

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 6th January 2019



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Diana is leading and Ron preaching on Philippians 4:1-9 "Will you be an encourager?"

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 Eileen** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

During January please pray for the residents of **Lancaster Close and Ellis Way**. Please pray for **Naomi St John in Reunion** as part of our church mission focus. Also continue to pray for Linda Turner as she awaits news of her chemotherapy.

Please pray for the family and friends of Wendy [friend of Robert and Christine] who died last week end.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Alan and Dee Paterson**.

Please keep praying too for all those who, during 2018, have faced ill health, bereavement and other difficult times.

Virtual Prayer Room

Maggie posted on Saturday 29th "Hannah will be in hospital one day each week for doctors to look at her liver levels and scans. The baby will be monitored all day while she is there. Hannah has to be vigilant about any slowing down with activity in her tummy. Baby is in week 33 so doctors need guidance as when to induce Hannah." On Tuesday Maggie passed on a big thank you for all the prayers for Hannah. 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.

Thought for the New Year

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead. Others may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing.

Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever.

Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

<http://debbiemcdaniel.com/2016/12/30/prayer-keep-god-first-new-year-12-verses-renewal/>

A Busy 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 Rd

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

House Group

7.00pm at 50 Brumstead Road

Study Group

7.30pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday

Lunch Club

12.15 in the Stables

Pop Up Café

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Filling Station Prayers

7.30pm in the Stables

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Alpha Course

2.00pm Kember cottage

Old Yarmouth Road

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In the Schoolroom

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Men's Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Guest speakers

the HOPE Mission Hickling

Sunday

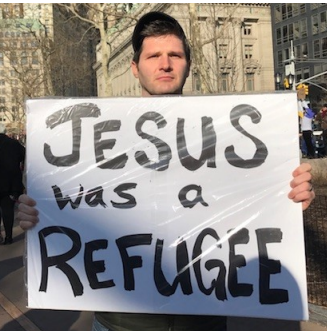
Sunday service 10.45am

Do we spend more time congratulating people who have succeeded than encouraging people who haven't?

REFUGEES

BRIAN BILSTON

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to
you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers



With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries

Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way
(now read from bottom to top)

Lost Property

There are a number of items in the box in the vestry and on a coat stand at the back of the Sanctuary. Please check if any are yours! Uncollected items will be removed at the end of January.

New Year is a good time for a Recycling Reminder!!

It would be helpful if all recyclable items could be taken home and put in your green bin. If this is not convenient, please put the items in either the box in the kitchen or play store. Thank you. Monica

Filling Station

The next Filling Station meeting is on January 14th at Hickling Barn when the speakers will be Jonathon and Paige Squirrel who are now reginal directors of the Filling Station trust. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Everyone and anyone will be most welcome.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday's breakfast will feature two speakers from H.O.P.E. the Hickling based charity that was featured in the Christmas edition of Community Scene. H.O.P.E is a charity that now focuses on educational projects in Ghana renovating schools and providing resources. They have also completed projects in India, Sri Lanka and Romania. SBC's Elaine and Steve Smith have worked with H.O.P.E. in Sri Lanka.

Mangu School is in Ghana where the charity completed a project and the "friends" posted this on their website. "In 2009, Friends of Mangu recruited the services of a Norfolk based charity, HOPE, to help complete the project. A group of volunteers from their charity visited Mangu and, in the space of two weeks, installed electric lighting and power sockets and decorated all parts of the school. They followed this up with a consignment of school furniture and computers. The school has been so successful that the numbers of pupils has increased to a point where there is now a need for additional classrooms and teachers are looking for redeployment into the school, instead of out of it!"

January 13th Service

Flowers: Monica Payne

Welcome: David and Eileen

Refreshments: Anne W and Maureen K

For Your Diary

Monday 14th January

Filling Station 7.30 at Hickling Barns

Sunday January 27th

SBC Church Meeting 12.30pm

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Colossians 1:9, Luke 4:16f

Quotes of the week

The horse followed obediently along the well-trodden path to the silted stagnant pond; surrounded by others it put its muzzle deep into the infested water and for all the world it appeared to drink as before. But it didn't. Another way was calling a quiet voice leading, stepping back the reality struck. The pond was full of the detritus of its kind accumulated for years. In that moment of truth, now freed from the servitude of the herd it wandered to a sweet stream and in joy drank its fill.

Franky Dilch The Road to Here

"When we are powerless to do a thing, it is a great joy that we can come and step inside the ability of Jesus" *Corrie ten Boom*

"Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience." *Eugene Peterson,*



If you have no joy,
there's a leak in your
Christianity somewhere.

Billy Sunday

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