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Street Jesus News: Welcome to the March edition of our e-news.

We hope that you have all kept safe during the recent stormy weather and that your property has not been too damaged. Coming off the back of Covid 19 many people are perplexed by such extreme weather.

When will it all stop they say. The high winds have caused a high level of anxiety in some of the people I visit. These events remind us of how powerful nature can be and how vulnerable we are. In Luke 8:22-25 we see how Jesus calms the storm, the disciples too were naturally frightened but Jesus rebukes it and it subsides. In the story of Peter attempting to walk on water we see Peter take his



eyes off the Lord Jesus, rather than trusting in him, we can all tend to look at the storm in a spirit of fear. Jesus tells us that we can do miraculous thing but I wonder how many of us prayed for the storm to stop. Are we of little faith. We pray for the speedy recovery of all those who have been hurt and for the comfort of friends and family of those who have died . Lets keep our eyes focussed on him in the storms of life. How often did Jesus say "Fear not"

In the Bible we see many harsh rulers who serve themselves rather



than their subjects. Today there is great anxiety about the situation between Russia and Ukraine. President Putin believe that Nato has broken its promises not to extend into the former countries of the old Russian federation. The western alliance believes that countries should be free to choose whatever associations they choose. Russia has mobilised huge numbers of tanks,

missiles, and around 180,000 soldiers to attack Ukraine. In his writings President Putin believes that Ukraine and other eastern Bloc countries belong to Russia. He cites historical grievances to justify his actions and so it is with all dictators. This can also happen in our own personal relationships, to bring up past failures and hurts. The desire for power over another can be a real human failing The teaching of Jesus to forgive, forgive and forgive again and the call to humility apply to all of us including powerful world leaders. We pray for the people of

This year the Queen celebrates her platinum jubilee and a huge number of celebratory events will be taking place right across the country. I hear many points of view about the monarchy and there is no doubt that emerging generations are less inclined to view the monarchy as something positive. Its associations with empire class and privilege.

Ukraine that peace may prevail.



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are anothema to many. I am often surprised how passionate people hold these pro or anti monarchy views. Despite this though the Queen is still personally held in very high regard even among many republicans. As head of the Church of England her associations with faith is another reason why some believe the monarchy to be

irrelevant and out of step with contemporary culture. Ideas such as a sense of duty and sacrifice to many are outdated with notions of stoicism and the stiff upper lip harmful. People often prefer the expression of emotions and feelings as something that make a person authentic and relatable and that personal resilience can be harmful to our



mental health. This tension plays out between the generations even within the royal family as Prince Harry and Megan represent the new thinking. The Queen has increasingly made reference to her faith publicly. Its positive that she clearly expresses how she believes the teaching of Jesus would benefit society. A focus away from ourselves toward the serving of others. Away from individualism in favour of community.

We are getting excited in our household as the great Christian



festival Spring harvest fast approaches, we have missed it these past two years and look forward to hearing about the theme Restore—renew -Rebuild and what it means for our daily walk with God. . However our major trip this year is to Oberammergau for the great passion play in Germany which has been taking place every tenth year since the 1600's This event has also been delayed by two years.

Apparently it is a very impressive atmospheric production. We feel blessed that these special events are organised as an encouragement to us.

We are very much looking forward to our outreach at Leiston co-op on March 5th. This was the venue for one of our earliest ventures out in 2014 and where we received a great deal of encouragement. We certainly have more confidence now than we did back then when we stepped out in faith with a certain feeling of apprehension. We have had so many blessing since then as we have engaged with a large number of people. On Easter Saturday we are taking part in the church Fun day at Rendlesham and will be attending another Funday on May 22nd at Woodbridge football club. On June 19th we are planning to attend Woodbridge Regatta. We are also looking at the Ipswich music day in July and Aldeburgh carnival in August. Please do come and visit us when we are out, we would love to see you.

