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Street Jesus News:

Welcome to the April edition of our e-news.

With Easter fast approaching and the lent season drawing to a close our focus turns to that most profound event in human history the crucifixion and resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus Christ and all that means for our salvation and our relationship with God both now and

into eternity. We were reminded of the importance of this during our recent outreach at Leiston co-op. (See picture right -five of our team of seven out on the day) We were using our Jesus at the door resource for the first time, two canvas picture, one of Jesus at the door and the other a person praying. The two backpacks, one carrying the heavy stones of sin and one with the



light sponges of the holy spirit. We also had a desktop cross to explain what Jesus has done for us. We had one visitor who became quite emotional when going through the backpack of sin stage. She held what many call universalist views. She believed in God, that we are all children of God and that we were created by him but that when we die we all go back to the same place with God regardless of what we believe or how we act during our life time. She felt the whole idea of



talking about sin was just a way of controlling people by making them feel guilty and bad about themselves. There is comfort in believing that we all live into eternity in heaven. And this is particularly so if you have endured the death of somebody close to you. You desire a heavenly place for them with no strings attached. There is even a heaven for all

foundation in the USA. We asked about the place for people who do pure evil but she felt that we all learn and are redeemed. For Christians this is not part of our teaching. Good and evil, light and darkness cannot mix. The Love that God lavishes on us cannot be corrupted by sin because then love would not be pure. How wonderful then that we can look now to the cross as Easter approaches, that Jesus shed his blood and died for us that we could be made right with God, that he bore our sins so that we may be washed clean and hidden in him before Gods sight.

Its great when churches get creative in order to convey the message of Christ. Our church here in Wickham Market is holding an Easter drama during a service on Tuesday 4th of Holy week. I am taking part although not speaking, I will be wearing a black hoodie and will be representing a sin although I know not yet which one. I have been practicing looking mean in the mirror



Street Jesus News:

Our new seekers group (no not a tribute band for the 1960's Australian pop group) has just begun, it is being held every Wednesday and is aimed at those who have a curiosity to learn more about the Christin faith. We invited five people and two have committed to the group with another likely to join in the next couple of weeks. The idea

is for us to share our faith and help to answer peoples questions. As somebody who came to faith at the age of 50 and with certain objections about Christianity I certainly had lots of them. Its very normal when we do our Street work to get asked questions. Going back through our debriefs over the years I counted at least 40 relevant questions. Its good to have an answer



for people but sometimes we have to admit that we don't always know. People are sometimes disappointed as they feel that we should. In this we are reminded in all humility that we only see dimly as if through as cloudy mirror.

In our first group we asked 'What is the purpose of our lives' with a supplementary question' What is the purpose of religion'. Lots of wide ranging ideas were expressed and it was a great discussion. We are hoping the seekers will own the group and be able to ask those questions that are important to them. We aim to make it open, honest and non judgemental so to build trust between us and explore together. This is the first time that I have ever led a group but I can see that God prepares us for work he wants us to do. We are soon to go to Spring harvest and over the years I have been attracted to the lectures on Apologetics and early in my Christian journey I got the opportunity to attend lectures run by Theos the think tank on religion which asked 'What place has religion in a secular society. What i have

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learnt over the years holds me in good stead for the work that God calls me to

Our subject for this week is 'The theory of evolution' which we will compare and contrast with the biblical account of creation. The person asking the question like I once did will no doubt feel that each perspective is contrary to the other. The

theory of evolution can be a real barrier to people coming to faith. There are still many question to answer before we can say with any certainly that species formed one into the other. I'm sure it will be an interesting chat. If you feel you know somebody who may benefit from attending our group, please do get in touch.

The bible urges us in Genesis 20:12 to honour our Fathers and Mothers and former Prime minister Boris Johnson took this rather literally and put his father Stanley forward for a knighthood. Most of us are not in a position to propose a knighthood for our fathers but for those of us

who have been fortunate to have good and supportive fathers there are many ways in which we can honour them.

This is not a given. In the USA 63% of youth suicides, 90% of homeless children, 85% of children with mental health problems 71% of school dropouts are all from fatherless homes. We can see from this how important good fathers are. In short children with absent fathers are less

likely to thrive. It is the same for us also in that we are far less likely to thrive in life without a heavenly father. If our earthly father disappoint us our heavenly father never will because he loves us with a love that surpasses all understanding. Happy Easter Graham







Please see website for next dates

United Kingdom Fellowship

New venue



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



oasisenglish.co.uk English Language School





Clare priory

clarepriory.org,uk



www.cofesuffolk.org











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







Palm Sunday 2 April at 10.30am

Exciting, interactive & intergenerational celebration of Palm Sunday. An invitation to focus on the power and authority of Jesus as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

Email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

24 St John's Hill IP12 1HS St. John's

Family Easter Egg Hunts!

