

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 20th January 2019



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Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from 1 Timothy 4: 6-16

"You do realise you're a supermodel, don't you"?

This morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

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 **Sheena and Barbara** 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 **Jenny Payne**.

Prayer for hope and faith to arise

(for those who have lost hope)

Your hope arises with each dawn, pushing back the rubble of our lives. Each new day reminds us of your grace, you paint hope across our skies.

Into the deafening cry of hopelessness you whisper love. Love that catches us holds us. There is no end, just new beginnings. No finish, just new starts.

Into your resurrection we follow you to bathe in hope.

You are alive! Not only in the world but in us. And so we carry your hope within our souls. Help us to lift our eyes, and feel resurrection hope arise in our lives.

(a prayer of hope from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Gracious God,

We offer you our country with all of our weaknesses and strengths, vulnerability and power, anger and hope.

Help us to hear you and to listen to one another and, as we do, give us the direction we need.

Disturb us where we must yet seek peace, and comfort us with the peace that you give us, and over all things we continue to pray, your will be done, your Kingdom come

Amen. (Taken from Baptist Together)

Virtual Prayer Room

Jerry thanked everyone for their prayers on Saturday 12th for the Pop up Youth Café that was held the evening before. Jerry said "We had 13 young people and were very encouraged by the way all of them were engaged in last night's session."

David posted that Jack had returned home from N&N and thanked everyone for their prayers.

On Tuesday Jerry requested prayers for those in his home city of Nairobi Kenya caught up in the terrorist attack at a hotel. It is thought 21 people died and Jerry reported his families and siblings were safe.

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

Baptism

We were blessed with three baptisms in 2018. If you need any information about Baptism please talk to Ron

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)

The Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Deacons Meeting

7.30pm In the Stables

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

Prayers for Persecuted Church

at the home of David and Eileen

10.30 to 11.30am

Study Group

7.30pm In the Stables

Thursday

Lunch Club

12.15 In the Stables

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

Norman Lamb MP Surgery

9.30am In the Stables

contact 01692-403752

for a appointment.

Sunday

Sunday service 10.45am

World Leprosy Mission Fund Raiser

In the Stables 12.00 noon

Church Meeting at 12.30pm

*I haven't been this excited to
be at SBC since last
Sunday*

"Rethink approach to immigration"

Article printed in the Baptist Times

Ahead of MPs returning to Parliament (Monday, 7th January) faith representatives urged the government to rethink their approach to immigration, to move away from a hostile environment towards a culture of sanctuary.

The full text of the letter is:

"As representatives of faith communities, we are dismayed by the current debate around immigration. The long-awaited Immigration white paper is misguided and disjointed, the promised engagement unclear, and the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination Bill a missed opportunity.

"Urgent action is needed to create a more humane system. Refugee families must be kept together, and close family members allowed to join their children in the UK. The right to work after six months should be extended to all people seeking asylum. There must be a time limit on immigration detention, an end to the detention of vulnerable people, and a genuine discussion about the often impossible standards of proof required by the immigration system. The first reaction to those arriving in boats should not be to disbelieve their stories.

"Today is Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas; the story of the flight of the Holy Family echoes the plight of refugees around the world. We say to the government: let us help you transform the hostile environment, not into a compliant environment, but into a culture of sanctuary."

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."

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Refurbishment Plans Focus Group Meeting in The Sanctuary Saturday 9th February 10.00 – 11.30.

This final open meeting will be an opportunity where we can collectively look at the revised plans for the refurbishment of the school room and anti-rooms. We will also be able to consider/discuss feedback from members following Stewart's presentation at the church members' meeting in November 2018. This will enable us to formulate a plan of works."

The BMS Birthday Scheme donations for the year 2018 amounted to £158. If anyone would like to join the scheme and give a donation on their birthday to help with medical needs in underprivileged countries please speak to Jan Nicholson.

World Leprosy mission day fund raiser. Today 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.

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 01692-678058 or Jane 01692-582091.

January 27th Service

Flowers: Barbara Reynolds

Welcome: Elizabeth and Magda

Refreshments: Barbara and Bennie

For Your Diary

Thursday 7th February

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.15pm

Friday 8th February

Youth Pop up Cafe in the School Room 7.00pm

Saturday 9th February

Schoolroom Refurbishment open meeting 10.00am

Monday 11th February

Filling Station Hickling Barns 7.30pm

Friday 15th February

Valentine's Dinner in the Stables 6.00pm
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This Week's Ron's Extra Read

1 Corinthians 13

Quotes of the week

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

"Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward. If you want to fly, you have to give up what weighs you down."

Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

The sadness in losing someone loved is often compounded by the thought you never had the chance to say goodbye. But through Jesus you will say hello.

Franky Dilch The Long Journey to Here

Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open."

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

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