We have recently been studying Matthew 5 with regard to the teachings on Anger, adultery and divorce which also then touched on

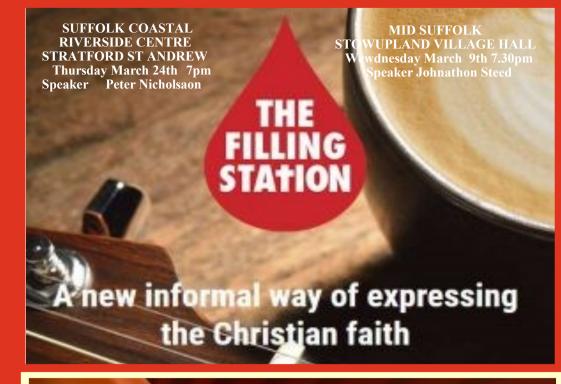
human sexuality and gender. Like many subjects in the bible these can be emotive and challenging subjects eliciting feeling of guilt and shame. This is natural for us as flawed human beings. What struck me was the level of compassion empathy and understanding during discussions and the willingness to support one another. This is important



when discussing sin. Unique to all religions we worship a God who has taken all our transgressions onto himself and paid the price. As we move into lent whether we deny ourselves something we would usually enjoy or choose to offer acts of service to others we worship a God who both sacrificed and served. To him we give all the praise.

Gods blessings to you all

Graham







Trimley St Martin Memorial hall - Worship evening Every 4th Saturday of the month.



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# PRAYER Every Tuesday 7pm Kelsale Village Hall IP172PB

Contact Paul or Mandy Weekes on 01728-604053

### Open to God Service

1st Sunday of the month at 6.30pm







https://networksuffolk.org.uk/



### <u>Covid-Loss Support</u> <u>Group</u>

A **FREE** 6 Week Support Group exploring loss from Covid-19

Starting Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7pm-8.30pm at *Inspire* Counselling and Training
The Fletcher Centre, Ipswich. IP1 2EX

This group is for anyone who has experienced loss of <u>any kind</u> such as the loss of a job, the loss of health or loss through death.

For more information:

Phone: Inspire office on 01473 217694

Email: contact@inspirecounselling.org.uk



### **Felixstowe Lent** Course 2022

#### **PROGRAMME**

 Week 0 commencing 27/2 Film showings.

 Week 1 commencing 6/3 The magic of stuff

· Week 2 commencing 13/3 The problem of suffering

· Week 3 commencing 20/3 The need for dignity

Week 4 commencing 27/3 The pain of failure

 Week 5 commencing 3/4 The strength of love

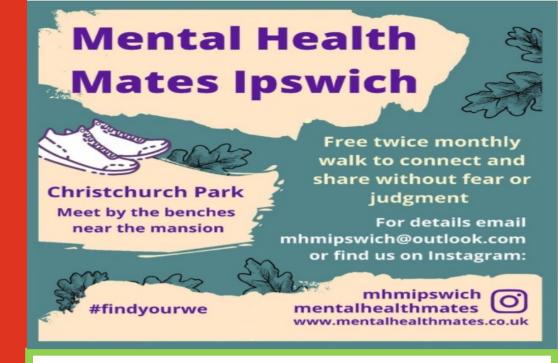
The course is based on the award wining movie The theory of everything (2015). We shall be using the study guide The Mystery of Everything by Hilary Brand. Copies are available from CTF via local churches before February 7th but it is available through most booksellers, particularly online ones.





#### MIE running group

We have had a mixture of people from MIE and from outside the church, and also a mix of Runners and non-runners. We start at 6.30pm on Monday evenings in St Johns car park, we warm up, have a run/walk session and a fun active game! We always finish with a thought from the Bible. Please continue to pray for this opportunity to reach out or why not invite a friend and come along <u>Tracey@mie.org.uk</u>









### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**

### **FRIDAY 4 MARCH**

#### A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

Please join us at 2.00 pm at
Salvation Army
Cobbold Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7EL
for a united service
followed by refreshments.
No booking requred.

### I know the plans I have for you

Jeremiah 29:11



# Community Light Orchestra Concert



of Light Classics and Music from the Shows

Featuring guest choir

#### **Felixstowe Harmonies**

Friday 18th March 2022 at 7.30pm River of Life Church, Felixstowe

**Admission Free** 

Retiring Collection in aid of

Felixstowe (CAP) Debt Counselling centre







Inspire Counselling and Training are looking for volunteers to join their friendly office team.