Saturday 8th April

Tel: 01394 383162

10:30am St John'5 Church, Woodbridge

2:00pm St Andrew'S Church. Bredfield Both followed by refreShmentS

Fun for all the family!

For more information contact Clare Johnston on 01394 383162 or clare@stjohnswoodbridge.org.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

NEW: Free Tea, Coffee & Biscuits

Our Faith Community is registered with

THE WELCOME DIRECTORY



Our commitment: We will welcome people, who have been in prison, into our faith community and support them



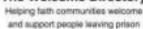
The Welcome Directory is a directory of faith communities in England and Wales who are committed to welcoming and appropriately supporting people who have left or are leaving prison, and is available on-line and in printed format. It enables prison chaplains, probation workers, other professionals, and individuals to identify a faith community in their local area that is a good place for someone leaving prison to attend.

For more information please talk to your local Welcome Directory Champion,

or visit welcomedirectory.org.uk

Nate: Our faith community has a safeguarding policy which ensures that all safeguarding risks are managed appropriately.

The Welcome Directory







twitter.com/welcome_dir



Pub Theology

Conversations about God. faith and life...in a pub.

> Fortnightly on Sundays following Evensong







River Wall, Woodbridge (by the bandstand)
6.00am (sunrise at 6.12am)
Early Risers invited to celebrate with Churches Together

Informal Organ Concert

Wednesday 19th April 2023 St John's Church, Woodbridge

The informal concert will start at about 12:15 after the 10:30 Communion service and coffee. Please let Sue Banyard or Robert Brockbank know if you would like to stay afterwards for a light lunch (donations towards the cost of the lunch would be appreciated).









Less income and your finances feeling out of control? ...

then the free **CAP Money Course** is for you.

The Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre is running an online 3-session course on money management, beginning on Monday 16 January 2023 at 10.45am. This will be run in St John's Old Vicarage, St John's Hill Woodbridge, IP12 1HS.

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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Join Bishop Mike on Sunday 21 May 2023 from 12.30 for a county-wide celebration service of mission at White House Farm, Great Glemham, IP17 1LS.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre

Based at SKC Church

If you would like to find out more about the services that we offer If you are weighed down by debt call FREE on 0800 328 006 or find us at capdebthelp.org.uk

Examples of repairs:

- -A toaster that no longer works
- -Hem that's come down
- -A lamp with a broken switch







The Repair Cafe is run by volunteers who assist in the repairing of broken items for a voluntary contribution.





Runs within The Hub community cafe Do join usl Supported by:



First Monday of every month 10 am-12 Midday St Johns Church Woodbridge, IP12 1HS



Join the Festival of Youth Voices and enable young people to shape the future of Ipswich



- Are you passionate about the future of Ipswich?
- Would you like to help young people and children to shape that future?

Follow these 3 simple steps

- Bring together a group of children and/or young people in Church, school or community group
- 2 Discuss with them the answers to 4 simple questions
- 3 Upload their views to the Ipswich Social Mobility website





7:30PM



SUDBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

Brahms A GERMAN REQUIEM

Piano Duet: Christopher Moore | Jill Garrett

Mozart

AVE VERUM CORPUS

Organ: Christopher Moore

Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 7:30pm Joy Abbott Hall, The Hive, Sudbury CO10 2HA

> Musical Director: John Chillingworth Soprano: Rosamund Walton Baritone: Mark Saberton

TICKETS: £15, Students/Children £5 from Tourist Information (Sudbury Town Hall), Juniper Flowers (North Street), or on the door

Doors open and cash bar available from 7:00pm

www.sudburychoralsociety.co.uk

Reg: Charity No. 269588





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







Christchurch Park

Meet by the benches near the mansion

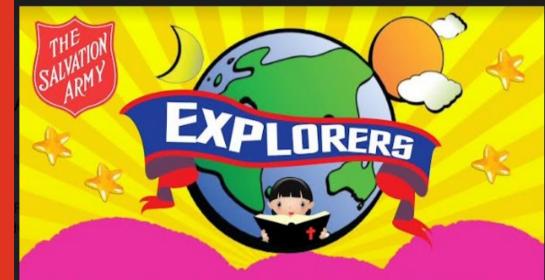
Free twice monthly walk to connect and share without fear or judgment

