

# Park [life]

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2018

## Welcome to Park!

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.

### Steve James

Many will remember Steve, a much-loved former member at Park, who died on Sunday 2nd September.

His funeral will be at Gorleston Baptist Church on Wednesday 26th September, 1:30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Just  
pray

1. Pray for Project 18 and the need for God's guidance regarding the church's future - that we may be clear and united.

2. Pray for the children and young people in church starting new schools, especially Bella and Amy, and for teachers as they prepare for a new term.

3. Pray for Pat and our CAP befrienders as they continue to visit new clients. Pray for an openness to the Gospel and for the hope of Jesus to enter their lives.



## Coming up on Sundays...

Details of the end of our summer series exploring Relationships, Sexuality and Faith and our autumn mini-series on the theme of giving.

### 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

### October

Sunday 7th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Harvest Service
Sunday 14th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Season of Giving 1: Giving Your Heart
Sunday 21st	Rev. Peter Timothy	SoG 2: Giving Up Control <i>inc. Communion</i>
Sunday 28th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Season of Giving 3: Giving Your Time

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



# Confessions of a Christian Camping Convert

*Amy Frisby writes about how she got on during her first summer camp experience and whether she'd ever do it again...*



Earlier this summer I was invited to go on a camping week with Youth for Christ. It was the first time I'd ever been away camping on my own but my mum told me it would be lots of fun so I decided to go!

The camp is actually separated into two camps for different ages and is run by a missionary society called *WEC*. This year it was held in Cromer and I was part of 'Week A' from 28th July to 4th August.

I already knew Ali and Lorraine through ETP (Eat, Talk, Pray) and they both came with us. Lorraine was on Warrior Camp (9-13 year

We went to the beach and we did lots of on-site activities, including drama workshops, football, wide games, dancing and lots of crafts. Every lunch time, we also had HHH – Horizontal Half Hour, when we chilled out in our tents. *(I'm not sure if this was more beneficial for the children or the leaders! - Peter)*

We did bible studies four times a day: morning meeting, where we learned about being lost and found and how Jesus could find us at WEC; evening meeting, where we met missionaries from Malawi; morning quiet time about the parables in Luke 15 and evening quiet time where we studied bible topics that kids wanted to talk about.

My favourite part was the wide games, when we all played together in teams. I'd never played a game with so many people!

I think I got a lot closer to Jesus through the week by talking to people like Jen (my favourite leader) and by the regular bible studies. I

feel a lot more cheerful now and I'm looking forward to going again next year.



olds) and Ali was on Team Camp (13-17 year olds). Each camp has about 75 children and 25 leaders.



## Coming Up at Park...

### Project 18: From Survive to Thrive

Hopefully by now you will have seen the vision boards at the top of the stairs and read the vision document *From Survive to Thrive*. Please take time to engage with the vision boards and respond appropriately.

Our consultation drop-in on Saturday 15th September is an important part of the process so please prioritise it in your diary. This is an opportunity to pray together, to ask questions and to speak with a Christian architect who has a wealth of experience in helping churches through the journey of a building project.

If you haven't already discussed it in your house group please speak with your leader to organise a time to do this together and pass any feedback on to Peter.

This is an exciting prospect but is utterly dependent on the church praying together to ensure we only move in time with God's leading and in God's direction. Thursday prayer meetings are one such opportunity to do this and we continue to pray each week from 7.30pm until around 9pm.

### The Living Room

We will once again be hosting the winter night shelter on Sunday evenings from Sunday 25th November to the end of March.

We are looking for new volunteers to help with the shifts and would like volunteers to prepare a hot meal and dessert for the visitors (around 12 people) each week. If you are interested please speak to Peter.

### Harvest Festival

**Sunday 7th October**

We will be celebrating harvest with a bring and share lunch after the service on Sunday 7th October. We will also be taking donations for the Foodbank during the service. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to church for a seeker-friendly service.

If you would like to bring something to share please bring it to the kitchen before the service, and if it is a slow cooker dish please ensure it is plugged in and turned on.

### Celebrate! Event

**Friday 2nd November, 7-9pm, Kingsgate Centre**

This is an exciting new collaboration between the churches of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston designed to celebrate all that God is doing through Christians working together in our area. This includes: The Living Room, Foodbank, UNITE and IDENTITY.

The highlight of the evening will be a "launch" of CAP, designed to draw further support from local churches to the work we are already doing.

We would love as many people to attend as possible, not simply to support CAP, but to give thanks and worship God in celebration of all he is doing through churches and Christians working together.

### Next Church Meeting

**Wednesday 26th September, 7.30pm**

Agendas will be emailed to members and paper copies available from the information table.

We will be discussing the consultation process for Project 18, so please come prepared having prayed and responded to the vision board in church.