



E -News

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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the December edition of our e-news.

As we approach the beginning of advent we turn our thoughts to the practicalities of Christmas, planning the food, buying presents, writing Christmas cards and decorating. Of course this Christmas things will be completely different and although the government have relaxed the Covid rules for a five day period whereby three family bubbles may meet, many people will still be very cautious about mixing together particularly as we face restrictive tier 2 measures for the foreseeable future and a risk of a third lockdown in the new year.



The church has had to close its doors again for services with the event of lockdown 2, having had a taste of Church again albeit in a socially distanced way, with no singing, we felt at least that they were welcome steps in getting back to full worship. As the carol service season approaches it is something that many people including those who do not attend church regularly will miss. A focal point for what Christmas is all about. Carol singing in our neighbourhoods will also be affected by social distancing rules.

Despite this there are many online carol services being organised and some other creative initiatives such as the family trail and carol service being organised by Woodbridge churches together (See advert) There will be a number of gazebos

on the trail with each telling a part of the Christmas story including a search for the baby Jesus. The carol service will be pre recorded with each church contributing and shown on giant screens. If for whatever reason it cannot be open to the public on the evening, it will be shown on-line. A poster is included with this news.



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Here in Wickham Market the church has organised a village nativity trail and every household in the village is to be sent a Christmas card. There are great things going on in Churches all over the country despite us not being able to meet in person.

I was recently sent a short video clip of Simon Ponsenby giving his thought for the day. It was centred on the parable of the barren fig tree in Luke 13. Simon likened the barren fig tree to a lukewarm church which is not producing fruit and gave some stark statistics about how the Church has declined (in numbers attending services) over the past 50 years and asked the question, will it continue to shrink in the years to come. Like in the parable its tempting when the fig tree is barren to cut it down. During Covid we may think the Church is inactive and it is harder to spur one another on when we are unable to meet in person. But is it, or should it be true? More isolated, we are maybe less aware of



of what our brothers and sisters are doing to further the kingdom. We may look like that barren fig tree. In the parable God as gardener wants to give the tree another chance but not to leave it to its own devices. The fig tree is to be nurtured, watered and fertilized and he exhorts us to do the same in our churches. We are not to be passive in the church but to be active. An encouragement to one another. The parable is part perseverance and part hope. It is that hope that we call upon, that we will meet in person again soon as a church community.

During lockdown many people have been seeking answers as to why this Virus is happening to us right now. There have been many views expressed and I have been very blessed, because of the visibility of the street Jesus van to have many of these 'Why would God allow' conversations.

Recently I had a fascinating conversation with a very interesting lady outside our post office here in Wickham Market. She was very well informed about Covid and had done hours of research on the subject. As an ex nurse she was particularly interested in health including mental health and how this is impacted by our modern lifestyle, the insidious effects of human greed and the overuse of our planets resources. She was not a Christian but



described herself as 'spiritual' and was very articulate in pinpointing the problems posed by our fixation on the material. She spoke warmly about the Gnostics and Essenes and believed in the potential for human goodness and that it was up to us to be aware and develop kindness by our own efforts. Interestingly she was looking for some kind of integrity and goodness in leadership and was very concerned about political corruption. She had written to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Gnostics believed that material matter was evil and that worth can only be found in the spiritual. We see today that there is a spiritual yearning by many but that people reject Christ often because of what they experience or believe of the Church. As Christians we reject a solely spiritual realm because God has created a physical world through which the holy spirit works. God created and it was good. We also know that spiritual enlightenment is incredibly difficult to achieve by our own efforts. We note also the limitations of the political system as being run by flawed human beings. Instead we rest in the lord, we pray, we call on the holy spirit to guide us. The lady spoke about spiritual energy but we believe that the holy spirit is the ultimate source, through which Gods grace fulfils us, that our cup may runneth over. I was able to speak with her about the ultimate spirit that is found in the person of Jesus Christ. We pray that God will reveal himself and give thanks for all the opportunities that the pandemic has given us to share Jesus. Justin Welby wrote back to her with this simple advice. PRAY. She wanted Justin to speak out. Justin was advocating a personal relationship with God.

Part of the frustration being an evangelist is not being able to carry on a conversation with somebody who is clearly interested, it was a chance meeting at the post office. Our job is to plant the seed and leave it to God to do the rest. I must admit to being intrigued as to if our conversations bear fruit in the future. I suppose it is not always for us to know. God is in charge. In our bible reading this month the disciples are struggling to comprehend who Jesus really is, nothing has changed, people still struggle today. Its harder now as there are so many distractions but as Jesus was patient so must we be. Blessings G



Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL
RIVERSIDE CENTRE
STRATFORD ST ANDREW
Postponed until further notice

MID SUFFOLK
STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL
Postponed until further notice

THE FILLING STATION

A new informal way of expressing
the Christian faith

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

IT'S ALL ABOUT

JESUS

YOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

Postponed until further notice

ALL WELCOME



Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening
Postponed until further notice



