



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.

March services @ Park

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| Saturday 4th | Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service |
| Sunday 5th | Ivan Pegg |
| Saturday 11th | Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service |
| Sunday 12th | Rev. Peter Timothy Psalm 66 |
| Saturday 18th | Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service |
| Sunday 19th | Rev. Peter Timothy Psalm 103 |
| Saturday 25th | Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service |
| Sunday 26th | Rev. Peter Timothy Luke 21:1-4 |



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Want to include something next month? [Email: denisejackson957@btinternet.com](mailto:denisejackson957@btinternet.com)

Update from our BMS Missionary partners, Damien, Annet and Patience Miller taken from their blog millermozambique.co.uk

Whenever a speeding car zips past you in a rural hamlet, do you glance at the 30mph sign and begin lamenting political scandals? As a lorry undertakes you on the M25 do you silently curse MPs for claiming false expenses? If you lived in a developing country, maybe you would. Today I stumbled across a research that claims a real, perceptible connection between bad drivers and corrupt government. The report states that bad governance encourages lawless driving through poor accountability, limiting economic advancement, maintaining hierarchical social structures and discouraging legal enforcement. These connections have also been reinforced by other independent studies. In Uganda (where we are living whilst awaiting permission to return to Mozambique) many accidents occur every day. In 2013 alone 2,937 people were killed in motor accidents in Uganda. In truth, I give a little sigh of relief and thank God each time I arrive at my destination. But I have come to realise that I am not immune to a little careless driving myself. Just as a driver can become more negligent in an environment of poor governance, so those entering into a reckless driving environment can become influenced by it. I did small things at first, cutting up a taxi or using a big 4 wheel drive to bully other drivers on a roundabout. I can recall feeling a flicker of smug satisfaction at blocking other vehicles that were jostling for position with me. Then came angry gesticulations and insults uttered under my breath. It may be that external things such as corruption influence bad behaviour on the roads, but the responsibility for how we choose to respond in any environment is individual, and we need to own it. In this moment I need to commit to driving responsibly and with integrity, as a testimony of my faith. So if you see me traversing the streets of Kampala, dodging potholes in Beira, or gliding over smooth tarmac in Eastbourne please let me know, how am I driving?

TOP 10 Things to pray for this month

01

For Damien, Annet and Patience Miller, as they await permission to return to Mozambique.

06

Money Course it begins

The CAP as on the 8th March, they and for Sandra and Claire as lead it.

02

For Grace and her family as they say goodbye to her mum on Monday 6th. The final month of The Living Room night shelter and all those who volunteer in it.

07

For child refugees in Europe and for our government to allow more to find refuge in the UK.

03

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

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For the new clients who meet with Pat and begin their journey with CAP and with God.

05

For those struggling with their mental health.

09

For those beginning new jobs or seeking new employment; that God would guide them.



CAP Debt Centre

In January we began a new debt service ministry in partnership with Christians Against Poverty. Our manager, Pat Hillier, updates us on what's been happening since it opened.

God is truly blessing our commitment to serve the poor and to bring hope to our community.

We managed to get about 20 people to the Information Day after sending out more than 60 invites, doesn't sound great but this is just one of the responses we received afterwards: Thanks very much for the information day last Monday - it was extremely helpful and motivating!

We have already had one referral from those e-mails and promises of

several more. God certainly asks us to wait upon him and to trust his timing.

Sandra is a brilliant speaker and organiser, so thank God for her gifts. She and I went on The Anthony Isaacs show on BBC Radio Norfolk and she was so calm! I was really nervous and thought I was talking gobbledygook (looked it up, it is a real word!) but when I listened to it afterwards, found that I had said what I needed to, so God was really at work in that!

Then I had to go on Harbour Radio, I really missed Sandra as she was unable to come, but Donna Dodson was brilliant and so helpful, she is one amazing lady to have on our side. I call her 'my vicar of the airwaves', she really knows how to preach the Gospel.

Next stop was the Job Centre and again God took control as I talked to about 20 staff - what a blessing they are - they really care about the people they work with. Several came up to me afterwards to thank us for what we are doing as a church. They are interested both in the debt centre and in the money course. Two gentlemen asked if we help the homeless so I was able to point them to GYB&B.

We have been welcomed onto Norfolk County Council's directory and Judith has done a brilliant

job of getting CAP noticed on Network Yarmouth and Network Norfolk.

Clients: What a privilege to meet with two lovely families and a single gentleman all relieved to be on the way to a more hopeful future. One of the first clients I met has promised to send me an invite to his baptism! Thank God that he allows

us, in all our weakness, to represent him to his children. We have

another single gentleman and another family with appointments in the coming weeks. All of this has been accomplished through your giving, through faithful befrienders and through your faithful prayers.

The Future: We have been invited to have a stall at the Acorn Centre on 23rd Feb, We would be glad of some volunteers to take down and pop in their boot all of the materials and banners, as we are then off to 'The universal credit stakeholder forum,' being held at Shrublands.

NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney have invited us to have a stall at their event (thanks Peter for arranging this) on the 17th March.

Finally, time for some worship and encouragement at the CAP United Conference. This year it is at Peterborough on 21st March. This is a free event for all of you who have volunteered to work with CAP- an opportunity to be inspired and prayed for as we continue work to bring God glory, bringing his children home and giving them hope and a future. If you're interested in going then please let me know.



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

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).

Church Members Meetings

We have two members meetings coming up:

Sunday 12th March will be a short meeting after the service to approve our Home Mission application for 2018.

Wednesday 29th March is a regular meeting, in the church at 7.30pm. Agendas will be emailed to members and made available on the information table.

An Evening with Stuart Townend

Renowned Christian singer-song writer Stuart Townend will be performing at 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

church information table.

London Road, Lowestoft: Please pray for Minister Neal Smith as he undertakes a three month sabbatical, and for the other ministers, Emily Twigg and Esther Day as they undertake additional responsibilities during this time.



The CAP Money Course in action

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

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

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

