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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the March edition of our e-news.

Thankyou to all those who take time to give us feedback both positive and negative. We appreciate your comments. Its rare that we get feedback about our recommended book of the month though but we have received lots of positive comments about The diary of Isabella M Smugge by Ruth Leigh. Even though Ruth is local and known to many of us the book seems to have left a good impression on people and we are all wondering if Isabella will come to know the Lord. I understand a sequel is in the pipeline so we will need to be patient before we find out. Evangelism comes in many forms and a novel can be a very powerful way to help people think about faith.



Ruth has had a lifelong ambition to become a published writer and i also have an ambition as an inventor of board games to one day see one

of my games on the shelf in a games shop. This is probably not so likely but i have around 30 games which I have invented over the years. My favourite is a quiz game called When? which entails an element of bluff and is centred around events (often trivial) in history. During the course of compiling thousands of questions for this Game I have developed a real love of history, I find it fascinating how the past informs both the present and the future. History

for example is so apparent in the Black lives matter campaign, where there is a move to recalibrate history to consider individuals who were involved in the slave trade. There is always a debate about whether humanity is better or worse morally now than in previous times. For every person who thinks that we are going to hell in a handcart there are others who think that we look at previous generations through rose tinted spectacles, that there has never ever been a golden age.

I have spent a bit of time looking at Christian history and recently came across a book by Carl R Trueman that looks at the rise and triumph of the modern self, how we have developed over the centuries into a more individualistic, permissive ,sexualised and identity driven culture and where the origins of these changes are rooted in events many centuries ago. Our Christian history is intertwined with secular and humanist history but this book is clear that we live in an age of spiritual poverty. When we compare the teachings of Jesus and the cultural messages that we are bombarded with every day we can see clearly which better leads to human flourishing. The call to agape love and selfless service or the call to satisfy ourselves. So whether we are better or worse than previous generations is not the issue but rather how do we share the person of Jesus Christ so that all may be spiritually fulfilled.

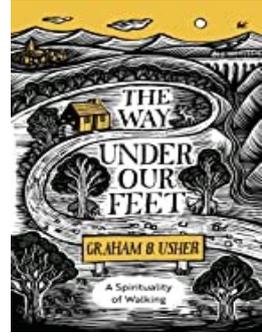
*"beauty begins
the moment
you decide to
be
yourself"*

- Coco Chanel



Street Jesus News:

My wife Barbara is a great lover of walking, while I am a great lover of curling up on the sofa with a good book, so while I am reading about our cultural history Barbara has been walking many miles each day as she has been on holiday. Recent mental health advice has highlighted the importance of exercise and walking in particular as it allows us time to absorb the environment which we would otherwise whizz by. She has also been reading a book entitled 'The way under our feet - The spirituality of walking'. Although there was not much in the way of alternatives Jesus spent a great deal of his time on foot. Many miles through village after village, He was able to communicate with people directly, healing disease and preaching the kingdom. We miss so much personal contact in modern life as the cars in which we are transported rush by the detail of Gods wonderful creation as well as many people who we might otherwise have engaged with. As technology develops so many things become more distant, our banking, supermarket checkouts and automated telephone systems all reduce person to person contact. And more is yet to come with the event of artificial intelligence. Yet we are made for relationship, the godhead Father son and holy spirit are in relationship with one another and us. Walking around in our communities we too can have more time to form relationships.



With the event of Covid there seems to be an upswell in prophesy on line, particularly in relation to the end times. Our bible reading this month is from the book of Jeremiah warning about prophesy, which can be false and centred around peoples own personal agendas. Many are claiming for example that God has told them that people should not take the covid vaccine. So how should we respond? Firstly we know that there are such people as prophets and much time is dedicated in some Christian circles to prophetic ministry. We need to be open to prophetic messages from God particularly as they often come in the shape of warnings or exhortations. . But how do we know when a prophesy is genuine? The Bible really gives us the answers. Firstly prophesies are to be consistent with scripture. We would not believe a prophet for example if they said that God wanted us to harm our neighbour. We are also told that we are to test prophesy, that is share it with other Christians and pray together as to its authenticity. Is it from God or is it just something of our own imagination? Prophesy almost always were warnings, usually with regard to Godless behaviour but also instructions. Not many Christians have the gift of prophesy because we know that God has given us different gifts and callings. Whatever we have been given by Gods grace is to benefit the body of Christ and Gods kingdom. There is always speculation about when Jesus will return but in truth the bible tells us it will be sudden and unexpected, we will not know the hour but like the five wise virgins we are to keep oil in our lamps. We are to keep the light of the Lord shining in us. So regardless of any prophesy that may come our way we need to be ready.



