

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 9th December 2018



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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Barbara Reynolds is leading and Ron is preaching from Genesis 3:15, 11: 1-5**

**"An Emmaus look at Why Christmas "**

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.

**This Sunday Sydney House Christmas Service at 3.30pm all 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 **Jan and Eileen** 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 for Linda Turner minister at Martham Baptist and Regional Moderator who has been diagnosed with bowel cancer. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Elaine and Peter Parsons**. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Sunday 2nd Jane asked for prayers for Stewart and Linda's niece Helen who was poorly in hospital. On Monday Jane posted please continue to pray as Helen is unconscious. As the week progressed so has Helen, please keep praying for her.

Victoria updated the prayer room on Poppy's situation saying "Poppy's foot is healing nicely so no longer needs check-ups unless pain returns or her nephrotic syndrome (NS) relapses, meaning she would be back on the steroids, which caused the bone to die in the first place.

Her last 2 hospital check-ups for her NS found high amounts of protein in her urine so she must be leaking inconsistently as home tests have been negative. Positively she is very well at the moment with no swelling etc and hasn't relapsed since May. However, blood tests show that the level of the new drug in her body is higher than they would like so in the long term it needs to be reduced to avoid it becoming toxic to her body.

Prayers that she can continue to avoid all the bugs etc that come this time of year would be greatly appreciated as these may cause a relapse. Thank you." On Wednesday Jenny asked for prayers for her neighbour Nancie who was having severe back pain and X-rays showed she has several crumbling vertebrae and possibly osteoporosis.

Jerry sought prayers for Elspeth and Janet as they followed up the prayer cards. Prayers were also said for Rita who was scheduled for a hip operation on the same day. Please continue to pray for those in need of support, prayers are always greatly appreciated.

**To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.**

### Prayer Tent

At the end of the service people may be seeking prayers in the prayer tent. Please be respectful of this important part of our Sunday Service as we pass by the prayer area.

### Sydney House Services

After prayerful consideration it is with sadness that after many years being responsible for arranging the monthly service at Sydney House today (Dec. 9th) will be our final service.

We would like to thank the small band of folks who have supported us, particularly in recent years, as far as commitments have allowed. Please continue to pray for the residents and staff. Many of the residents are very frail and unable to move around without a lot of help. However, they do like to see visitors, and, if like us you feel able to just pop in and chat to them they will be very delighted. *Monica and Frank*

### A Busy Week at SBC

#### Monday

**Church Open for Prayer**

10.00 to 12noon

**Monday Club**

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom  
**Christmas Carols in the Swan Inn**  
at 7.00pm

#### Tuesday

**Stalham Infant School**

9.15am Christmas service rehearsal  
in the church

**Potter Heigham Study Group Social**

7.30pm 50 St Nichols Way

**Coffee and Chat**

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

**Prayer for Revival**

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

#### Wednesday

**Stalham Infant School**

9.15am Christmas service dress rehearsal  
in the church

**Over 60s Table Tennis Club**

9.30am to Middyay

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

**House Group**

7.00pm at 50 Brumstead Road

**Talking Jesus**

7.30pm in the Stables

#### Thursday

**All Saints School**

1.45pm Christmas Service  
in the church

**Pop Up Café**

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

#### Friday

**Stalham Infant School**

9.25am Christmas Nativity  
in the Church

**Food Bank and Citizens Advice**

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

**Alpha Course**

2.00pm Kember cottage  
Old Yarmouth Road

#### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

#### Sunday

**Sunday service and communion**

10.45am

**Candlelight Service 6.00pm**



## Church Diary

The deacons have decided to implement a new church diary that will be part of our web site. It is planned to show all events and activities taking place in the church, including external and private bookings, plus anything organised by those in the fellowship at their homes or elsewhere. It is also planned to include events organised by others that may be of interest to church members.

The new diary is seen as a vital tool, both to show to potential new members that we are an active seven day a week church, and to help improve our administration and finances. It will be available for anyone to view, but only those who are authorised will be able to add or update entries in the diary.

It is vital that the diary is fully maintained as Janet will need correct information when answering questions from those who might wish to use our buildings.

We now need a team of people to take responsibility for maintaining the diary. If you run anything that takes place at or in the connection with the church then you need to apply for login details so you can keep everyone informed. If you do not have an email address yourself, it is vital that you find someone who can keep your entries in the diary up to date on your behalf.

None of us want to see events that clash, people telling us the church was closed when the diary told them a group was running, or worse, finding someone has booked the slot that you traditionally use!

Please contact Greg Chapman using [diary@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:diary@stalhambaptist.org.uk) to ask for more information and login details saying for which activities you will take responsibility.

## News Stand

**Yuletide Fayre.** Fran's table raised £131.80 The teas, coffee and cakes donations amounted to £75. A big thank you to all who helped during the afternoon.

**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 that can be borrowed for a week, please take advantage of this opportunity.

**Coffee and Chat** have recently given £300 to the Stalham Scout Group—supporting young people's activities in this area.

## SBC Treasurer Vacancy

Greg Chapman has been our Treasurer for the past five years and will be standing down from this role in due course. As yet we have not received any offers of help. If you think that you could assist the fellowship in this vital roll please contact Maggie Harpur at [maggie.harpur@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.harpur@yahoo.com) or 01692 583121 or 07776046226.

## SBC Christmas at Tesco's

Steve English has painted an amazing Christmas Nativity board which was assembled by Bennie Mixer to be used at Tesco's. People will be invited to take their own pictures with their heads showing as a king, shepherd or lamb. They will be invited to post them on the SBC Facebook page and get their friends and family to give their pictures likes. The picture receiving the most likes will receive a Christmas Hamper and the runners up vouchers from local businesses.

We need some volunteers to help on Saturday 15th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December. Like the Town Hall table, prayer cards and our other outreach activities this will be a great opportunity to talk about Jesus. Please talk to Jerry or David if you can help.

**Next Week's Service**  
**Flowers:** Christmas Flowers  
**Welcome:** Lorraine and Pam  
**Refreshments:** Eileen and David

### For Your Diary

**Thursday 13th December**

Will be the last pop up café of the year

**Sunday December 23rd**

All age Christmas Service 10.45pm

**Christmas Day Morning**

Service at 10.00am

**Sunday December 30th**

Family Service 10.45am

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

2 Samuel 14:14, Genesis 4:1f, 22:2f  
 Hebrews 11:17-19, 9:16 Leviticus 17:11

### Quote of the Week

A young girl was walking along a beach with her mum, thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement. She had been doing this for some time when her worried mum said, "Why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up and replied, "Well, I made a difference to that one!" Her mum looked at the girl inquisitively and thought about what she had done and inspired, she joined the little girl in throwing starfish back into the sea. Soon others joined, and many starfish were saved.

*Adapted from The Star Thrower by Loren C. Eiseley*



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