

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 2nd December 2018

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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship



### Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from **Genesis 12:1-9** **"faith thro' fear"**

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 **Jane and Cynthia** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Please pray for the family of Clive Woodhouse whose funeral will be at Cromer this week.

Please pray for Rita Rudrum who is having a hip replacement operation on Wednesday

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 **Becky and Matt Owen.** Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital.

As Christmas approaches please pray for those who are homeless, those alone, those threatened and vulnerable.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 24th Jenny Payne requested prayers for her mum who was on the way to hospital after possibly suffering a heart attack and also asked for prayers for her sister, Sarah who was with her. She updated the prayer room in the afternoon saying "She has had a heart attack and also has some degree of heart failure, with fluid on her lungs."

On Sunday Jenny said "More good news mum is a lot better and quite chatty when my sister and brother visited and is being transferred to a cardiac ward."

On Tuesday Jenny posted "Thank you all so much for your prayers. Mum is so much better and should be discharged on Wednesday. Thank you again for the love and prayers that have seen us through the last few days."

On the same day Ruth said "Just let everyone know we are in our new home."

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.

### Open Doors Prayer Diary



Pray for safety for Asia Bibi and her family after she was cleared of blasphemy charges and released from prison. At the time of writing, her life still remains in danger after the government promised not to oppose those appealing for a legal review of her acquittal.

Give thanks for the courage of pastors like Abdalla whose church provides aid for thousands of displaced families in Aleppo, Syria. "Even though the bombs were falling every day, we didn't stop." He says "I believe God put me in a place and given me a message and I believe I must keep going."



### This Week at SBC

#### Monday

**Church Open for Prayer**

10.00 to 12noon

**Monday Club**

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

**Deacons Meeting**

7.00pm in the Stables

#### 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

**Study Group**

7.30pm in the Stables

#### Thursday

**Stalham Academy**

2.00pm Year 3 Christingle

in the Church

**Lunch Club**

12.00 Christmas Lunch in the Stables

**Stalham Infant School**

9.15am Christmas service rehearsal

**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

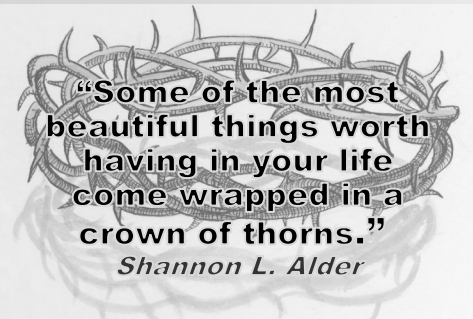
#### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

#### Sunday

**Sunday service 10.45am**



## News Stand

**Yuletide Fayre.** We will be organising teas and coffee in the church for the Stalham Business Forums Yuletide fayre today from 1.00 to 5.00pm. Fran will be running a stall in the Schoolroom with ten others, including SWAN a Stalham group that encourages women with mental health problems to be involved with arts and crafts, who will soon be showing some of their work in the Stables.

Please support SBC this afternoon to raise money for the church funds.

**Big thank you** to all those who are taking part in delivering the Community Scene. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

**If anyone finds a pair of glasses** around the church please let Jane know.

**Another big thank you** to the people who have donated money towards the cost of the Christmas Community Scene. This has enabled us to have the colour centre spread and reduced the budgeted cost.

Also a second thank you to the members of the fellowship who donated money in the same way for the Easter and Harvest editions this year.

## Money Bags the Regular Column on Church Finance

Questions have been asked about the "Activities for Generating Funds" figure given last week. This has two components, "Use of Premises" and "Special Events". Set against the second figure is "Cost of Generating Funds".

Most of the Special Events over the last 12 months raised money towards the Building Fund. Those that were applied to the General Fund, included in the figures last week were the Yuletide Street Fayre, Fringe Festival Refreshments, the Vintage Sale and the All About Gospel concert they together raised £899.08 or an average of £17.29 per week

Normally, fund raising costs are paid out of the proceeds of an event before any profit is passed to the church when no indication of what those costs may have been is provided.

"Use of Premises" is the money we receive as rents. The following have made payments. Namely: 1<sup>st</sup> Stalham Rainbows, Coffee & Chat, the Community Gym, the Lunch Club, MP Surgeries, R.A.F.A, Stalham & District Horticultural Society, our Table Tennis Group and Weight Watchers in the last 12 months

The Food Bank and Citizens Advice Bureau are regarded as a SBC support activity.

The cost of most church activities comes from our general funds.

### Ron's follow up read:

last week we considered 2 ways of looking at our finances:

#### A world's view can be:

- 1] generate income
- 2] spend as we like
- 3] repay debts
- 4] save
- 5] give

#### A more Biblical way could be:

- 1] generate income
- 2] give
- 3] save
- 4] repay debts
- 5] spend as we like

### SBC Refurbishment Plans.

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

**We have had three baptisms this year. Maybe in 2019 we will see more people from the community and fellowship baptised.**

Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptised, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2: 38-39 (ERV)

**If you need any information about Baptism please talk to Ron.**

### Next Week's Service

**Flowers:** Lorraine Stuart

**Welcome:** Alex and Elspeth

**Refreshments:** Gloria and Jane

### For Your Diary

**Sunday December 9th**

3.30pm Sydney House Christmas service

**Monday December 10th**

Christmas Carols in the Swan Inn 7.00pm

**Tuesday December 11th**

Stalham Infant School Christmas service rehearsal in the church 9.15am

**Thursday December 13th**

Stalham Infant School Christmas service rehearsal in the church 9.15am

**Friday December 14th**

Stalham Infant School Christmas service performance in the church 9.15am

**Sunday December 16th**

Candlelight Carol Service 6.00pm

### This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Galatians 5: 22-30, Leviticus 27:30,  
Matthew 23:23, Proverbs 6:6-8,  
Matthew 6:19f, 1 Corinthians 16:2

### Quotes of the Week

"When you start giving, instead of getting, you make a difference. You can always give a warm smile, a sincere hello, a positive vibe... your attention, your time, your love, and kindness to those around you."

*Roy T. Bennett*

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

*Winston Churchill*

"If nature has made you for a giver, your hands are born open, and so is your heart; and though there may be times when your hands are empty, your heart is always full, and you can give things out of that - warm things, kind things, sweet things—help and comfort and laughter - and sometimes gay, kind laughter is the best help of all."

*Frances Hodgson Burnett, A Little Princess*

"Good works is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine works is showing them their worth to the One who matters."

*Criss Jami, Killosophy*

*"As we work to create  
light for others,  
we naturally light  
our own way."*

*Mary Anne Radmacher*

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