

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday Aug 26th 2018



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Today Norma Huxter is leading and John Applegate is speaking from Matthew 6: 19-24
“Can we be side tracked from God”

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.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances Sydney House service has been cancelled this month.

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 **Diana and Maggie** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church. Please pray during September for the residents of **Stalham High Street and Brumstead Road**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **David and Julia Maile**. 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.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 18th Julia posted that James and Holly had just had a little boy. She said "Another safe delivery for which we are grateful."

On Tuesday Victoria asked for prayers for Mark who will be having his operation and Phoebe who is going back to hospital to see if they are making any progress with the blood clot.

Robert's daughter Ruth asked for a small prayer for when they travel back from a friend's wedding in Cornwall. The journey to the West Country had taken 12 hours and she was finding it difficult with her pain levels and Sammy's anxiety.

On Wednesday Miriam posted on her Facebook. "Thanks so much for all your prayers – Phoebe had an appointment with the consultant this morning and the echo of her heart shows that the clot has very nearly gone. (I couldn't quite believe my eyes even checked with the sonographer she was definitely looking at her left ventricle.)"

Phoebe will have to stay on blood thinners up to the time when she has an operation to replace her pacemaker. The consultant believes the pacemaker is causing the heart failure. After the operation she will have to stay on a cocktail of drugs. Phoebe was due to start in reception at her local school which can't happen but Miriam is hoping that a gentle start around Christmas may be possible.

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

Coffee and Chat

Have recently donated £300 to the Leprosy Mission.

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian charity with **141 years** of experience. Through The Leprosy Mission's global family we serve a population of **305 million people** in around **30 leprosy-affected countries**. Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease associated with poverty. It is easily cured. Leprosy starts by damaging the small nerves on the skin's surface resulting in a loss of sensation. Without the gift of pain, everyday activities are fraught with danger. Unnoticed burns and ulcers can lead to permanent disability. Due to the inability to detect grit in the eye, blindness is a common consequence of leprosy.

According to the latest World Health Organisation statistics, there were 214,783 new cases of leprosy diagnosed globally in 2016 – around one every two minutes. More than 60 per cent of these new diagnoses were in India, due to the reluctance of leprosy patients to seek treatment because of the stigma surrounding the disease. The Leprosy Mission regard these figures as understated.

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 Joint Service with Park Baptist Church 10.45am

There will be no Prayer and Praise this month.

The Seven Social Sins are:

Wealth without work.
Pleasure without conscience.
Knowledge without character.
Commerce without morality.
Science without humanity.
Worship without sacrifice.
Politics without principle.

From a sermon given by Frederick Lewis Donaldson in Westminster Abbey, London, on March 20, 1925.



Vintage and Collectables Raises £600.80

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

Fran Lenahan organised the SBC stall last Sunday and raised a remarkable £600.80 for the building fund. £500.80 was taken on the Sunday at the fair that lasted from 10.00am to 4.00pm and a further £100 on Wednesday when a local dealer paid £100 for some corgi and dinky toy cars and also toy soldiers from the fifties and sixties.

The event organised by Di Cornell on behalf of the Stalham Business Forum was a huge success. Di said she was so pleased that the event was as successful as last years and already has bookings for the 2019 fair.

The next big event is the Yuletide market on Sunday 2nd December.

Volunteer Vacancies

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

Once a month some helpers are needed to prepare the communion wine and clean and put the glasses away. If you can help speak to Anne West or phone her on 01692-670351

Speak to Maggie if you could help with refreshments on a Sunday. Maggie prepares a 4 monthly rota and needs a few more hands to help once or twice in that period. You can phone her on 01692 - 583121.

News Stand

Men's Breakfast on Saturday 8th September at 8.30am. With a guest speaker from the 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.

Sunday morning's sermon is available on the SBC website from Monday evening – go to the sermons page. For further details please contact Greg Chapman. (CD recordings are no longer produced)

A big thank you from John Applegate to Jerry, Becky, Eric, and David for helping to change over the sound system.

The Stalham Trustees will be making a distribution this Christmastime and applications are invited from those 70 years of age or over as at Friday 9th November 2018 and who have resided in Stalham for a continuous and uninterrupted period of 10 years or more.

Applications - only one per household please - must be made in writing to Miss E. M. Grimes, 2 Teresa Road, Stalham NR12 9EB by Friday 9th November 2018.

Please note that previous years' applications are not automatically considered - a fresh application must be made each year. Unfortunately late applications cannot be accepted whatever the reason.

Leprosy Mission Christmas Orders

I've just received my Christmas catalogue (I know!) and its reminded me that as Geoff and I are away from mid-October to late November, orders that support SBC and save you postage need to be given to me by Sept 9th to ensure goods arrive before we fly.

If anyone else would like to take over being the trading partner for the church this year I'm happy to talk you through the process.

Happy Christmas! Barbara Reynolds

Hebron Concert

All tickets for the Hebron Concert have now been issued. Diana asks that any tickets that cannot be used be returned to her so they can be issued to those on the waiting list.



Next Week's Service

Flowers: Barbara Mixer
Welcome: David and Eileen
Refreshments: Maggie and Elaine

Saturday 8th September

Men's Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Wednesday 19th September

Over 60s TT Club 10th Anniversary

9.00am to 12.30pm

Saturday 22nd September.

Hebron Concert with Simon Elman,
Chrissie Rogers and Helen Shapiro
All tickets have been taken

This Week's John's Extra Read

Ephesians Chapter 5: 15-20

Quotes of the Week

"It does not matter how long you are spending on the earth, how much money you have gathered or how much attention you have received. It is the amount of positive vibration you have radiated in life that matters," *Amit Ray, Meditation: Insights and Inspirations*

"Top 15 Things Money Can't Buy
Time. Happiness. Inner Peace. Integrity. Love. Character. Manners. Health. Respect. Morals. Trust. Patience. Class. Common sense. Dignity."
Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

"Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?"
John Wesley

Give this command to those who are rich with the things of this world. Tell them not to be proud. Tell them to hope in God, not their money. Money cannot be trusted, but God takes care of us richly. He gives us everything to enjoy. Tell those who are rich to do good—to be rich in good works. And tell them they should be happy to give and ready to share. By doing this, they will be saving up a treasure for themselves. And that treasure will be a strong foundation on which their future life will be built. They will be able to have the life that is true life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ERV)

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