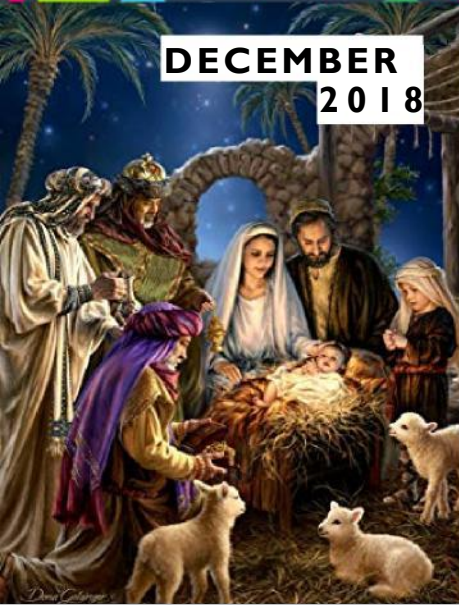


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Joint Prayer Meetings

Our prayer meetings with the Portuguese congregation will resume in January and will then be held on the first Friday of the month at 7pm.

All are invited and encouraged to attend. The next one will be **Friday 4th January 2019**.

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.

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1. Pray for our church
Christmas party on 16th December - that it will be an ideal way to show the importance of

2. Pray for Rev. Linda Turner at Cornerstone Baptist, Martham, who has been diagnosed with cancer of the bowel and liver. She is due for an

operation this month.

3. Pray for those who find Christmas a difficult season; that they would encounter the hope that Christ brings in a new way this year.



When Jamie met Justin

Last month the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, visited Park to meet with one of our CAP clients, Jamie. Here's what happened...

To say it was a surreal moment was putting it mildly; walking under the arch and marching towards the church was an entourage of clerical collars and official-looking people. Front and centre was none other than the Archbishop of Canterbury!

Unfortunately they'd come in the wrong way because playgroup have the gates locked, and as safeguarding trumps all clergy - however famous - they were promptly told to spin around and come in through the side gate!

Fortunately the only way was up, and within a couple of minutes Justin Welby was sitting down with Peter, Pat Hillier and, most importantly, Jamie, one of our CAP clients.

As a patron of CAP, Archbishop Justin was keen to find out how the work is supporting people in our town, and what role the church has played in it.

Jamie was understandably nervous at first, but the Archbishop's warm tone of voice and genuine concern for hearing about his

circumstances soon put him at ease, and he began to open up. Losing his job coupled with mental health problems had led to spiralling debt, but he had discovered a hope that exceeded far beyond balancing his bank account. CAP had offered him a lifeline, and Pat explained how the work was desperately needed in Great Yarmouth and

how the

role of befrienders and the local church was key to supporting clients.

Remarkably, the Archbishop then began to open up about his own experiences of mental health problems with his daughters and his willingness to be vulnerable was both humbling and inspiring.

Sadly our time was cut short due to his previous engagements overrunning, but we closed with a time of prayer for Jamie which he

described as "awesome".

Since then, Jamie has been at church and has found a job. He continues to pay into his CAP plan and is an inspiring example of how God is working through this ministry to transform lives in Great Yarmouth. Let's pray that even more lives are touched in 2019.





Coming Up at Park..

Christmas Party!

Sunday 16th December, 12.30-3pm

We are having our first Christmas party together after the service on Sunday 16th.

This will include plenty of food, games, music and fun! All are invited and we will be joined by some of our CAP families as well as the Portuguese congregation, so please make every effort to talk to people you don't know - it may be their first time in church.

If you have any questions about food or would like to help with setting up please see Chris Yallup.

Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December, 4:00pm

Our Carols by Candlelight service is once again taking place in the afternoon in order to accommodate our guests from The Living Room, who will be using the hall in the evening.

This is always an excellent service for bringing friends and family along who may not otherwise go to church. We will sing plenty of well-known carols and remind ourselves of the Christmas story and what it means today.

Mince pies and other refreshments will be served afterwards, so be sure to come along!

Carol Singing

Thursday 20th December, 6pm

We will join with other Christians in the town to do some carol singing in the market place - please join us! We meet by Lloyds Bank. Song sheets will be provided!

Testimony Service

Sunday 30th December

We say goodbye to 2018 with a service aimed at recognising God's work in our lives this year and giving thanks. If you would like to share a testimony (up to 5 mins) then please speak to Peter.

If no-one shares it will be a **very** short service so please be brave and encourage us with your story!

Soul Sisters

Monday 10th December, 7pm

The next 'Soul Sisters' event will take place at church and will involve putting the CAP Christmas hampers together. We need lots of hands to get this all done, so please join us if you are free.

The Living Room

Once again our winter night shelter is up and running and we are hosting it on Sunday nights. We are desperately in need of more people to provide an evening meal for the visitors. Catering is normally for 10-12 people and involves a main and a dessert.

If you are interested please sign up using the sheet on the rota board next to the Pastor's Office. If you would like to volunteer for a shift then please speak to Peter.

Alpha Course

Spring 2019

We are planning to run another Alpha course for those interested in Christianity. We need some helpers to both facilitate the discussion sections and to help set up / pack down. Please speak to Peter if you can help.

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Coming up on Sundays...

December

Sunday 2nd Rev. Peter Timothy

Advent 1

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"Blue Christmas" Service (4.30PM)

Sunday 9th Rev. Derrick Hill

Advent 2

Sunday 16th Rev. Peter Timothy

Advent 3 Family Service

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY - Follows morning service on 16th

Sunday 23rd Rev. Peter Timothy

Advent 4 *inc. Communion*

Sunday 23rd Rev. Peter Timothy

Carols by Candlelight (4.00PM)

Tuesday 25th Rev. Peter Timothy

Christmas Day Family Service (10AM)

Sunday 30th Rev. Peter Timothy

Testimony Service

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