

# Park [life]

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## New House Group

A reminder that we have a new house group aimed at those who want to explore the basics of the Christian faith.

This is perfect for new believers or those who have recently started coming to church. Thursday evenings at church. Speak to Malcolm & Judith Edmonds or Peter for more info.

## Welcome to Park!

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.

# Just pray

1. Pray for those who are unwell at this time. Pray particularly for Lea, Brian, Marilyn, Bradley, Robin, Sandra and their families.
2. Thank God for marriage and the picture it paints of Jesus and the church. Pray for a strengthening of relationship for all our married couples in church.
3. Thank God for our Portuguese church family - for the picnic/bbq earlier this month and for their energy and excitement for God. Pray for Jorge and Mel as they lead.





**A lot has happened in the past few weeks at Park - here's some photos of the highlights...**

**Iona & David's Wedding / Picnic in the Park / Men's Camping Weekend**







## Men's Camping Weekend 2018

Crouched around a roaring fire in a giant teepee with the rain pouring down around us, we weren't quite sure what to expect.

It was the second time we'd gone camping together, but this year we'd done all the organising ourselves and now found ourselves in a small field in the village of Sustead, near Cromer.

All eight of us had arrived hoping to use this weekend away to connect with God and to get to know each other better. We came away with our expectations not only met, but greatly exceeded.

From our resident chef, Nick, churning out top-notch barbecues, to 'Jukebox Jay' taking requests on his guitar late into the night; we were certainly not short of fun.

A six-mile walk into Cromer on Saturday earned us a well-deserved fish & chips lunch, and while most of us relaxed on the beach, Nigel and Nick decided to brave the not-so-warm sea with a (very) quick dip!

And then came Saturday evening. We'd already had two sessions involving worship, prayers and interactive studies looking at the life of David. Themes of integrity, the condition of our hearts before God, and the reliability of God's promises had already been discussed, but we felt the need for some more space, away from the other groups sharing the campsite with us.

We decided to find a church - and so with absolutely no idea where we were going we jumped into the cars!

After a few minutes we stumbled across St. Andrew's Church, Metton - a 14th Century Anglican building which was open and deserted. God had provided a venue - and that was just the start.

We gathered in the choir stalls near the altar and simply began to sing. What followed was a powerful time of praise and prayer ministry, where Jesus came and met with us as we continued to worship him.

It was a simple but beautiful time together, where our plans were ripped up and Jesus took the lead.

Upon our return we staged 'Sausagefest' - with everyone submitting a sausage for blind taste-testing. Despite some strong contenders, it was Jay who came out on top with his Lidl pork sausages, whilst Nigel's Aldi cheese and chilli effort propped up the table!

We rounded our weekend off with a final Sunday morning session discussing 2 Samuel 22, and then sharing communion. A pub lunch then sent us on our way home with stomachs suitably filled.

Here are comments from some of the men who came:

*"It was great to spend time in beautiful surroundings, getting to know each other better. We learnt so much about our Christian journey and got closer to God - but I don't want to ever cook another sausage again!"*

*"I found the weekend brilliant. We bonded together and had a good time but most of all we were one in our faith and worship of our Lord."*

*"The weekend has been so invigorating, it was like meeting up with an old friend and rekindling a strong relationship. I have heard God more clearly already. To share the time with others seeking the same things was encouraging and enjoyable."*



## Coming up on Sundays...

Details of our current summer series exploring Relationships, Sexuality and Faith

### August

Sunday 5th	Rev. Peter Timothy	P1 (Who Am I?): Self Worth & Faith
Sunday 12th	Maxine Corrigan	Matthew 8:18-23
Sunday 19th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Singleness & Faith <i>inc. Communion</i>
Sunday 26th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Gender & Faith

### September

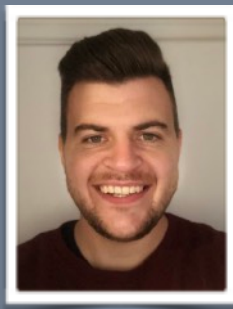
Sunday 2nd	Rev. Peter Timothy	Same Sex Attraction & Faith
Sunday 9th	Rev. Peter Timothy	P2 (Healthy Relationships): Looking for Love
Sunday 16th	Rev. Peter Timothy	The Power of Pornography <i>inc. Communion</i>
Sunday 23rd	Rev. Peter Timothy	Maintaining Christian Marriage
Sunday 30th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Faithful Friends

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