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Welcome to the August edition of our e-news.
So here we are in the midst of the summer sporting season. The Tokyo Olympics are here, Wimbledon was fantastic, the cricket season is well under way and England reached the finals of the European championships in football. Sport for many is very uplifting and certainly there is a lot of flag waving and patriotism on show at this time, we all want our national sporting teams and individuals to do well. These events can be a real cause for celebration and a boost on the back of a pandemic which has been a misery for many. I am a life long football fan. I attended my first match at Portman road in 1967, I fell in love with Ipswich town and haven't stopped going since, through good times and bad. Its extraordinary how your mood can be affecting according to the result of a football match. I often see football as a microcosm of life. Sometimes its great when you are scoring goals, winning cups and being entertained but all to often you take a kick in the shins, score an own goal, make mistakes or get relegated. As in life there are challenges triumphs and failures and you experience opposition to your aims in life.

Our team can become a huge part of our identity, going to extraordinary lengths to support our team. Our passion becomes out of perspective to the more important things in our life. Rivalries can be so intense that it effects good relationships with others and can lead to violence. Its interesting since coming to faith in 2007my perspective on football has changed dramatically. Certain football chants I will no longer sing because they denigrate others. My language has improved and although football is still enjoyable its far less important as my identity has shifted from football follower to follower of Christ. A football team comes nowhere near satisfying the soul when compared to Jesus.

Looking back over those years as a supporter Ipswich winning he FA cup was the greatest highlight. Roger Osbourne a local lad scored the only goal against Arsenal with 13 minutes left. It was the longest 13 minutes of my life. I would have identified very much as an atheist in those days but I found myself praying for the win in those final minutes. We won which was the cue for ecstatic celebrations. It is interesting though that the banner I took to Wembley that day read ' May the best team win, please God make it Ipswich.' Its amusing now to think that God would be remotely

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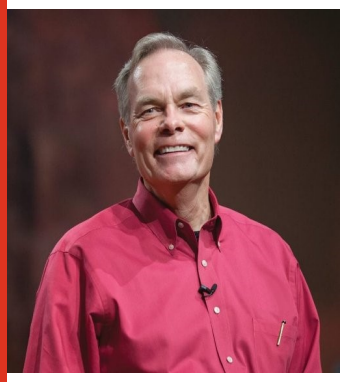
interested for Ipswich to win the FA cup, after all no doubt a good many Arsenal fans would have been praying for an equaliser, I have witnessed some wonderful footballers over the years. I have witnessed some wonderful footballers over the years with some incredible skills Pele, Franz Beckenbauer , Johan Cruyff, George Best, Lionel Messi and Ronaldo to name but a few but increasingly i feel wonder at God for creating his creatures with such dexterity, power pace and technical skills. Whatever skills they display to thrill us, God makes possible. Football like church is a community, it brings people together in common cause. There is singing and worship of the players but we worship an awesome God who surpasses it all, who's love is beyond our understanding and amazingly its all just a personal decision away and is completely free (in money terms) The decision though requires a sacrifice, we are to carry the cross which is not always easy and yet God is there with us amidst the difficulties.

We are planning for our AGM on September 13th before beginning our great re-set to work again on the Street. We are looking to set out our stall for the year ahead.
We will also be running a course on Discipleship and evangelism beginning later in September to help equip us for the time ahead. We are basing the course on the teachings of Andrew Womack. There are varying views on Andrew Womack but we are using the course and its subject matter to ask two basic questions 1) What are non-Christians likely to think about this subject / passage 2) How do we explain this and give a reason for our hope in a way that can be understood.



