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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the July edition of our e-news .

What an extraordinary month it's been for world events. Following the murder of Floyd George at the hands of police in America a global movement has emerged, Enraged at systemic racism in our institutions people have embraced BLM, the black lives matter protest group in order to express their feelings and campaign for equality and change.

Protests by and large have been peaceful apart from a minority determined to create violence. There have also been counter demonstrations as right wing groups deny that we are a racist country and wish to maintain the status quo.

Demonstrators tore down a statue of the slave trader William Colston in Bristol and institutions across the country have been reviewing their public monuments for any links with the slave trade. Archives for films, music, books and tv programmes are being scanned for any references that may be deemed racist.



A hit list of statues that are deemed inappropriate include national heroes such as Winston Churchill Lord Baden Powell and Queen Victoria leading to groups forming to protect these statues. There has been a call to discourage the singing of the old spiritual song 'Swing low sweet chariot' at England rugby matches because it is deemed racially insensitive. The song is

based on a passage in 1 Kings when Elijah is taken up to heaven on a chariot of fire.

There has been a call to teach black history in schools including the slave trade and better workplace opportunities for black people.

White people have been urged to 'sort it out' and if we do not stand alongside black people then our silence becomes a form of violence in itself. One of the most encouraging aspects is how young white people have become involved. In the civil rights and anti fascist marches of the 1960's and 70's the protesters were in the main black. This demonstrates the progress we have made in trying to encourage an inclusive and diverse culture



How should we respond to all this as Christians? Firstly we know that the equality of souls is one of the great Christian ideas. Skin colour is irrelevant. The love of God through the Holy spirit is available for all, people, Black and white alike. Jesus also asks us to seek justice in the



in the Beatitudes and cuts through racism in his encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well long before the phrase ever existed.

One of the developments in our culture in recent years has been the emphasis on personal identities particularly around sexuality and gender. The Author JK Rowling has recently been fiercely criticised for wanting to protect female only spaces like changing facilities from use by biological males who have transitioned from Male to female. There is simply no compromise shown in this cultural war. We all have a number of identities but we are generally more interesting as individuals than any single one of them. Of course our identity is in Jesus Christ, in effect our life does not belong to us but to him, we are to be his hands and feet in the world. Some might argue that Jesus is just another identity to go along with all the others but Jesus heals whatever identity we manifest or ascribe to ourselves.



Like many things that we do not experience ourselves, as a white person it's quite hard to fully comprehend what racism feels like. One of the positive aspects has been the opportunity it has afforded to BAME people to share their experiences. This impacts us positively rather than 'placards declaring that White silence is violence' which can make people more defensive.



*Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27

We need to find a common language that brings us together and I believe that we find this in scripture where we are urged to be part of one co-operative body through diversity in our giftings and in love. We need to look up to God rather than across at one another's skin colour.

We can pull down all the statues and blue plaques that we like and censor endless books, songs, films and promote black history in schools but they will all be to no avail if we cannot change our hearts. A change away from the sin of discrimination and toward God is the only way these deep hurts will be healed. We

need the help of the Holy Spirit to love our enemies and show kindness, grace and forgiveness. There has been relatively little attention paid to the economic deprivation and poverty in many of our cities which fuel racial tensions and frustrations. Many of our young feel hopeless and there is an inability to share adequately the fruit of our labours as a nation. It is a truth that the more unequal a nation is the less socially cohesive it becomes.

We pray that justice will be done in the world and that all will be able to benefit from the wealth that our country creates, that skin colour should not be a bar to opportunity. That conflict may come to an end.

Our bible reading this month is from Ecclesiastes 5:8-20. It speaks of the dangers of loving money pointing us instead to an attitude of contentment and simplicity. This is extremely difficult when you are struggling to pay the bills but we know that in prayer and in the daily renewing of our minds God can bring about things to prosper us. Even though some lockdown restrictions have been lifted all of the summer events that we would normally attend have been cancelled. We are using this time as a period of prayer and reflection. We will review in September whether the confidence of the public is sufficient for us to resume our street work. Our online work of showing love and grace continues apace. Keep safe. Blessings Graham



Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL
RIVERSIDE CENTRE
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ALL WELCOME



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7pm
Kelsale Village Hall
IP172PB

Contact Paul or Mandy
Weekes on 01728-604053

Healing Prayer Service

1st Sunday of the month at 6.30pm



Postposed until further notice



www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk

42 Warwick Ave
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- *Harry Chicken -RIP
- *Corvid 19 guidance for Churches
- *Messy Church—Outreach
- *The healing power of love-Inspire
- *Communion and Corvid 19

