

# Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday October 7th 2018



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**Today Robert Emerson is leading and Ron is reading Mark 15: 6 -14, 42f**  
**" The story of two men and us"**

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.

## 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 **Sheena and Barbara** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Prayers please for Crystal Rutter and family on the sudden death of Steve. Also for Rita Rudrum and her family on the death of her son-in-law Roger whose funeral is this Tuesday. Please pray during October for the residents of **Teresa Road and Campingfield Lane**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Jill Mobbs**. 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 victims of the Indonesian Tsunami that help will reach them and relieve their suffering.

## Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 28th September Victoria thanked everyone for their prayers as her brother-in-law Mark was given the good news that the levels in his transplanted kidney were getting close to normal. She asked for prayers for her niece Phoebe who has been waiting for a lifesaving heart operation since August. Her sister-in-law Miriam said "Phoebe is losing weight and is vomiting due to her medication but she never really complains and keeps smiling." Miriam is bugging the hospital constantly but her appointment isn't until October 17th. Victoria says "They are all understandably shattered and extremely stressed" and went on "Miriam said that they really need a miracle and for someone to wake them up from this horrible dream."

On Saturday Doreen asked that people would continue to pray for Harry. She said "His mum Melanie is exhausted and Harry is finding the treatment hard and doesn't want to get out of the car when they reach the hospital."

On the same day an update from Barbara said "Anne Marie has given birth to a little boy weighing 8lbs but she cannot start treatment for the brain tumour until she gets a little stronger."

On Wednesday Victoria thanked everyone for praying for Phoebe. After waiting so long Paul and Miriam had had a call from the cardiac nurse on Tuesday saying that there had been a cancellation and they could see Phoebe. They were going to have a meeting with a surgeon the following day and the hospital would try and fast track everything and they should be prepared for a phone call at any time.

Miriam said "They will have to cut through her ribs and tummy again to attach new wires to her heart. She already has lots of scar tissue from her previous heart operations. The operation will take 5-6 hours and we expect her to be in intensive care for a time if everything goes smoothly." She went on "It is a pretty scary place at the moment but she is always teaching us how to be brave."

Also on Wednesday Jerry requested prayers for Stacey, Amy's friend who comes to church. She was involved in a nasty car accident the previous Wednesday and is currently receiving treatment in hospital for broken ribs and a punctured lung. She is stable and responding to treatment but not well enough to come home as her oxygen levels are low.

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

## The Week at SBC

### Monday

**Church Open for Prayer**

10.00 to 12noon

**Monday Club**

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

**Filling Station**

7.30pm at Hickling Barns

### 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

**Study Group**

7.30pm in the Stables

### Thursday

**Stalham Infants Harvest Service**

9.45am in the Church

**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!**

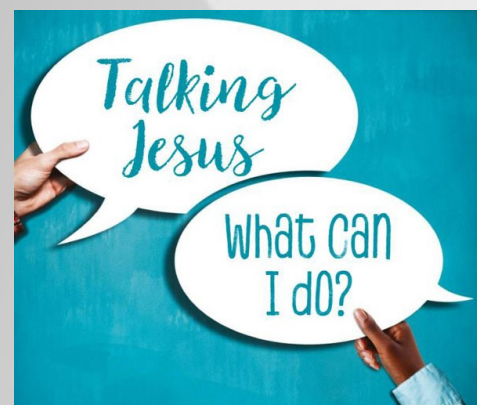
8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

**Gospel Evening**

7.30pm in the Church

### Sunday

**Sunday Service 10.45am**



## Talking Jesus

The first session of Talking Jesus was a huge success with around twenty people attending. The session was brilliantly led by Diana Gordon and included on screen inspirational real life scenarios of the difficulty of talking about Jesus at times. The short films led to a discussion about Talking Jesus and supported by a brilliant booklet with down to earth information. Part 2 is on Wednesday October 17th, don't worry if you missed the first evening each session is picking up on a different theme.

## Table Tennis 10th Anniversary Celebrations

The SBC over 60s table tennis club celebrated their 10th anniversary on the 19th September. Ron lead a short service of thanks. The members and their partners had a celebratory lunch on the 26th at the Poachers Pocket at Walcott. The club is a great success and is always looking for new members. There is no joining fee just a donation for each session. For more information speak to Alex Pelling 07763116911.



## News Stand

**Happy Birthday on the 10th** to Gracie and to Frank who celebrates his 80th. May the Lord bless you and make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you both.

**Help required** to clean and tidy the Church premises while Nancy (our cleaner) is on holiday weeks commencing 12th November and 19th November. If you can help for either or both these weeks please speak to Monica. (01692-580947)

**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

## Science and God

Francis S. Collins (born in April 1950,) is the director of the Human Genome Project, the world's largest collaborative biological project, and is a scientist and believer who finds no conflict between those worlds. However, the former atheist didn't always embrace these perspectives. It wasn't until he went to medical school and encountered life and death issues at the bedside of his patients where he was constantly challenged with the question "What do you believe, doctor?" that he began searching for those answers. Through that journey, he found Jesus Christ. Collins has led a consortium of scientists to read out the 3.1 billion letters of the human genome, our own DNA instruction book. As a believer, Collins said he sees DNA as "the information of all living things, as God's language, and the elegance and complexity of our own bodies and the rest of nature as a reflection of God's plan."

## 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 a interval for refreshments. Donations for church funds taken on the night.

## Next Week's Service

**Flowers:** Barbara Reynolds

**Welcome:** Jenny and Maggie

**Refreshments:** Dan and Sue

## Wednesday October 17th

Talking Jesus Part 2 in the Stables 7.30pm

## Saturday November 3rd

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning

In the Stables 10am to 12.30pm

## Sunday November 4th

Church Meeting 12.30pm

## Sunday November 18th

St Mary's Church

Combined Christmas Shoe Box Service

## Sunday December 2nd

Christmas Street Fare 1.00pm to 5.00pm

## This Week's Ron's Extra Read

*John 19:38-20:10*

## Quotes of the Week

The other day I was talking to someone about Jesus, to say they were sceptical is bit of an understatement. To them science was the proof of everything and the arbitrator of all and faith has no value. I brought up the big bang theory, you know that first there was nothing then there was something defined as a singularity 13.7 billion years ago which has expanded and is creating our universe. I am happy with that thought but I pointed out that nothing to something must be thought as an act of faith.

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When asked how God fits into his understanding of the universe, Prof Brian Cox said: "It doesn't at all. I honestly don't think about religion until someone asks me about it." And that's because, he explains, science is not about asking grand questions but very simple ones. The way to find out answers to big questions is "almost accidentally" In another interview when asked if he was an atheist he said "There is naivety in just saying there's no God. Science does not rule out the existence of a creator by definition because we don't know how the universe began, full stop."



**"Science and Truth are simple phenomena of nature, but it is the known that is preventing us from mastering the unknown."**  
*Chandrakanth Natekar*

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