# E News December 2023

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Street Jesus News :
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Welcome to the December edition of Street Jesus e-news.
I must confess that I have a healthy collection of Christian books most of which have come from my visits to Spring Harvest or New wine. Each year vowing not to buy so many invariably I come away with my arms full. I just love reading about how people see Christ but particularly biographies and testimonies of Christians. The outworking of the teachings of Jesus in practical terms. I have recently scanned a book which my wife Barbara brought home from the library ( it had to go back before I finished it ) about a parish priest Alex Frost who ministers in Burnley, a town with lots of social deprivation. It is heart rending and eye opening, first the subject of a BBC documentary The cost of Covid—A year on the front line. His experiences are recorded in a book. "Our daily bread" I have heard people over the years declaring that there is no real poverty in our local rural Christian communities but this runs counter to our experiences on the street. People confide in us, all sorts of problems, financial, relational, health issues. Food bank use in our local church has increased significantly. Particularly too at this time of the year where people are under pressure to spend big at Christmas and the energy bills are some bit higher. Poverty can be very much hidden in the countryside.

The church can be very active in supporting people in challenging circumstances, our community pantry here in Wickham Market is very well used. Its interesting that the bible mentions assistance for the poor around 2,000 times with the word poor appearing over 200 times. It is clear where the focus of Jesus is and these verses are there to inspire us and we need to be obedient to him. We ask ourselves as Churches Are we like a cruise ship, comfortable in 'faith luxury' or on a battleship, fighting the spiritual battle and sacrificing ourselves like Father Frost in Burnley to serve the poor and marginalised. We don't always know where the poverty is, its not always self evident but what is common to the cruise liner and the battleship is they both have life rafts. The Church is a rescue mission. Whether you need to be saved from luxury or lack, the life raft is there for everyone. And when we are rescued we know that both vessels also have a sick bay, a place where Jesus can heal us. A person can be materially poor but rich in spirit and visa versa.

One of the interesting things about the Christian life is how ordinary everyday things can spark a spiritual response. Jesus himself used everyday things to demonstrate a spiritual meaning. I was recently listening to a radio programme about birdsong. Recording of birdsong

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was played and guests were invited to identify the birds. I was hopeless, being unable to identify one except the skylark which for some reason I remembered. The presenter then gave an interesting fact that the Skylark is the only bird that sings in the darkness as well as the light. Although not knowing much about birdsong I immediately thought of the apostle Paul imprisoned in Rome, chained and beaten he sang songs of worship. He was singing like a lark in the darkness praising the Lord. For those who are having a tough time it is not usual to sing in joy. Paul is reminding us that in those tough times if we keep our hearts and minds on Jesus the burden is not so great.

One of the things I like about our church here in Wickham market is testimony Sunday and our monthly evening service where people are encouraged to share how God is working in their lives. Last week we had somebody share the first chapter of Ecclesiastes written by the teacher. It is a downbeat chapter of frustration and despair. He cries that everything is meaningless. The person sharing explained that as a sixteen year old he felt unsettled and felt his life also had no meaning.

Having been introduced to Christian teaching he decided that God could give his life meaning and he gave his life to the Lord. What was interesting was that he didn't know anything about sin, what Jesus had done for us and what it all really meant. He simply wanted meaning and purpose. He went on to be a minister for many years. When we are engaged with somebody on the stall and going through Jesus at the door we always ask the question. " Why did Jesus come to earth and we give a number of reason to which we will now add, to give 'Meaning and purpose.' See how we can learn from one another.

In our Wednesday evening seekers group we recently had a session on the holy spirit. Its quite hard to explain the experience of the Holy spirit because it is so personal and works in a way peculiar to each individual. A person gave me a great picture of its nature. She described us as being like leaves in a swirling breeze, being moved by the holy spirit but settling in one heap in a corner. All coming together in one place in the love of God. I rather liked that image.