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



National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020

Online

Hope and peace
in a time of fear
and suffering

www.christiansinparliament.co.uk



GOV.UK

Corona virus advice for churches

www.gov.uk

A Pilgrimage of Song 2020

Saturday 30 May Chevington to St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Saturday 22 August Rougham to St Edmundsbury Cathedral



A walk through the countryside, singing a service at each church along the way,
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Cantusfirmus.org.uk

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Outreach

STREET JESUS



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic
We have suspended our Street
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receive advice that we may do so

tearfund

www.tearfund.org

Fundraisers



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Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya

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



BEEHIVE FUNDRAISERS

£488 has been raised through our blessings jars so far. Our grateful thanks to all who have contributed



GUITAR CONCERT

All Saints Church Wickham Market
Saturday November 10th 3-5pm
£406 was raised



QUIZ NIGHT

Seckford Hall hotel
Date to be confirmed

For details streetjesus2012@gmail.com
or thepaellalady@gmail.com



The famous opera singer Christina Johnson
performed in concert at
St Augustine's church Ipswich
Saturday November 23rd 7.30pm
£1467.50



The famous opera singer Christina
Johnson performed in concert at
Framlingham college chapel on
Saturday January 25th 2020
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Postponed until
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24/7prayer.com

Lectio 365– A daily devotional



PRAYER MEETING

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



Rob Rad and Doggie with our local constabulary on what was a very fruitful and interesting time.
Ipswich music day 2019

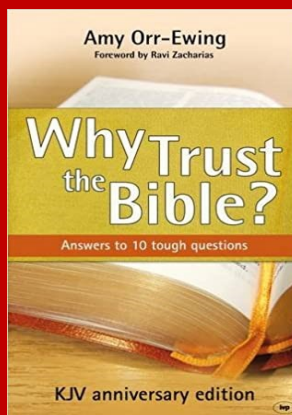
CD of the month



Here be Lions
Only a Holy God

Eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Challenged by her friends and later as a student by theological staff, Amy Orr-Ewing was determined to leave no stone unturned in her eagerness to prove that the bible was unique and wholly reliable. Her passion drove her to complete an in-depth study of the answers to 10 of the most frequently raised objections she encountered.

How can the reliability of the New Testament be in doubt when no fewer than 24,000 manuscripts exist to support it? How can evidence for Jesus' existence be questioned when the Gospel writers recorded historical events with such scrupulous accuracy?

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'THEOS'

Think tank on religion and society

The Sacred— Alistair Burt
Do London Do Faith
Marcus Radford— Holiday hunger
Bridging the gap— Economic inequality
Student societies— Faith and belief.
God and Ceasar
An emotional history of doubt.

Gatherings



New Wine Cancelled 2020

www.new-wine.org

Spring Harvest Cancelled 2020

www.springharvest.org

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www.bigchurchdayout.com

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Keswickministries.org

Greenbelt Cancelled 2020

www.greenbelt.org.uk

Word Alive Cancelled 2020

www.wordaliveevent.org

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www.davidstent.net

Hillsong Conference Cancelled 2020

www.hillsong.com

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www.newday.co.uk

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Bible reading

Do not be surprised if you see a poor person being oppressed by the powerful and if justice is being miscarried throughout the land. For every official is under orders from higher up and matters of justice get lost in red tape and bureaucracy. Even the king milks the land for his own profit. Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness. The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers. People who work hard sleep well whether they eat little or much. But the rich rarely get a good night's sleep. There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver. Money is put into risky investments that turn sour and everything is lost. In the end there is nothing left to pass on to one's children. We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us. And this too is a very serious problem. People leave this world no better off than when they came. All their hard work is for nothing—like working for the wind. Throughout their lives they live under a cloud—frustrated, discouraged and angry. Even so I have noticed one thing, at least that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life is indeed a gift from God. God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

Ecclesiastes 5: 8-20

Prayer

Thank you.



Thank you for the sunshine bright
Thank you for the morning light
Thank you for the rain and showers
Thank you for the fruit and flowers
Thank you for each tall green tree
Thank you for the sand and sea.
Thank you for the winds that blow
Thank you for the frost and snow
Thank you God

Quote to note

When life knocks you to your knees, you are in the best position to pray

J John

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 announced after the current Government restrictions are lifted.

THANK YOU !

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