

Park [life]

MARCH 2018



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

BEFRIENDER TRAINING

MONDAY 12TH MARCH,
7.30–8.30PM Training for all current CAP befrienders and those interested in becoming a befriender will be held in the church. Please see Pat Hillier for more details.

JOINT BAPTISM SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY

We will celebrate Easter with a joint baptismal service on SUNDAY 1st APRIL. There is still time to attend the classes if you would like to be baptised. Please speak to Peter.

NICK'S CHARITY DINNER

Once again Nick Symeou is running the London Marathon for charity and is holding a dinner & dance fundraiser at Gorleston Golf Club on Saturday 7th April. Tickets £20. See Nick for details.

Welcome to Park!

Spring is here...apparently! When the snow finally melts we can expect to see daffodils in the garden and the first signs of life emerging from hibernation. It's a great time to be reminded of new life as we also approach the most important date in the Christian calendar: **Easter.**

As we prepare to remember the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus on the cross, and his glorious victory over death through the resurrection, we are reminded that Jesus came to bring new life for us, and a hope that the darkness of winter will not last.

We welcome you to join us in worshipping the risen Jesus, and pray you will experience God's love before, during and after our services.

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 getting to know each other more.



Services this month

Saturday 3rd	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 4th	Rev. Peter Timothy	James 4:1-12
Saturday 10th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 11th	Rev. Peter Timothy	James 5:1-12
Saturday 17th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 18th	Rev. Richard Hughes	James 5:13-19 <i>including Communion</i>
Saturday 24th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 25th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Palm Sunday

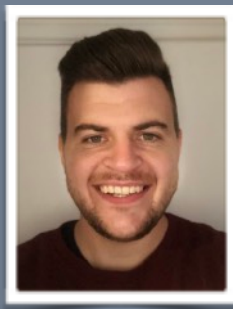
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PORTUGUESE SERVICE ON SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

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*"A praying community which wholeheartedly loves God,
loves each other and loves Great Yarmouth"*



Waiting on God...

Last month Peter & Claire spent time at a conference called 'Naturally Supernatural'. Here are some of Peter's reflections from the week...

Four days, 10 sessions and 25 hours of teaching, worship and prayer time with 500 other Christians. It's fair to say our time spent at conference was anything but a holiday!

It was an intense experience, where we were refreshed not through taking a break, but through intently waiting and listening. The emphasis of the conference was to make space for the Holy Spirit to move among us and to respond when he did. The sung worship and teaching were all geared to facilitate this, and what followed was a remarkable few days.

God spoke to both me and Claire personally, through a mixture of prophetic words, Biblical teaching and prayer, but also with regards to the church and Great Yarmouth.

For a long time I have felt the Holy Spirit is beginning to stir in our town, but there lacks a real desire among God's people for the Spirit to move and a willingness to wait upon God. Consequently we are not reaping the fruit of this potential harvest.

I believe God is firstly calling us to a place of greater intimacy with Jesus. When we desire intimacy with God

we go beyond singing or saying the right prayers, to a rhythm of communion with Jesus throughout the day. Relationship with God should not be something to endure, but to enjoy.

When this happens there will be a greater expectation on the Holy Spirit to meet with us and bring deep transformation from within. This is the only way we will see lives truly changed in our town.

Secondly we need to be better at being a family. The world is desperately looking for authenticity and for too long the church has disappointed with hypocrisy and by selectively loving only the people we naturally get on with. That has to change if we are to encounter the Spirit more profoundly. Jesus calls us to love one another as this is how we will be identified as his disciples.

This requires mercy, compassion and a willingness to embrace life together. The purpose of all this is not simply to build each other up, but to remember that the Holy Spirit comes into the church en route to the world - in other words our aim is to lead transformed lives that in turn point others towards Jesus.

I have been challenged deeply regarding whether we truly expect the Holy Spirit to move, and I am convinced that if we make the space, God will meet us transform us and empower us through his Spirit. So let us be encouraged, be prepared to persevere, and to expect God to act!

Just pray

1. Pray for June & Robin Day after their recent house move and June's broken wrist and nose following a fall.

2. Pray for the visitors to The Living Room as we enter the final few weeks of this year's night shelter. Pray for housing opportunities and for them to

encounter God's love this Easter.
3. Pray for the local church leaders breakfast with Sandy Miller on 21st March, that he will inspire and encourage them.



Evangelist Coming to Park!

We are excited to host evangelist and magician Rod Williams for brunch on Saturday 24th March.

Rod has a fascinating story of transformation, from a drug smuggling addict who was



sentenced to four years in prison, to a travelling speaker for CAP who also helps train and equip emerging evangelists. The catalyst for his transformation was a dramatic

encounter with Jesus Christ whilst in prison.

Rod will be sharing his story and faith with us as well as performing a 20 minute magic show. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family who have shown an interest in faith but are not yet Christians to an event which is both fun and inspiring.

Doors open at 10.45 with tea and coffee, Rod will perform his magic show before a full English breakfast/brunch is served. Rod will then share his testimony and be available afterwards to speak with.

For more about Rod visit: www.therealdeal.org.uk



Holy Week Prayer Space Returns

Our popular prayer space is returning for Holy Week to help us engage with the Easter story. From Tuesday 27th March, the church will be transformed into a



series of multi-sensory prayer stations. The church will be open to all from 10-12, 2-4 and 7-9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, culminating with a Maundy

Thursday communion service at 7.30pm.

We need volunteers to both help set up on Monday 26th and pack down on Good Friday and to oversee the space for

each session. If you



can help please speak to Peter.