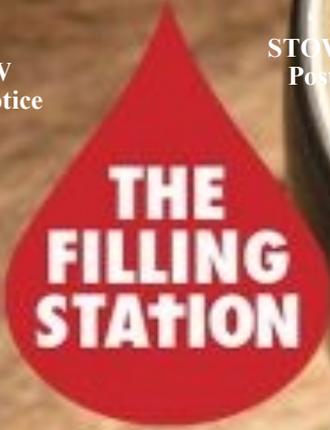
Its been very encouraging to see the amazing speed at which the covid vaccine has been rolled out. Already we are seeing a significant reduction in cases, hospitalisations and deaths. Once the lockdown measures allow we will be calling a meeting with the intention of restarting our Street ministry. It will be so good to get out there again , we have really missed being able to show the love of the Lord out on the street. The pandemic has taught us how fragile we are . Particularly without the security of Christ. Gods blessings Graham



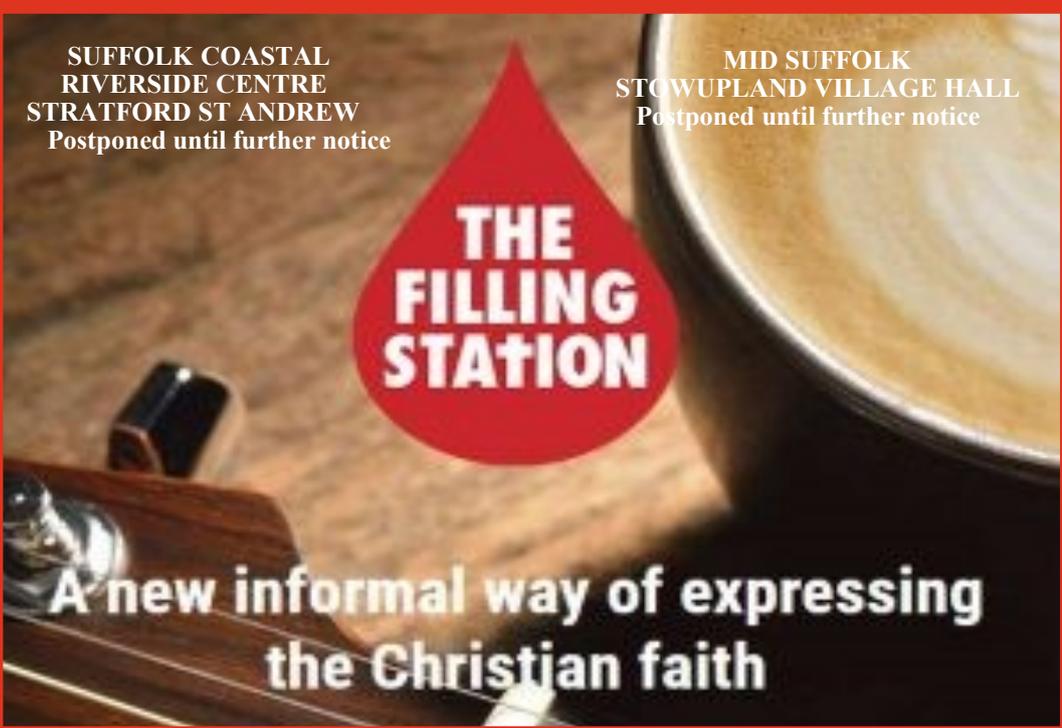
Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL
RIVERSIDE CENTRE
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MID SUFFOLK
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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

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- *The As One vision
- *Mothers day resources
- *Hospital chaplaincy in the Pandemic
- *Mission enabler - Ipswich
- *Fair Trade shop - Ipswich

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9am-5pm Monday to Friday
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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.

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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

