



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.

June services @ Park

Saturday 3rd	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 4th	Rev. Peter Timothy Eph 6:10-20 Sword of Spirit
Saturday 10th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 11th	Rev. Peter Timothy Eph 6:10-20 Armour of God
Saturday 17th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 18th	Rev. Peter Timothy Intro to the Parables
Saturday 24th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 25th	Maxine Corrigan Luke 12:13-21



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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 again at 7.30pm on Thursdays. Our prayer ministry team are available to pray with you after the service - you'll spot them wearing a yellow badge! The prayer room is also open to all on Tuesday mornings from 10-12 (please use rear door for access on weekdays).

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.

TOP 10 Things to pray for this month



01

For Millie Bishop, who is in hospital at this time, and for her family.

06

For the general election on Thursday 8th June - that God would grant wisdom to voters and those elected.

02

For Emily Grey as she sits her GCSEs.

07

For Lynn Green, the General Secretary of the Baptist Union and for all the work she does

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For the young people of Great Yarmouth, the work of UNITE and their day of prayer on Saturday 3rd.

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Thank God for those who serve us tea and coffee every week and those who clean the church for us.

04

For our Annet and Damian Miller, our BMS missionaries in Mozambique, and their young daughter, Patience.

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For all the tourists who will be coming to Great Yarmouth and attending church; that they would encounter God here.

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For the group of men attending "The Gathering" weekend from 23rd-25th.

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For energy for our teachers as they approach the final few weeks of a long term.



Mission with the Millers...

If you had a legal problem, where would you go?
A lawyer? The police? To court?
How about a visit to your local pastor?

The Bible encourages Christians not to take each other to court, but to resolve the dispute within the church (Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). It is widely believed that these verses relate to matters of civil law where one party has been wronged by another and is seeking some kind of compensation from them. Yet pastors in Mozambique and other Sub-Saharan countries find themselves handling an array of legal matters and different conflicts including theft, witchcraft accusations, domestic violence, and child abuse.

The Association of Mozambican Christian Lawyers (AMAC) has completed a report on research done with Mozambican pastors that considers their experience of conflict and legal disputes. To someone coming from a developed country with a functioning justice system and the rule of law, the results are quite startling. More people are going to pastors for help with legal issues than to courts. 107 pastors were surveyed, and in the previous 12 months they had personally handled:

- 86 legal disputes relating to children, including cases of physical and sexual abuse
- 54 cases of domestic violence
- 46 crimes, of which most were theft

The reason why these injustices were coming to pastors was clear. In Mozambique, access to the few law courts available is compromised by high costs, corruption and a lack of human and financial resources. Pastors are trusted by their church and in the wider community, and can provide a confidential, quick and free form of conflict resolution on your doorstep. Typically, the pastors would sit down with the parties involved and

attempt some kind of mediation and reconciliation. In the absence of an accessible court system, this type of justice is a pragmatic alternative that could be described as a 'good enough' justice.

It is true that pastors lack the skills and knowledge of a legal professional, and most are without basic mediation skills. This is where the lawyers of AMAC can come in.



We recently joined the Christian lawyers in Maputo as they hosted a conference for 147 pastors. Andrew Caplen, a Christian lawyer and former President of the Law Society of England and Wales, spoke on access to justice and the rule of law. His wife Lindsay, a Baptist minister, delivered a message challenging God's people to live ethically in order to fulfil God's mission of blessing all nations.

Many of the pastors had never before realised that they were dealing with matters of law. An important conversation has started between Christian lawyers and pastors that can help improve access to justice for the poor and vulnerable in Mozambique. Christian ministers may not be lawyers or judges, but to the people facing injustices on a daily basis the justice offered by the pastors they trust within their places of worship is 'good enough'.

Damien & Annet are our BMS missionary link partners in Mozambique.

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.

Gunton: Pray for our neighbours at Gunton Baptist Church. They have been seriously affected by a nationwide problem concerning a deficit in the Baptist Pension Scheme and are facing a cessation event. This has raised the very real possibility that they may have to sell their manse, leaving the future of Rev. June Love, her family and the church in uncertainty. Please pray that God would provide answers and reassurance in this extremely difficult time, and that His providence be made known to June and the church.

Men's Weekend 23-25th June

Please be praying for the group of 14 men who will be away at the Christian festival "The Gathering". We have a diverse group attending, so pray that each individual would encounter God and be refreshed in their faith.

EBA Assembly 2017

The Eastern Baptist Association Assembly for 2017 will follow the format of recent years and be split into the different regions of the association. Fortunately for us, Norwich Central Baptist Church are hosting the Norfolk gathering, on 22nd July. All are encouraged to attend and connect with our wider Baptist family.

Richard Lewis Retirement

Our Regional Minister, Richard Lewis, is due to move house in preparation for retirement this summer. Richard has offered wise counsel and much support to Park for several years, and a collection is being taken by the

EBA as a thank you gift. The church will be making a donation, but if you would like to add to that with a personal gift, then please speak to our Treasurer, Martin Bayliss.

Intercessors Group

The 1st meeting of the intercessors group will be on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 6pm in church and will continue to meet every other week. We will seek the Lord's plans for our town and church, and seek to be proactive in protecting the church from spiritual attack. It is open to those who have been on the course earlier this year and others who feel this is their calling. Please speak to Pastor Peter or Nigel if interested. This will not affect the weekly 7.30pm prayer meeting, which will continue as usual.

Church Meeting Minutes

Minutes from our most recent Church Meeting (24th May) are now available. Church members should have received them via email and paper copies are

available on the information table.

New Youth Worker

East Norfolk Youth For Christ (UNITE) are delighted to announce they have appointed Lorraine to be their new youth worker. It has been a long process, but God has been faithful. Lorraine will begin in September, so please pray for her and the UNITE team as they prepare for this new season.

50 Days of Mission

The EBA's project which ran from Easter to Pentecost is now complete, with encouraging and inspiring stories of mission from churches across our Association. Check them out via www.50days.org.uk and if you are particularly struck by anything you read that might be good for Park, then speak to Peter!

Social Media

We have an active presence on Facebook and Twitter. Find us by searching for Park Baptist Church and @ParkBaptistGY