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IMAGINE NORFOLK TOGETHER



Welcome to the December edition of Imagine Norfolk Together's news and prayer letter (Great

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

Also, why not check out the new Imagine Norfolk Together website, where you can find out more about what we do.

Anna Heydon

Visit Imagine Norfolk Together website



Spotlight on...

Christmas Day Meals



No-one should have to be on their own at Christmas or have to miss Christmas dinner because of the cost. 'Open Christmas' this year is being held at Great Yarmouth Minster, and the Bridge at St Mary Magdalene Church in Gorleston will also be welcoming people for Christmas dinner.



If you would like some company, are homeless or struggling to make ends meet, come celebrate Christmas with us!

We offer a very warm welcome and a

FREE CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

PLUS FREE ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLE & GOODIE BAG



11.30am - 3pm

GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER
CHURCH PLAIN - NR30 1NE



**NO NEED TO BOOK -
JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY**

FREE GUEST TRANSPORT IF REQUIRED -
Contact us on 07928 927 053 to book transport
or 07523 888729 for all other enquiries

or email: openchristmas.greatyarmouth@yahoo.co.uk

or visit our website: www.openchristmasgreatyarmouth.org

or find us on facebook - Open Christmas Great Yarmouth



For more information:
tel Louise on 07887 795507
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or call in at The Bridge on Tues



Would you like to share Christmas lunch with us?
Need somewhere warm and friendly?

Come to The Bridge

at St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Gorleston, NR31 7BY
for a free

Christmas Day Lunch

Doors open at 11.30am for hot drinks

Lunch is served at 12.30pm



Keys Community Detox



In November churches and professionals were invited to attend information sessions led by Dr Steve Smith about the Keys Community Detox programme. A partnership with Keys has emerged from a growing desire from those involved with the 'Well' drop-in and Foodbank at Gorleston Baptist Church to be able to reach out and offer practical help to those struggling with addictions.

Dr Steve outlined the three underlying "keys" to their approach: medical, spiritual and community support. However perhaps most striking was the insight he gave into the 'pain behind addiction' and a reminder that it is essential to address this pain in order to bring long-term healing and freedom.

2020.

Find out more about Keys Community Detox

Great Yarmouth Place of Welcome



Places of Welcome is a network of local community groups providing their neighbourhoods with places where all people feel safe to belong, connect and contribute.

Now plans are afoot for a Place of Welcome in Great Yarmouth. Spear-headed by representatives from At-Tauwheed Mosque, GYROS, Great Yarmouth Parish, St George's Community Café, Great Yarmouth Interfaith group and Imagine Norfolk Together, it is hoped that the Place of Welcome will open in St George's Community Cafe in the new year.

The particular focus of the Great Yarmouth Place of Welcome will be to provide an inviting place for people from a range of different cultural backgrounds, including those who have felt unwelcome as a result of the current political and social climate.

Places of Welcome are open to all and are based on the following 5 principles:

To be a Place of Welcome, 5 elements, known as the 5 Ps have been recognised.

Place: An accessible and hospitable building, open at the same time every week.

People: Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situation, and staffed by volunteers.

Presence: A place where people actively listen to one another.

Provision: Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea and a biscuit) and basic information.

Participation: Recognises that every person coming to a Place of Welcome will bring talents, experiences and skills that they might be willing to share locally.

More information about the Great Yarmouth Place of Welcome to follow. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me.

Find out more about 'Places of Welcome'

Blog

The Language of Love



Visiting Germany made me realise how much better God is at breaking down communication barriers than me...

[Read blog](#)

Diary dates

Unlock Training - 22nd February 2020

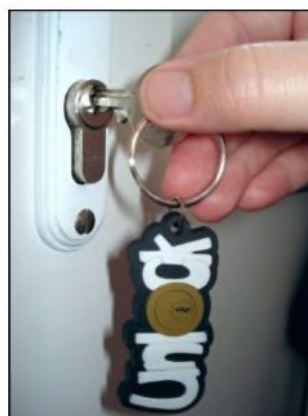
Unlocking the Bible in Urban Communities

Unlocking real life stories of urban people
Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ
Releasing life changing skills and confidence

This is an opportunity open to anyone across the Eastern Region of England who may be interested in learning more about Unlock's approach to the Bible, giving both clergy and laity insights and **practical, hands-on experience in applying this approach to Bible engagement** with small groups of oral learners in their local area.

Dawn Lonsdale
(Unlock Chief Officer)
 will lead an Unlock Training event
 10.00am until 4.00pm
 Saturday 22nd February 2020
 at St Mary Magdalene church,
 Gorleston, NR31 7BZ

Lunch is provided.