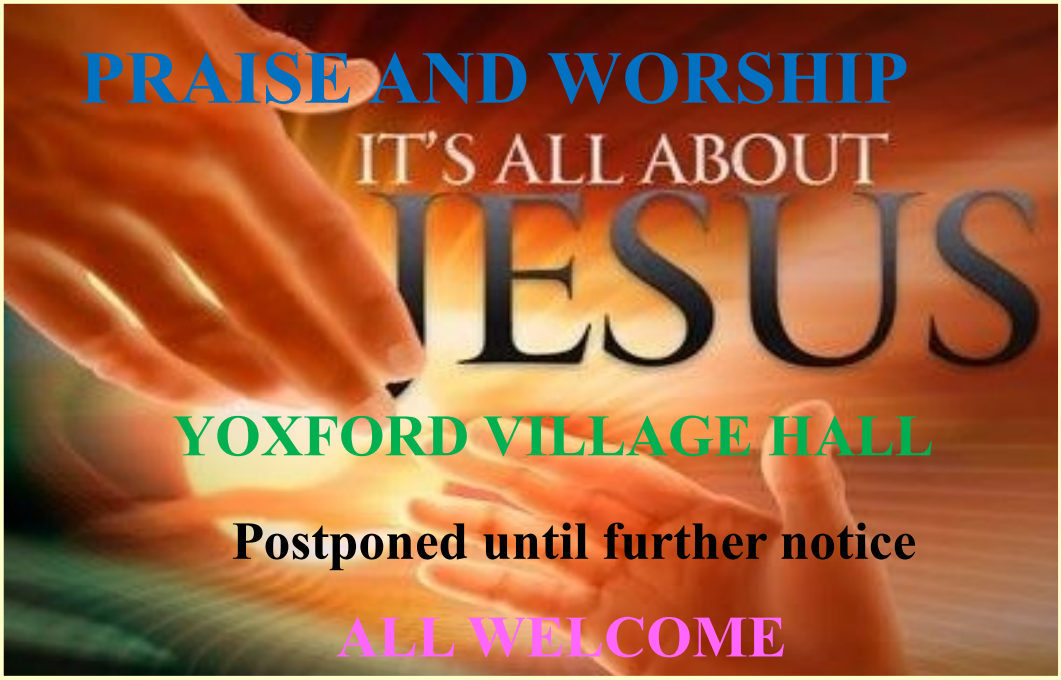
We are very much looking forward to getting out there again and we have recently received an invitation which we have accepted to attend the Climate change awareness day on September 19th at Kingston field in Woodbridge. More details to follow in our September edition.

What have we as Christians got to say on this subject? how do we deal with the the whole issue of climate change? particularly its causes, which can provoke very strong passions and opinions. We believe that as Christians we have been given a planet to look after, we are to be stewards of the earth. Humanity has been given every resource to cater for our every need but increasingly those resources are over used or distributed unequally and although its always been the poorest who have suffered disproportionately from climate change it is fast becoming something that is effecting everybody. Its interesting to see that we have billionaires who have spent a fortune to become space tourists which can only damage the environment whilst others have bought up a large part of the Amazonian rain forest solely with the objective of conserving it. It is vital as the lungs of the world that it should be protected. How and where we spend money is increasingly a matter of life and death. Each of us can play our part to be green and environmentally aware and we can pray for Gods creation to be restored.

We have been pleased to receive donations from the Ella's bits and bobs selling page with whom we have been working in partnership with some of our team members helping to organise sales of second hand items in Wickham Market village hall. In June and July we were able to donate £203 and £93 respectively to the Beehive Childrens foundation Africa. The next sales are yet to be confirmed but are likely to be at the end of October and November.

Our bible reading this month is from the book of Nehemiah which describes the rebuilding of the city walls in Jerusalem. Its interesting that many families were allocated a section of the wall to build, some sections larger than others. Today we are to build Gods kingdom here on earth and likewise each of us has a part to play in Gods plan. Some seemingly have a small part and others a larger part. We note too that there was opposition to the building project in fact a lot of sustained opposition, by the same token we too can experience opposition to our kingdom work. Interestingly the builders read from the scriptures, they made a vow to God to obey, confessed their sins and repented. In this respect nothing has changed from the time of the old testament.
Have a great month and we hope you enjoy reading our page. May you receive every blessing ... Graham

Worship



Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening
Saturday 28th August 7.30pm

Organisations

talithakoum.org.uk

Inspiring Christians to transform their workplace and the nation

goodnewsuk.com

THE PRAYER FOUNDATION

helping people grow

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

www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk

42 Warwich Ave
Woodbridge
01394 383479

Information Network

Network SUFFOLK

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https://networksuffolk.org.uk/

Reducing Isolation with Food

Abbeycroft Leisure
INSPIRING A HEALTHIER YOU

WSC WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE

BURY ST EDMUNDS RICKSHAW

Abbeycroft Leisure, West Suffolk College and the Bury St Edmunds Rickshaw are teaming up with a host of other charities and organisations to provide heat at home meals delivered to isolated adults living in Bury St Edmunds once a month.

If you know someone that lives alone and without a support network please send us an email:

community@acleisure.com

To help sustain this project we are taking donations through our crowdfunding page: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/aclrif

Forest Heath & St Edmundsbury councils
West Suffolk
working together

EXPLORE OUTDOOR

BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN COUNCIL

Congratulations

Climate Sunday

churches together
WOODBRIDGE AND MELTON

19th September
Kingston Field, Woodbridge
2-5pm (Worship Service at 4pm)

ROCK church SUTTON HEATH

It's church... but not as you know it!

