



May

FUN DAY!

SUNDAY 10 MAY · FROM 12PM

**BOUNCY CASTLE FREE BBQ BEAT THE GOALIE FACE PAINTING
MODEL RAILWAY AXE THROWING ICE CREAMS LIVE MUSIC
CARNIVAL GAMES ARCHERY**

EVERYONE WELCOME

ALL FREE

ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH
TOGETHER WITH THE 14TH IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP

Praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'

The author of the book of James – understood to be Jesus' own brother – teaches us an essential truth about the nature of prayer. At the start of his punchy little letter he writes, 'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...' (1:17), but then drops a bombshell by saying, 'You do not have because you do not ask' (4:2).

Prayer is mysterious and beyond our understanding. We don't always get what we ask for, even though it seems 'good' and makes 'perfect' sense that God would give it to us! But the one prayer we can be sure will not be answered is the one that never gets asked.

It's easy to feel despair when we look at all that's not as it should be in the world. It's so clear that we need God to break in, heal, save. But we have a role to play. We must pray. Because as James again puts it, 'The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective' (5:16).

Pray with us, especially during Thy Kingdom Come (see overleaf for how to get involved), and get in the flow of Jesus' prayer that heaven come to earth (Matt 6:10).



We had an incredible Easter Sunday with well over 300 people gathering for our three morning services to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! And what could have been better than sharing in the joy of Hayley and Steph as they celebrated their baptisms that morning.

We've already got more baptisms planned for later this year. If you're interested in being baptised soon, have a word with AI, Ros, Andy or your Grow Group leader.

Listen back to AI's talk from Easter Sunday on our YouTube channel





Nothing is more important in following Jesus than hearing and understanding his voice in his Word. If you've been reading the Bible for years but never felt you had a sense of how it all hangs together, then the **Bible Course** is for you. Over eight weeks we'll trace the big story of the Bible in the expert company of Dr Andrew Ollerton. It's totally free to join the course (a colourful guidebook is optional and costs £10) and starts on **Weds 6 May**. Sign up in church, on our website or via the office.



Our annual **Memorial Service** to remember and give thanks for those close to us who have died in recent years takes place on **Sun 17 May at 3pm**. This is such a helpful service to many so please extend a warm invitation to any family, friends and neighbours who might like to join us. There is a special tea directly after the service and it would be helpful if you could let Linda (729761) or Liz (270656) know if you're planning on coming so we plan for enough cake!



THY KINGDOM COME runs between Ascension and Pentecost, or May 14-24. Take part by joining one of our regular weekly prayer meetings on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday (see above) and...

FRIDAY 15 MAY, 6pm till midnight – HALF NIGHT OF PRAYER. Join with Christians from across the town to contend for the rising generation of children and young people, churches and schools. This will be our sixth half night and our biggest yet. Don't miss it!

THURSDAY 21 MAY, meet at 7pm – PRAYER WALK THE PARISH. We'll fan out across the estates to pray for blessing, breakthroughs and for the gospel to bear fruit here in East Ipswich. Many of us will be fasting throughout the day in readiness. Please join us.

Grow groups

Go deeper in faith with a small group.

To join a group, contact the Office or chat to the leader.

MONDAYS

2pm Jackie Sears, Lantern Room
7.30pm Kevin & Sue Wood, Rosehill area

TUESDAYS

1pm Sam Morley, Lantern Room
7.30pm Al & Sarah Metcalfe, Vicarage
7.30pm Julie Cook, Broke Hall
7.30pm Ros Williams, various homes

THURSDAYS

7.30pm Colin Scott, Mere Gardens
7.30pm Rachel Renfrew, Ascot Drive
7.30pm Ros Williams, Lantern Room

May

gather with us

SUNDAYS

9am with Holy Communion

10.30am with kids and youth.

Fresh coffee and specialty teas served between services

BUBBLE CHURCH May 3, 4pm

MONDAYS

9.30am Psalms and Prayers (not May 4 or 25)

7.30pm Evening Prayer Online (not May 4 or 25)

WEDNESDAYS

10am TLC Renew Wellbeing Café

12.30pm Lunchtime Prayer Online

THURSDAYS

7am Early Morning Prayer

10.30am Traditional Holy Communion



FEEL THE BEAT!

Sat 2 May, 10.30am and 2pm, Lantern Room

MEN'S NIGHT OUT (BLUE PLAQUE WALK IN IPSWICH)

Thurs 7 May, 7.30pm

TLC EXTRA

Fri 8 May, 7-9pm, Lantern Room

PARENTING SOLO for single parent families

Sat 9 May, 3.30-6pm, LR. Please book using QR

CREATIVE PRAYER (TKC PRE-LAUNCH)

Sunday 10 May, 7pm, Lantern Room

UKULELE JOY

Tues 12 and 26, 2-4pm, LR. New players always welcome

LUNCH CLUB (note date change around local election)

Thurs 14 May, 12.30pm, The Hub

GAMES NIGHT

Sun 17 May, 7-9pm, Lantern Room, 14+

LADIES GROUP – 'THE HISTORY OF SEA SHANTIES'

Tues 19 May, 7.30pm, LR. All ladies welcome

SIGNING GROUP

Weds 20 May, 1.30pm, Lantern Room



In term time



Tuesdays, 10-11am



Weds, 9.30-11.15am



Mondays, 4-5pm



Thursdays, 4-6pm

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