As advent approaches we all begin to turn our attention to the Christmas celebrations. We have advertised the Christmas services widely in our village. We are doing a humorous sketch in our carol, service highlighting how distracted we have become from the real reason for the season. As each year passes the secular tentacles spread further telling us that this is just a winter holiday. There will be more Robins and Santas than Nativity scenes on our Christmas cards. We will be told that we imposed Christmas on the pagans winter festival and that Jesus was actually born in September. Regardless, this is the time when we mark the fact that Jesus descended to earth as a mere baby born in lowly circumstances to save and redeem us that we may know God personally. Some people get very guilty about the abundance of Christmas, the excessive food drink and expensive presents. God loves a cheerful giver. None of it is wrong in and of itself as long as we share what we have and be thankful to God for his wonderful provision, most notably that of his beloved son Jesus. From everyone here at Street Jesus we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind. Graham

THE FILLING STATION

The Filling Station is an informal way of expressing the Christian Faith, using celebration meetings to encourage the local church, predominantly in rural areas across the UK.

**What to expect when we meet:**
A warm welcome with light refreshments… Contemporary worship led by local worship leaders… Stories of God at work today… Guest Speakers to refresh our faith… Prayer together for worldwide and personal needs…

**There will be no meeting in December. Details will be announced in next months e-news for the January meeting.**

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew

Refreshments at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

# Everyone is Welcome

https://thefillingstation.org.uk/

Alpha

New ALPHA course
Starts 27 September 2023
7pm in St John's Church
St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS

St. John's Woodbridge

Vicar: Rev Charles Trefusis
Tel:01394 383162
email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk
www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

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

*Organisations*

**www.light-wave.org**

lightwave

Lightwave is a Christian community meeting in small groups, committed to shining the light of Jesus in Suffolk

HOPE into ACTION

suffolk.hopeintoaction.org.uk/

Enabling churches to house the homeless

**www.ministryofmusic.co.uk**

Clare priory

clarepriory.org,uk

**familyfirstuk.org**

FAMILY FIRST

Supporting families through change

https://homeforgood.org.uk/

home for good

THE PRAYER FOUNDATION

helping people grow

PRAYER
Every Tuesday
7pm
Kelsale Village Hall
IP172PB

Contact Paul or Mandy Weekes on 01728-604053

# Open to God Service

3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.30am

www.avenueevangelicalchurch.org.uk

42 Warwich Ave
Woodbridge
01394 383479

Join us to

# Pray

together in St John's Woodbridge

Tuesday Evenings 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Thursday Mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

## Table Tennis Drop-In

## Every Wednesday starting on the 4 October 2023

10am to 12pm

*With a 15min break for tea/coffee and a brief testimony*

In St John's Church Hall
St John's Street, Woodbridge
IP12 1ED

Everyone and any ability welcome, do bring a friend along

*A suggested donation of £2 per person to cover costs*

Contact Bob Huddlestone 07754 048056 or Richard Bolt 07824 177830

St John's Woodbridge *Discovering God and sharing the love of Jesus*

Tel:01394 383162
email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk
www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

The BASIC Life Charity

## The BASIC Life Charity

## COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP

Come along to

River of Life Church

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

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

**The Welcome Directory**
Helping faith communities welcome and support people leaving prison

facebook.com/TheWelcomeDirectory twitter.com/welcome_dir instagram.com/welcome_dir/

# Pub Theology

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

Fortnightly on Sundays following Evensong

St Mary-le-Tower
Civic church of Ipswich

*Information Network*

## Dora Brown

Dora Brown are a team of volunteers who transform peoples homes free of charge and for those who are in crisis. Homes that have broken down for a variety of reasons.
Furniture required. Contact donate@dorabrown.com

All Saints Church
Wickham Market
Prayer & Praise Evenings
3rd Sunday of the month
at 6:30pm

HM Government
LEVELLING UP
Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs
EASTSUFFOLK means business GRANTS
East Suffolk COMMUNITIES Team
https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/…/east-suffolk-
Rural Business & Community Hub Fund
Grants of up to £30,000
Apply Now

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

# Thursday Forum

at Christ Church
Tacket Street

(next to Cox Lane car park)

## 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 2023/2024***

**Nov 30th** **Winter Music**
***Diz Deacon & David Stainer***

**Dec 7th** **Ipswich's Response to the Ukraine Crisis**
***Alan Cutting, 'Together for Ipswich'***

**Dec 14th** **Christmas Carols, Readings and Celebrations**

***Forum then takes a break for Christmas***

**Jan 11th** **The Role of a Police and Crime Commissioner**
***Suffolk PCC Tim Passmore***

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

Informal service for all ages

**Wickham Market**

# TOGETHER @ 11

Every third Sunday of the month at 11am
All Saints Church, refreshments from 10.30am

