

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday June 24th 2018



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Today Ron is leading and is speaking from Mark 4: 1-2,10-12, 21-25

"How is your light?"

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. Please take a "Welcome" booklet, also would you kindly sign our visitors' book at the back of the Church and you are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the Stables at the end of the service.

Sunday Sydney House 3.30pm all very welcome

For Your Prayers

As part of our weekly worship we have a **Prayer Team** available to anyone who would like the support of others in prayer. You can find today's prayer team **Janet and Eileen** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church. Please pray during July for the residents of **Broadbeach Gardens**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Doreen and Josh Hollebon**. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital. May they know His peace in their lives.

Please pray for the children **incarcerated** in cages in Texas that they will soon be reunited with their parents.

This year we have had three baptisms please pray with God's grace we will see more in the near future.

Virtual Prayer Room

Prayers were said on Sunday 17th for John Applegate after his successful operation. John said he felt so much better just 2 hours after the op. Prayers were asked for Ruth's friend who had split up from a long term partner.

On Tuesday Geoff asked for prayers for Joyce who was experiencing a lot of pain and the doctors were struggling to find the root cause.

Doreen sought prayers for family and friends of Doris Smith who had passed away.

Ruth Emerson asked for prayers that they would have success in the bidding process to find a new home that would suit her current needs.

A big thank you to Jerry whose concept the virtual prayer room was, this week like many other times it brought comfort to people quickly when they needed it most.

To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.

News Stand

Congratulations to Luke and Maria on the birth of their new son.

Did you know? In the Stables is a lending library of books, if you need a holiday read have a look at the books available.

Well done everyone involved in last week's services particularly those who scurried around at the last minute when there was a power outage in Mozambique where **Damien and Annet Miller** were. Hopefully Damien and Annet can join us some time in the future.

The next Town Hall Table is on Saturday 30th June 9am to midday See Ron if you would like to help on our free stall. **A few new faces would be good.**

Our BMS mission link partners Paul and Sarah Brown will be with us to share about their work in Bangkok, Thailand on **Wednesday 11th July at 7pm for 7-30** in church. Come to hear more about the Freedom Bakery and other things they are involved in. Do invite any friends you think would like to share and learn with us. Tea and biscuits included!

Vintage and Collectors Fair. Last August SBC had a stall in Stalham High street and made £231 for the building fund by selling items donated by the fellowship. Fran Lenahan who organised the stall has agreed to doing the same this year.

If you have any collectables etc. languishing in your loft or garage Fran would be very happy to include them on the stall on Sunday August 19th. You can contact Fran on 07523924804.

If you need any information about Baptism please talk to Ron.

Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2: 38-39 (ERV)

This Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open For Prayer
10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Fabric Deacons Meeting

7.00pm In the Stables

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am

Three Windows Brumstead Road

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm 50 St Nichols Way

Wednesday

Pop up Breakfast

7.45am to 8.30am In the Stables

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30 to 12noon

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

Little Fishes at Pre School

10.00am

House Group

7.00pm 50, Brumstead Road

Study Group

7.30 in the Stables

Thursday

Pop Up Café

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Town Hall Free Table

9.00 to Midday

Sunday

Sunday Service 10.45am

Thought For The Week

**I am the person who sees
I am the person who believes**

**I am the person who sows seeds
I am the person who frees**

Franky Dilch A Journey to here.

EBA Wave of Prayer 2018

What is the wave of prayer?

Earlier in the year a small group of people from across the EBA birthed the idea



of holding a Wave of prayer. The concept behind this is of prayer across the Association over a week which is like a wave rolling over the beach. Our vision is for a series of smaller groups which meet in a range of locations from

north to south, east to west of our area creating a tsunami of prayer. Prayer which is for our area, for the people of our communities, for our churches, for our country, prayer which echoes the current cry of **'Your kingdom come your will be done'**.

You are welcome to attend any of these local venues no need to book.

