

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday October 21st 2018



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Today Pat is leading and Jerry is preaching on 1 Peter 2:1-9.

This will be part 1 of the 2 part sermon series on the topic : "Our Christian Identity" 1 Peter 2:1-17.

So the Topic for this week is: Our Christian Identity Part 1.

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's Sermon

The sermon series will explore Six metaphors that Peter uses to illustrate who we are as disciples of Jesus. Each carries with it a corresponding responsibility / obligation.

This week Jerry will consider the first three in verses 1-9.

Here is the structure of the sermon:

1. New Born Babies Called to Growth v 1-3
2. Living Stones Designed for Community/ Fellowship v 4-8
3. Priest Privileged to Worship God. v 9

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 October for the residents of **Teresa Road and Campingfield Lane**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Chris and Jane Nash**. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 12th Victoria posted an update from Miriam and Paul, they said "Today has been a pretty tough day and little miss has had us pretty scared again. She's been very poorly and her breathing has been laboured and her respiratory rate high. She has accumulated 3kgs of water, a quarter of her body weight." They went on to say the doctors were attempting to tweak her pacemaker in the hope that this may improve the situation.

On Wednesday Jerry asked for prayers for Jan and Elspeth as they followed up the prayer cards. They requested prayers for Vicky who has been suffering with ulcerated colitis and may have to have a Stoma.

On Thursday Diana and Greg sought prayers as they were about to start a trip to Pakistan.

On the same day Victoria posted another update. Saying "In the last couple of days Phoebe has managed to drain the fluid but the diuretics are having a detrimental effect on her. She is having blood tests ever 4 to 6 hours and then whatever is lost is being replaced. In addition her liver function is elevated so they have had to stop giving Phoebe paracetamol, which is the only pain relief she can have." Miriam said "Thank you for your prayers. It's been terrifying and we really thought we were losing her on Friday 12th." Paul and Miriam are exhausted please keep them as well as Phoebe in your prayers. Paul was part of the congregation, was baptised at SBC and is now a Vicar in the Church of England with a parish in South Shields.

Many people have said how important these prayers have been when in times of trouble. Please continue to pray for those in need of support, they are always greatly appreciated.

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

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

In the Stables 7.30pm

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

Sunday

Sunday Service 10.45am

There will be no evening Prayer and Praise this month

You can lie to people but
you can't lie to God
You can fool people but you
can't fool God
Unfortunately He knows
when you are lying and
trying to fool people.

JUST A THOUGHT!!

Message from Vietnam

Ron received a message from Vietnam this week. From Lê thi Bào (pictured right) who joined us last year for a number of services, before she returned to Vietnam.

Dear Pastor Ron,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

I'm Bào, a Vietnamese widow, who joined in your Church last year, do you remember me?

My son in law's family plans to invite me go to England again in early of April 2019. I'm happy to see all of you again. I also plan to go to Europe second time to visit some Evangelical Churches in some countries like Netherlands, France, Belgium and Germany.

Would you please recommend me some specific Churches that you have relationship for recommendations?

That's very useful for me to make a plan before traveling. Thank you very much for your help. Hope to hear from you soon.

May God bless you, your family and your Church.

In His service,

Lê thi Bào



Sea Going Football

The Stalham Baptist football story went viral, being picked up by national newspapers and news media including the BBC, Daily Mail and the EDP. Josh appeared on Sky Sports news last Sunday. Thomas Silinger who found the ball has appeared in German media. Ron has been contacted by Klaus Roesler, editor of the German Baptist magazine DIE GEMEINDE saying we will publish the story about the lost and found football of your church.

Some light has been shone on how the ball got to Germany. Liz Jackson said "My son some years back put a message in a bottle and threw it into the North Sea and it ended up in the same place as the football".

News Stand

A big thank you to Nick Read, head of Worstead Primary school (Gracie and Poppy's school), who passed on to SBC several bags of food stuff to be donated to Empanda, the charity for homeless young people in Stalham, from their harvest festival. Also a thank you to the parents and children for their generosity. .

This weeks Eastern Baptist's prayer focus was for Stalham Baptist Church. You can find it on <https://www.easternbaptist.org.uk/prayer-focus/stalham-baptist-church>.

Church walking group is meeting at Womack Staithe Ludham at 10.30am for a lovely 3 mile walk on Saturday 27th October. Contact Tina on 01692-580545

Men's breakfast on the 10th November at 8.30 in the stables. Guest speaker from the Food Bank. Please bring a food item to donate to the Food Bank. For what to bring see notice at back of church.

The "All about Gospel" evening raised £168.10 towards church's General Fund.

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 are running a course on Friday afternoons beginning 2nd November at 2.00pm. If you are interested please speak to Ron.

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Gillian Meale

Welcome: Maureen and Cyril

Refreshments: Elinor and Jill

Sunday October 28th

Sidney House Service

3.30pm all welcome

Tuesday October 30th

Town Hall Stall

9.00 to 12noon

Wednesday October 31st

Talking Jesus

7.30pm in the Stables

Friday November 2nd

Alpha Course

2.00pm in the Church

All welcome

Saturday November 3rd

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning

In the Stables 10am to 12.30pm

Sunday November 4th

Church Meeting 12.30pm

Joint Eastern Region Churches service at Park Baptist Church 7.00pm

Sunday November 18th

St Mary's Church

Combined Christmas Shoe Box Service

Sunday December 2nd

Yuletide Street Fayre 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Quotes of the Week

"Growth and improvement in wisdom and grace are the design and desire of every Christian; all spiritual means are for edification and improvement. The word of God, rightly used, does not leave a man as it finds him, but improves and makes him better." -

Matthew Henry

"Look in your imagination at the building. Each stone is cemented in with other stones and so is part of the building. No stone is suspended in mid-air. Every stone belongs to the building and cannot be dislodged from it." -

John Stott, The Radical Disciple.

"Christians are priests not because we have some peculiar clerical role within the church of God, but because, together with all the church of God, we mediate the grace of God to all who are outside." -

D.A Carson, in "Holy, Holy, Holy".

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