

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 25th November 2018

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



Ron is leading and preaching from Genesis 1:26-2:3 and 2:23-5

"Stewards or slaves" [still part of series on responsibilities]

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.

Sydney House Service this afternoon at 3.30pm all very welcome

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 **Maggie and Diana** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

During December please pray for the residents of **St Benet's Road, St Benet's Close and Robert Smith Court.**

Please pray that the Christmas edition of the Community Scene, now being delivered round the town, will be well received. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Janet, Henry, Joanne Chris and Mark Nicholson.** Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital.

Please pray that our democratic system can find a solution to the Brexit dilemma. Pray for the senior members of our government as they meet together, we ask that in your mercy you would bring harmony and a common sense of purpose.

Please pray that decisions taken reflect at their heart the wellbeing of the nation and that the poor and vulnerable are central to their thoughts.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Wednesday 21st prayers were sought for Elspeth and Jan as they followed up the prayer cards. Later that day they passed on a request from Pat Maitland who asked for prayers for Jane who lives in Swanton Abbot who has motor neuron disease.

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.

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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 or 01692 583121 or 07776046226

SBC Refurbishment Plans.

Stewart Marsh will be in the Stables after today's service with the proposed plans for anyone to view and make comments and we have a few plan copies in that can be borrowed for a week, please take advantage of this opportunity.

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 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

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Alpha Course

2.00pm at Kenber Cottage

Old Yarmouth Road

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday

Sunday service 10.45am

Yuletide Fayre

1.00 to 5.00pm



Money Bags

The weekly column on Church Finance.

Receipts:		Payments:	
Offerings:	£316.27	Cost of Generating Funds	0.29
Standing Orders	700.59	Missionary & charitable Giving	152.14
Other donations:	117.56	Pastoral Staff	1234.20
Gift Aid Recovered	186.56	Church Running Costs	469.46
Other Receipts	52.09		1856.10
Activities for Generating Funds	176.72		
	1549.79		

This week we update the figures given in our first column on 4th November- the figures that show our average weekly receipts (of money not earmarked for a particular purpose) and how that is spent. If you compare these figures with last month's you will see a significant increase in "Other donations". This is accounted for by the legacy money that was received in October. The legacy seems much smaller when shown spread over a year as a weekly average, but it does allow us to say that we are only spending £306 each week more than we receive, whereas for the 12 months to the end of September the figure was £460. In short, we still have some way to go before our future is secure.

News Stand

The Shoe Box Service at St Mary's last Sunday was another success with a 110 boxes being collected. £155 was donated towards transport costs. Magda would like to thank all those who contributed.

As the result of donations given at Coffee and Chat £70 has been sent to Samaritans Purse, Christmas Child, towards transportation costs of the Christmas Shoe Boxes.

David Maile would like to give a big thankyou to all those who offered prayers before his heart procedure last week. David said "I was very thankful I could feel God's comfort with me."

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.

TWAM Tools with a Mission

Currently TWAM is urgently in need of the following:

Agricultural Tools	Builder s' Tools	Carpenters' Tools
Electricians' Tools	Motor Mechanics' Tools	Plumbers' Tools
Garage Workshop Equipment	Power Tools	Children's Scholar Packs and educational books
Sewing Machines	Knitting Machines	Haberdashery

TWAM is also in need of fully working IT Equipment. They currently cannot handle broken tools., bicycles, electric and hand mowers, lawn rakes, long handled shears and disability aids. There is a collection point at AG Meale's at Wayford for more information contact David or Gillian Meale on 01692-536443. Learn more about TWAM at <https://www.twam.uk/>

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Julia Maile

Welcome: Henry and Janet

Refreshments: Robert and Christine

For Your Diary

Monday December 3rd

Deacons Meeting 7.30pm in the Stables

Monday December 10th

Christmas Carols in the Swan Inn 7.00pm

Sunday December 16th

Candlelight Carol Service the Church
6.00pm

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Joshua 7, Numbers 22, 2 Kings, Acts : 5

Quotes of the Week

"It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their [the communists'] terms. It was a deal; we preached and they beat us.

We were happy preaching. They were happy beating us, so everyone was happy."

Richard Wurmbrand, Tortured for Christ

"A little known preacher named Mordecai Ham led to Christ a young boy whose name was Billy Graham. Billy Graham brought thousands upon thousands to Christ. Mordecai Ham had witnessed to many people. He may not have had big results, but one of those he won to Christ was exceptional. He was Ham's Song of Songs. I would encourage you to write many songs. One of them will be your Song of Songs."

Richard Wurmbrand, The Midnight Bride

"God will judge us not according to how much we endured, but how much we could love"

Richard Wurmbrand, Tortured for Christ

Pastor Richard Wurmbrand (1909–2001) was an evangelical minister who endured 14 years of Communist imprisonment and torture in his homeland of Romania. He is widely recognized there as one of the country's greatest Christian leaders, authors and educators.

Be kind to the unkind people in your life they need it the most.

"But I tell you, love your enemies.

Pray for those who treat you badly."

Matthew 5:44

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