# Join us for the Christmas Story

**A CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY**
**FOR SCHOOL YEARS 1 – 6**

Friday 22nd December
10am to 3pm
Quay Church Woodbridge

Families are welcome to attend at
2:30 to for the Nativity story

Contact Just42 to book your space
Email: info@just42.org.uk
Tel: 01394 380992

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St. John's Woodbridge

## Advent Carol Service

with Holy Communion

## 10.30am Wednesday 6th December 2023

You are invited to
our Advent Carol Service,
with seasonal hymns and readings,
in preparation for
welcoming the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

St John's Church, St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS

Tel:01394 383162 Email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

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# Carols and Comedians

## FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7:30PM

WITH TONY VINO (MC), DAVE THOMPSON, DUNCAN OAKLEY AND LIVE BAND

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# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH KESGRAVE

**We would love for you to join us at our Christingle celebration and bring hope to more children's lives.**

**Sunday 3rd December 2023**

**At 5.30pm**

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

If you wish to donate in aid of the Children's Society please visit_
https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle
Alternatively, a Collection will be held in aid of The Children's Society

For more information, please visit our website www.askesgrave.org
All Saints Kesgrave, Main Road, Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk IP5 1AA

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# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

# FRAMLINGHAM

**OPENS**
**10am**
**SATURDAY 2nd**
**DECEMBER**
***with.....***

***The trees will be on show until 4pm on Monday 1st January***

***Free entry but donations welcome***

**FAIRTRADE COFFEE OR TEA WITH STUPENDOUS CAKES Until 2pm**

**A CHURCHFUL OF TREES DECORATED BY LOCAL GROUPS**
**FESTIVE MUSIC From THE POP CHORUS at approx 11am**

**HOT SOUP & ROLL WITH CHEESEBOARD 12 noon - 2pm ~SERVED BY THE FRAM GUIDES**

**TOMBOLA**
**VARIOUS STALLS**

**ALSO OPEN FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER**
**5 - 8pm WITH MULLED CIDER & mince pies**

**PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S [FOSM] in St Michael's Church, Framlingham**
***with thanks to our friends & supporters:- Fram Town Council, The Bellringers, Turner & Ellerby Moore Bros., Framlingham Girl Guides.***

**Christmas services in Framlingham and Saxtead**

**Sunday 10th December 6.00 pm at St Michael's**
**Advent Carol service**

**Sunday 17th December 9.30 am at St Michael's**
**Lessons, carols and communion**

**Christmas Eve**

**3.30 pm at St Michael's Church**
**Children's Nativity Service**

**6.00 pm at All Saints Saxtead**
**Carol service with mulled wine and mince pies**

**11.00 pm at St Michael's Church**
**Midnight communion**

**Christmas Day**

**St Michael's family service**
**All Saints Saxtead Holy Communion**

**We wish everyone a blessed and holy Christmas**

St. John's Woodbridge

Pre-book early
Just 100 free places

**Thursday 14th December**
**4.00pm to 5.30pm**
Family Christmas Extravaganza!
St John's Church

**A free family event for primary school age children with fun , games, craft and God**
Pre-book your free place today with Kate
Email: Kate@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

St John's Church, St John's Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1HS
Tel:01394 383162 Email: info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk
www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk
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# Sanctuary
DAY CENTRE

URGENTLY NEEDED – IS THIS YOU?

## MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE SANCTUARY DAY CENTRE FOR IPSWICH ASYLUM SEEKERS

Hooray! The Day Centre is now open and has a Manager and a bunch of amazing volunteers but we need a few more! Can you help?
Can you offer a few hours a week or fortnight on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays in central Ipswich to talk about Ipswich life, help people with their English, encourage a bit of art ?
Then we'd love to hear from you!

**Email sanctuary@stmaryletower.org for more information from the Centre Manager**

St Mary-le-Tower
Civic church of Ipswich

# 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

# Community Christmas Day Lunch

Hearty Traditional Grub,
Good Company and Good Cheer!
In All Saints Church
Monday 25th December from 1pm

£4 mininum donation on the door but if you could let us know you plan on coming, it will help us with catering.

wardens@wickhammarketchurch.org 01728 748224

Please join us for a

# Christmas Celebration

Sunday 17 December
at 10.30 am

## River of Life Church

2 Carr Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2FS

Come and celebrate Christmas with us at this family service.
Activities and gifts for children.
Followed by tea, coffee and mince pies.
All Welcome - Free Parking

For more information and stay connected please visit
www.riveroflifechurch.net
or find us on Facebook

River of Life Church

FRAMLINGHAM

'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.

