

Street Jesus News:

E News January

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Welcome to the January edition of our e-news.

We had a very interesting outreach at Wickham Market Christmas market in December. We are always looking to do something different to add interest to the stall. We gave out a Christmas poem in scroll

form held together with a red ribbon along with a t light and asked people to light it on Christmas day for somebody who was significant to them and to remember the birth of Jesus the light of the world. These were very gratefully received and three people were moved to tears. One spoke of the death of her daughter many years previous, one was speechless while another sobbed. We were able to offer prayer and speak of how faith heals.



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We all have emotional capacity. This allows us to feel joy, love and excitement but also anxiety, anger and pain. Our emotions are often unpredictable and pop up like toast in a toaster in unexpected ways. God has made us this way so that we may connect with one other and with him. Certain things may trigger our emotions. Part of our evangelising is pastoral and being there for people. We never imagined that our t'lights would be such a trigger.

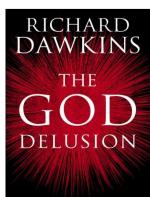
In various forms of media we have information coming at us from



different angles, much of it sells us dreams and feed into our desires or encourages us to take on board certain attitudes. Whilst we do receive uplifting stories we hear mostly of the worst of human nature. There is very little Christian content in our media. Around 2007 when I first became a Christian Richard Dawkins had released his book The God Delusion which was an anti religious polemic. It was very popular and you could see its contents to some degree reflected

the attitudes of people in society but was also helping to form them. In the letters pages of newspapers debates raged about the existence of God and the nature of Christianity. There were lots fair points made in the critique of our faith but also many misunderstandings caricatures and stereotypes. Talona with a number

caricatures and stereotypes. I along with a number of other local Christians attempted to give a truer picture of our faith through the letters pages of the EADT's and although you cannot debate people into the kingdom of God its important to sow seeds in peoples minds. For some this is an evangelistic ministry in its own right. It was interesting that many who wrote critically, ceased when challenged although there was always a group of hard core atheists who seemed unable to understand and simply rejected the notion of God. The heat went out of the debate after a while but I note that many of the attitudes expressed in the God



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Delusion are still present. It may be that this is a possible mission field which you had not considered. Evangelism comes in many forms and can be very creative.

It was very heartening to read that Lady Susan Hussey and the charity worker Ngozi Fulani were able to meet together after remarks about Ngozi's ethnic origin at a Buckingham palace function had caused

offence. These remarks in one sense were inquisitive but the manner and persistence in which they were expressed brought embarrassment and hurt and were felt to have had racist overtones. As a white person i sometimes struggle with the sensitivities around this and other issues of identity, in one sense they seem oversensitive and yet we probably all carry unconscious bias without realising it and can



never fully understand a persons lived experience unless we have walked in their shoes. I tend to think we struggle more with cultural differences. The important thing is to be self aware, to try to treat all people with equity love and grace. The fact that these two woman born into completely different cultures were able to come together, to Apologise and seek understanding is a model for us all. Ephesians 4:32 Matthew 5:24 and Colossians 3:13 guide us on how to deal with grievance with reconciliation, kindness and forgiveness

We contrast this with the echo chamber of opinion on social media. Where often unkind words put downs and sarcastic cynical comment abounds. In fact Ngozi Fulani was subjected to terrible racial abuse and her charity has suffered detriment. Freedom of speech is increasingly under threat as part of a cultural war between those who hold traditional values versus those with progressive ones. Thus has it always been, attitude change brings conflict even in religious matters,



throughout history most notably at the reformation. Each side claims rightness.

This has most recently been seen after the Netflix series featuring the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Revelations about the Royal family have caused hurt as they themselves have been hurt by how they were treated with race also being cited as a factor. Commentators like Piers Morgan and Jeremy Clarkson have been particularly vigorous in their critique of the Sussexes. The tabloid press have

given countless column inches to this conflict and have probably added fuel to the fire. How will reconciliation take place? Buckingham palace have been reluctant to respond on the traditional model of "never complain and never explain', no doubt following the tradition of stiff upper lip. The Duke and duchess lean more to expressing their feelings, opening up on contemporary issues particularly on mental health. Proverb 29:25 asks us not to fear man and John 12:43 notes that men needed praise from other men rather than God. The idea that another's view is less important thanm Gods helps us to be resilient and put the words and actions of others into perspective. The duke and Duchess have refused the apology offered by Jeremy Clarkson. Unkindness of words are counter to the fruit of the spirit and a lack of forgiveness and enduring resentments will not bring peace. Let us pray that reconciliation may be found not just in a famous family like the Royal family but in families in conflict up and down the land. By looking to his word and calling on his spirit in prayer, healing can take place. On behalf of everybody on the Steet Jesus team I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful new year.

