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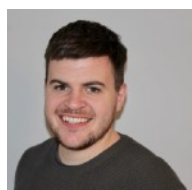
WELCOME!

As the summer holidays draw to a close and a new term begins, you are very welcome here at Park, where we invite you to join us as we worship Jesus Christ.

You'll probably notice our Sunday services are more informal than you might expect, so feel free to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable with.

Services typically involve 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.

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



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September services @ Park

Saturday 2nd	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 3rd	Rev. Peter Timothy Luke 10:25-37
Saturday 9th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 10th	Rev. Peter Timothy Gifts of the Spirit: Intro
Saturday 16th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 17th	Rev. Peter Timothy Gifts of the Spirit: Words
Saturday 23rd	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 24th	Brian Robinson Gifts of the Spirit: Faith
Saturday 30th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 1st	Rev. Peter Timothy Harvest Service

Women's Lunch

On Saturday 9th September there will be a women's lunch held at Seahorse Guest House (Camperdown). Please see Sandra Grey for details.

Prayer Meetings

We continue to meet every Thursday evening at 7.30 for a time of prayer. Please come and join us as we commit our church and our town before God.

Joint Baptist Service

We are pleased to announce that Park will be hosting a joint service for the baptist churches in our area on Sunday 8th October, 6.30pm. Our new Regional Minister, Beth Powney, will be preaching. Volunteers required to serve refreshments and welcome people. Speak to Maxine if you are able to help.

Harvest Service

Our harvest service this year will be on Sunday 1st October. We will be collecting food donations for the Foodbank. Please note the Foodbank do not accept fresh fruit or veg or anything with a short 'use by' date.

Church Members Meeting

Our next church members meeting takes place on Wednesday 27th September and will include an Additional Church Meeting, involving the

vote of a small change to the church rules. Agendas will be emailed and paper copies made available from Sunday 17th September.

After School Club

From Tuesday 19th September a new after school club will begin for children aged 10-13 (school years 5-8). We will meet at Chatterteria from 4.30-6pm. Please see Peter for more details.

Peter Preaching

Pray for Peter as he preaches at Gorleston Baptist on 24th Sept.

Portuguese Anniversary

As part of the Portuguese congregation's celebrations, a birthday party will be held in the park on Sunday 24th September from 3pm. This will include live Portuguese music, birthday cake and a fun time of fellowship. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and support our Portuguese brothers and sisters as they celebrate 11 years of ministry in Great Yarmouth.

5 FIVES

5 prayer points
5 minutes to pray each week

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For all our children as they go back to school, especially Rachael and Dominic who begin high school.

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For Lorraine Lythaby who takes up her role as youth worker for Unite and for Rev. Beth Powney, our new Regional Minister.

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For our CAP clients and Pat, our CAP centre manager. That God would continue to transform lives through this ministry.

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For the 11th anniversary of the Portuguese Congregation on 23rd September.

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For The Living Room night shelter project, as it looks to recruit a new project coordinator this month.

Street Evangelism with Chris Duffett

On Thursday 31st August a team from Park met with evangelist and former Baptist Union President Chris Duffett to go out and share God's love in creative new ways. Peter Timothy reports on an exciting day of evangelism

'Evangelism' can be something of a loaded word. For some it conjures up images of slightly unusual-looking market place preachers yielding signs foretelling the end of the world; For others it's something the church 'does'. Many Christians are intimidated by the very thought of speaking to strangers about who Jesus is.

A day spent with Chris Duffett helped dispel lots of our preconceived ideas and introduce some new ways of gently sharing God's love and opening up conversations with people who don't yet know Jesus. Chris is (among other things) a minister, evangelist and city centre chaplain in Peterborough, and with his help a group of around 20 from Park headed into town for the day.

Having spent the morning in prayer - both in the church and prayer walking the town - Chris introduced us to some simple ideas, including prophetic painting, giving out free fruit labelled with the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and signs offering free hugs. We were also each issued with 1 copy of Mark's gospel, with the challenge of giving it away to someone who would actually read it.

Pitching up in the marketplace, the free huggers were amazed at the response, with people of all ages responding positively and one individual receiving prayer after a conversation sprang out of the hug.

Our three teams of fruit dispensers soon ran out of goods, having distributed them to people in the

park. Lots of conversations were had and further opportunities for prayer took place, including with one man who shared he was feeling suicidal, but was drawn to the sign on one piece of fruit saying "peace". He took the label and returned home when a neighbour appeared with perfect timing.

The painting involved praying and asking God to provide a picture which was intended for someone. Judith gave her painting of some balloons with the word 'release' to a lady in the park, who was overcome, saying they had released balloons at her husband's funeral last year and she was still struggling to let go of certain things.

After a break for lunch and some feedback, we went back out, with a large group practicing 'treasure hunting'. This involves praying and asking God for some basic details about a person God wants us to find and pray for. The details could be a description of the individual and the prayer need (for example: Man, blue jumper, brown hair, shoulder pain). This is designed to teach us how to listen to God better, and there was a mixed response from the group. Some found their "treasure", whilst others struggled.

We ended the day with a time of feedback and prayer, and were hugely encouraged by the response. We intend to make this a monthly activity as we continue to step out in faith and grow in confidence in sharing God's love with our town.

EVANGELISM TRAINING & OUTREACH DAY 31.8.17



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