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FREE Christmas
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SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER
4PM TO 6PM
Make a Christingle
Games
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Gifts
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Friday 22nd December
8pm at the Royal
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Hosted by Colchester Road Baptist Church
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Colchester Road Baptist Church Ipswich

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## THURSDAYS FROM 5-6:30PM
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For 11-16 year olds

BROOM TREE CAFE
REFRESHMENTS FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

Tuesdays 15:30 - 17:30

# AT THE RUNWAY CAFÉ MARTLESHAM

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

LOW-COST REFRESHMENTS

HANG OUT WITH OTHERS

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*Affordable Food*

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*Community*

*Business And Service In Christ*

## The BASIC Life Charity Pop-Up Shop

*St.Felix Church, Rendlesham*

## Every Tuesday 11am

*All Welcome!*

*Information Network*

# One Voice Community Choir

O. V.

**Do you love to sing?**
**Come and make some new friends.**
**All abilities welcome.**
**No musical experience necessary.**
**When:** Tuesday 7:30pm.
**Location:** St. Matthews Chrch Ipswich. IP1 2EX
**More details:**
www.stmatthewsipswich.org.uk/one-voice-community-choir/

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# Aldeburgh Music Club Choir

## A CEREMONY OF CAROLS
by Benjamin Britten

&

CAROLS for CHOIR and AUDIENCE

TOM APPLETON *Conductor*
MIRIAM KEOGH *Harp*
ADRIAN NICHOLSON *Organ*

Saturday 16th December
3.00 p.m
St. Bartholomew's Church, Orford

Tickets £10, £5 under 18 (unreserved)
available at
www.aldeburghmusic.club
or on the door

Aldeburgh Music Club
is a registered charity no. 1000990
www.aldeburghmusic.club

# Begin The Adventure

## Alpha Course
Starts Thursday 14 September

## Register Now:

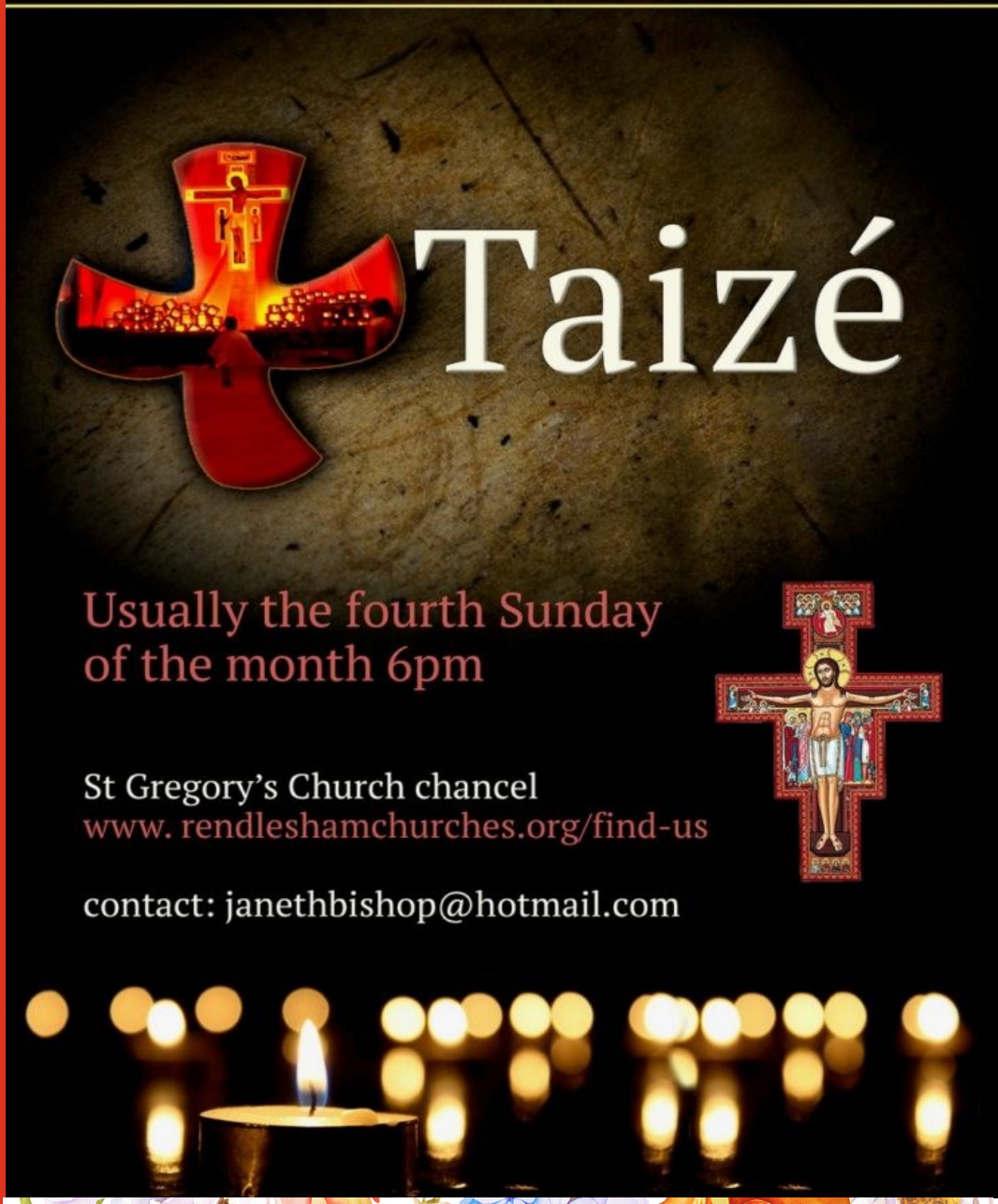
Website: www.riveroflifechurch.net
[Teaching Alpha]

