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Welcome to the August edition of Street Jesus e-news. We have just enjoyed an evangelism, training day organised by 'In Faith Missions' which was held at St Johns Church Chevallier street in Ipswich, in preparation for a week of Evangelism in the Suffolk coastal area in September. In the Christian community there are many areas in which training is required. Evangelism courses are not so common although 'In faith missions' has been running them right across the country for over 30 years. Evangelism is one of the most important aspects of our faith as declared by Jesus in Matthew 28, to go out into the world and make disciples of all people. We all have different gifts and not all Christians are called to be evangelists yet we are all called to evangelise. This can be quite scary, but often its about the simple things, getting alongside people in the day to day. Acts of kindness, showing concern and displaying Gods love. At some point though we need to speak of Jesus and this can be difficult to do because we naturally don't want to offend people or damage the relationship we have built up with somebody. We remember though that its not just about their eternal destiny but the love of God that we can all experience in the here and now, not just jam tomorrow.



We started the day with worship led by Chris and Von before moving into the main teaching. The first section was on the importance of Holiness, the idea that if we do not live in obedience to God we lack the credibility to be taken seriously. The importance of a simple approach, being servant hearted and working in partnership with local churches.

The second section was on the importance of our personal testimonies, we had a video on a person giving their testimony and had to critique what was wrong with it. One of the main points was the over use of Christian jargon and the absence of mentioning Jesus. We then split into groups and gave our own two minute testimony. It was hard to limit it to just two minutes.

The third session we were given some pointers on what is involved to be on team 'Through faith missions' and what is required in terms of commitment and what mission means in 2025 with our culture changing so rapidly. Different approaches were aired. We were reminded that we are given authority to do what we do and the holy spirit is ever present to guide us. We spoke of the importance of keeping things simple, carrying little and the expectation of rejection, but not to take any criticism personally



The time and level of commitment was stressed. Know the gifts of individual team members and play to your strengths. Be prepared to say 'I don't know' but also think about things you might say if asked certain questions. We are dependent on God to be given the right words, the right attitude. To be kingdom focused rather than the things of the world.

We are likely to be using a short personal belief survey to ask people on their view of God, Jesus, Prayer and Spiritual experience. Six short questions which would only take a minute if giving straight answers but we are praying that it will enable longer significant conversations



Question 1. asks What do you believe about God, a) Just a force b) a distant being, c) a personal God, d) Non-existent

Question 2. What do you believe happens at the end of our lives. a) We die and that's it. b) We return to earth in another form c) We all go to heaven d) Some go to heaven, some go to hell. e) I am not sure

Question 3. What do you believe about Jesus a) He didn't exist b) He was just an ordinary man c) He was a messenger from God. d) He is the only son of God. e) Other

Question 4. Have you ever had a spiritual experience, if so What was it.

Question 5. Have you ever prayed and if so in what circumstances

Question 6. If it were possible to know God personally would you be interested. a) Yes b) No c) Not sure d) Something else.



Our aim is not to score points, to see how many people we can get into church or on our seekers course. When we look to be performative we tend to be working in our own strength. If we are going out because Jesus commands it we can become like a clanging symbol if we do not love. Our aim is

to go out in the power of the holy spirit, displaying the fruit of the spirit to enable God to work through us. To show Gods love, remembering that he has given us authority to do the work. We assume nothing about the people we meet, we should not judge a book by its cover. We practice. L,A,S,E.R Listen-Ask questions- Share-Encourage-Reflect We want to give the work a Laser like focus and make the most of this opportunity, its exciting and we pray with Gods help that we can make gain for his kingdom.

The course was very helpful. Its not just the teaching content but the meeting with other evangelists, to share our experiences, being reassured that a lot of what we do is good practice, being able to contribute to the group and to learn from others as to how we can improve our approach. Its not often that we share a room with 35 out and out evangelists and it really was a pleasure.



We are so thankful that we live in a country where we are generally free to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Occasionally we read about Street preachers being moved on, arrested or suffering abuse from the public. We need to be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Our next Outreach is at the Wickham Market Village show on Saturday August 2nd. 12.30pm start in the village hall, although we will be on site for much of the morning. Hope to see you there. Gods blessings 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...

The filling station takes a break in August for the holiday season. Will announce the next speaker in September.

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

Everyone is Welcome

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Wickham Market

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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



Our sermon series at All Saints Wickham Market at the moment is on Listening, All Welcome



Personal Beliefs Survey



1) What do you believe about God? God is-

- a) Just a force?
- b) A distant being?
- c) A Personal God?
- d) Non-existent
- e) Something else

2) What do you believe happens at the end of our lives

- a) We die and that's it
- b) We return to earth in another form or another person
- c) We all go to heaven
- d) Some go to heaven and others to hell
- e) I am not sure
- f) Something else

3) What do you believe about Jesus

- a) He didn't exist at all
- b) He was just an ordinary man and nothing more
- c) He was only a prophet or messenger from God
- e) He is the only son of God
- f) Other

4) Have you ever had a spiritual experience- If so, what was it.

5) Have you ever prayed. If so in what circumstances

6) If you could know God personally would you be interested.

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Not sure
- d) Something else

Lord,

Empty me of everything
that's not from You.

Take the pride, the selfishness,
the silent ambitions I cling to.

Clear out the noise in my heart-
the fear, the foolishness,
the need to be in control.

Break what You must.

Strip away what You will.

Just make room for You.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

Matthew 3:8





The Street Jesus 'faithful five' team on Wickham Market Hill on June 21st at the Summer market. A very hot day but some interesting conversations. Note the coffee and rich tea biscuits in the foreground. Vital sustenance on outreach days.





Another image of our recent Church variety evening.

*Book of the
month*

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Our next outreach is at the village show
Wickham Market Village hall
on Saturday August 2nd 12.30-4.30pm

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