



October 2019

# Park Life

*Above: Fire pit from men's camp last month.*

## Welcome!

If you've just walked into our church for the first time then a special 'hello' to you!

We are a multinational church that holds services in English and Portuguese.

Our services are intentionally informal, so feel free to participate in as much or as little as feels comfortable.

Usually we spend time worshipping God through music, prayers and the collection of an offering, which sustains the work of the church and the organisations we support. Bible-focused teaching and sharing are also a key part of our services.

Junior Church is held downstairs in the hall. Volunteers are DBS checked and will accompany the children down at the appropriate time in the service.

We have a prayer team who are also available to pray with you should you wish. You can spot them wearing a yellow badge.

You are also invited to join us afterwards for free tea, coffee and biscuits as we get to know each other better.

**For more information on who we are and what we do please check out our website:**  
**[www.parkbaptist.church](http://www.parkbaptist.church)**

## Coming up on Sundays @ Park

<b>6th October</b>	Harvest Service	
<b>13th October</b>	Baptismal Service	
<b>20th October</b>	"God, Justice and Slavery"	<i>Communion will be shared</i>
<b>27th October</b>	<b>JOINT SERVICE IN ST. GEORGE'S THEATRE - SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS</b>	
<b>2nd November</b>	Portuguese Anniversary Service, 6:30pm.	<i>All are invited to celebrate!</i>
<b>3rd November</b>	Dedication Service for Mia Timothy	
<b>10th November</b>	Remembrance Sunday	<i>09:30am start - see page 2</i>
<b>17th November</b>	Guest preacher: Rev Dr Alan Palmer, Lead Chaplain, James Paget Hospital	
<b>24th November</b>	<b>JOINT SERVICE IN ST. GEORGE'S THEATRE - SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS</b>	



## Chess Players Alert!



Calling all chess fans! Malcolm Edmonds is seeking to form a group to play chess together from time to time.

If you'd be interested or know someone who likes playing and would enjoy the chance to build friendships then

please speak to Malcolm.



## CAP Christmas Hampers

As always, we are creating Christmas hampers to gift to our CAP clients and their families. This blesses some of the very poorest in our community at a time of real need.

We are collecting donations NOW, and there is a box in the Pastor's Office that you can add to.

Please make sure the expiry date is 2020 for any items you give.

Each hamper needs the following items:

- Bottle of Coke
- Bottle of Schloer
- Christmas Pudding
- Christmas Cake

- Crackers to pull
- Christmas serviettes
- Biscuits
- Tin of ham
- Tin of salmon
- 2 cans of soup
- Multipack of crisps
- 2 tins of custard

Small gifts are also needed for the following:

- 16x gifts for women
- 10x gifts for men
- 2x teenage boys
- 5x teenage girls
- 1x girl 18 month old
- 1x boy 3 years old
- 2x girl 4 years old
- 1x girl 5 years old
- 1x girl 6 years old
- 2x boy 8 years old

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Remembrance Sunday



We have received a request from Great Yarmouth Borough Council to host the civic party once again following the Remembrance Day service in St. George's Park.

Last year we took the opportunity to hold our service at 9.30am, so that we might join those gathered in the park before the Act of Remembrance at 11am.

We will be repeating that pattern this year, and would like to use the opportunity of hosting the civic party to highlight the excellent work that Park is doing among our community. If you would like to bake a cake for this service then please speak to Denise. We will also need helpers to assist with setting up tables and rearranging chairs in the church and a team of welcomers on hand to direct and engage with our visitors.

## Please pray for...



### Sue Lintern

We are thankful to God that Sue is now home, but she is still in need of our ongoing prayers as she battles cancer.



### Daisy Robinson

Pray for Daisy who is being baptised this month - for protection as she takes this big step of faith and for her to know the closeness of God.

# WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

An exciting new service is being  
launched later this month...



Later this month we will be starting an exciting new chapter in the church's life, by hiring St. George's Theatre to worship together as one church.

As part of our vision to better integrate the English and Portuguese speaking congregations, we will be holding a service on the last Sunday of the month. The focus will be upon praising God together and using the opportunity to develop the relationships among the congregations.

open at 10.45 for everyone to be seated for the service to begin at 11am.

There will also be a children's programme run in the cafe.

Our first service is Sunday 27th October, with the following one booked for November 24th. There will be no joint service in December, owing to the theatre being used for its annual pantomime.

There will be no Saturday service on those weekends.

There is inevitably a cost attached to provide this service. The theatre have quoted £150 per service for use of the theatre and cafe. In order to subsidise this we are requesting that all regular attendees at Park donate a minimum of £1. This will not cover the total costs, so if you are able to give more then please do so.

This should be in addition to any regular giving you make, and a separate giving box will be made available for this.

In order to make a success of these new services please use the chance to speak to members of both congregations - why not try to learn a new name and commit to pray for them that week?

There will still be a need to serve tea/coffee before and after the service, so please speak to Denise if you are due to be on duty for one of these weeks and we can ensure that things are coordinated with our Portuguese counterparts.



The theatre cafe will be open for tea and coffee from 10.15am, and we are encouraging people to arrive early to enjoy spending this time together. The theatre will

We are eager to embrace this opportunity and begin to realise the long-held vision of being 'one church'.



# A conked-out car, flaming Jenga and piles of burgers... it must mean one thing: Men's Camp 2019



We should've realised as soon as Nick's car wouldn't start on Friday evening that this wasn't going to be a 'normal' weekend away. To be fair, they never are.

Our third annual men's camp took us to a very well-equipped camp site near Eye, Suffolk, and - as usual - it swung from the divine to the absurd - and back again!

This year was Dale's turn to steal the spotlight, after he made friends with an inquisitive squirrel, who, predictably, decided his hand would make a tasty snack. But Dale's personal highlight was still to come. Cue Saturday evening, when he was entrusted with fetching the kindling to start the fire. As the rest of us finished washing up and putting things away, we were impressed by the sizeable flames lighting up the campsite. Only upon closer inspection did it become apparent that the convenient pile of firewood Dale had scavenged rather closely resembled a box of giant Jenga!

When we weren't burning children's games or relaxing in the hot tub, there were brilliant moments of encounter with God, particularly at a

local parish church which we commandeered for our discussion and worship sessions. More than once there was a tangible sense of God's presence with us, and it was a privilege to be able to pray for one another.

For Christian, one of our CAP clients who had recently come to faith, it was a particularly special weekend, as the Holy Spirit met with him and released him from some of the trauma that he was carrying from his past.

What has become apparent in these trips is the benefit of taking some time away from the busyness of life and to devote that time to God, alongside fellow brothers in Christ.

Special thanks must go to Nick Symeou, who organised the trip and performed his role as chef admirably!



*"We were brothers all together! This came at a time that I needed it and it lifted me. The sense of the Holy Spirit was tremendous. I would definitely recommend this to other men in the church next year." - Lester*



*"Great fellowship and good food. The praise, prayer and Bible study sessions were truly Spirit-led. An isolated country church provided the perfect place to get away from worldly worries and listen to God." - Martin*

