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Welcome to the September edition of Street Jesus e-news. As usual we begin talking about the weather. We are British after all. I think most of us have been glad to see some rain. Following the hottest mean temperatures ever recorded in 2025 16.10 degrees centigrade, its quite likely that this will have been broken this year. Each of the last ten July's have been the hottest on record. We have been blessed for many years that water shortages, hose pipe bans and crop failure have been rare. We have taken for granted that in a country where there is high winter rainfall that there will be enough water to last the summer. Many plants in our gardens have suffered and garden centres are warning us that we will need to plant drought resistant flowers and shrubs in the years ahead. Farmers have had to bring in the harvest earlier to salvage crops with a sharp fall in yields. Vegetables have been stunted, and shortage of fresh grass has adversely affected livestock with many farm animals suffering from heat stress. Being unable to fill a paddling pool, wash your car or keep your hanging baskets watered are irritating but nothing compared to the challenges faced by those living in Mediterranean and African countries. In France Spain and Greece



wildfires have been the worst on record, there has been widespread destruction of wildlife and the natural environment. Even here in Suffolk we have had wildfires on Dunwich heath. The images of flooding due to melting glaciers in Nepal have been truly frightening. All these events and many more form the evidence for global

climate change. On our stall and in our online exchanges we have had many people expressing anxiety about this. People want a God to put all this right and a God, who prevents suffering. The God we have is one who has given humanity responsibility to be good stewards of his earth., a God who understands suffering because he entered into it himself on the cross. The claim of living in the end times is one that has been debated for centuries. countless generations have believed that they are living in it. What makes this any more likely in our own time.

End time prophesy is divided into different areas. 1) **Wars and global conflicts** are reported in many parts of the world but unlike in past centuries the weaponry available could truly have catastrophic global consequences. Hybrid warfare where cyber attacks on computer systems and satellites on which we depend so much, could rend us inoperable as a country. The growth of internet Bots churning out divisive memes in order to de-stabilise our society. Proxy wars are



Are being fought, particularly in Africa and where major powers and Islamist groups fight to gain influence and corrupt governments fight to hang onto power.

2) **Famine and natural disasters**- Severe food shortage involving starvation is active in Sudan and South Sudan, Somalia, Northern Nigeria and Gaza. Food shortages are also reported in Yemen, Afghanistan, Mali, D.R.Congo, Lebanon and Myanmar.



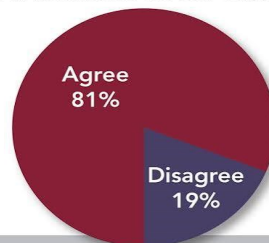
Having already mentioned the natural disaster in Nepal current cyclones in China and tornadoes in the USA are causing massive devastation. Natural disasters across the world are on the increase.

3) **Moral decline and deception** In society this is a subject of contention. Progress in attitudes toward, women, ethnic minorities, LGBT people, disability and mental ill health may point to a kinder world. However many people with the perspective of time believe that there is generally less community cohesion, more selfishness,

declining manners and less respect for authority. General surveys indicate a general feeling that moral behaviour is in decline. The doom mongering sandwich boards may have given way to doom scrolling but the sentiment remains the same. The bible foretells these events but we do not know the time of Jesus's return when all will be put right.

Among Americans:

**I am concerned about declining moral behavior in our nation.**



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Part of keeping oil in our lamps is to do whatever God has called us to do. This will

be different for each of us according to our gifting and calling. The call to love our fellow human beings is expressed through numerous Christian organisations.

We recently received a talk in our Church by Val Dufour on behalf of Tearfund.

Tearfund were founded in 1969 by George Hoffman to provide famine relief for the people of Biafra. Cliff Richard was an early supporter and made people aware of their work. Over time the emphasis changed from providing food, to enabling people to grow their own food, training farmers to boost food production. A hand up rather than a hand out.

It raises appeals and works in disaster areas, most recently in Nepal and Venezuela. It has introduced child sponsorship schemes, clean water initiatives and was a leader in the Fairtrade movement in the 1970's forming Tearcraft, providing coffee jewellery and crafts ensuring fair reward for work, and promoting independence and self-sufficiency.



Support is provided regardless of race or religion and Tearfund were at the forefront of initiatives to engage people with HIV /Aids in the 1980's.

Operating in over 50 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, they have a co-operative model working with many other organisations such as Oxfam, Christian Aid and the Disasters Relief Committee. All their work is directed through the local church and their CEO Silas Belraj has set an aim to create 250,000 churches within their jurisdiction in the next few years.

Please pray for Tearfund, let's ask God that their work continues to be blessed.

However we perceive the state of the world, let us not fear. Jesus often said fear not and as Billy Graham once said. I've looked at the last page of the bible and everything turns out just fine.

God bless Graham





The Filling Station is an informal way of expressing the Christian Faith, using celebration meetings to encourage the local church, predominantly in rural areas across the UK.

Please visit the website for details.

**What to expect when we meet:**

A warm welcome with light refreshments... Contemporary worship led by local worship leaders... Stories of God at work today... Guest Speakers to refresh our faith... Prayer together for worldwide and personal needs...

