your kingdom come soon, give us each day the food we need and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us and don't let us yield to temptation. Then teaching them more about prayer he used this story. "Suppose you went to a friends house at midnight wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit and I have nothing for him to eat . And suppose he calls out from his bedroom 'Don't bother me, the door is locked for the night and my family and I are all in bed, I can't help you. But I tell you this, although he will not do it for friendships sake, if you keep knocking long enough he will get up and give you what you need because of your shameless persistence. And so i tell you keep on asking and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks the door will be opened to you. You fathers, if your children ask for a fish do you give them a snake instead ? or if they ask for an egg do you give them a scorpion,? of course not. So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children how much more will your heavenly father give you the gift of the holy spirit to those who ask him Luke 11: 1-13



ADVENT

Dear heavenly father This is my one word prayer PEACE I can't see ahead I don't know what to do Here are all my fears and my questions. I want to experience your perfect peace. Let it be with me just as you say. Hold me God so that I can hear you whisper to me. "You don't have to know the way I do"

"You don't have to know the way I do" In Jesus name

Amen

The son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.

C.S.Lewis

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 January 6th 7.30pm at 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH

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