Our life experience matters; our stories; our joys and sorrows. The Bible has plenty to say - more than we'll ever know - about our lives if we know how to read it and apply it, to 'Unlock' it. For many people, hearing about Unlock's approach brings a eureka moment as they discover a way forward with a fringe group that doesn't relate to traditional Bible studies or formal church meetings.



Booking is essential **via**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unlocking-the-bible-in-urban-communities-tickets-84171754985>

Or contact:
 Anna Heydon on 07471 347072

I'm working with Rev. Damon Rogers from St Andrew's Church in Lowestoft to bring Unlock training to the east coast.

This is an exciting opportunity to learn from Unlock's

where many people don't learn through traditional text-based approaches.

Booking for this training is essential - please use the link below. If you have any problem give me a ring.

[Book a place for 'Unlock' training](#)

[Find out more about the work of Unlock](#)

The Living Room AGM - 16th January 2020



You are invited

to the Living Room Great Yarmouth AGM

16th January 2020, 2.00 p.m.

Come and join us at the Christchurch Methodist church (King Street, Gt Yarmouth, NR30 2HL)

Business:

- Reports and accounts
- Auditors and remuneration
- To reappoint Rev. Katy Dunn as trustee for a period of 3 years

Tea and coffee provided

The Living Room Great Yarmouth, registered charity number 1175380
www.thelivingroomgy.co.uk

[Living Room website](#)

Resources

Julia Miller - Fundraising Blog

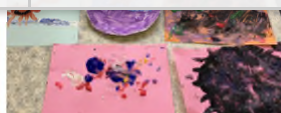


Great Yarmouth's very own Julia Miller (Community Manager at Kingsgate Community Church) has been writing a really useful blog about fundraising. Definitely recommended for anyone who needs to raise money for their work

[**Read Julia's Fundraising Blog**](#)

Church in the Community Directory

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Online version:

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yarmouth](https://imagine-norfolk-together.org.uk/resources/church-in-the-community-great-yarmouth)



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The new 'Church in the Community - Great Yarmouth' directory is now available. Download below or contact me for paper copies.

Download Church in the Community Directory

Faith Communities Guide to Engaging with Police

FAITH COMMUNITIES GUIDE TO ENGAGING WITH POLICE.



Norfolk Police Inspector Marie Reavey has spent the last year leading a national initiative, called Faith and Police Together, aimed at encouraging better partnership working between the Police and faith communities. Marie said: “The result is a toolkit with useful information and practical guidance around the areas of addiction, youth violence and loneliness. It includes many organisations, ideas and projects that

project in partnership with the police and other statutory agencies.

Marie will be attending our Community Ministry Breakfast in January. Please contact me if you would be interested in coming along.

Read 'Faith Communities Guide to Engaging with the Police'

"Why End Hunger?"



This report supports End Hunger UK's new goal: to persuade all UK political parties to develop serious action plans to halve household food insecurity by 2025, and to make good on our existing commitment within the Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger by 2030.

It highlights 7 cases for addressing the root causes of hunger. These are:

- the child's case;
- the health case;
- the secure income case;
- the human rights case;
- the political case;
- and the public opinion case.

A call is made for the following root causes of food poverty to be addressed:



[Download "Why End Hunger?" Report](#)

Prayer for Homelessness



Together in Prayer

Homelessness

November 2019 - January 2020

The CUF Together Network has produced a guide to help you pray for homelessness around the country (including the Living Room, Great Yarmouth) which you can download here.



Right Up Your Street: How Faith-Based Organisations Are Tackling Loneliness



This report from FaithAction starts by identifying the scale of the problem with loneliness and social isolation in our nation. It's a frightening read.



However, the report goes on to highlight how faith-based organisations are in an ideal position to be part of the solution. This is exemplified by a number of inspiring case studies which show that simple actions and activities by faith communities can transform life for those experiencing loneliness or social isolation.

[Read 'Right up your Street' report](#)

Norfolk Early Childhood Community Fund



Community groups that support young children and their parents in Norfolk, can now apply to a new community fund.

Find out more about Norfolk Early Childhood Community Fund

Better Together Grant



Creating Connections | Building Communities

If you would like to bring people in your community together, why not apply for a Better Together grant? Grants of up to £200 are available to individuals or community groups to pay for activities which reduce loneliness or social isolation.

[Find out more about 'Better Together' grant](#)

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#DO5THINGS

5 ways to respond to this newsletter:

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[Read Julia's Fundraising Blog](#)

[Book a place for 'Unlock' training](#)

[Find out more about Keys Community Detox](#)

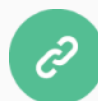
Let's talk about...

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 you are running which welcome the local community or which equip for community engagement
- If you would more information about the Church Urban Fund and what they do
- If you would like me to visit your church, church meeting or group
- Anything you would find useful in future editions of this letter

You can email me

at anna.heydon@togethernorfolk.org.uk

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