

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 18th November 2018



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington 01692 582731  
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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Diana will be leading and Jerry reading from 1 Corinthians 12: 1-31**  
**“Belonging”**

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.

**Ron is at Gunton Baptist Church this morning and the joint Shoebox Service is at St Mary's at 3.00pm**

### Today's Sermon

Jerry will be continuing the sermon series that Ron started on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The series is entitled **“Belonging”** and is covering some of the responsibilities of membership as stipulated in article 6.1 of the church constitution. Focusing on **“Helping the Church whenever possible by using gifts and abilities to advance the Purpose of the church through its Activities;”** Ron talked about upholding Christian values while Jerry will be talking about spiritual gifts.

He will explore the organic Unity of the body, the diversity of the gift and the mutual dependence we have with one another.

### 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 for the family of **Peter Nickerson** whose funeral is this week.

During November please pray for the residents of **Weavers Close and Spinners Court**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Daniel, Victoria, Gracie, Poppy and Autumn Nicholson**. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Sunday 10th prayers were sought for Amy English who was taking her driving test the following day. On Monday prayers were offered for David Maile who was undergoing a heart procedure that morning. Later that day Julia Maile posted she had just spoken to him and he was fine. And Amy past her driving test.

On Tuesday Jane Skivington posted “Please pray for Julie who now has a new date for her eye operation on this Friday. She is Iris's next door neighbour.” 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.

### Stalham Baptist Church

#### Volunteer Vacancy: Church Treasurer

**Purpose:** This is a vital role, serving the church through taking overall responsibility for church finances and assisting the Deacons in their financial decisions. The Treasurer will also be required to report to members on the financial state of SBC on a quarterly basis.

#### Experience:

Candidate's need only some basic book-keeping experience, computer literate and be familiar with the range of activities undertaken by the church.

Greg Chapman has been our Treasurer for the past five years and will be standing down from this role in due course but has offered to do all he can to assist with any handover for the new Treasurer. If you would like further information/role description please contact Maggie Harpur at [maggie.harpur@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.harpur@yahoo.com) or 01692 583121 or 07776046226

### This 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 Middy

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

**Little Fish pre School**

10.00am at the Pre School

**Prayers for Persecuted Church**

10.30 to 11.30am

at 6 St John s Gardens

#### 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**

### Thought For The Week

One basic human need is to be appreciated. We all think wonderful things about people but never tell them. Praise only becomes valuable when you impart it.

Tell, text or email somebody today and express how much you appreciate them or how much you appreciate the work they do for God.

*Pastor Denias Polegate SDA Church*

**WHY NOT TRY IT THIS WEEK**

## News Stand

**Yuletide Fayre.** We will be organising teas and coffee in the church for the Stalham Business Forums Yuletide fayre on Sunday 2nd December 1.00 to 5.00pm. Some home baked cakes etc and some help to serve with teas and coffees in the Church would be very useful. If you could give a helping hand please speak to Ron.

**Fran Lenahan will be organising a table** in the school room to raise money for SBC as part of the fayre. She has items left over from the Vintage fayre in August but could do with gifts suitable for Christmas like soft toys, toiletries and bric-a-brac for the stall. Either see Fran or phone 07523924804 there is a box at the back of the church.

**H.O.P.E. Breakfast** on the 8th December at Hickling Barn, tickets £7 to include full English breakfast. Sittings are 8.45 and 9.30, booking essential please ring Harvey and Linda Gibbons on 01692 598725.

H.O.P.E is a Hickling based charity that carries out educational projects in Ghana renovating schools and providing resources. There is an article in the Christmas edition of Community Scene which will be out soon.

### New Address

Ruth, Simon and Sam Hayward  
37 Sadlers Way  
NORTH WALSHAM  
NR28 9UT

With effect from Monday

"Simon, Ruth, Christine and Robert would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the past few years of waiting for the house."

**Coffee and Chat** have given £300 to **Wheels for the World** a charity enabling disabled people in the third world to become more mobile through the supply of specially fitted wheelchairs.

"A little boy lay on the floor - he could not go outdoors. Because he now has the use of a wheelchair he is able to go outside and watch the other children - the beginnings of some freedom and dignity."  
Quoted from the Wheels of the World magazine.

## LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS: THE COURAGEOUS FAITH OF THE CHURCH IN PAKISTAN

Imagine being told that if you go to church, you could die. Would you dare to go?

This was the situation facing a group of Christians one Easter in Pakistan. The Taliban, the self-proclaimed Islamic State and other Islamic extremist groups had sent out warnings that Christians would suffer during Easter. The Christians knew they were serious - church bombings have become horrifically frequent in Pakistan, particularly around Christian celebrations such as Easter and Christmas.

But despite the very real danger, this group of Christians decided to gather in their church the night before Easter - the threats of extremists would not stop them from meeting to worship Jesus.

Each person held a candle, but the church leader had forgotten to tell people to come and light them from a candle at the front. Then a little girl, just six years old, went forward to light her candle, and began to walk around the room and use her candle to light others.

An Open Doors partner asked the little girl why she thought the candles needed to be lit. Thinking of the frequent power cuts her family experienced, the little girl replied, "Because the candles remind us that even in the darkness of the tomb, there was the hope of Jesus' promise. When Jesus makes a promise it is like a candle given to us when the lights go out. It is a promise that the lights will come back on again." It was a promise the Christians needed to hold on to. The next day, on Easter Sunday, a bomb attack in Lahore killed 75 Christians, and injured hundreds of others.

**Prayers for the Persecuted Church** on Wednesday 21st November 10.30 - 11.30 am at 6 St. John's Gardens, home of Eileen and David.

### Next Week's Service

**Flowers:** Janet Nicholson

**Welcome:** Maureen B and Rita

**Refreshments:** Alan and Sheena

### For Your Diary

**Sunday November 25th**

Sydney House Service 3.30pm all welcome

**Sunday December 2nd**

Yuletide Street Fayre 1.00pm to 5.00pm

**Monday December 10th**

Christmas Carols in the Swan Inn 7.00pm

**Sunday December 16th**

Candlelight Carol Service the Church  
6.00pm

### This Week's Jerry's Extra Read

Romans 12:4-8 Ephesians 4:4-7 and  
1 Peter 4:10-11

### Quotes of the Week

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

*John Wesley*

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."

*Hans Urs von Balthasar, Prayer*

"We live by revelation, as Christians, as artists, which means we must be careful never to get set into rigid moulds. The minute we begin to think we know all the answers, we forget the questions, and we become smug like the Pharisee who listed all his considerable virtues, and thanked God that he was not like other men.

Unamuno might be describing the artist as well as the Christian as he writes, "Those who believe they believe in God, but without passion in the heart, without anguish of mind, without uncertainty, without doubt, and even at times without despair, believe only in the idea of God, and not in God himself."

*Madeleine L'Engle, Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art*

Your spiritual gifts were not given for your own benefit but for the benefit of others, just as other people were given gifts for your benefit.

*Rick Warren*

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