

# Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday Sept 23rd 2018



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## Harvest Thanksgiving

**Today Ron is leading and using Psalm 104:14-15 and Habakkuk 1:1-5, 3:2, 16-19**

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.

**Sydney House Service 3.30pm Today all 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 September for the residents of **Stalham High Street and Brumstead Road**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Cynthia Meale**.

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 15th Jerry thanked everyone for their prayers for the Youth Pop up Café that attracted 19 youngsters on Friday evening. Maggie wrote "To God be the glory great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son. May He protect those young people and may all they experienced remain with and come to fruition one day.

Wednesday prayers were asked for Jan and Elspeth as they continued to follow up the prayer cards. Also prayers were sought for Sandra Feek as the side effects of the chemotherapy were causing problems.

Geci asked for prayers for her sister, Geci said "She is very ill suffering with water on her lungs and is going through anxiety attacks."

On Thursday Doreen requested prayers as she was about to undergo invasive dental treatment however, later in the day her appointment was cancelled.

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

### Harvest - A Short History

Harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word *hærfest*, "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon which falls in the month of September.

An early Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on August 1st and was called Lammass, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest.

Nowadays the festival is held at the end of harvest, which varies in different parts of Britain. Sometimes neighbouring churches will set the Harvest Festival on different Sundays so that people can attend each other's thanksgivings.

Farmers celebrated the end of the harvest with a big meal called a harvest supper. Some churches and villages still have a Harvest Supper.

The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. <http://www.faithandworship.com>

### The Week at SBC

#### Monday

*Church Open for Prayer*

10.00 to 12noon

*Monday Club*

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

*Harvest Supper and Auction*

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

#### Wednesday

*Over 60s Table Tennis Club*

9.30am to Midday

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

*Study Group*

7.30pm 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 Table*

9.00 to Midday

Offers of help always welcome

#### Sunday

*Sunday Service 10.45am*

**Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.**

*Robert Louis Stevenson*



## Filling Station

The Norfolk Broads Filling Station meets next in the Hickling Barn on Monday 8th October at the usual time of 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Lenise Hugo (pictured left). Lenise was born and raised in South Africa as a lawyer. She and her husband now live in Norfolk. She is a very powerful speaker with a simple delivery. She is well worth listening to.

## Sea Going Message

Josh Holebon had a suprising email on Saturday 15th from Germany.

Hi Josh.

My name is Thomas, I live in the south of Germany near the city of Freiburg.

Some weeks ago we went to the small Island Baltrum in the Nothern Sea, Germany.

On a sunny day we walked along the dunes as I found a football with the inscription "STALHAM BAPTIST".

The football was wet and heavy. I asked myself where this ball was coming from, and later I researched and found you in the internet. Did this football found the long way over the ocean from GB to Baltrum, Germany ???? Distance is 250 Miles. Very interesting.

Finally, I gave the ball to some children who played in the sand on the beach and they were happy about their new friend.

That's a little story I wanted to tell you and maybe you know the answer.

Greetings, Thomas

A big thank you to Thomas (pictured above) for tracking SBC down. Perhaps Josh and the SBC team have found a unique way of spreading the name of Stalham Baptist Church to the world. Who needs a message in a bottle when you can use the world's favourite game?



## Talking Jesus

At the last church meeting we spoke about a course put together by HOPE to help us all be more natural in sharing our faith, this course is called Talking Jesus and we intend to start running it 2 weekly from Wednesday October 3rd in the Stables [or Schoolroom if prior Stables bookings].

This course is for all and we would encourage as many as possible to attend. It takes the form of watching short teaching sessions and then discussing points raised in small groups.

Each participant will be given the course booklet as a helpful aid.

If you have questions please speak to Diana and we hope to see you all on the October 3rd.

## News Stand

**Church Walking Groups** next walk is on Saturday 29th September. We will meet at Winterton Beach car park at 10.00am. The lovely walk is about 3.5 miles. Come and join us, everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jean Mollett 01493-740937

**A big thank you** to those who came to the breakfast and coffee morning that supported the RNLI. The shop sale made £117.28 and Donations £37.

**The Youth Pop Up Café** restarted on Friday 14th. 19 young people attended and had a wonderful time.

**Harvest Supper and Auction** is tomorrow in the Stables starting at 7.00pm it's not too late to book a space at £5. Speak to Jane Skivington or call her on 01692-582091.

**A big thank you from Roy Elson's family** "They said it was heartening to see so many of dad's friends at the service thank you to all who helped make the day run so smoothly."

## Next Week's Service

Flowers: Jane Skivington  
Welcome: Fran and David C  
Refreshments: Alan and Sheena

## Monday October 1st

### Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

## Wednesday 3rd October

Talking Jesus 7.30pm in the Stables

## Saturday 13th October

Gospel Evening 7.30pm

## Sunday November 4th

Church Meeting 12.30pm

## Sunday November 18th

St Mary's Church

Combined Christmas Shoe Box Service

## Quotes of the Week

"Don't like what you are harvesting? Plant a different seed." *Anonymous*

"In life, we plant seeds everywhere we go. Some fall on fertile ground needing very little to grow.

Some fall on rocky soil requiring a tad bit more loving care.

While others fall in seemingly barren land and no matter what you do; it appears the seed is dead.

Nevertheless, every seed planted will have a ripple effect.

You could see it in the present or a time not seen yet.

So be wise about where you plant your seeds.

Be very mindful of your actions and deeds. Negativity grows just as fast if not faster than positivity.

Plant seeds of kindness, love and peace And your harvest will be abundant living."

*Sanjo Jendayi*

"And goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace."

*James 3:18 (GNT)*



"What are you planting today to harvest tomorrow?"  
*Lallah Gifty Akita*

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