For details email mhmipswich@outlook.com or find us on Instagram:



mhmipswich mentalhealthmates www.mentalhealthmates.co.uk





THURSDAYS FROM 5-6:30PM 5-11 YEAR OLDS



£1 PER CHILD GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, MESSY FUN, COMPETITIONS, PRAYERS, BIBLE STORIES, CHALLENGES, TUCK SHOP AND MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 07500058657 OR POP IN TO FELIXSTOWE SALVATION ARMY, COBBOLD ROAD, IP11 7EL



THE SALVATION ARMY IS A REGISTERED CHARITY IN ENGLAND (214779)

Supporting our local Ukrainian community through 2023

- Due to the massive goodwill of many people and companies, during 2022 Together for Ipswich was able to offer extensive support to over 200 Ukrainians, all for less than £1,1001
- The needs (particularly for English lessons, finding employment and housing) continue, but we are confident
 that if the goodwill towards Ukraine is maintained, and we can continue to access grants for specific items
 such as move-on costs, we can deliver the remainder of our services in 2023 for another £1000.
- As an expression of your commitment to the mission of the Church in Ipswich and, of course, to our new Ukrainian community in Ipswich, would you be ready to support this ongoing response with a gift?
- · If so, please send it to

· Account name: Together for Ipswich

• Sort Code: 23 05 80

• Account number: 48117120

· Marked: Ukraine response gift

THANK YOU SO MUCH!





FRAMLINGHAM

'The Toast Rack'

A new venture called 'the Toust 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.



For 11-16 year olds



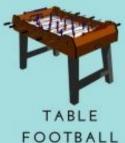
Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

AT THE RUNWAY CAFÉ MARTLESHAM

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN THE AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL?













The Runway Cafe, attached to St Michael's Church, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3PL

Affordable Food



Community

Business And Service In Christ

The BASIC Life Charity Pop-Up Shop

St.Felix Church, Rendlesham

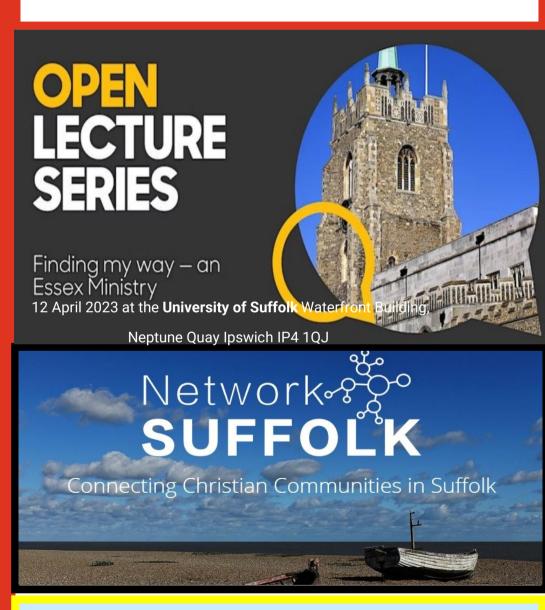
Every Tuesday 11am

All Welcome!



The Bible Reading
Fellowship is
advertising two
vacancies in its
Fundraising
team. For further
information, please
go to
https://www.brf.org

https://www.brf.org. uk/getinvolved/jobs/.



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





SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR

If you love singing anything from Bach to Bacharach, Folk, Spirituals, Swing, Musical Theatre, Rock and Pop then why not come and join us?

Our members come from all over Suffolk and all walks of life.

You don't have to be able to read music and there are no auditions. A love of singing is the main ingredient! Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings in Martlesham.

Come along for a couple of rehearsals and try us out. We would love to see you.

For more information visit <u>www.suffolkconstabularymalevoicechoir.co.uk</u> or call or message Stephen on 07816 678141

The Felixstowe (CAP) Debt Counselling centre work in partnership with the national charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) UK to provide:

- debt counselling in which one of our debt coaches, and CAP's head office staff, work to find the best route for anyone living with debt to become debt free - ring 0800 328 0006 to arrange an appointment;
- one to one budgeting advice sessions and the CAP Money Course to enable people to get to grips with their finances so they can budget, save and prevent debt. For more information call: 07394 177634 or email: Felixstowemoneycourse@outlook.com;
- the Life Skills course which equips people with the confidence, decision making, and practical skills needed to live on a low income.
 To find out more call: 07942353486 or email: joybaker@caplifeskills.org

All our services are free and are available to everyone living in Felixstowe and the surrounding area, regardless of age, gender, background or faith.