Email: mail@riveroflifechurch.net

Phone: 01394 273700

Alpha

Song Prayer Silence




Wickham Market

# Oasis

Informal Service @ All Saints Church

3pm every Second Sunday. All invited!

A time of worship, fellowship,
and light refreshments.

Meet old friends and make new ones

*Information Network*

## Bereavement Support Group

Wednesday

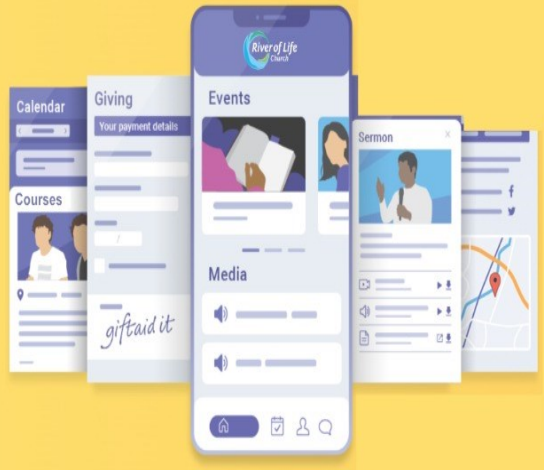
8 November

13 December

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at **2.30pm**.
If you would like more information or support please contact Kathy Blair

St John's Woodbridge

## RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH APP DOWNLOAD TODAY!




www.riveroflifechurch.net/hubb

OPERATION Christmas Child

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the *power* of a simple *gift*

# SPONSOR A SHOEBOX

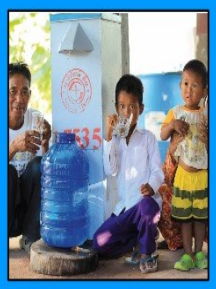
**Not got time or unable to make a shoebox?**

**Why not let us do the work for you!**

**For just £10 (which includes the transport donation) we will pack a shoebox in your name.**

**Form more information or to sponsor a shoebox, contact Sally:**

**sallyverow@riveroflifechurch.net**



Samaritan's Purse®

## Water Filter Project Offering

We usually take up a special offering this time of year for Samaritan's Purse Water Filter Project.
We have decided to move this offering to co-inside with World Water Day and the offering will therefore be on Sunday 24 March 2024.

