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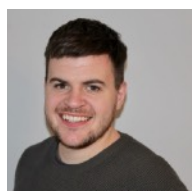
WELCOME TO PARK!

Whoever you are; wherever you're from; we welcome you at Park in the name of Jesus!

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.



Rev. Peter Timothy
Minister

Day off: Monday

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November services @ Park

Saturday 4th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 5th	Rev. Peter Timothy Gifts of the Spirit: Prophecy
Saturday 11th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 12th	Rev. Peter Timothy Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 18th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 19th	Rev. Peter Timothy Gifts of the Spirit: Tongues
Saturday 25th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno Portuguese Service
Sunday 26th	Rev. Peter Timothy Gifts of the Spirit



Rev. Jorge Damasceno
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Days off: Monday & Wednesday

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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.

Social Event 24th Nov

On Friday 24th we will be having our next social event, with curry and karaoke! We meet at 6pm in the church hall and it's the perfect opportunity for our CAP clients to come along and meet people from church and develop friendships so please try and support the event. It's free with an opportunity for donations if you wish. Please speak to Pat for more information.

Church Members Meeting AGM

Our next church members meeting is our Annual General Meeting and takes place on Wednesday 22nd November. Agendas will be emailed out to members on the weekend of 12th and paper copies made available from the information table. Please read and pray over this important meeting and come spiritually prepared.

After School Club

We will continue to meet at church until further notice.

Jorge Annual Leave

Jorge is away from November 20th-3rd December.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop Saturday 25th Nov

We are excited to be hosting a workshop to explore faith, mental health and work in partnership with Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Trust.

It is designed for those who work or support individuals with mental health issues so that we might better understand and respond sensitively to the issues.

It is an all-day event and is free of charge. Booking is essential and can be done online at www.cuf.org.uk/Event/findingourway or by contacting Anna Heydon at anna.heydon@togethernorfolk.org.uk

We also need some volunteers to provide refreshments and a simple lunch (sandwiches) on the day. Please speak to Peter if you can help.

On Facebook?

Then head over to our Park Baptist Church page and give us a 'like'! We also have a church family closed group to share prayer requests. Speak to Peter if you'd like to join this.

Christmas Events

We have a number of exciting things to get involved with and invite people to this Christmas:

CAROL SINGING WEDNESDAY 6TH DEC 6PM

We will be joining with Christians from across the town to sing carols following the

lantern parade in the marketplace. Meet by Lloyds Bank at 6pm. Finished by 7pm. Wrap up warm!

GET IN THE PICTURE SATURDAY 16TH DEC 1-3PM

An exciting new initiative - we will be creating a nativity scene in the market place (by Santa's Post Office), complete with real-life donkey and inviting shoppers to dress up and have their photo taken. Photos will then be uploaded to our Facebook page where they can be downloaded for free. We have a number of gifts made by the Soul Sisters group to give away along with invitations to the carol service. We still need some help sourcing good quality costumes and in making a backdrop. If you can help speak to Peter or Denise.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 17TH DEC 4PM

Please note the earlier time this year of our carol service, due to our hosting of The Living Room on Sunday evenings. A great opportunity to invite friends along - look out for the special invites early next month.

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE 10AM

The perfect way to start Christmas with a short time of worship and lots of fun! Children are invited to bring an UNOPENED present to open during the service and a SPECIAL PRIZE will be awarded the most 'Christmassy' outfit!

Testimony Time

After making it through an an especially tough year, Dean took the occasion of his birthday month to share how God has supported him through the darkest times

My name is Dean and this is my testimony.

I was born in Hatfield on 7th November 1960. When I left Hatfield I went to live in Singapore with my parents and brothers Ralph, Simon and Gary and was home schooled.

My mum was a stay-at-home mum and dad was a deep sea diver. I enjoyed going to scouts and camping and as a teenager I went to church in Singapore. I also saw lots of temples which I found very interesting. I liked the colours and their brightness.

After living in Singapore the family moved to Australia, where I lived for a long time. Ralph became a doctor, Gary was working on the riggs and Simon was a chef in the navy.

I had a happy time in Australia but sometimes I was very sad. After living there for several years my mum came to England to look after my nan. After some time I also came back with two of my brothers. Eventually I went to live in a hostel in Norwich. I did not get on very well there and became homeless.

Social workers stepped in and got me a flat in Norwich. While there I attended a Wednesday club and also went to night clubs where I like the loud music.

After a while I moved to Florence House where I met my dear friend Valerie. With her help I did a show for charity at St. John's church and raised

over £200. I then did another fundraiser for Romania, raising another £200.

With Val and my friend Amy's help I started to go to Bible study and prayer group at St. Mary's church on a Tuesday evening.

At this time I went down the wrong path and got into trouble. However, with Val and Amy's help and lots of prayer I got myself on the straight and narrow and began to enjoy life again.

After Florence House I went to live in another care home in Great Yarmouth, but I did not get on with the people and moved again. My friends helped me through this difficult time but I still did things which I should not have done and ended up in a one bedroom place with bad people.

I continued to go to church and prayer group as I've always had a faith and I like to pray for people every day. My life has been very difficult over the years, with lots of trips to hospital.

When Val died last year it was a very bad time but Amy and my friends at Park stayed by my side. They didn't let me down and told me to pray and reminded me that God will not let me down and will always stay by my side.

Now I have a lovely flat, good carers and my mum is back in my life. Amy is still my friend and life seems a lot better because I have good people looking out for me from this church. God is good and Jesus is my friend.



Coming to Park: *The Living Room*

Rough sleepers are a fairly common sight in Great Yarmouth, and a number often come to church looking for help, particularly in the winter months.

Last year *The Living Room* was launched, providing shelter one night per week to rough sleepers in town. Following its success, this year we are expanding to cover the whole weekend across three sites, including Park from the beginning of December to the end of March.

We will be hosting on Sunday evenings, and are looking for your help!

We have four trained volunteers from the church, but we need some volunteers to provide a hot meal for around 10 people to be served from 8.30-9.30pm each Sunday. Our Portuguese church family will be covering fortnightly, so volunteers will not be required to commit to every week.



The role includes arriving by 7pm to set up tables and chairs in the hall and heat up the food in the kitchen, serve it and clear up afterwards. We are looking at teams of 2-3 per evening.

Examples of food would be '1 pot' meals such as curry, chilli con carne, soup, stews etc, with a bowl of fruit available afterwards.



There is some funding available from The Living Room to subsidise ingredients if required.

If you would like to volunteer as one of our shift workers then please get in touch with Peter as there will be some extra training organised in the coming weeks. The shifts are 6.30pm-12.30am; 12am-6am; 6-9am. Help is also needed on Fridays at Kingsgate Church and Saturday nights at Minster Mission on Admiralty Road.

We also intend to create a Christmas parcel for each visitor to *The Living Room* and will have a list up in early December of items required if you would like to donate something.