

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin Sunday Aug 19th 2018



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington 01692 582731  
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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Today Barbara is leading and Jerry is speaking from John 10: 1-21**

**“The Sheep and the Kalos Shepherd”**

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. 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.

**Ron is on holiday this weekend and next.**

### 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 August for the residents of **Allen Meale Way and Granville Close**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Sue Kirrage** 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 families and friends of people lost in the carnage of the Genoa bridge collapse.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday 13th August, Jerry asked for prayers for Janet and Elspeth as they followed up the prayer cards.

Diana asked for prayers for the Holiday Club saying "Please pray for the Holiday club this week that the message of Jesus may reach out to children and parents."

Sue StJohn thanked everyone who prayed for her daughter Ruth's safe delivery of baby Judah born early on Saturday morning who weighed in at 8lb 10oz. She said "They are both doing well which is marvellous. Thank you." **To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.**

**SUDAN: SHOCK AS COURT RULES IN FAVOUR OF CHURCH LEADERS**  
**When five church leaders appeared in a court in Sudan on 8 August, they had the shock of their lives: the judge actually ruled in their favour.**

*For years the Sudanese government has been trying to take over church property illegally. This particular case involves a long-standing dispute over property owned by the Sudanese Church of Christ (SCOC). The Ministry of Religious Affairs had ordered that the property should be handed over to a committee run by the government. Since then, church leaders had been regularly harassed, interrogated and taken to court. In May 2017 the SCOC risked writing an open letter of protest to the Sudanese government about what it called 'the systematic violation of Christian religious freedoms'.*

*So no wonder the surprise of the five church leaders – including the SCOC president Ayoub Telyan – when at their court hearing their rights were upheld, and the judge ruled in their favour. The judge ordered that administration of the property should be returned to the SCOC, and the five church leaders were back in their offices the next day.*

*But thank you for all your prayers over this issue: and thanks to God that our prayers for justice to prevail have been answered.*

*Story from Open Doors August 15th 2018 <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>*

### Holiday Club



Holiday Club 2017

Big thank you to all the folk who have worked every morning with the wonderful children attending holiday club. To the organizations and people who have loaned and donated resources and lovely food. Also a big thank you to the families of the children who can be very proud of them, they are a great credit to you all.

### The Week at SBC

**Monday**

**Church Open for Prayer**

**10.00 to 12noon**

**Tuesday**

**Coffee and Chat**

**9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables**

**Wednesday**

**Over 60s Table Tennis Club**

**9.30am to Midday**

**In the Schoolroom. All Welcome**

**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**

**Sunday**

**Sunday Service 10.45am**

**There will be no Prayer and Praise this month.**

**Our afterschool clubs, Monday Club, Pop up Café, events like Lunch Club and House groups will be restarting in September.**

**We have been blessed with three baptisms so far this year.**

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

*Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptised, 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)*

## Vintage and Collectables



A big thank you to all the people who have donated items for the SBC vintage and collectables stall, you have all been remarkably generous.

The stall will be in the same spot as last year outside The Barbers Shop next door to the Factory Shop.

Fran who has priced and displayed everything and will be running the stall from 10am to 4pm, would love to see some people from the fellowship.

## Market Towns Initiative

North Norfolk's four inland market towns – Fakenham, Holt, North Walsham and Stalham – are set to benefit from up to £400,000 of funding to improve their communities. Each town will be able to bid for £100,000 to spend on projects enabling them to take part in the development of their economic future.

There is a public meeting at Stalham Town Hall on the 3rd Sept 7.30pm Town Hall where they will be discussing the £100,000. They are looking for people to contribute ideas as to how this money can be used in Stalham Town Centre for the benefit of the community.

Every one is welcome.

## Joint Service Help Needed

On Sunday September 2nd SBC will be hosting a joint service with the Yarmouth Portuguese congregation of Park Baptist Church. We will have a service in both languages followed by a shared lunch in the Stables.

Some help with the shared lunch is needed. If you can help, you will find a list at the back of the church.

## News Stand

**Volunteers needed** to man the church during the Monday morning prayer time from 10am-12, please speak Janet Nicholson now or call her on 07767432990.

**Men's Breakfast** on Saturday 8th September at 8.30. Guest speaker from RNLI.

Also at 10am - 11am, the Stables is open for coffee and for you to browse RNLI Christmas cards, calendars and diaries for sale etc.

**Potter Heigham house group** will restart with a coffee and prayer meeting on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30 pm. New members always welcome.

## Hebron Concert

Saturday September 22nd at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

In conjunction with Norfolk Broads Filling Station. Gospel music with a distinctly Jewish flavour, with ministry in word and song.

Featuring

Chrissie Rogers - Simon Elman - Helen Shapiro

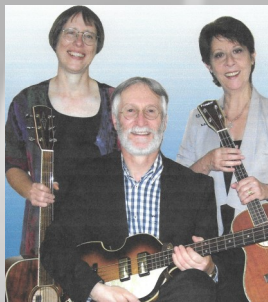
Admission Free by ticket only

a freewill offering will be taken

**Tickets are going very fast!!**

For tickets contact Diana 01692-580268

Or concert@stalhambaptist.org.uk



## Next Week's Service

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart

Welcome: Elinor and Jill

Refreshments: Ben and Barbara

**Sunday 26th August**

**Sydney House Service**

3.30pm All very welcome

**Sunday 2nd September**

**Park Portuguese Joint Service**

10.45 to 12 midday in the Church

**Wednesday 19th September**

**Over 60s TT Club 10th Anniversary**

9.00am to 12.30pm

**Saturday 22nd September.**

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## This Week's Jerry's Imagery Read

*Psalms 23. Ezekiel 34.*

*Matthew 18: 12-4.*

*Luke 15: 3-7. Acts 20: 28-29.*

*1 Peter 5: 1-4.*

## Quotes of the Week

"A good shepherd always gives people freedom to choose; he doesn't lay down conditions or use any kind of pretext to restrict people. This shepherd resembles Jesus and people will not even want to leave him." *Pastor Adelaja Sunday*

"As a leader... I have always endeavoured to listen to what each and every person in a discussion had to say before venturing my own opinion. Oftentimes, my own opinion will simply represent a consensus of what I heard in the discussion. I always remember the axiom; a leader is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realising that all along they are being directed from behind." *Nelson Mandela*

"Too many leaders act as if the sheep, their people, are there for the benefit of the shepherd, not that the shepherd has responsibility for the sheep."  
*Ken Blanchard*

"take care of the group of people you are responsible for. They are God's flock. Watch over that flock because you want to, not because you are forced to do it. That is how God wants it. Do it because you are happy to serve, not because you want money. Don't be like a ruler over those you are responsible for. But be good examples to them. Then when Christ the Ruling Shepherd comes, you will get a crown—one that will be glorious and never lose its beauty." *1 Peter 5: 2-4 (ERV)*

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to [publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

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

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