

Park [life]

JANUARY 2018

Happy New Year!

Welcome to Park Baptist Church, to a new year and to a new-look Park Life! We are glad you have chosen to join us for one of our services, and we hope you will feel included today.

If you're joining us on a Sunday then you'll probably notice the service is a bit more informal that you might expect; so please participate in as little or as much as you feel comfortable with.

Both our English and Portuguese services involve a mixture of singing, prayers, Bible-centred teaching and sharing. As part of our worship we also include an offering which sustains the work of the church and the organisations we support.

Junior Church sessions are open to all children and are held downstairs in the Hall. All volunteers are DBS checked and will accompany the children downstairs at the appropriate time in the service and bring them back upstairs afterwards.

Please also join us following the service for free tea, coffee & biscuits in the hall as we spend time chatting and getting to know each other more.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

THE LIVING ROOM

We continue to host the night shelter on Sunday evenings and are looking for more volunteers to prepare a hot meal. See the sign up sheet outside the Pastor's office.

JOINT COVENANT SERVICE 21ST JAN

For the first time we will be joining together to hold a covenant service. This involves us being reminded of why we gather together and to make promises to God and to each other for the year ahead. It will be followed by cake!

CHURCH MEETING

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING including a Bring and Share lunch following the service on Feb 4th. Agendas will be distributed from January 21st.



After School Cooking Club

Our after school cooking club geared up for its second term on January 9th and there's a few changes in the pipeline

After reviewing the club, which involves a group of up to six 10-13 year-olds meeting every Tuesday to cook a meal together, we have decided to tweak how it operates. Firstly we have formally extended

the time it runs so it now finishes at 6.30pm.

The big change will see a new skills week and a games week introduced once a term. The skills week will involve learning a new

life skill such as housekeeping, First Aid, CAP Kids course, gardening etc, while the games week will be a chance to enjoy a social time together. A hot meal will still be provided. Please continue to pray that the children who attend will find it an enjoyable and fun place to go, and that relationships might continue to develop.

Chatterteria gets a makeover!

The church cafe space 'Chatterteria' was flooded in the autumn and has since been unavailable, but both congregations have joined forces to scrub the mould and repaint the walls and ceiling. If you would like to help with giving it a deep clean on the morning of Friday 26th January please speak to Peter.



Fancy Going French?!

Parlez-Vois Francais?

It might come in handy as Park goes French for our next social evening on **Friday 26th January!**

French food will be the order of the day, accompanied by drinks and lots of fun table-top games.

The social event begins at 6pm and will finish around 8.30pm.

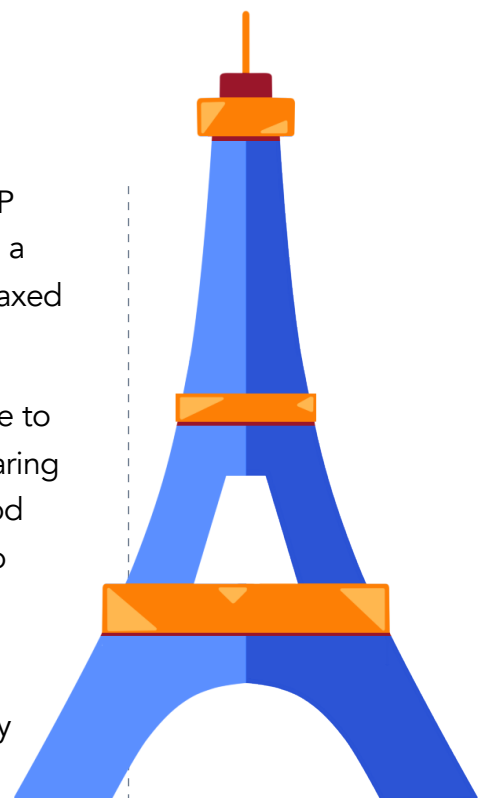


It's the perfect chance to invite unchurched

friends and CAP clients along to a friendly and relaxed environment.

If you would like to help with preparing and serving food please speak to Megan.

Frogs legs and snails are strictly optional!



New Discipleship Course

Starts Wednesday 24th, 7-9pm @ Church

Note: We will not meet on Weds 14th February

Later this month we will begin an exciting new course designed to challenge and stretch our understanding of who we are as a Christian community. Peter explains more...

The 'Growing Bridgebuilders' course is an eight-week series designed to explore how we deal with differences and tensions in our relationships with others.

Jesus says 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I bring to you' (Jn 14:27) but so often we find our lives are characterised by a distinct lack of peace.

Our church vision statement has 'wholehearted loving' at its core, but how do we do this effectively? One of our church values is to 'always speak the truth in love', but what happens when we have differences of opinion that require difficult conversations? One of the key reasons we meet is to 'help each other become more like Christ', but how are we doing that?



How we model Christian community matters. It is often the determining factor in whether an unbeliever decides to continue in their exploration of faith, and whether visitors looking for a church to settle bother to return.

Bridgebuilders is designed to explore these issues, inviting us to draw on our experiences using different learning styles and a variety of methods. The hope is that as we meet together in church each Wednesday evening we will be able to discover different tools for helping us in our relationships with others and to see how our behaviour can better model that of Jesus.

The plan is for us to do this together instead of our regular midweek house groups. We will meet in the church around tables and there will be plenty of time for discussion and listening to each other. I encourage you to make this a priority this term and to see how God might speak to us - both individually and as a church.



1. Pray for all those struggling at the moment with flu and heavy colds, particularly the vulnerable in our church and local community.
2. Pray for Jorge and Peter on Friday 19th as they spend the day together praying and seeking God's guidance for the future of the church.
3. Pray for the letters being sent to church leaders in Lowestoft as we seek to build new partnerships with CAP and recruit more befrienders from the area.

Services this month

Saturday 6th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 7th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Matthew 2:1-12 'Joy, Jesus & The Journey'
Saturday 13th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 14th	Rev. Peter Timothy	1 John 3:1-20 'God's Vision for Park'
Saturday 20th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 21st	Rev. Peter Timothy	Joint Covenant Service <i>including Communion</i>
Saturday 27th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 28th	Rev. Peter Timothy	James 1:1-18 'Introduction to James'

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