

# Park [life]

APRIL 2018



## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

### BRIDGEBUILDERS

WEDS 11TH APRIL

Our final session of the Bridgebuilders discipleship course will be on the 11th at 7-9pm in the church.

### CHURCH MEETING

WEDS 18th APRIL

Church members please note the next meeting, 7.30pm, and make every effort to attend. Agendas will be sent via email with printed copies available upon request.

### COOKING CLUB

We resume our weekly after school cooking club on Tuesday 17th April. This will be held at The Hub (formerly Chatterteria) at the usual time of 4.30-6.30pm.

## Welcome to Park!

**Happy Easter to you! We start April with the joyous news that Christ is risen - and the Easter season continues throughout the month, long after our chocolate eggs are gone, right the way through to Ascension Sunday (May 10th).**

It's a wonderful time to be reminded that Jesus brings life, as we are surrounded by the signs of Spring in all of creation. When the risen Jesus meets with his friends, he greets them with the words "Peace be with you" (John 20:20). We learn from Easter that God's redemptive plan for the world involves the bringing of peace, and that this is accomplished through the gift of life triumphing over death. This gives us a great reason to worship God together.

**As you join us to worship Jesus this month we pray the Holy Spirit will fill you with the hope and joy of the Easter season.**

If you're joining us on a Sunday then you'll probably notice the service is a bit more informal than 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.

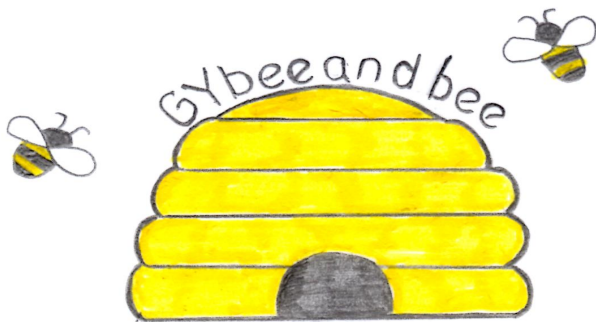
Please also join us following the service for free tea, coffee & biscuits in the hall as we spend time getting to know each other more.



## GYbeeandbee

*Elizabeth Saunders is a trustee of homeless charity GYbeeandbee. Here she shares some details of what the charity has been doing this winter.*

As many of you know Gybeeandbee pays for a few nights' bed and breakfast for people in crisis living on the streets in Great Yarmouth. We operate by referral, partnering with the vast majority of the many agencies in town.



Since starting at the end of 2011 we have helped 342 people. We have five trustees and two volunteers all of whom are members of Park; our sixth trustee worships at Light of Life, Ormesby.

This year we have been particularly busy and up to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March we have supported 21 people in 2018.

This cost of bed and breakfast has come to £1,065. We have worked with The Living Room team this winter to help their clients, some of whom have thankfully found longer term accommodation. One couple were particularly appreciative of the respite the B&B gave them, saying: "It was like a holiday!"

We have recently been invited to visit Cliff Park Community Church and Light of Life to update them about the charity. Both these churches have donated some of their tithing money to us, as Park did in 2016.

We feel blessed to have the support of local Christians and are grateful to the support Park has shown us through the years.

If you want to support a homeless person a good first step would be to help them access the services of the CAB or DIAL on King Street.

## The Living Room

Following the success of this year's night shelter, we will be opening each Sunday evening from 6-8pm to serve a hot meal. This will allow us to maintain contact with the homeless

community and provide ongoing support. It will begin at Park with a permanent venue to be confirmed. If you'd like to cook the meal one evening please speak to Peter.

# Just pray

1. Pray for our six recently baptised brothers and sisters; Rachel, Helga, Jezito, Nini, Gaudencio and Ildo.

2. Pray for our BMS missionaries, Annet & Damien Miller as they continue to fight for justice in the legal system of Mozambique. Pray also for their daughter, Patience.

3. Pray for the various charities and agencies which support the homeless in Great Yarmouth. Pray for provision of resources and council support.





## Easter Prayer Space @ Park

Over 40 people attended the Easter Prayer space during Holy Week last month.

The space offered 10 different stations, journeying from Palm Sunday through to the resurrection and Jesus' parting words to go into the world and make disciples.

The space closed following a reflective Maundy Thursday communion service, as together we retold the story of Jesus' final hours before the crucifixion.

It was a powerful yet peaceful time of worship, and I would encourage anyone who hasn't attended such a service to consider doing so in the future. *Peter Timothy*





## Services this month

Saturday 7th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 8th	Rev. Ron Skivington	Ephesians 2:1-10 <i>led by Rev. Peter Timothy</i>
Saturday 14th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 15th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Acts 1 <i>including Communion</i>
Saturday 21st	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 22nd	Rev. Peter Timothy	Acts 2:42-47
Saturday 28th	Rev. Jorge Damasceno	Portuguese Service
Sunday 29th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Acts 3

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loves each other and loves Great Yarmouth"*