

Park [life]

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Joint Prayer Meetings

Following the success of last month's joint prayer meeting, we will be hosting a monthly time of prayer on Fridays at 7pm with the Portuguese congregation.

All are invited and encouraged to attend. The next one is **Friday 19th October**.

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.

Just
pray

1. Pray for Sandra as she recovers from her recent operation. Pray for a speedy recovery and patience for her as she heals.

2. Pray for the Portuguese congregation and for opportunities to do more together as one church. Pray for clarity and provision in where God is leading

3. Pray for our joint Baptist churches service on November 4th. For Rev. Graeme Ross as he preaches and for the chance to gather as the wider Baptist family.



Coming up on Sundays...

This autumn includes a mini-series on the theme of giving and a number of special services, including Harvest and Remembrance Day.

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

November

Sunday 4th	Rev. Peter Timothy	Season of Giving 4: Giving Your Money
Sunday 11th	Rev. Beth Powney	Remembrance Day Centenary (9:30AM)
Sunday 18th	Peter Lyle	Matthew 8:18-23 The Cost of Discipleship
Sunday 25th	Rev. Peter Timothy	1 Samuel 8:1-18 <i>inc. Communion</i>

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



Project 18...The Next Steps

Last month the church agreed that new premises were required in order for us to realise God's vision for Park. What does that mean now?

It's an exciting time to be part of Park Baptist Church! At a recent prayer meeting 40 people joined in praying the prayer of Jabez for the church (1 Chron 4:10), and even more were together to decide that the time is right to begin the search for a new home.

At the heart of this has been a sense of what kind of a church God is calling us to be. Three key areas stand out: One Church (Portuguese and English congregations together); Family Focussed; and a Community Hub.

In recent years we have caught glimpses of where God is leading in each of these areas, but it has become increasingly clear that the building is becoming restrictive rather than enabling. Having agreed to search for new premises the hard work now begins.

At a recent Leadership Meeting it was agreed to invite seven church members to form a sub-committee who would vet potential buildings/plots of land before bringing any recommendations to the Church Meeting. The purpose of this is to get a cross-section of members involved in the process and to ensure the Leadership Team do not become entirely engulfed with 'buildings talk', which can become a

distraction from the primary work of offering spiritual oversight and leadership to the church. Our joint prayer meetings are key to this process as we seek God's heart together.

Church members are also invited to send details of any potentially suitable buildings or plots of land they may have seen to Peter. These will then be considered by the sub-committee.

BAPTISTS TOGETHER

Following the successful joint service with other local Baptist churches last year, we are hosting another!

On Sunday 4th November at 6.30pm we will welcome Christians from Baptist churches from Lowestoft all the way through to Mundesley for a time of worship.

We will be joined by Rev. Graeme Ross, the newly appointed Regional Minister for the Eastern Baptist Association, who will be sharing God's Word with us.

This promises to be another uplifting and fun time and everyone is encouraged to attend. We will also need some volunteers for welcome and refreshments - please speak to Maxine if you would like to help in this way.



Coming Up at Park...

Quiz Night!

Friday 26th October, 7pm for a 7.30 start

We are excited to be hosting a quiz night on 26th October at church. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family and CAP clients to a fun, social event in church.

Teams of around 6 are ideal - if you don't have enough and want to be in a team then speak to Nick Symeou and we can make sure everyone is in a team.

Entrance is free and there will be tea, coffee and cold drinks available. You are welcome to bring snacks etc for your table too.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November, 9:30am

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day and to recognise this we are working with St Nicholas' Church and GY Borough Council to support the service by the war memorial in St. George's Park.

Our own service will take place at the earlier time of 9.30am. Those who are able will then go to the park to observe the act of remembrance. We will then be inviting the public back to church for refreshments.

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 14th November, 7.30pm

Agendas will be emailed to members and paper copies available from the information table from 4th November.

This is our Annual General Meeting so please make every effort to attend if you are a church member.