If you would like to donate to this project beforehand, please visit:
https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/water-sanitation-hygiene/resources/

*"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" Matthew 25: 35*

BOOST

## BOOST Primary School Chaplaincy

We would ask for your prayers as the BOOST Trustees explore the possibility of appointing a voluntary part time chaplain to work in a local primary school. The role would be 2-3 hours per week based over a lunchtime through term time.

This venture will build on the excellent work of chaplaincy already at Felixstowe School. The volunteer chaplain would be accountable to, and receive support and training from, the BOOST Trustees, the BOOST Chaplain and the school involved.

We are excited about this possible new venture and ask that you continue with us in prayer so that we may be attentive to God's prompting and direction. If you would like to know more about the role please do get in touch via boostfelixstowechaplaincy@gmail.com

**Mick Warner, Chair of Boost Trustees. www.boostfelixstowe.org.uk**

BOOST

St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds has announced a special festive evening of much-loved carols, hymns and songs for Christmas.

On Saturday 9 December at 6pm, the boy and girl Choristers, together with the adult singers of the choir, will be performing a range of wonderful music for the season,

## Worried how you're going to afford Christmas?

Get advice on how to budget, spend and save with free and friendly **Money Coaching** from CAP

christians against poverty CAP

Starts Wednesday 1 November, 12pm
St Augustine's Hub Meeting Room
Sign up for free now

All Saints Wickham Market · SS Peter & Paul Pettistree

## OPEN DOOR

LOVE

Coffee, tea, biscuits and friends

Friday morning Drop in from 10:00am

**At All Saints Church**
Every Friday Morning

THE SALVATION ARMY

# Christmas at Ipswich Citadel

558 Woodbridge Road, IP4 4PH

**Christmas Carol Concert**
Sunday 3 December, 5:30pm

**Festive Fun (ages 0-14 years)**
Sunday 17 December, 10:00am

**Carol Service**
Sunday 17 December, 5:30pm

**Christmas Morning Carol Service**
Monday 25 December, 10:30am

The band will play in the town centre every Saturday in December 10:15am - 12:15pm

tel: 01473 270009
ipswichcitadel.co.uk

Salvation Army Trust Registered Charity in England and Wales 214779 registered in Scotland SC009359

# Celebrate Christmas together

Welcome to one or all of our events.

Saturday 9th December 2-4pm
*Community afternoon, free Christmas activities*

Sunday 10th December 10.45am
*Christmas celebration for everyone*

Sunday 17th December 6pm
*Carols by Candlelight*

Sunday 24th December 6pm
*Carols by the Pond*

Christmas Day 10am
*Christmas Worship*

info @ www.rushmerebaptist.org.uk and find us on

"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".

Alpha

## CHURCHES THAT RUN ALPHA COURSES

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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
ST JOHNS CHURCH WOODBRIDGE–
RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH FELIXSTOWE

*Outreach*

Our next outreach is at Wickham market
Christmas market
Saturday December 2nd

All Saints Wickham Market — SS Peter & Paul Pettistree

**OPEN EVERY THURSDAY 9–11AM ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

ALL SAINTS OPEN PANTRY

"ANYONE WHO HAS TWO SHIRTS SHOULD SHARE WITH THE ONE WHO HAS NONE, AND ANYONE WHO HAS FOOD SHOULD DO THE SAME" LUKE 3:11

Free for anyone in need.
Just turn up and choose from a selection of fresh and long-life goods.

Food or financial donations always welcome.