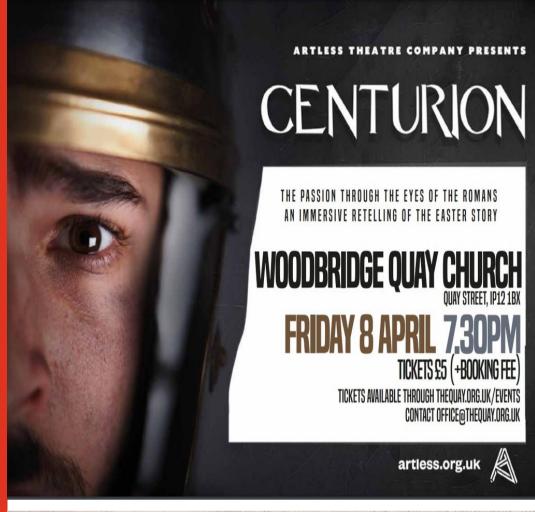
Practice your reception skills in an inspiring environment, knowing you will have contributed to the well-being of many people. You will be the first point of contact for the busy centre and assist staff and other volunteers in offering a first class service.

Positions are currently available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and as a relief.

For more information, please contact Jane Scarlett on 01473 217694 (Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-4pm) or email

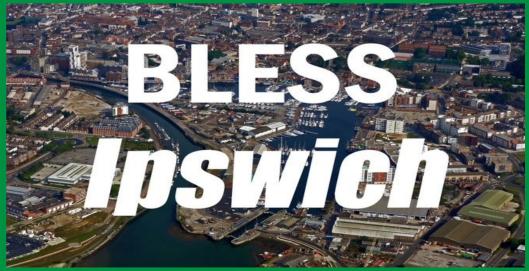






A 5 week Lent Course, Tuesday evenings 7.00 pm on Zoom March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and April 5th





TUESDAY AT 1PM TO 2PM



# FOOD MARKET

£2 a Bag



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# Craft and Coffee Morning Thursday 3 March

River of life church Felixstowe

You are invited to join Sally on Thursday 3 March between 10.30 am - 12.30 pm for a Craft & Coffee Morning to make items for Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.



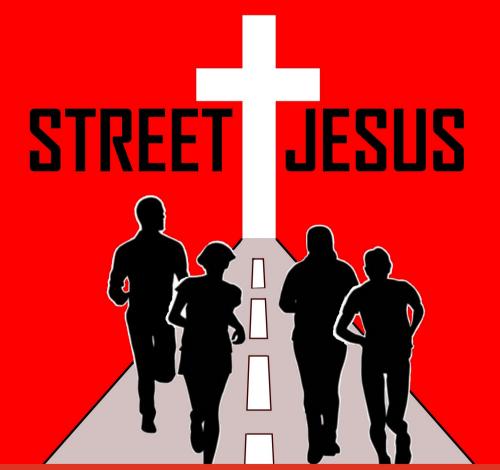
All Welcome



#### CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

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Outreach



Our next outreach will be at Leiston Co-op on Saturday March 5th 9am –3pm and Rendlesham Church on Easter Saturday April 16th

#### **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





## The BASIC Life Charity COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP

Come along to



2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS

Friday Mornings at 11.00 am

AFFORDABLE FOOD

Fill a bag for £2.

**NO CRITERIA - ALL WELCOME** 



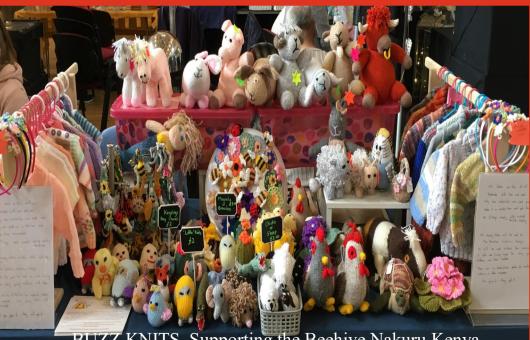
# DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

#### Tuesday 7th September 2021

Join us for a Day of Prayer and Fasting at the beginning of a new academic year. We do hope you will join with us, in skipping at least one meal and praying for the church.

