

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin Sunday Sept 30th 2018



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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Today Diana is leading and Jerry is preaching from Mark 14:1-11**

The Topic is "How deep is your devotion and love for Jesus?" and Jerry will be comparing Mary's sacrifice and devotion that stands in stark contrast to Judas's disloyalty and self-centeredness.

He will be exploring three things about her devotion: 1. A Devotion So extravagant and Precious v 3.  
2. A Devotion Not Wasted v 4-5. 3. A Devotion So Beautiful v 6-11.

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.

**Today Ron is at Gunton Baptist Church Lowestoft**

### 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 October for the residents of **Teresa Road and Campingfield Lane**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Barbara and Ben Mixer**. 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 Sunday 23rd prayers were asked for Wendy who is waiting for 18 weeks of intravenous chemotherapy to start but as yet hasn't been given a date. "Pray that it could start soon as she is very poorly."

Robert updated the prayer room on Monday saying "Wendy is in hospital with an infection in her arm where the skin is coming off."

On Wednesday Barbara Mixer posted "Please pray for my daughter-in-law Ali's sister Anne Marie being induced with her first baby tomorrow. Anne Marie has a brain tumour and is numb down one side of her face with tingling but she can't have treatment until she has given birth."

On Thursday Jan and Elspeth asked "Please cover us with prayer this afternoon as we follow up the prayer cards."

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

### Tilak's story of faith and miracles in India

*Open Doors Serving the persecuted church 28 August 2018*

"See, as your Jesus was beaten and killed, so have we killed your pastor now. His body is in a ditch in the forest. Find him and bury him!"

It seemed as though all hope was lost. Tilak, a church leader from rural India, was dead. Some of his Hindu neighbours had complained to a local group of violent extremists that Tilak was brainwashing the villagers and polluting their minds with the Christian faith – he had led 40 families to Jesus. The extremist group kidnapped Tilak, and when he refused to deny his faith in Christ, they beat him and tortured him. Finally, he collapsed. He had no pulse. Tilak was gone.

Or so it seemed. The Christian families from Tilak's village found his body and brought it home. They laid him out in a hut, and people gathered to pay their last respects. Then suddenly – he started to move. His eyes opened. Tilak was alive! No one could believe it. Some of the militants who had attacked Tilak were present when he came back to life – they must have been the most shocked of all. They knew what they had done to Tilak. They had tied him up and beaten him with sticks until he had bloody wounds all over his body. Then they made him crawl up a mountain, still beating him with their sticks to force him forwards. When Tilak had taken his last breath, they sent for the village doctor to confirm that he was dead. Finally, they threw his body in a ditch. There was no way he could have survived. And yet, here he was – alive! As Tilak woke up, he could hear people saying, "It was because he believed in Jesus."

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

### The Week at SBC

#### Monday

*Church Open for Prayer*

10.00 to 12noon

#### Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

#### Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

#### 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

#### House Group

7.00pm at 50 Brumstead Road

#### Talking Jesus

7.30pm in the Stables

#### Thursday

#### Pop Up Café

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

#### Filling Station Prayers

7.30pm in the Stables

#### 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*

**I tried to throw in the towel but God threw it back and said.**

**"Wipe your face we have things to do"**

## Coffee and Chat



Coffee and chat have recently sent £300 to SERV Norfolk. SERV Norfolk deliver blood, blood products, samples and breast milk etc. To NHS hospitals across Norfolk entirely free of charge.

They operate 365 nights of the year, and every weekend and bank holidays. Their controllers and riders ensure that the essential products reach the

three main hospitals in Norfolk. SERV Norfolk costs £3250 a month to run so all donations are gratefully received. For more information go to <http://www.servnorfolk.org.uk/>

## Talking Jesus

At the last week's Sunday service 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 at 7.30pm.

## Harvest Service Supper and Auction

Between the meal and auction £543.20 was raised to be split between Operation Agri's "Sowing success in Malawi" and BMS "Life's first cry" project in Afghanistan.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church, were involved with the meal or auction. Thanks also to all those who donated food items which were shared between the Food Bank and the homeless young people at the Empanda project in Stalham. Not to forget all the lovely flowers. It was a very positive weekend and having Hebron visit on the Saturday was a blessing to many too.

## News Stand

**Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning** on Saturday November 3rd, with St. Mary's Church. This will be in the Stables from 10.00am until 12.30 mid-day.

Please can you make a note of the date and come and support those whose lives are blighted by this terrible disease. Please can you consider baking a cake to sell? Please speak to Barbara M, Eileen or David. Thank you.

**Alpha:** is a course that covers many topics relating to faith in Jesus and how to practice it beginning with the question "Who is Jesus?" We hope to run a course on Friday afternoons beginning 2nd November. If you are interested please speak to Ron

## Gospel Evening

Gospel Evening Saturday 13th October starting at 7.30pm. SBC Singers and Musicians will host a gospel evening in the Sanctuary. Gospel songs ancient and modern. Including solo spots from guest artists and opportunities for the audience to join in. Music, Bible readings and testimonies and an interval for refreshments.

Donations for church funds taken on the night.

## Next Week's Service

**Flowers:** Monica Payne

**Welcome:** Rita and Barbara

**Refreshments:** Robert and Christine

## Monday October 8th

Filling Station Hickling Barn 7.30pm

## Saturday October 13th

Gospel Evening 7.30pm

## Sunday November 4th

Church Meeting 12.30pm

## Saturday November 3rd

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning  
In the Stables 10am to 12.30pm

## Sunday November 18th

St Mary's Church

Combined Christmas Shoe Box Service

## This Week's Jerry's Extra Read

*Matthew 26:1-16 - Luke 22:1-6*

*John 12:1-11 - Deuteronomy 15:11*

## Quotes of the Week

"Let us anoint Christ as our Beloved, kiss him with a kiss of affection; and anoint him as our Sovereign, kiss him with a kiss of allegiance. Did he pour out his soul unto death for us, and shall we think any box of ointment too precious to pour out upon him?"

*Matthew Henry*

Albert Einstein said, "It is a tragic mistake for those in power to think that they are in control. It is also a mistake for us to think that our sacrificial devotion is wasteful or insignificant. Who knows how God will use it?"

*David E Garland, the NIV Application Commentary*

"There at the cross, we see all pain and darkness conquered in such a way that it is defeated forever. Not by disregarding it. Not by denying it. But by giving value even to our tears. By loving everything about us, including our very worst hurts."

*Jocelyn Soriano, 366 Days of Compassion: One Year Devotional*



**"Killing Jesus was like trying to destroy a dandelion seed-head by blowing on it."**

*Walter Wink, Engaging the Powers*

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