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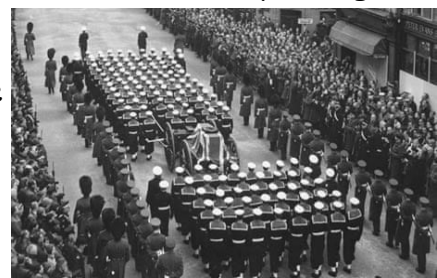
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Welcome to the February edition of Street Jesus e-news. At our Christmas outreach on the Market square we spoke with five people who had recently been bereaved. We have all lost somebody for whom we have cared deeply and for many that loss leaves a great big hole at the centre of our being. When I visit my parents grave in the cemetery at Wickham market I see the inscription on gravestones of many people who I have known personally over the years, some who died younger than my age now and I have just turned 68 this week, There is nearly always somebody there tending a grave or standing in quiet reflection. Some people pass my house just about every day to visit the cemetery. God has given us emotions that we can feel a closeness and connection to others. We have feelings of love. Everybody reacts differently in grief. We probably do not talk about death enough as a culture and we certainly tend to have celebrations of life services now in memorial rather than sombre funerals. Culture



has changed. At sporting events a minutes silence has been replaced by a minutes applause. The wedding of Diana princess of Wales in 1997 marked a very public shift in how we grieve. Flowers were thrown at the cortege and people clapped as it passed, and over 15,000 tonnes of flowers were laid before the three royal palaces in London. A remarkable response when you consider that the vast majority had never met her but in some sense they felt they did. We contrast this with the state funeral of the great war leader Winston Churchill in 1965, the emotional expression by contrast was very subdued. The royal family were widely criticised for not responding quickly enough, remaining at Balmoral and a delay in issuing a statement and lowering the flag to half mast at Buckingham Palace added to peoples anger. The days of stiff upper lip had passed. Acts of remembrance are very important and to this end All saints church in Wickham market in recent years have provided a special loving memories service around valentines day for people to come and remember loved ones. This years service will be on Sunday February 9th at 3 pm. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for a loved one and light refreshments will be provided afterwards. We hope people will come together in support of one another.



Street Jesus News:

January is a quiet month for Street Jesus as we take stock and prepare for the year ahead. As a family we visit Center parcs at Elvedon every January, its our Birthday present to one another and its good to have something to look forward to in the post Christmas lull. Center Parcs was set up by Piet Derkson in the Netherlands in 1968. The first uk village was in 1987. He was a devout Christian and philanthropist who gave away his entire fortune. He used to live and work in the villages because he wanted to stay connected with his staff and customers. There was a church on every site that had regular Sunday worship. Of course Center parcs is more corporate now and the Church at Elvedon is now a Starbucks but I do remember the cross on the church when we first went there in the 1990's.



Piet set Center parcs up as a place where families could get away, de-stress and get involved in fun activities. He was a great believer in family as being the building block of a supportive society. It's a great place to enjoy nature as well, plenty of forest trails and a great hides to go birdwatching. The beauty of Gods creation.

The new year brings new beginnings and its always good when it brings new enthusiasm. Any organisation once it has been established for a while can get into a rut and become very comfortable. We are very much aware of this at Street Jesus which is why we are so excited to be changing direction. I have recently been interested to read about an evangelistic organisation called



'Through faith missions' who were founded in 1985 by Rev Daniel Cozens with a view to taking church outside the church building into pubs clubs and on the street. Their first mission was down the Pennine way where they established the walk of 1000 men. Since then there has been 18 major walks in various parts of the country and hundreds of smaller missions. The organisation is now headed by Dan Holland who is making a rallying cry. Church-Wake up Oh sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Ephesians 5:14

There is a particular interest in Awake Suffolk coastal this year to raise up 100 evangelists locally. As Dan puts it People are disillusioned with the world at the moment and when we look at our various media we see a wall of dissatisfaction. Only we in the power of the holy spirit can break that wall down so that non believers can see Jesus much more clearly. Meetings are planned locally and as I get information I will pass it on to you. If God is calling you to evangelism this may be something you might like to get involved in.

In our series at All Saints we are focussing on the disciples. What a diverse group they were. So far we have covered Peter Andrew and James. Some people say the disciples were just for that time, not for now but in Matthew 28 it tells us to make disciples of all the nations and we like the disciples are to be fishers of men. What does it mean to be a disciple. It's a bit like being an apprentice, learning a trade. When I was called I worked with Presence Faith on the Street. Do you need to go somewhere to learn more about your own calling ? Our next Street Jesus outreach is on March 1st on Wickham Market hill. Please pray for us. Gods blessings to you all Graham





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...

Thursday
January 23rd 2025—
Tessa Bridgewater
Evangelist.
Gratitude

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew
Refreshments at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

Everyone is Welcome

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/>

All Saints
Wickham Market

SS Peter & Paul
Tottistree

OPEN DOOR

LOVE

Coffee, tea,
biscuits and
friends

Friday morning
Drop in from
10:00am

At All Saints Church
Every Friday Morning

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**All Saints Church
Wickham Market**

Prayer & Praise Evenings
3rd Sunday of the month
at 6:30pm

Informal service for all ages



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

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



In Loving Memory



Amber Mementos

There will be Loving Memories Service at All Saints Church Wickham Market. Sunday February 9th 2025 at 3pm
At the service we come together to remember family, friends and loved ones who have passed away
This includes an opportunity to light a candle in their memory as we look to Jesus for comfort and hope.
The service will be followed by light refreshment. We look forward to seeing you there.





The Bits and Bobs sale which raised £250 for the Beehive childrens foundation in December

Book of the month

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Our next outreach is at
Wickham Market Square
Saturday March 1st

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