A relaxed time of discussion & refreshments. All are welcome - come with your questions

On the first Sunday of each month from 4:00 to 5:00pm in the Barnsdale Centre, Sutton Heath

For more information, contact Padre Trevor Homfray-Cooper on **07976203278 / padretrevorhc@gmail.com**

An opportunity to join Just42's staff team as the Children's Worker. As a long established local charity we offer quality youth and children's work within a Christian ethos. Just42 is committed to the importance of safeguarding and promoting children/young people's welfare. The Children's Worker will be responsible for running all our children's work including clubs and 1 or 2 assemblies per week in local primary schools and also 1 or 2 holiday clubs per year. Outline Terms The hours will be 30 hours per week over 5 days. We're open to discussing the possibility of a job share. This position has an hourly rate of between £10.84 and £12.42 depending on experience and will also include 5 weeks holiday on a prorata basis, life cover and pension benefits. For more information, a role description, person specification and an application form, go to https://www.just42.org.uk/vacancies Please send your application form to: Caroline Rutherford at Just42, Woodbridge Youth Centre, The Avenue, Kingston Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 4BA or email to caroline@just42.org.uk Application deadline is midday on 23rd August 2021. Interviews will be held w/c 30th August 2021.
Flexible Setember 2021 start date

Helplines

0800 804 8044
Daily HOPE
A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Has the impact of Coronavirus left you worrying about your bills, your job or your home?
There are people that can help.
Call us free on 0800 068 3131
The Suffolk Advice and Support Line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
SuffolkCollective

suffolk Resilience
Home, But Not Alone
Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk
The Home, But Not Alone free phoneline is for people who need urgent help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is only for people who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.
Coronavirus Emergency Phoneline
0800 876 6926
9am–5pm Monday to Friday
For all other enquiries please visit
www.suffolk.gov.uk/homebutnotalone
East Suffolk
Ipswich
West Suffolk Council
Suffolk County Council

CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH - www.hopeipswich.co.uk
BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH Tel– 01473-259271
TRIMLEY ST MARTIN CHURCH Tel 01394-200406
ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGE 01394-383162
COLCHESTER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH -01473-290115
ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH – IPSWICH– 01473 723960

Outreach

Our next outreach is at Kingston field Woodbridge at a World climate awareness event on Sunday September 19th 2-5pm

International Aid

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

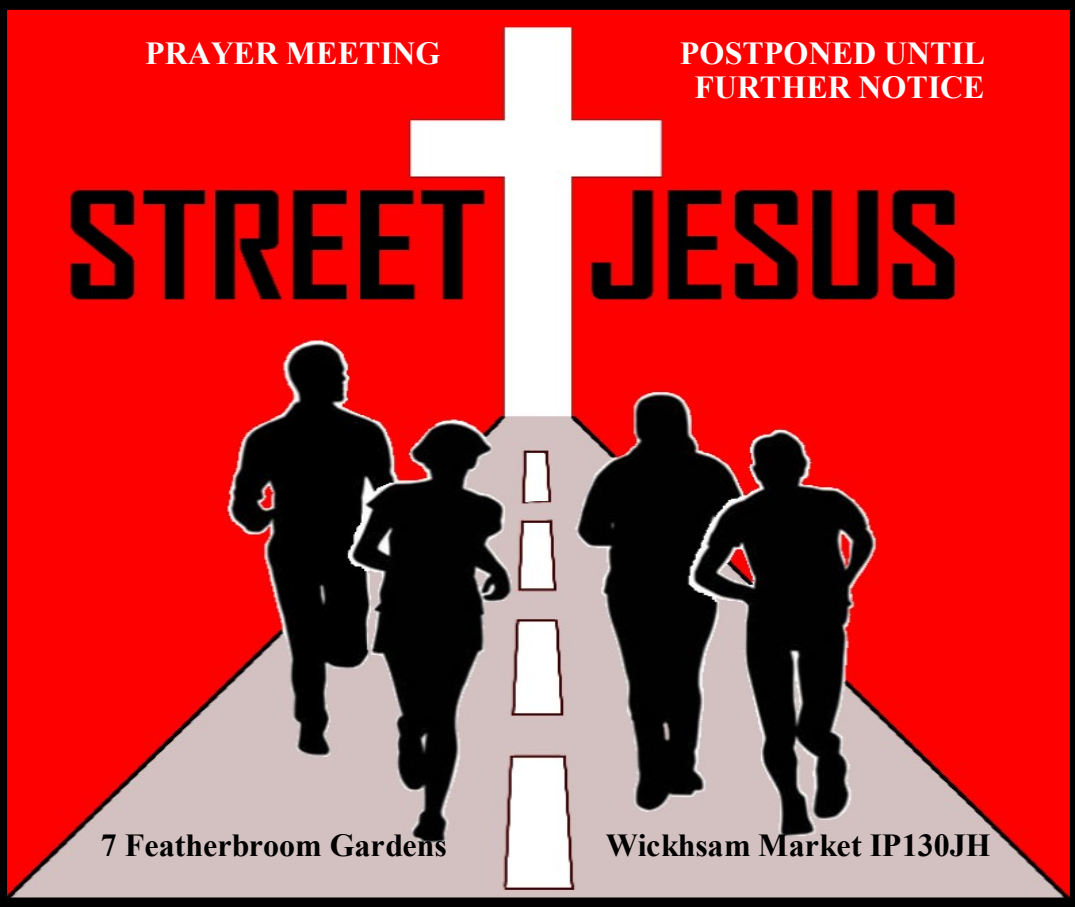
BUZZ KNITS Supporting the Beehive Nakuru Kenya
www.facebook.com/buzzknits