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THE COMPASS

THE COMPASS is a Community Hub: "Finding the Right Direction"

The Compass is a registered Christian charity, serving people in the Felixstowe area. It takes referrals from all the statutory and voluntary agencies and provides holistic support/advocacy to individuals and families in need - moving people from dependence to independence. The Compass employs a Community Outreach Worker and has a team of trained volunteers drawn from across the churches in Felixstowe. It works closely with all other agencies, such as CAP, the Job Centre and Social Care.

Tel: 07368 324042 Email: connect@thecompass.uk

Address: Christ Church, Grange Farm Avenue, Felixstowe IP11 2XD

A MORNING WITH NOEL ROBINSON

SUNDAY 14 MAY AT 10.30 AM

AT RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH, FELIXSTOWE



INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP
LEADER, MUSIC PASTOR,
SONGWRITER AND PRODUCER
WHOSE MANDATE IS TO SEE
THE BODY OF CHRIST RISE
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Sing with Cantus Firmus at the Royal Albert Hall!

The Coronation Prom
6 May 2023

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Thursday Lunchtimes

Refreshments at low cost 12 noon - 1.00 pm A short talk 1.10 - 1.50 pm

You are welcome to either or both

Season 2022/2023

Mar 9th Tartan Capers – an illustrated history of Scottish dancing.

Mar 16th The Ipswich Mint and the Moneyers John Sadler

Mar 23rd A Shot in the Dark

Mike Kwasniak, Fellow of the Royal Photographic

Society

Mar 30th A Fresh Start: Charity Youth Opportunities Angela Gregg

Forum then takes a break for Easter until 20th April

Apr 20th St Clement's Church Restoration

David Vincent

www.christchurch-ipswich.org.uk
Twitter at @ThursdayForum and Facebook:Thursdayforumipswich



All Saints Little Bealings

Easter Sunday

9th April 2023

Afternoon Tea

12pm-5pm



We'd love you to celebrate Easter Sunday with us. Our church will be filled with flowers and we will be serving beautiful cakes, great coffee and tasty savouries. Children, adults, can you make an Easter garden for our display? Our Easter Sunday family service is earlier at 10am, again we'd love to see you. Wishing you all the Joy, Hope and Peace of Easter.



Holy Week & Easter



Ever wondered what it was all about?

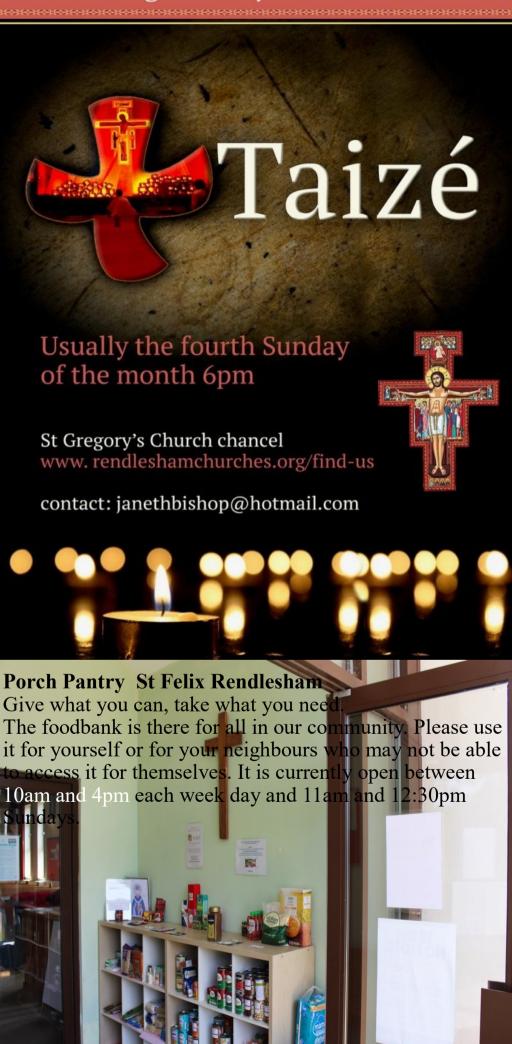
Come and help us unwrap the mystery

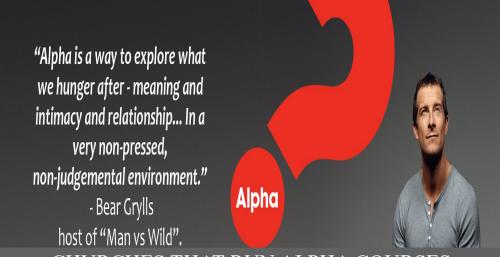
An Hour of Drama and Music

All Saints Church, Wickham Market Tuesday 4th April at 6:30pm Free entry and refreshments afterwards



