



Park [life]

WELCOME!

Whether you're a visitor or a regular member of our congregation, we welcome you in the name of Jesus and invite you to join us as we worship God together.

Our services are typically informal in style, with a mixture of singing, prayers, Bible-centred teaching and sharing. As part of our worship an offering will be taken during the service, which supports the work of the church.

Feel free to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

After the service tea, coffee and biscuits will be served downstairs in the hall. You are welcome to join us for those too.

February services @ Park

Saturday 4th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 5th	Rev. Peter Timothy Worship led by The Sense
Saturday 11th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 12th	Rev. Peter Timothy Psalm 86
Saturday 18th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 19th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Psalm 79
Saturday 26th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 27th	Rev. Richard Hughes Psalm 50



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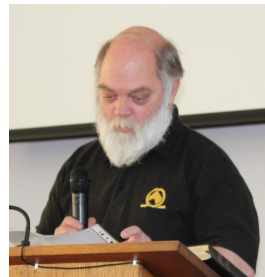
Prayer matters



Our prayer room is a peaceful space where anyone can go to either pray alone or receive prayer. It can be found through the door to the right as you face the stage.

We pray at 10.15 before every Sunday service and our prayer ministry team are available to pray with you after the service. You'll spot them wearing a yellow badge!

Prayer requests can be written on a yellow card, available from one of our Welcome Team, and can be given in during the service (at the same time as the offering), where they will be prayed for at our prayer meetings.



Kevin's Baptism - 22nd January

TOP 10 Things to pray for this month

01

Pat and her team of befrienders as they meet with CAP Debt Centre clients.

06

Peter & Claire as they go on holiday on the 14th; that the break would enable them to rest & recharge their batteries.

02

Dean Maddison, who is struggling with his mental health following the recent death of his friend Val.

07

For the Portuguese wedding taking place on the 18th and for Jorge as he conducts all the services that weekend.

03

For those who care for unwell, disabled or elderly relatives; that God would be their source of strength and energy.

08

For the children in both congregations and for those who teach them about Jesus.

04

For those attending the intercessory prayer course; that God would use it to take them to a deeper place of faith.

09

Those who are attending the EBA Safeguarding training workshop in Norwich on Saturday 25th.

05

The Living Room night shelter project, especially Lester and Nic as they serve God through this ministry.

10

(The newly-wed) Rick Hughes as he leads the service on the 27th whilst Peter is on annual leave.

The Value of Vision

As the church formalises a set of vision, values and purpose statements, Peter explains their importance and the role they will play in the future.

Last month something monumental happened (and no, I'm not talking about a certain President taking office) - I'm referring to the finalisation of a series of statements that articulate our church's vision, values and purpose.

Together these three documents gives focus and guidance as we move forward together.

At the fore is our **vision** to be: *"a praying community which wholeheartedly loves God, loves each other and loves Great Yarmouth."* Our vision explains where we are heading. With Jesus as our Head and the Holy Spirit as our Guide, we endeavour to become a group of people who will be recognised by their commitment to firstly be people of prayer, and secondly be a people of passion - who model the wholehearted love of Christ. Becoming a community should not be assumed, simply because we meet regularly together. This community of God's people is characterised by intentionality and commitment; to God, to one another, and to Great Yarmouth - in that order.

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The primacy of love in our vision statement is justified and explained in our statement of **purpose**. This reminds us of why we exist and why we continue to meet together: *"Our purpose for existing is to express our love for God together; Help each other as a church family to become more like Jesus; Share God's love with our community."*

These cover the areas of worship, discipleship and community; fulfilling the Greatest Commandment of Jesus to love God completely (Matt 22:37) and the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

Articulating our purpose and our vision provides us with a useful compass, tailored to Park Baptist Church. Whilst Christ, as revealed in Scripture, will always remain our ultimate authority, these statements come from 12 months of careful prayer, listening and discussion. They summarise what we feel God is saying to us in broad terms about where he is leading this church. As such, they enable us to look more objectively at potential ministry and missional opportunities and ask whether any new proposal fits in with our purpose and whether it takes us closer to where God wants us to be. The same is also true when we review existing ministries and mission ventures.

Having this clear focus can help distinguish between a good idea - even a Godly good idea - and a Godly idea that is right for Park.

Our final statement expresses our **values** as a church. This is arguably the most important of the three, as it tells outsiders who we are as a community. Every church differs in character, and the Holy Spirit will often give churches particular strengths or traits that seem to remain regardless of who is in membership.

We identified five core values that are Bible-centred and reflect the kind of community we believe God wants us to be. They are:

- We will always serve God joyfully
- We will always put Jesus above ourselves
- We will always put people above task
- We will always include everyone
- We will always speak the truth in love

Whilst this may sound nice and look good on paper, why are such statements useful? I believe they help us to better understand the communal identity which God has given us. They remind us of what it means to be part of God's family specifically at Park. Newcomers can also see from the very beginning what kind of place they are entering into, and hopefully understand the reason and motivation behind our actions and decisions.

As we step into the future, my prayer is that our values will be modelled to create a happier, healthier and more self-aware church, with deep foundations rooted in our mutual love for Jesus.

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATION

As a church we are part of the Eastern Baptist Association, spanning Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire. Each month we feature some news from other Baptist churches. More detailed news is available from the EBA's 'FOCUS' magazine, found on the church information table.

Christians Against Poverty

Our new CAP Debt Centre is up and running and our next CAP Money course begins 8th March. If you know anyone who would benefit from either of these ministries please speak with either Pat (Debt Centre) or Sandra (CAP Money).

An Evening with Stuart Townend

Renowned Christian singer-song writer Stuart Townend will be performing a St. Andrew's Church, Gorleston on Friday 31st March, 7.30pm.

Modern hymns such as *In Christ Alone*, *The Power of the Cross* and *How Deep the Father's Love* have become staples in church life and this is an excellent chance to join with others to worship and hear Stuart's story.

Tickets cost £12.50 and can be purchased from St. Andrews Church Office (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-1pm) or online at: www.standrewsgorleston.org.uk

Children on Sunday mornings

If you have a pre-high school age child and they need to leave the service could you ensure that a parent or guardian accompanies them please. Thank you!

Gorleston: Our nearest Baptist neighbours began the new year in pastoral vacancy, following the conclusion of Pastor Paul Smith's ministry. Pray that God would lead them in this time of transition and speak to them through the various guest preachers lined up over the coming months. Pray for their planned building project; that it would not be derailed by these changes.



CAP Ambassadors Day, 27th Jan. L-R: Sandra Grey, Cllr. Malcolm Bird, Pat Hillier, Donna Bird

Church Website

All church members have access to additional information if you log in to our website.

To log in for the first time click the 'register' button, follow the instructions and you will be sent a login name and password. Contributions are needed, such as prayer requests and upcoming events. Submissions to Judith Edmonds at: admin@parkbaptist.church

Peter Annual Leave

Please note that Peter is on annual leave from 14th-28th Feb, and so the Pastor's drop-in will not be available on Tues 14th, 21st &

28th. For urgent pastoral support please contact Kim Symeou or see Jorge on Wednesdays in the church office.

Men's Weekend Away

On Friday 23rd June a group of our men will head off to a field near Swindon to join with 2,000 other blokes for a weekend away. It's called 'The Gathering' and a promo video can be found on our website. Tickets are still available, although the cost has now increased to £100 for those not yet booked. This includes transport. See Peter for more details or visit www.thegatheringformen.com