

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 13th January 2019



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Barbara is leading and Jerry preaching from Haggai 1:1-15 "Priorities, Ways and Promises"

Ron is at Gunton Baptist Church this morning.

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.

The Structure of Jerry's talk will be

CONSIDER:

1. Your Priorities 1: 1-2
2. Your Ways 1:3-12
3. God's Promises 1:13-15.

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.

During January please pray for the residents of **Lancaster Close and Ellis Close**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Frank and Monica Payne**.

Prayer by Alex Williams. In this time of turmoil... We pray for the Prime Minister and Party Leaders as they negotiate the political future of our nation: Father, give them your wisdom and vision.

We pray for all in Parliament as they represent their communities: Jesus, give them your humility and strength.

We pray for the media as they interpret events for the nation: Holy Spirit, give them your truth and compassion.

We pray for ourselves, your Church, as we show your love to our neighbours: Would we speak hope, embody courage and model unity in diversity.

Almighty God, we place our trust in you: For yours is the kingdom the power and the glory, now and forever, Amen."

"Bleak, dark, and piercing cold, it was a night for the well-housed and fed to draw round the bright fire, and thank God they were at home; and for the homeless starving wretch to lay him down and die." Wrote Charles Dickens in *Oliver Twist*, published in 1837.

However, our streets, alleyways, shop doorways and park benches are still the sleeping places for the homeless and, as the bleak, dark, and piercing cold winter weather closes in, many will lay down and die. Charles Darwin wrote. "If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin." The fact that poverty is still rife 182 years on from *Oliver Twist* could and should be considered a sin.

Please pray for the people living in poverty and find ways to support them.

Matthew 25: 40 (ERV) "Then the king will answer, the truth is, anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me."

Virtual Prayer Room

Jerry asked for prayers on Wednesday 9th for Janet and Elspeth as they followed up the prayer cards in Stalham. On the same day Maggie updated Hannah and Rupert's situation saying "They have had to go to hospital once since last Thursday due to all quiet in the womb. Thankfully all was well." She went on "Please may I ask you to continue praying for God's protection of the baby and peace for Hannah and Rupert."

On Thursday David sought prayers for his son Jack who was having emergency tests at N&N that morning.

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

The Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Filling Station

7.30 at Hickling Barn

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm 50 St Nicholas Way

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Middyay

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

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

There is a lot that happens around the world we cannot control. We cannot stop earthquakes, we cannot prevent droughts, and we cannot prevent all conflict, but when we know where the hungry, the homeless and the sick exist, then we can help.

Norwich Communities Homeless Welfare Appeal

Norwich Central Baptist Church (NCBC) and The Church of England will be opening through to the end of March to help the homeless. They are desperate for items such as:

Blankets, Sleeping Bags, Pillows, Cases, Rucksacks, Coats, Inflatable beds, (NEW Socks/Underwear, Thermal Inner Soles) Jumpers, and Heat Pads.



They are also desperate for volunteers. There are round the clock shifts and training will be given at NCBC prior to starting. Volunteers will need to have been vetted DBS or if not go through the Disclosure and Barring Service checks as they will be building relationships with vulnerable people For

more information please contact Louise Risborough on 07503879266 or Gill Duffy, Administrator on 01603 760497 at NCBC.

Maggie Harpur says "I am happy to liaise with Louise who will collect gifts from SBC."

Homelessness Guardian 22nd November 2018

At least 320,000 people are homeless in Britain, according to research by the housing charity Shelter.

This amounts to a year-on-year increase of 13,000, a 4% rise, despite government pledges to tackle the crisis. The estimate suggests that nationally one in 200 people are homeless.

Shelter says its figures, which include rough sleepers and people in temporary accommodation, are likely to be an underestimate of the problem as they do not capture people who experience "hidden" homelessness, such as sofa-surfers, and others living insecurely in sheds or cars, for example.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/nov/22/at-least-320000-homeless-people-in-britain-says-shelter>

News Stand

World Leprosy mission day fund raiser. Sunday 27th January after the service and before the Church meeting. There will be a donation pot in the stables along with coffee and cake. All money raised will be doubled by UK government. Speak to Barbara M for more details.

A big thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes after my hip operation in December. Pleased to say I am recovering well. Rita.

Church walking group. We will be meeting at Jean's house in Martham on Saturday 19th January at 10.30am for a walk in the Martham area, about 3.5 miles long. Contact number 01493-740937. Come and join us. All are welcome.

Rivermead House Group. Sunday 27th 7.00 to 9.15pm. The Group is open to younger members of the congregation. The aim is to help each other grow in the Christian faith by spending time in bible study, prayer and group discussions on any questions we have about our faith. We are currently going through the "Christianity Explored" material. For more information have a chat with Jerry.

Valentine's dinner on Friday 15th February at 6.00pm. A two course dinner cost £10.00, in the Stables. Numbers are restricted so please book early by contacting either Lorraine on 678058 or Jane 582091.

January 20th Service

Flowers: Jane Skivington

Welcome: Alan and Sheena

Refreshments: Eileen and David

For Your Diary

Saturday 19th January

Church walking Group

See News Stand

Wednesday 23rd January

Prayers for Persecuted Church at the home of David and Eileen 10.30 to 11.30am

Sunday January 27th

SBC Church Meeting 12.30pm

Preceded by a World Leprosy fund raiser in the Stables around 12noon

Rivermead House Group 7.00 to 9.15pm

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Friday 15th February

Valentine's Dinner in the Stables 6.00pm

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Thursday 21st February

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.15pm

This Week's Jerry's Extra Read

For the background about the rebuilding of the temple and the opposition faced read Ezra 4: 4-6

Jerry's Quotes of the week

"When we do not ascribe to God the supremacy that is deserved and enjoyed by him we are opposing him. We cannot walk in opposition to God and expect his favour. Therefore, our steps and the motives behind each step must be carefully processed through the gracious sifting of the revealed word so that our steps may be aligned with the will of God."
Erik Raymond .

"Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne. "
Hymn by Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

"Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments tire,
The passion that will burn like fire;
Let me not sink to be a clod:
Make me Thy fuel, O Flame of God."
Amy Carmichael

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