Blessings Graham

Worship

SUFFOLK COASTAL RIVERSIDE CENTRE STRATFORD ST ANDREW Fourth Thursday this month. https://thefillingstation.org.uk/stat ion/suffolk-coastal/ MID SUFFOLK STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL Meetings Second Wednesday of each month. https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/ mid-suffo.k/

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What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. You can learn more about **Alpha** on their website @ **https://alpha.org.uk**/

Our next course starts on 18th January 2023 in St John's Church Woodbridge IP12 1HS

'Alpha was the best thing I ever did. It helped answer some huge questions and to find a simple empowering faith in my life.' – Bear Grylls, TV Adventurer

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Volunteer?

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"To give the homeless a room is like a one handed clap. They need relationship." Jonathan Aitken at the HIA Conference 2017

A Friendship & Support volunteer is essentially a friend with a purpose, someone to walk alongside a tenant offering encouragement and support for this part of their journey. You might enjoy walking: shopping: cooking or just chatting, you might take them for an appointment or meet up for a coffee, a trip to the cinema or work on a project together.

Whatever you do when meeting with your tenant, you can be sure you will be making a positive impact just by being there, through listening, by caring and ultimately accepting them for who they are, where they are.

Here are some comments by tenants from our annual survey about the F&S:

My new

friend

through the church is

lovely

It feels like They give me lots of support. They help me to learn English. They family. asking how are there for me and Iam

my children. I am so thankful for them. They help me morally. They have helped me with cooking skills. gardening skills. life skills.

spiritual growth

We open up to each other when struggling.

> They are always supportive and include me in everything

mentor, he video called me every week in lockdown to see if I was OK. We talk about things we need to talk about eg appointments, concerns in the house and general conversation about football, family and it's just like being with my best mate.

I value everything with my

What could you offer?

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You draw up your own budget and set up a money management system that takes away the stress of wondering how much you dare spend and helps you to feel in control.

The course is devised by the award-winning *Christians Against Poverty* and delivered by local trained money coaches who give you tools to make important decisions about your finances.

To apply for this free online course email Bob Huddlestone boblizh@gmail.com or text to 07754 048056 by 15th January 2023



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Friday, 6 January 2023 2:30pm - 5:00pm Woodbridge Quay Church





A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

christians against poverty



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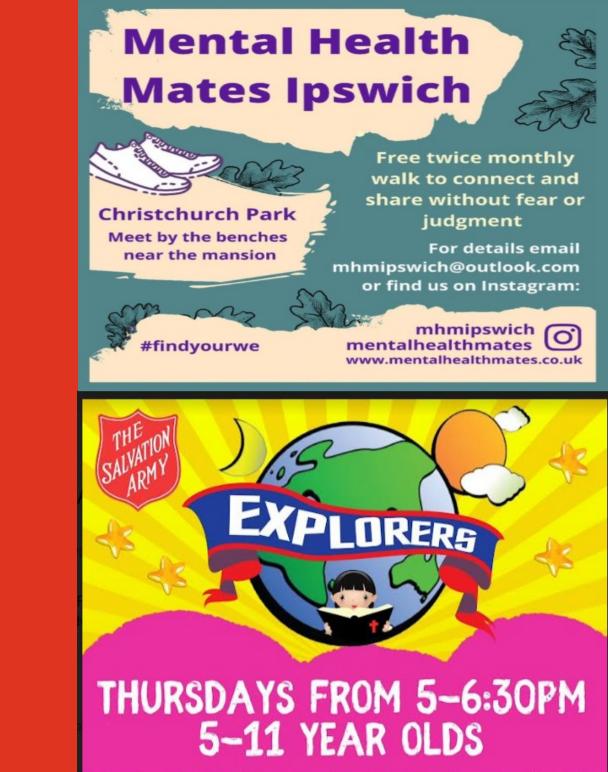
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'The Toast Rack'

A new venture called 'the Toast Rack', is being organised by Sandy Rowles at St Michael's. Coffee and tea will be served, with toast, and biscuits, on the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 10 -12 noon, beginning on Saturday 5th February. We hope that this will be an opportunity for people to meet and chat, and perhaps for some to get used to being out and about again in a safe and friendly forum. No charge will be made, but any donations are always welcome.





