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Welcome to the September edition of Street Jesus e-news. It has been a rather exciting month as we prepare for the 'Through Faith Missions' week of evangelism which will run from Monday September the 8th, every day through to Friday 12th inclusive. Last month we shared with you the Personal Faith survey which we will be using during that week. We had an opportunity to trial it on our most recent outreach at the Village show which was held in Wickham Market village hall.

The village show has been running for 75 years and it was felt that this years show had a record number of entries. We had our Gazebo situated by the car park and we had a steady stream of visitors. We invited 16 people to take part in the survey and only 2 people declined. The responses were so interesting and it gave us an insight into how people feel about God and the various influences on peoples thinking. At this moment it is too small a sample to draw any real conclusions but we plan to present the basic data to 'Through faith missions' after the end of the week but will continue to use the survey not just to get a snapshot of how people view God but to use it as a tool to engage people with a view to share our faith. We plan to present a more detailed analysis after a few months.



A tv documentary has posited that Jesus did not die on the cross but was instead drugged by monks and taken away to a remote place in the Himalayas where a tomb bearing the stigmata in his hands and feet are said to mark the place of his death. The Rouzabal shrine is pictured left. This was considered a possibility by one visitor to our stall, There is no documentary evidence to support this and despite significant documentation in the gospels of the eye witnesses accounts of the crucifixion this person while open to Jesus had been sown a seed of doubt by this documentary



We spoke to another lady who had been told by a lecturer in a university she attended that the story of Jesus was made up by the Romans as a means of controlling people. She had previously been a Sunday school teacher. Whilst it was certainly true that it became useful to the Roman rulers to use God to exercise power and control we know that the life of Jesus has been very well documented. Luke in his gospel acted like a historian collecting information from eye witnesses. John certainly knew Jesus and Matthew also. There are hundreds of Greek

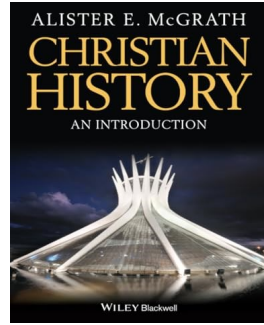


manuscripts, many compiled within a generation, with thousands more copied into Latin and other languages. There are papyrus fragments of the letters of both Paul and John.

There are also accounts written by the Roman and Jewish historians Tacitus and Josephus as well as Pliny the younger.

There is more documentary evidence for the life of Jesus than any other figure in the ancient world including Julius Caesar.

We spoke to another lady who told us of the Global consciousness project which is funded by the Institute of Noetic Sciences (Noetic meaning mental functioning). She was fascinated by this idea that consciousness and the paranormal is a shared mind to which we all have access, and that this is linked to world events including wars and disasters, and that Jesus is included in all this. By meditating on our heart-based intentions we can pave a better way for humanity. She had discovered this on the internet and we can see how it could easily be seen as very attractive.

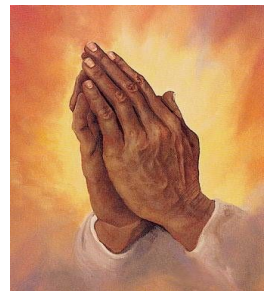


We met another man who was a Freemason who did not believe in a personal God but rather a supreme being. That all religions lead to the same God. At his Lodge they read from a Christian Bible and say Christian prayers. He told us that at a recent meeting in London various members

read from their own scriptures, Muslim, Sikh and Jewish as well as Christian, it was very fraternal and there was a lot of camaraderie and laughter. This is called Pantheism and is a very attractive idea because it aims to bring unity between faiths in what is otherwise seen as divisive. However, the nature of the supreme being differs in each faith tradition and not all can logically be true. Nonetheless, as Christians we are called to love all people whatever religious or cultural identity they may express, as well as the truth of the gospels in a gentle and respectful way.

As we reflect on these conversations we note the influences in TV documentaries, education, internet and civic organisations. In the time of Jesus there was little of this kind of distraction although there were variant philosophical and religious ideas at that time. This is a challenge to us as Christians in a complex world of multiple messaging. How do we get the life-saving message of Jesus forefront.

Prayer is key to the revival we crave for, that eyes and ears will be opened and hearts and minds transformed. That we repent as a nation for rejecting God. It's also important to speak into the culture just as Jesus and the disciples did. Whether that be to friends, family and those who we come into contact with. Getting alongside people. Jesus spent much time in the public square, speaking with and comforting the poor as well as preaching the coming of the kingdom. In today's world we can use social media, mainstream media and create events in order to reach people.



As we go out on September 6th for the Harvest festival and from the 8th-12th for our week of evangelism, please hold us in your prayers, for opportunity, provision, protection and to bless all those who visit our stall. We have many people from our Church coming out to support us and if you would like to join us too, you would be most welcome.

God's 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 September speaker is still to be announced. Please keep an eye on the Suffolk coastal filling station web site

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





AWAKE

Suffolk Coastal Mission 2025



We very much enjoyed our training day with Through Faith Missions in Ipswich in preparation for the week of Evangelism from 8th-12th September inclusive. The Personal Faith survey which they will be using as they go from door to door in Suffolk Coastal is a very effective way of starting faith conversations. Street Jesus fully support this work and have been inspired by this initiative. We will be having our stall out in the usual way, every day that week, as we model the approach of Jesus to meet with people in the public square. Let us pray for all those evangelists who will be going out, that they will be protected and blessed and that a mighty harvest will be reaped for the Lord

Jeremiah

33:3

“Call to Me, and I will
answer you, and show you
great and mighty things,
which you know not.”

Amen!

Come near to God and he will
come near to you.

James 4:8



Just a look back to 2017 when our dear friends Jane and Alan Hutt joined us at the Woodbridge Christmas market with our Nikki in the middle who is an absolute whizz at selling African crafts. We continue to pray for Jane and Alan and their faithful work at the Beehive Children's foundation





What would we do without our
tech guys and musicians?

*Book of the
month*



Our next outreach is at the village Harvest Market
Wickham Market Hill
on Saturday September 6th 9am–2pm

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