

# Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday November 4th 2018



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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Today Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from Deuteronomy 6: 1-9**

**“Belonging” Christian values**

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.

**Church Meeting at 12.30pm. Prayers at 12 noon.**

**Joint Eastern Region Churches service at Park Baptist Church 7.00pm**

## 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.

Please pray during November for the residents of **Weavers Close and Spinners Court**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Joyce Neale**. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital.

## Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday 29th October Diana posted "Bao, the lovely lady from Vietnam, who attended SBC for a few weeks while visiting her family, has requested a prayer for her daughter Truc, who is having surgery right now. She asks that we pray God's sovereignty over the surgery."

Elaine asked for prayers for her daughter Laura, who was going to have a C section to deliver twin boys.

Later she said "Mum and boys doing well."

On Tuesday Bao said "We just saw the doctor. He says the surgery took three hours and all went well. Truc is going to stay with her in laws in Hickling until she has recovered." Bao then said, "Thank you for all your prayers, and please continue to pray for Truc's full recovery."

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Doreen posted an update on Andrea saying that she had returned to hospital with a temperature but didn't want to stay. She would be going back for further tests the next day.

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.**

## TWAM Prayer diary. Training school children in Malawi.

Starfish is a charity that has sent TWAM tools to Malawi to equip a primary school training centre (see TWAM News <https://www.twam.uk.news>).

Praise God for the vision of Starfish to give children in one of the poorest regions of Malawi a better future.

Requests:

Please pray that many of these children will go on to become fully trained builders, carpenters and electricians and so be able to support themselves and their families. Pray for the skills teacher, Mr. McJohnson, as he teaches these practical skills to the children. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14. You can help TWAM by donating tool, sewing and knitting machines. There is a collection point at A.G Meale & Sons Ltd - Farm Shop, Garden Centre at Wayford Bridge. For more information speak to David or Gillian Meale 01692 -536443.

## Busy 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 at Maggie's

### 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

**Filling Station Prayers**

In the Stables 7.30pm

### Friday

**Food Bank and Citizens Advice**

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

**Thanks Giving Service**

2.00pm For Alex Bush

### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

**Men's Breakfast**

8.30am In the Stables

### Sunday

**Remembrance day service**

10.45am

*And we will remember them.*

# Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Can you fill an empty shoebox with small items for the Christmas Shoebox Service?

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal.

Operation Christmas Child is part of the Samaritans Purse, which is an international development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Leaflets, which detail items to be put in the boxes, are at the back of the Church. The combined service with St Marys' Church is on Sunday 18th November at 3.00pm at St Marys Church.

For more information: Contact Magda Nicholls on 01692 580002



## News Stand

**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.

**A big thank you** for all your prayers, cards and good wishes. I am making good progress, Sheena Jarman.

## From the Constitution

### 6.1 The responsibilities of membership normally include:

- attending worship and participating in Church Activities;
- personal prayer and Bible study;
- participation at the Communion of the Lord's Supper as a privilege and a priority;
- helping the Church whenever possible by using gifts and abilities to advance the Purpose of the church through its Activities;
- attending and participating in Church Members' Meetings;
- giving regular financial support to the Church in proportion to personal resources and circumstances;
- **upholding Christian values**

## Money Bags



A new regular column on Church Finance. We start with figures that show our average weekly receipts (of money not earmarked for a particular purpose) and how that is spent. For the 12 months ending 30 September 2018.

Receipts		Payments	
Offerings:	326.09	Cost of Generating Funds	0.29
Standing Orders	695.88	Missionary & charitable Giving	152.69
Other donations:	21.41	Pastoral Staff	1241.64
Gift Aid Recovered	186.56	Church Running Costs	546.27
Other Receipts	50.65		<b>1940.9</b>
Activities for Generating Funds	199.14		
	<b>1479.73</b>		

Above figures showed that ignoring money given for special purposes, such as the Building or Mission Funds on average over the last 12 months we have been spending £471.17 more each week than we receive from all sources.

Obviously, that sounds bad but the situation has improved since the Deacon's letter to members earlier this year, had the figures for the last quarter only been given it would have shown that we were only spending £157.21 more each week than we receive. However, that quarter covers the summer months when we have fewer large bills. That is why to get a fair picture of our financial position it is important look at changing 12 month averages. If you would like more details ask Greg.

On a positive note the Church received a £5,000 legacy in October.

## Next Week's Service

**Flowers:** Remembrance Sunday

**Welcome:** Robert and Christine

**Refreshments:** Ben and Barbara

## For Your Diary

**Monday November 12th**

Filling Station at Hickling Barns 7.30pm

**Friday November 16th**

Thanksgiving Service

for Steve Rutter 10.30am

**Sunday November 18th**

St Mary's Church

Combined Christmas Shoe Box Service

**Sunday December 2nd**

Yuletide Street Fayre 1.00pm to 5.00pm

**Monday December 10th**

Christmas Carols in the Swann Inn 7.00pm

**Sunday December 16th**

Candlelight Carol Service the Church

6.00pm

## This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Judges 21:25, Matthew 22:34f

Psalms 127:1

## Quotes of the Week

"It is impossible to escape the impression that people commonly use false standards of measurement – that they seek power, success and wealth for themselves and admire them in others, and that they underestimate what is of true value in life."

*Sigmund Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents*

"As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you."  
C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

**If you would like to be part of a small group to sing in the Carol Service please see Pat Dabbs.**



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