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oasisenglish.org.uk



rodandjulie.com



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Postponed until further notice

PRAYER
Every Tuesday
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



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Christmas Unwrapped

ON KINGSTON FIELD

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER

6.00pm FAMILY TRAIL TO FIND BABY JESUS

6.30pm CAROL SERVICE



WATCH THIS ONLINE AT CTWM.ORG.UK

COVID SECURE EVENT

Social Distancing and Track and Trace must be adhered to



Christmas Carol Cafe

located at and in partnership with -

THE BARN- STONHAM BARNS

3-4pm - Saturday 19th December

Mince pies, chocolate logs and hot Christmas drinks in our pop-up carol café, with live Christmas folk music and the Christmas story. A COVID secure, seated event, with social distancing therefore, a limited number of tickets available

Tickets £4 for adults, £2.50 concessions
Including mince pie/chocolate log and
hot drink and on-table activities

Other refreshments on sale
Profits to Lightwave Food Bank &
Covid Delivery Service in Red Lodge, Suffolk

for more information and to book online visit-
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or scan here with your smartphone



Carols By Starlight

Selection of Carols, Festive
Songs and Readings,
Spreading Christmas Joy.

Starts: 7pm
Gates open 6pm

18th December 2020

Trinity Park,
Felixstowe Road
Ipswich
IP3 8UH

FREE Entry, All Welcome!



Booking is essential per car or picnic bench.

<https://carolsbystarlight.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Donations for FIND and EACH are welcome and can be given at the exits.



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*- Bear Grylls
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Outreach

STREET JESUS



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic
We have suspended our Street
outreaches until such time as we
prayerfully believe we should do so.

tearfund

www.tearfund.org

Fundraisers



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



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
Around £2200 was raised



Wickham Market All Saints
Woodbridge Methodist Church
Melton –St Andrews church-

Postponed until
further notice

HOME, BUT NOT ALONE

Connecting volunteers and vulnerable people in Suffolk

DOWNLOAD

Tribe - Volunteer
APP TO VOLUNTEER



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CHURCH CAFÉ'S



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

24/7prayer.com

Lectio 365– A daily devotional



PRAYER MEETING

**POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



A wonderful image of the Suffolk Christian motorcycle Association, nailing their cross as they ride across the county. A great witness by a group whose motto is 'Riding for the son' May God be with them as they share Jesus in the biking community.

CD of the month

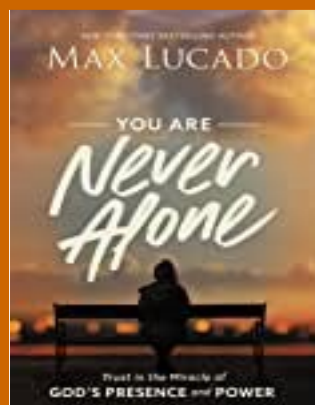


The Blessing

Kare Jobe

Eden.co.uk

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

A book for anyone feeling lonely or left out. Max shows through the gospel of John that God is always near. Discover a sense of closeness in God's presence and know that you are closer to God than you may ever think because God is nearer than you know. Be comforted by the loving God who enters into the thorny thicket of life with you and who will lift you out. We all long for someone who will be with us in the midst of life's mess. Jesus has a passionate love for the weak and wounded in life. Max explains 'You are never alone'

Newsletter



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Nurturing social cohesion.

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What are the Hate crime laws.

The Sacred-Krithika Varagur

What are worldviews

Whats wrong with rights

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings



New Wine Cancelled 2020

www.new-wine.org

Spring Harvest Cancelled 2020

www.springharvest.org

Big Church day out Cancelled 2020

www.bigchurchdayout.com

Keswick Cancelled 2020

Keswickministries.org

Greenbelt Cancelled 2020

www.greenbelt.org.uk

Word Alive Cancelled 2020

www.wordaliveevent.org

Dauids tent 2020 -August 28th-31st

www.davidstent.net

Hillsong Conference Cancelled 2020

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Bible reading

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my fathers house. If this were not so would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready I will come and get you so that you will always be with me where I am and you know the way to where I am going. "No we don't know Lord Thomas said We have no idea where you are going so how can we know the way? Jesus told him I am the way the truth and the life and no one can come to the father except through me. If you had really known me you would know who my father is . From now on you do know him and have seen him. Phillip said "Lord show us the Father and we will be satisfied. Jesus replied "Have I been with you all this time Philip and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the father so why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own. But my Father who lives in me and does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do. I tell you the truth , anyone who believes in me will do the same works that I have done and even greater works because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name and I will do it., so that the son can bring glory to the Father. Yes ask me for anything in my name and I will do it.

John 14:1-14

Prayer



For peace
Dear Lord for all in pain
We pray to you.
O come against again you enemy.
Give to your servants skill
to soothe and bless
and to the tired and ill
bring quietness.
And Lord to those who know
Pain may not cease
Come near that even so
They may have peace.

Quote to note

Live simply that others may simply live.

Mother Teresa

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 !

**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**