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IMAGINE NORFOLK TOGETHER

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of Imagine Norfolk Together's news and prayer letter (Great Yarmouth).

This newsletter is produced to share how local churches are at work in the community, and to provide you with resources which will help you in your own community ventures.

As always I would love to hear from you. Please ring me on 07471 357072 or email me at anna.heydon@togethernorfolk.org.uk

Anna Heydon

Spotlight on...

WE ARE KINGSGATE

Community Life at Kingsgate Community Church

It's wonderful that Kingsgate are able to re-launch their community programme this spring - see below for the exciting range of activities they are offering, open to all.

Welcome to Community Life at Kingsgate

Coffee and Chat
Drop in for a warm welcome and some conversation. Tea, coffee and cake served on Wednesdays from 9.30-11.00.

Community Craft Café
Knitting, crocheting, card making, creative and mindful activities. Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 from 23rd March, 6.00-8.00, starting 24th February.

Community Lunch
An welcome for Sunday lunch (Lunch for £3, Children free) 12.00-1.30 (Lunch served 12.30). Please let us know you are coming.

Other Services
Bible Study, Prayer, Worship Services, Children and Youth Groups and classes (please contact us for details). Kingsgate Kitchen, Coffee Shop and Kingsgate Garden.

Community Transport can be arranged for any of the groups, contact Kingsgate Office for details. Kingsgate is a Dementia Friendly Church and Community.

Please call 01493 857149 or email jung@kingsgate.org.uk for full and more support opportunity. Kingsgate is a charity whose vision and ethos is centre around giving to...

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Harry's Skydive!

Harry, the Community Manager at Great Yarmouth Salvation Army is taking to the skies to raise money for the work of the Salvation Army in Great Yarmouth.

Harry's Scrap Of Cloth

Harry Wrote Longstanding Member of Great Yarmouth Christmas Card, Hello to the day!

2022 Harry Experience the sky dive

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Date: Sunday 27th March
Time: 10.00am
All funds will go to:
Great Yarmouth Salvation Army
Any dates with dates given on:
Thursday 31st April 2022 at 1.00-3.00pm
At Bacton Airfield

Sponsor Harry

Goodbye to Two's Company

Great Yarmouth Borough 'Two's Company' started just over a year ago as a response by churches across the borough to the problem of loneliness which had been exacerbated by the pandemic. Over the past year 19 individuals received regular phonecalls as a result of this service. Great Yarmouth Borough Two's Company came to a close at the end of February.

New Foodbank

It was exciting to be at the official opening of the new Yarmouth & Magdalen Foodbank' on 10th March. The new food bank has covered the area formerly with the Trussell Trust, and comprises two centres: the existing foodbank at St Mary Magdalene Church in Gorleston, and a brand new centre at the Great Yarmouth Pathway. You can see the details of both below.

The idea of the new foodbank is to complement and support the work of the other church foodbanks locally. At the opening Cllr Adrian Thompson, Mayor of Great Yarmouth, commented, *"In an ideal world, foodbanks wouldn't be here but we don't live in a perfect world and its clear that this foodbank will serve an important purpose, as foodbanks across the borough already do."*

Foodbank Centre	Postcode area served	Day	Session Times	Location/Address
Great Yarmouth Pathway	NR30	Thursday	10 - 12	Alexandra Mission Administry Road, Great Yarmouth
St Mary Magdalene	NR31 7 NR31 8	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9.30 - 11.30	St Mary Magdalene Church, back entrance off Flaxroff avenue, Gorleston

Find out more about Yarmouth & Magdalen Foodbank

See a list of all the church foodbanks in the area

Offering help to Ukrainian Refugees in Martham

St Mary's Church, Martham is tentatively looking to co-ordinate individuals' applications for housing Ukrainian refugee families.

You can find out and register an initial interest following the link below.

Find out more

Safe Car Wash App

This month, the Responsible Car Wash Scheme is organising a big push in Norfolk to eradicate illegal practices at hand car washes. It is displaying adverts on billboards and at bus stops across Norfolk about the risk of modern slavery in hand car washes. It is also encouraging consumers to download The Clewer Initiative's Safe Car Wash App to help identify whether exploitation is present in a hand car wash and if necessary, report it to the Modern Slavery Helpline. To help support this campaign, please download the Safe Car Wash App today!