The Church will be open that evening for people to come and pray in the Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm. There will also be a devotional for the day sent out at the beginning of next week for those who would like to use it to structure their prayers.





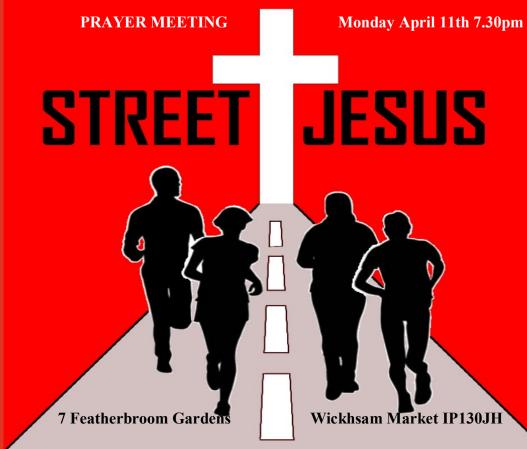
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CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

HUB COMMUNITY CAFÉ-St Johns Woodbridge - Every Monday morning 10-12





#### Gallery



Evangeline is three years old this month and hope that we have as many faith conversations in the next three years as in the last three.

#### CD of the month

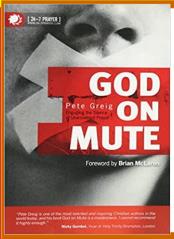


CD of the month

Healer

Casting crowns

### Book of the month



#### BOOK OF THE MONTH

God on Mute was written out of Pete's own experience of the miraculous power of prayer alongside the pain of unanswered prayer and the common human struggle to find faith with that paradox. Just after the birth of the 24-7 Prayer Movement and of his second child Pete's wife, Samie was diagnosed with a massive brain tumour. Subsequent surgery to remove the cancer was successful but she continues to suffer terrible epilepsy and his deepest prayers for her healing did not work. Tracking Christ's own unanswered prayer through Gethsemane and Golgotha, the book leads the reader to Easter Sunday where miracles arise - often when we least expect it. Pete is passionate about the message of God on Mute because it will help many hurting people. Our hope is that God on Mute will inspire people to persevere in prayer.

#### Facebook



If you would like to join our facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/1246450225452294

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www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings

New Wine July 23rd—August 3rd 2022 www.new-wine.org Spring Harvest April 9th –17th 2022 www.springharvest.org Big Church day out June 3rd-4th 2022 www.bigchurchdayout.com Keswick July 16th-August 5th 2022 Keswickministries.org Greenbelt August 26th-29th 2022 www.greenbelt.org.uk Word Alive April 9th-14th 2022 www.wordaliveevent.org Davids tent August 26th-29th 2022 www.davidstent.net lillsong Conference July 27th-29th www.hillsong.com 2022 Newday August 20th-22nd 2022 www.newday.co.uk



#### Bible reading

You have heard that our ancestors were told "You must not murder If you commit murder you are subject to judgement! But I say that even if you are angry with someone you are subject to judgement. If you call someone an idiot you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone you are in danger of the fires of hell. So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the alter of the temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you. Leave your sacrifice there at the alter. Go and be reconciled to that person then come and offer your sacrifice to God. When you are on the way to court with your adversary settle your differences quickly otherwise your accuser may hand you over to the judge who will hand you over to an officer and you will be thrown into prison. And if that happens you surely wont be free again until you have paid the last penny. You have heard the commandment that says you must not commit adultery But I say that anyone who even loois at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye, even your good eye causes you to lust gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your hand even your stronger hand causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than Matthew 5:21-30 for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

#### Prayer



Quote to note

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." -

Francis Chan

#### 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 on Monday 14th March at 7.30 pm. At 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH

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 streetjesus 2012@gmail.com