The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew  
Refreshments at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

# Everyone is Welcome

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/>

All Saints  
Wickham Market

SS Peter & Paul  
Tottistree

## OPEN DOOR

LOVE

Coffee, tea,  
biscuits and  
friends

Friday morning  
Drop in from  
10:00am

At All Saints Church  
Every Friday Morning

## Network SUFFOLK

Connecting Christian Communities in Suffolk

# GOOD NEWS

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## Evangelistic Newspaper



**All Saints Church  
Wickham Market**

**Prayer & Praise Evenings**  
**3rd Sunday of the month**  
**at 6:30pm**

**Informal service for all ages**



**Every third Sunday of the month at 11am**  
**All Saints Church, refreshments from 10.30am**



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**Informal Service @ All Saints Church**  
**3pm every Second Sunday. All invited!**

**A time of worship, fellowship,  
and light refreshments.**

**Meet old friends and make new ones**

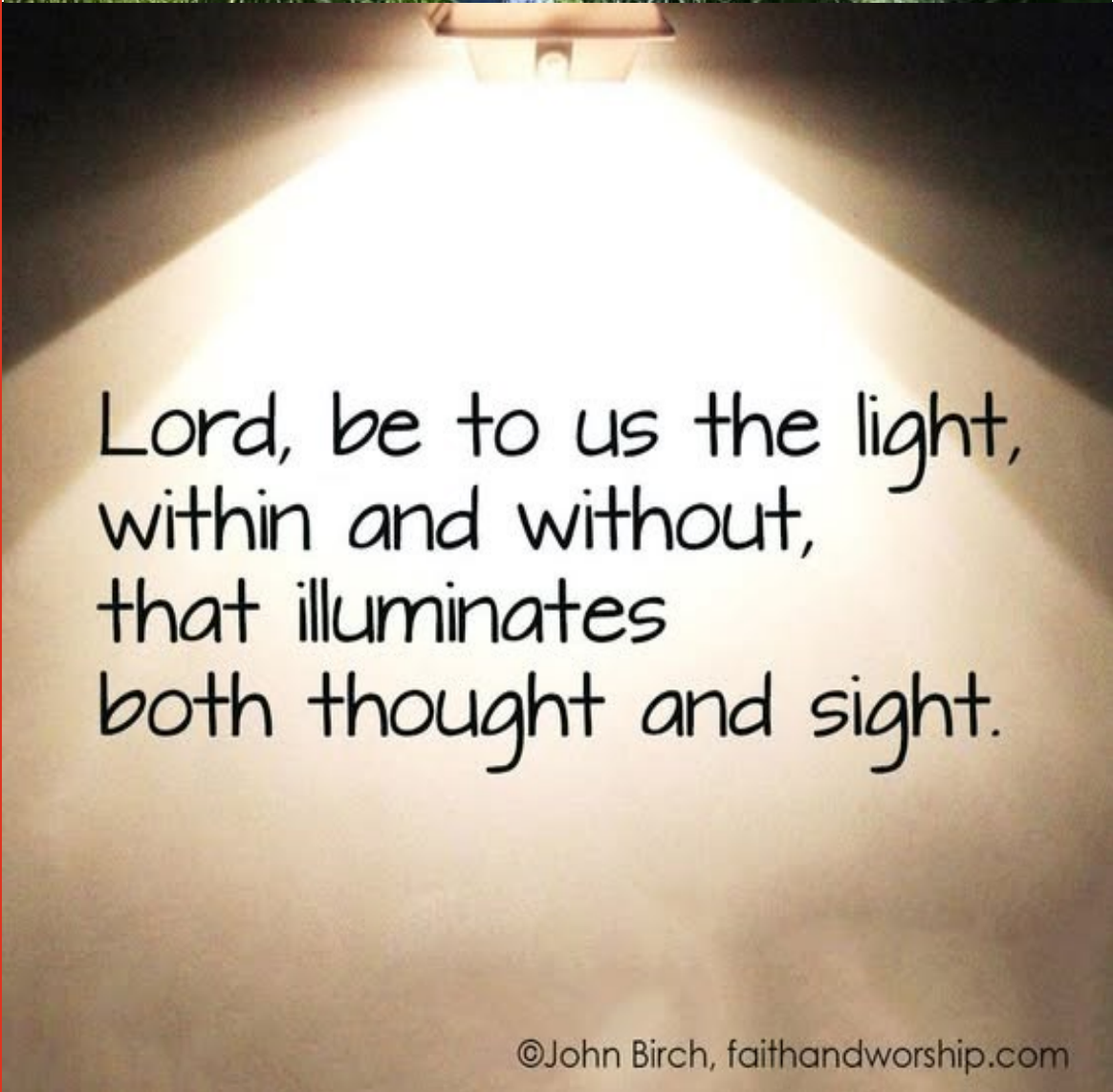






Let us not become weary  
in doing good, for at the  
proper time we will reap a  
harvest if we do not give  
up

Galatians 6:9



Lord, be to us the light,  
within and without,  
that illuminates  
both thought and sight.





## July outreach - Wickham Market

### Still Waters

In the style of Lectio Divina, time to dwell  
together on God's word

Join us at the Wickham Market vicarage on the  
second and fourth Mondays of each month

2 pm, all welcome, just come along and see if it  
is for you

Next Still waters  
September 14th



Vicarage Tea Party  
All Saints Wickham Market

# STREET JESUS



Our next outreach is on  
Wickham Market Hill  
on Saturday September 26 th 9am–3pm



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