Sunday 1st July Hunstanton Beach below the pier 8.00am

Wednesday 4th July Norwich Central Baptist Church 12 noon to 1.00pm

Friday 6th July East Gate Ministries, Mill Cottages Thrigby NR29 3DY

10.00am to 12 noon. For more venues in Eastern England go to <https://www.easternbaptist.org.uk/training-and-events/wave-of-prayer-2018/>

TWAM Case Studies: Jimmy in Uganda

Jimmy, Uncle Alphonse and the Garage Family "My father was killed when he was robbed and my mother could not cope. She put some of my brothers and sisters into an orphanage but I was left to look after myself. I came to Kasese to try and support myself", says Jimmy. He ran away from his rural Ugandan homeland to Kasese because he had no way to provide for himself and to seek a future in a town of promise, so he thought. Jimmy ended up on the street, desperately trying to get by. The streets of Kasese are a tough and unrelenting place to live where gangs rule. It is far from what Jimmy hoped for and he ended up joining a gang involved in crime. Meanwhile Pastor Alphonse in Kasese Central Baptist Church was running a project to help street children of the town. Pastor Alphonse goes out every week on the streets and meals are provided for over 40 on a Friday night. As trust builds he helps them through practical training so they can support themselves and leave poverty, the streets and exploitation behind. Pastor Alphonse was out on the streets one night and got talking to Jimmy. Jimmy was asked if he wanted more than a life of crime enough to change his own life. What did Jimmy say? Jimmy said 'yes' and shared his desire to be a mechanic. Pastor Alphonse's church knew a mechanic who agreed to train him as an apprentice. In many African countries a new employee comes with their own tools. How could Jimmy hope to learn a trade, living on the streets with no money to buy tools? Even if he had had a job the tools are far too expensive for him to buy. This is where Tools with a Mission came in. Pastor Alphonse asked us for a mechanic's kit, which we were very happy to send, along with many other tools. After three years Jimmy has now completed his apprenticeship and joined a team of mechanics repairing motorbikes (the local form of taxi). Jimmy now has a stable job, a new family and lots of support. "I call Pastor Alphonse my 'uncle' because he and the mechanics in the workshop are now my family. In this garage I have family.", says Jimmy. In Uganda the term 'Uncle' or 'Auntie' is a term of great affection given to those who treat people like their own family. Jimmy says quietly, with a little embarrassment, "lots of customers ask for me by name." Jimmy has a livelihood and the hope that comes from having the ability to provide for your family and shape their future. Please share our passion for creating new livelihoods to help people like Jimmy escape from poverty, the streets and exploitation.



You can help people like Jimmy by donating tools, sewing machines, and knitting machines to TWAM. The nearest collection point is A.G. Meales Wayford Nurseries, Stalham, Norwich. For more information contact David or Gillian Meale on 01692-536443. For more info about TWAM go to; <https://www.twam.uk/>

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk

Deadline for the Bulletin is Wednesday 7:00pm. Or call David Child On 07799262645.

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Next Week's Service

Flowers: Jan Slade
Welcome: Alex and Elspeth
Refreshments: Robert and Christine

Coming Soon

Wednesday 11th July

Paul and Sarah Brown

The Church

7.30pm

Sunday 19th August

Vintage and Collectables Street Fair

High Street Stalham

10am to 4.00pm

Pat and Alan Dabbs' summer BBQ is on Saturday July 21st . Tickets available soon. Also the Helen Shapiro concert at SBC on Saturday 22nd September.

This Week's Ron's Read

Mark 4 v 3-9, 13-20

Quote of the Week

"When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares."

Henri J.M. Nouwen, Out of Solitude: Three Meditations on the Christian Life

"for there is nothing heavier than compassion.

Not even one's own pain weighs so heavy as the pain one feels with someone, for someone, a pain intensified by the imagination and prolonged by a hundred echoes."

Milan Kundera, The Unbearable Lightness of Being

"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." *Theodore Roosevelt*
When others are happy, you should be happy with them. And when others are sad, you should be sad too. *Romans 15 ERV*

Thought For The Week

It is said children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

UNICEF estimates that 28 million children are refugees. So what messages will the children who have witnessed death and destruction, have been incarcerated in cages take into a future we will never see?