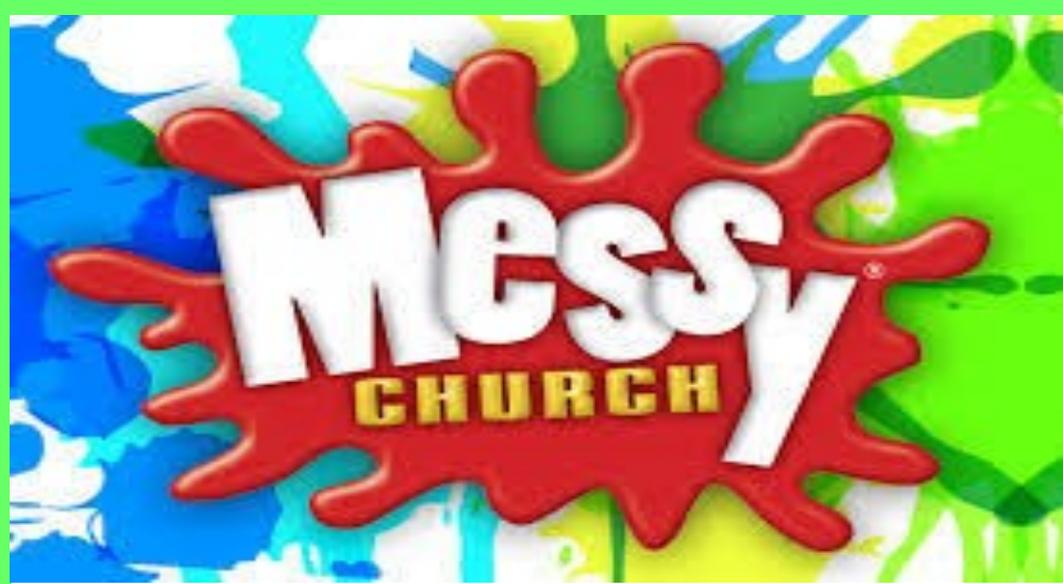
For details streetjesus2012@gmail.com
or thepaellalady@gmail.com



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-

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further notice

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PRAYER MEETING

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FURTHER NOTICE

STREET JESUS



7 Featherbroom Gardens

Wickham Market IP130JH

Gallery



Rad sharing Jesus with a visitor to our stall at the Wickham Market summer market 2019

CD of the month

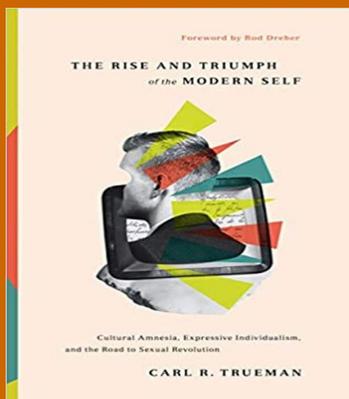


CD of the month

Stained Glass Stories

Philippa Hanna

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

This book by Carl R Trueman charts the rise of individualism identity politics and the permissive society to a time well before the rapid cultural changes in the 1960s. These changes have been a real challenge to the Christian faith which has been sidelined in the great marketplace of ideas. Carl contends that it is important to understand what has been happening in order to re-establish the ways of Christ in a culture that has a high degree of spiritual poverty. This book give a terrific insight to how our society has been formed in recent times and how we as Christians can bring about change.

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Think tank on religion and society

Can liberalism get religion.
The Sacred—Rachel Clarke
Lent reflections .
University Chaplains during Covid.
How to read Jordan Peterson.
Building back better—The church and social cohesion.
Economic inequality—Church responses

Gatherings



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www.wordaliveevent.org
Dauids tent 2020 -August 28th-31st
www.davidstent.net
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Bible reading

“Therefore” says the Lord “I am against these prophets who steal messages from each other but claim they are from me. I am against these smooth tongued prophets who say this prophesy is from the Lord. I am against these false prophets. Their imaginary dreams are flagrant lies that lead my people into sin. I did not send or appoint them and they have no message at all for my people. I the Lord have spoken

Suppose one of the people or one of the prophets or priests asks you ‘What prophesy has the Lord burdened you with now? You must reply ‘You are the burden’ The Lord says he will abandon you! If any priest prophet or anyone else says ‘I have a prophesy from the Lord I will punish that person along with his entire family. You should keep asking ‘ What is the Lords answer ? Or what is the Lord saying.? But stop using the phrase ‘prophesy from the Lord’ For people are using it to give authority to their own ideas, turning upside down the words of our God, the living God, the Lord of heavens armies. This is what you should say to the prophets ‘What is the Lords answer? Or what is the Lord saying. But suppose they respond ‘This is a prophesy from the Lord! Then you should say ‘This is what the Lord says. Because you have used this phrase “prophesy from the Lord” even though I warned you not to use it. I will forget you completely, I will expel you from my presence along with this city that I gave to your ancestors. And I will make you an object of ridicule and your name will be infamous throughout the ages .

Jeremiah 23:30-40

Prayer

We commend



We commend unto you my Lord.
Our souls and our bodies.
Our minds and our thoughts
Our prayers and our hopes
Our health and our work
Our life and our death
Our parents brothers and sisters
Our benefactors and friends
Our neighbours and countrymen
and all Christians
this day and always.

Quote to note

The purpose of good works is not to save us or change us but rather to demonstrate the change within us

A.W.Tozer

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

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