

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 27th January 2019



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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Ron is leading and Beth Powney is preaching from Ephesians 1:1-10

World Leprosy Mission Fund Raiser In the Stables 12.00 noon

Church Meeting at 12.30pm

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

Roy Adams thanksgiving service will be on February 8th. Please pray for

Ruth and the family. During February please pray for the residents of

Strawberry Fields and Chapel Court. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Alex and Elspeth Pelling.**

Today is Holocaust Memorial Day, we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

Also those being persecuted and ethnically cleansed around the world.

The Guardian reported in December 2017. "More than 6,700 Rohingya Muslims, including at least 730 children under the age of five, were killed in the first month of a crackdown that started in August in Myanmar's (formally Burma) northern Rakhine state and more than 640,000 Rohingya people have fled Rakhine since August 2017 according to Médecins Sans Frontières."

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 **Diana and Maggie** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Virtual Prayer Room

Jerry posted on Wednesday 23rd "Please pray for Jan and Elspeth as they follow up prayer cards in Stalham. Pray for protection and that they can share Jesus." At the end of the day Jan and Elspeth said "Thank you for your prayers we had several conversations about Jesus, folk were pleasant and we left leaflets. Pray that God will water the seeds."

Jack Child is now back at work and would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

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

Norwich Communities Winter Shelter Project

Thank you so very much to all who have donated so much in goods and monetary gifts towards this project. If you would like to help they are now needing new boxer shorts sized XL and L, Tea, Coffee and Sugar and Hot Chocolate, cups of soup and breakfast bars.

I am a volunteer with NCBC and will be able to ensure their delivery for their "Guests"

The purpose of the Winter Shelter Project is to ensure that verified rough sleepers who have no other accommodation have a safe place to sleep. The project started six weeks ago and is set to run through to the end of March. The idea of the Winter Shelter Project is not to provide a person with a bed all winter, but for a person to be offered a bed for the night – or a few nights – and for their support needs to be addressed with a view to moving into settled accommodation.

Volunteers needed: Gill Duffy, from NCBC, said, "We are dealing with a very basic need for people who are vulnerable. We would love to be able to extend the winter night shelter provision so that every night of the week is covered but there are simply not enough volunteers. I'd urge anyone who is interested to get in touch to find out more. This is a very simple way that we can support people who are in need." There are different roles available, such as setting up, greeting people when they arrive, overnight supervision and clearing up from 7am. Thank you very much Maggie
Maggie.harpur@yahoo.com or 01692 583121

The 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

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

I was hungry and thirsty,
Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

I was cold, I was naked,
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

When I needed a shelter
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter,
Were you there?*

Hymn by Sydney Carter reflecting
Matthew 25: 44-45 .

Meet Beth Powney (Regional Minister Team Leader for the EBA)

Tell us about your call to be a minister?

I was a member of a Baptist Church which did not believe in women becoming ordained or even preaching.



However at the time I worked for a Christian charity, the Director of which was also a Baptist minister. He invested in me and encouraged me to use my gifts for God and through this my leadership skills began to develop. Gradually through challenges from others who I met in the course of my work, through scripture, through words from God and prayers from others, I became convinced that God was calling me to serve his church through ordained pastoral ministry.

What particular gifts has God given you for the church?

I believe I am particularly gifted in developing and empowering others. I am passionate about seeing others fulfil the potential of all that God has placed in them. I am also very keen to bring Jesus' love and revelation of who he is to those who have not yet met him. Church should be an integral part of the community in which it is serving and I believe I have been used to make this happen.

What would you do now to encourage younger women to consider a call to ministry?

I have now become a Regional Minister which places me in a privileged position of influence, which I want to use both sensitively and well. I want to encourage ministers across all of our EBA churches to recognise gifts in younger women to lead and to give them early opportunities to experiment, fail, grow and learn. I would encourage younger women to seek out those whom they respect in the Christian faith to mentor them and to believe that God calls people from all walks of life to serve him in ministry. I would say to these women, never think 'it couldn't be me', but rather think 'why not me?'

Taken from the Baptist Together https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/529804/Beth_Powney.aspx

SBC ends teams unbeaten run

What is believed to be the longest unbeaten run in the history of the Norfolk Christian Football League came to an end last weekend when Norwich Central Baptist Church lost 4-1 to Stalham Baptist Church – their first defeat in league and cup games for over two years.

NCBC have won both the league and the Bishop's Cup in the last two seasons and until January 12 boasted a proud unbeaten run of an astonishing 41 games. Their last previous defeat came in December 2016 when they lost 4-3 to Heigham Park Rangers.

League chairman, Jim Green, said: "Congratulations should go to Stalham Baptist Church, who seem the ideal team to have broken the run! They are a well-established, respected club whose way of playing football exemplifies what this league is about, and has included many years of keeping going cheerfully at the lower end of the league."

(Editors note: Great work by Josh Hollebon and the team) Read the complete article at www.networknorwich.co.uk

News Stand

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.

Help wanted - to clean and tidy the church premises during this week (28/1 to 1/2/19) While Nancy is on holiday. If you can help please speak to Monica.

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.

Sunday February 3rd Service

Flowers: Liz Austrin

Welcome: Fran and David C

Refreshments: Christine and Robert

For Your Diary

Thursday 7th February

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.15pm

Filling Station Prayers

in the Stables 7.30pm

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

See News Stand

Thursday 21st February

Lunch Club 12.15pm in the Stables

Followed by the AGM at 2.00pm

Quote of the week

"This is what grace does. It rescues us from our spiritual blindness. It releases us from our bondage to our rationalism and materialism. Grace gives us the faith to be utterly assured of what we cannot see. It frees us from refusing to believe in anything we cannot experience with our physical senses. But grace does more. It connects us to the invisible One in an eternal love relationship that fills us with joy we have never known before and gives us rest of heart that we would have though impossible. And that grace is still rescuing us, because we still tend to forget what is important, real, and true. We still tend to look to the physical world for our comfort. We still fail to remember in given moments that we really do have a heavenly Father. Grace has done a wonderful thing for us and continues to do more and more."

Paul David Tripp,

New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional

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