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



Gallery

A visitor to our prayer cross at Ipswich music day 2018

CD of the month

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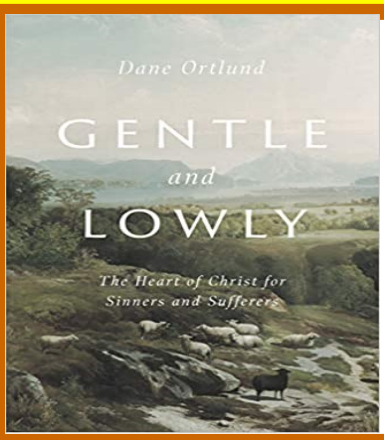
My Savior
Carrie Underwood

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Christians know what Jesus Christ has done--but who is he? What is his deepest heart for his people, weary and faltering on their journey toward heaven? Jesus said he is "gentle and lowly in heart." This book reflects on these words, opening up a neglected yet central truth about who he is for sinners and sufferers today.

Newsletter

The Beehive Nakuru, Kenya

To receive our monthly newsletter
The Beehive Buzz
Contact- sarah@aboutmedia.co.uk

Society

'THEOS'

Think tank on religion and society

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings

New Wine Cancelled 2021 www.new-wine.org
Spring Harvest Cancelled 2021 www.springharvest.org
Big Church day out Cancelled 2021 www.bigchurchdayout.com
Keswick Cancelled 2021 Keswickministries.org
Greenbelt Cancelled 2021 www.greenbelt.org.uk
Word Alive Cancelled 2021 www.wordaliveevent.org
Davids tent 2020 -August 28th-31st www.davidstent.net
Hillsong Conference Cancelled 2021 www.hillsong.com
Newday Cancelled 2021 www.newday.co.uk

Our Partners

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SUPPORTING THE BEEHIVE

Bible reading

"So on October 2nd the wall was finished just 52 days after we had begun. When our enemies and surrounding nations heard about it they were frightened and humiliated. They realised that this work had been done with the help of our God. During those 52 days many letters went back and forth between Tobiah and the nobles of Judah. For many in Judah had sworn allegiance to him because his father in law was Shecaniah son of Arah and his son Jehohanan was married to the daughter of Methusaullam son of Berekiah They kept telling me of Tobiahs good deeds and then they told him everything I had saidand Tobiah had kept sending me threatening letters to intimidate me. After the wall was finished and I had set up the doors ion the gates, the gatekeeper singers and levites were appointed. I gave the responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother. Hanani along with Hananiah the commander of the fortress, for he was a faithful man who feared God more than most. I said to them "Do not leave the gates open during the hottest part of the day and even while the Gatekeepers are on duty, have them shut and bar the doors Appoint the residents of Jerusalem to act as guards , everyone on a regular watch. Some will serve as sentry posts and some in front of their own homes"

Nehemiah 6:15– 7:3

Prayer

God of the busy daytime
God of the quiet night
Your peace pervades the darkness
and greets us with the light.
Safe with your presence near us
Whatever we may do
You God our great protector
We love and worship you.

Quote to note

Too often we try to use God to change our circumstance, when God is using our circumstance to change us.

Nicky Gumbel

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 our AGM on Monday 13th September at 7.30 pm.

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