



E News May 2025

Issue 120

www.streetjesus.org.uk

streetjesus2012@gmail.com

Welcome to the May edition of Street Jesus e-news. It was a very memorable holy week leading up to Easter. Having led prayers on palm Sunday it was interesting to reflect on the various events of that week leading up to the crucifixion. We think we know the story well and yet there is always something new to see. All of our humanity is laid bare before the power of Jesus and his love. After the initial adulation we see lies, injustice, denial, abandonment, anguish, and cruelty during which Jesus speaks truth to power. He shows forgiveness, love and care for others, he exhibits self control, heals and is ultimately obedient to the father as he sacrifices himself on the cross.



On Good Friday we had our March of witness around Wickham Market. Josh carried the cross as a reminder of the events around the crucifixion. It is a rather sombre and reflective day, we can scarcely take it in what Jesus did for the whole of humanity. It's a mixture of sorrow and gratitude. We, like Josh are asked by Jesus to take up and carry the cross. Yet our cross is not a wooden one, rather it is, in one sense a sacrificial burden whereby we love others even at the most inconvenient of times and places. Although we also know that we can come to Jesus whenever we feel burdened and he will give us rest. We rely on him.



In the lead up to Easter Sunday we held a series of reflective services each lasting around 45 minutes. On Monday we pondered on the paintings of Stanley Spencer. The focus, on the beauty of the events of holy week, including the Crucifixion and resurrection, highlighting the connection we can make with God through these events.

On Tuesday we had a penitential evening with a Celtic emphasis. We sat in a circle asking God to circle us, both as protection but also to surround us with his presence by calling on the holy spirit. We were invited to light a candle, to kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take away fear.

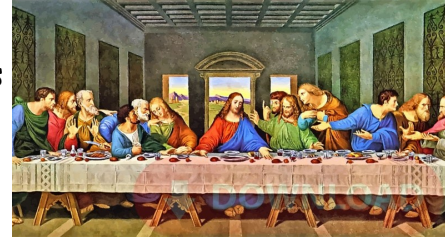


On Wednesday we continued in a penitential way, considering the journey by Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem in adulation right through to the shame of the crucifixion. We had a table depicting his journey and we were asked to place ourselves



Somewhere on the route which best represented where we were on our faith journey. There were so many things to identify with which made choosing one quite difficult. It certainly made you think. I chose Jesus washing the feet of the disciples as a representation of serving others but on reflection I could have chosen any number. There were very many diverse points chosen.

On Maundy Thursday evening we were thinking of Jesus meeting with his disciples in the upper room. We were invited to have our feet washed. Our new vicar Charlotte began the washing as some volunteered to have their feet washed. We were as if present at the last supper as we each took communion. An act of remembrance.



After the march of witness on Good Friday, we retired to the church to meditate on how God so loved the world. We focused on the tears that were shed by a whole range of people. We sang Where were you when they crucified our Lord. The choir sang beautifully. It was very moving. The services were a great way to focus on the events of holy week..

One weekend we have grown to look forward to, is our Church family weekend at Sizewell hall. We often go to spring harvest around this time but have given it a break for the first time in many years, consequently we have missed Sizewell too many times in the past as they are so close together.



The teaching was very good and it is a credit to the leadership that they always manage to unearth an interesting speaker. This year was no exception in Rob Allinson.

Rob was very personable and down to earth and clearly in love with Jesus. He had been prayerfully thinking about what God wanted him to bring to us as a Church. Inspired by a wandering mind during a dog walk, he landed on the theme of journeys. He asked us to name how many journeys we could think of in the bible. It made us realise that the bible is full of them, the most prominent being the Exodus. Some journeys were long, the wandering in the wilderness being 40 years whilst the Samaritan woman at the well just from a nearby village but each had a starting point, route and destination. Each carried as message.

The bible itself has a trajectory from the creation through to the new heaven and earth and in human terms from spiritual death to life. Our whole lives are a journey and our Christian life from the time we open the door of our hearts and give our lives to Jesus, through our calling and purpose, we grow evermore closer to God.

We sometimes think these biblical journeys are about us, but in truth although the stories are for us, they are very much about our Lord Jesus.

There is not space enough to cover the full extent of the teaching but we agreed that we were all very blessed by it.

Street Jesus are next out on the hill on May 17th. We have extended Christian content into the village hall Bits and Bobs sales and the Wednesday morning stall. We have been very blessed to have had some very thoughtful conversations, interest in learning about the faith, and given some much needed pastoral care. Praise the Lord!! 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
May 22nd 7-9pm
Chris and Von
Laughlin

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

Network
SUFFOLK

Connecting Christian Communities in Suffolk

GOOD NEWS
www.goodnews-paper.org.uk

Evangelistic Newspaper

**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



“It does not matter what
your personal deficiency, or
whether it be a hundred
and one different things,
God has always one
sufficient answer, His Son
Jesus Christ, and he is the
answer to every need.”

- Watchman Nee

I do not fear this day,
for you are with me
wherever I might go,
your light to shine ahead,
your footsteps to lead the way.
I do not fear this day,
for your word will be my guide,
your strength will sustain me,
your love revive me,
this day and all days.
I do not fear this day,
for you are with me.



Mike and Denise and Rad on team at Wickham Market Spring market on March 29th. We always have interest in our literature, but there seems to be a particular interest in the bibles of late.



Gallery



The Bits and Bobs sale is next in the village hall
on Saturday May 3rd 9am– 2pm

*Book of the
month*



Our next outreach is on
Wickham Market square
on Saturday May 17th

Facebook



Check out our
facebook page
[www.facebook.com/groups/
1246450225452294](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1246450225452294)