Church Warm Spaces open from the week beginning Monday 31st October 2022

Monday St Peter and St Paul's Church – 2-5pm

Tuesday The Salvation Army – 10am-3pm Trimley Methodist Church – 11am-3pm St Philip's Community Hub – 10am-3pm

Wednesday St John's lady chapel or meeting room – 10am-3pm

Thursday St Philip's Community Hub – 10am-3pm Seaton Road Methodist – 11am-3pm (3rd Thursday of month a 2 course meal is available for £5)

> Friday The Convent – 10am-3pm

Warm Spaces that run over lunch times are providing food (usually soup and a roll)

For further information email warmspace@churchestogetherfelixstowe.org or call 07935 362281



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A service organised by Ipswich in Prayer, with Cantus Firmus Choir and Orchestra

Ipswich in Prayer

CROWN HIM

Saturday 21 January 2023

Silence Song Prayer

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Usually the fourth Sunday of the month 6pm

St Gregory's Church chancel www.rendleshamchurches.org/find-us

contact: janethbishop@hotmail.com



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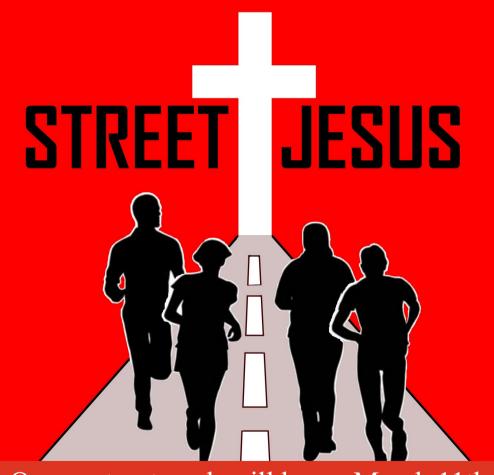


"Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship... In a very non-pressed, non-judgemental environment." - Bear Grylls host of "Man vs Wild".



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Outreach



Our next outreach will be on March 11th at Leiston Co-op 9am –4pm





We meet in St. Michaels Church

At 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month This is a family worship with a difference, with activities for children and families including crafts, music, and games and a special tea for everyone.

We currently meet in St. Michaels Church ready to start at 4pm.

There will be a short time of worship as we begin Everyone is welcome; please let us know if you are planning to come so that there is plenty to eat.

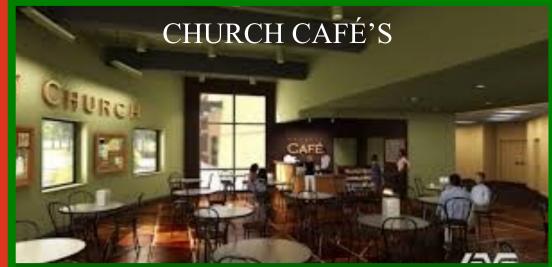
For more information, or to tell us you are coming, please contact:

Revd. Mary Lamb, <u>marylamb1952@googlemail.com</u> or Wendy Phelan on 01728 720125 or check details with the parish office ...framparish@gmail.com We have had great fun in the past and look forward to seeing old and new families.





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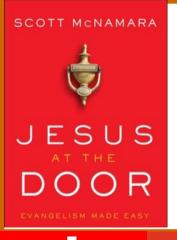
Book of the month

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Doggie out with Rob & Nicola at Woodbridge Christmas market December 2019





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BOOK OF THE MONTH

CD of the month

Tauren Wells

Joy in the morning

As many as 96% of Christians are not leading anyone to Jesus. This means that the vast majority of the wider church is, at best, simply sowing. The kingdom of God, however, requires both sowing and reaping. If we neglect reaping, we will not have a healthy harvest.

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Gatherings

Bible reading

Prayer

Quote to note

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When the seven days were almost over, the Jews from Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, began to stir up all the crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people and the Law and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. Then all the city was provoked, and the people rushed together, and taking hold of Paul they dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut. While they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the commander of the Roman cohort that all Jerusalem confusion. At once he took along some soldiers and centurions was in and ran down to them; and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. Then the commander came up and took hold of him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains; and he began asking who he was and what he had done. But among the crowd some were shouting one thing and some another, and when he could not find out the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. When he got to the stairs, he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob; for the multitude of the people kept following them, shouting, "Away with him"! 2 Corinthians 7:13-22



Help me Grant me tenacious winsome courage as I go through this day.

When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep going. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way.

And give me the courage to do whatever needs to be done.

Amen

Truth, according to the Christian faith, is God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, truth is a relationship."

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 January 9th at 7.30 pm. At 7 Featherbroom Gardens Wickham Market IP130JH

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