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

# ALIVE! @4

## 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.

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

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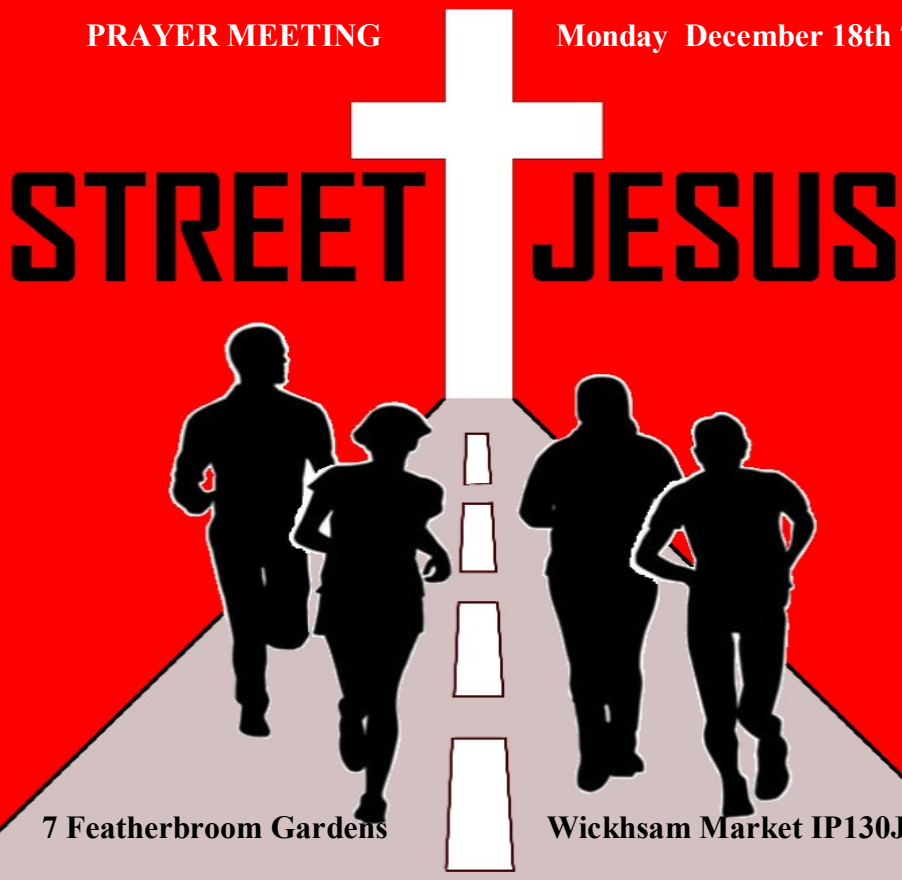
**PRAYER MEETING** **Monday December 18th 7.30pm**




**7 Featherbroom Gardens** **Wickhsam Market IP130JH**

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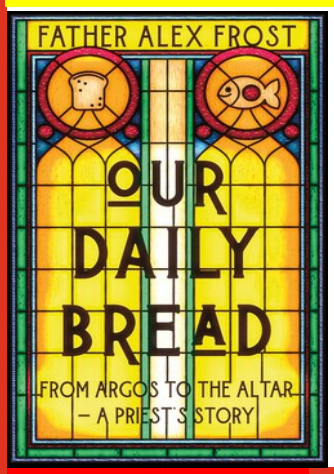
Christ our hope in life and death

Keith & Kristyn Getty

*Book of the month*




BOOK OF THE MONTH

Father Alex Frost was not always a man of the cloth. He found his calling while running an Argos store in his native Burnley, moonlighting as a stand-up comedian and die-hard fan of The Clarets and Depeche Mode. This heartfelt and moving book seeks to give a voice to the voiceless, charting the tragedy and pain, humour and hope which are ever-present in his community. It is ultimately about modern poverty – and how we all can, and should, espouse Christian virtues of love, kindness, tolerance.

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**Keswick** July 13th-August 2nd 2024
Keswickministries.org
**Greenbelt** August 22nd -25th 2024
www.greenbelt.org.uk
**Word Alive** April 2nd-7th 2024
www.wordaliveevent.org
**Davids tent** August 23rd-26th 2024
www.davidstent.net
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www.hillsong.com
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## Bible reading

The words of the Teacher,[a] son of David, king in Jerusalem. Everything is meaningless says the teacher, completely meaningless. What do people get from all their hard work under the sun.? Generations come and generations go but the earth never changes. The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again. The wind blows south and then turns North. Around and around it goes blowing in circles Rivers run into the sea but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flow again to the sea. Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we hear we are not content. History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under thesun is truly new. But actually it is old. Nothing is truly new. We don't remember what happened in the past and in future generations no one will remember what we are doing now.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

## Prayer

Hope

Loving and compassionate God,
Help us to see hope
in the most desperate situations.
Help us to uphold the value of others
in our words and actions.
Help us to see the potential
you see in each of your children.
Help us to know and to respond
to your guiding hand in our lives.

Amen .

## Quote to note

".When we work we work. When we pray God works.

James Hudson-Taylor

## 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 January 22nd 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 streetjesus2012@gmail.com***