Song Prayer Silence





CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

HOPE CHURCH IPSWICH - www.hopeipswich.co.uk BURLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH I IPSWICH Tel- 01473-259271
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ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGE 01394-383162
COLCHESTER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH IPSWICH -01473-290115
ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH - IPSWICH- 01473 723960
ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGERIVER OF LIFE CHURCH FELIXSTOWE

Outreach



Our next outreach will be on April 23rd at Trinity park car boot sale Ipswich



www.shct.org.uk



Welcome to Alive@4

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

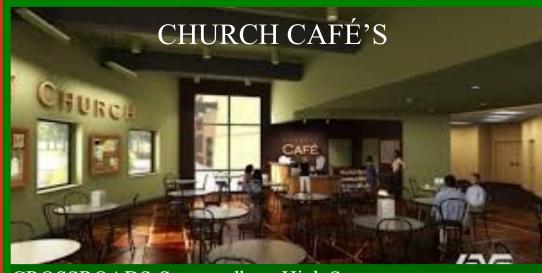
Everyone is welcome; please let us know if you are planning to come so that there is plenty to eat.

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

Revd. Mary Lamb, marylamb1952@googlemail.com

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.

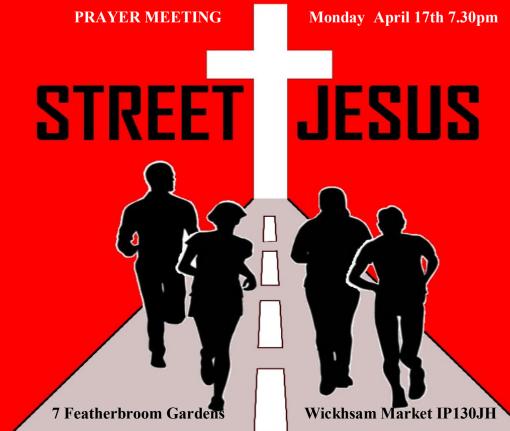




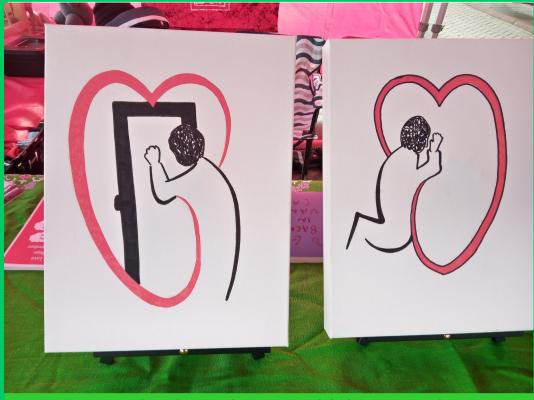
CROSSROADS-Saxmundham High Street THE RUNWAY-St Michaels and all Angels Martlesham OPEN DOORS -All Saints Wickham Market-Every Friday morning.

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





Gallery



Our Jesus at the door pictures which we used on our recent outreach in Leiston. Grateful thanks to Polly Baker for painting these for us.

CD of the month

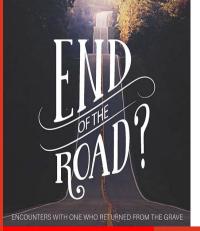


CD of the month

Hillsong Worship

Take Heart

Book of the month



BOOK OF THE MONTH

What was really going on during the events of Jesus' final days? End of the Road is a handy resource that explores the political and religious climate during the first century, and how this affected both Jesus' enemies and his followers. Suitable as a hand out in churches and for those wanting to know more about the Easter story

Facebook



If you would like to join our facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/1246450225452294

Think tank on religion and society

www.theosthinktank.co.uk

Gatherings





Bible reading

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life^[a]? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:22-34

Prayer

A Blessing

We pray for all those whose crops and land are affected by the climate crisis, that they may have strength and hope as they work to adapt to these urgent challenges.

May God grant us wisdom to care for our common home, the earth, so that all people may flourish.

Lord, in your mercy...

Amen

Quote to note

True faith means holding nothing back. It means putting every hope in God's fidelity to His Promises." Francis Chan

Please get

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 May 8th 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