Find out more and download the app

Blog

Be More Goose

Queuing up and down the 'Acle straight' repeatedly for the school run over the last few months has been wearisome at times. However the tedium has been frequently eclipsed by the wonderful natural displays of birds on the marshes: the breath-taking phenomenon of starling murmurations, the exotic splendour of white egrets and glimpses of long-beaked waders which I don't have the skills to identify!

One sight which will never lose its fascination for me is that of the geese overhead, crossing the sky in their 'v' formation, like an arrow, telling the world below where they are heading.

Continue reading

Resources

On Behalf of the Voiceless: A Theology of Safeguarding

Thirtyone:Eight is an independent Christian safeguarding charity which helps individuals, organisations, charities, faith and community groups to protect vulnerable people from abuse.

They have recently produced a helpful document outlining their theology of safeguarding. The document focuses on the book of Proverbs from which their name is derived, and identifies three key Biblical principles for safeguarding:

The mandate	The motivation	The mission
Every generation must rise to conserve the people	Every family must be protected and provided for, especially children and the elderly	Every people must be rescued from oppression and injustice, especially those who cannot

Read the report

Estates Evangelism Task Group Conference

The Estates Evangelism Task Group met last November, gathering together representatives from Church of England dioceses and key organisations working with estates churches.

Happily the keynote addresses from the conference are available on Youtube and having watched them I would recommend them all.

Rosie Hopley is founder and former CEO of the Christian charity Ibstoxpat, co-founder of a social enterprise LuzaWell, and co-founder of Bristol prayer collective Living Prayer. Rosie's keynote is entitled 'Prayer and Mission in Neighbourhoods'.

Jonathan Lamb is Director of Mission for the Diocese of Lichfield and Vicar of Christ Church Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. Jonathan's keynote is entitled 'Mission in Neighbourhoods'.

Dr Ruth Gilchrist is Director of Mission for the Diocese of Ely and Vicar of Christ Church Cambridge. Ruth

galvanising vision for the vulnerable. She shares her story of working with women in the sex trade in Bristol.

The Archbishop of York, Most Revd Stephen Cottrell talks about the Church of England's vision for estate churches.

Chris Lane is a church leader at Langworthy Community Church in inner city Salford,. He shares his experiences and stories of planting and leading a church on a deprived estate.

Watch the films

Restored Beacon Churches

Restored is building a network of churches, standing together against domestic abuse and supporting survivors.

At its simplest, a Restored Beacon is a place of welcome and safety for survivors. A church willing and able to support those who have been let down by people who were meant to love them.

Restored aims to work with churches to achieve the folllowing:

1. To create safer churches.
2. To enable those who have been subjected to abuse to find restoration.
3. To challenge and change a culture that has normalised violence against women.
4. To restore God's original intention for relationships.

Find out more

Events

Caister Cares Food Bank meeting

31st March / 7th April

East Norfolk Youth for Christ Prayer

Contact Amilcar for more information: amilcar@enyfc.co.uk

Narcotics Anonymous Training and Information event

Friday 20th May 2022 1.30pm - 4pm

Norwich Central Baptist Church, Duke Street,

Norwich, NR3 3AP

A free training and information event designed to increase awareness of Narcotics Anonymous (NA). This event, which will include: -

- a short presentation about the basic principles of NA and how it works,
- information about local NA meetings,
- an opportunity to observe an NA meeting and meet members of Narcotics Anonymous
- a question-and-answer session,
- light refreshments.

Limited places for this event will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please respond by email to lsc.nasa@ukna.org for more information and to book your place.

#DO5THINGS

5 ways to respond to this newsletter:

Sponsor Harry for his skydive

See a list of all the church foodbanks in the area

Download the safe car wash app

Watch talks from the Estates Evangelism Task Group

Find out more about becoming a Restored Beacon Church

Let's talk about...

I would love to hear from you to discuss any of the following things:

- How you are getting involved in your local community, and good news stories about the difference this is making.
- Events or groups you are running for the benefit of the local community or which equip for community engagement
- If you would like me to visit your church, church meeting or group
- Anything you would find useful in future editions of this letter

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