

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 3rd February 2019

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



Ron is leading and is starting a series on James today. He is reading James 1: 1-8

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 Friday February 8th at 2.00pm. Followed by refreshments in the Schoolroom. 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 **Barbara and Geoff Reynolds**.

We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy, whether by accident or a deliberate act.

For those who mourn, immerse them in your love and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light.

For those who comfort, be in both the words they use and all that's left unspoken; fill each heart with love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

whose own suffering brought us life, here and for eternity. Amen

John Birch http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_peace.htm

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.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday 28th Victoria posted "Yesterday was a year since Mark Stone had his double transplant operation. Thank you all for your prayers over the last year. He is currently very well." Maggie updated Hannah's situation on Tuesday, saying "Although the baby is small doctors have brought the inducing date forward as Hannah's liver condition has put the baby at risk. Inducing can take up to 4 days. Currently they are avoiding a C section because of Hannah's blood. Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers." On Thursday Julia asked for prayers as during the afternoon she was going to have her hip replacement operation but the procedure was cancelled at the last minute. On Friday Hannah gave birth to a baby girl named Eleanor. Maggie said Eleanor was tiny but healthy. **To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.**

Norwich Communities Winter Shelter Project

With overnight feel like temperatures this week down to -4 please remember those sleeping rough. Donations of goods and monetary gifts towards this project are much appreciated. If you would like to help new boxer shorts sized XL and L, Tea, Coffee and Sugar and Hot Chocolate, cups of soup and breakfast bars are needed. As well as volunteers.

Thank you very much Maggie Maggie.harpur@yahoo.com or 01692 583121

Baptism

Last Easter Sunday the Church was blessed when Elaine Smith and Victoria Nicholson were baptised followed by Nancy King in May.

Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord.

It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. It speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world. Please speak to Ron if you need more information.

A big thankyou to Greg

For his 5 years as the SBC Treasurer his efforts have been very much appreciated by all. As announced at last Sunday's meeting Stewart Marsh will be taking over as Treasurer.

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

Study Group

7.30pm In the Stables

Thursday

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

Roy Adams Thanksgiving Service

2.00pm

Youth Pop up Cafe

7.00pm In the School Room

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

9.00 to 10.00am In the Church

Schoolroom Refurbishment

open meeting 10.00am

Sunday

Sunday service 10.45am

**God bless
the persecuted,
and oppressed.
God bless
the refugee,
and dispossessed.**

John Birch

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.

We are going to move the regular Saturday morning prayer meeting from 8.00am to 9.00am on the 9th February so folks can come and pray for the meeting if they so wish as we do for evening church meetings. The meeting will start at 10am. As Stewart said last Sunday this meeting is not a drop in session. This is the final open meeting and 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.

Thank you to everyone who gave donations to the Leprosy Mission last Sunday. They were very much appreciated and £85 will be sent to the Mission shortly. *Barbara Mixer.*

Coffee and Chat have recently sent £300 to Mercy Ships. Grateful thanks to all who have donated items for the sales table,

More than 17 million people die every year from conditions requiring surgical care.

For many people in low-income countries, surgery is simply not an option, either because it doesn't exist or it is completely inaccessible.

Onboard their "floating hospital", the Africa Mercy, Mercy Ships provides safe surgery for free, transforming thousands of lives in every country it visits.

No longer left behind – Fifalina's story

Fifalina was born with normal legs, but as she grew and started to walk her mother, Ludvine, noticed that she fell often and that her legs were beginning to curve.

Fifalina's family were not wealthy and her father had to find work each day to provide for his family, but they managed to scrape together enough money to take their daughter to see a doctor. He told them the little girl needed calcium and said there was nothing more he could do.

Their bright little girl was eager to attend school despite the ever-increasing physical challenge. Initially, Fifalina could walk the 30 minutes to school. However, as her legs worsened she could not get to school without help.

Then her family's desperate hopes and Fifalina's dream began to become reality. They heard of a hospital ship providing free surgery onboard. She was examined by the Mercy Ships screening team and referred for treatment on the Africa Mercy.

Mercy Ships consultant Dr Frank Haydon performed a series of complex orthopaedic surgeries, correcting Fifalina's twisted upper and lower legs by rotating her bones through more than 200 degrees. A series of pins now holds her knees and hips in alignment. After surgery, Fifalina was enveloped in full-leg plaster casts that weighed almost as much as she did.

Months of splints and physical therapy followed Fifalina's surgery as she bravely relearned to walk. Her muscles, weak from years of disuse, were retrained by a team of volunteer physiotherapists.

Finally, the day arrived when Fifalina could achieve her milestone tasks unaided – balancing on one leg, walking with one foot in front of the other, and standing on tiptoes. All things that her schoolmates could do without thinking, but for little Fifalina these were truly challenging; not so anymore. Ludvine thinks Fifalina would make a great teacher when she grows up, but the Mercy Ships crew members will tell you that Fifalina is already an inspiration. <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>



Sunday February 10th Service

Flowers: Barbara Mixer

Welcome: Maureen B and Maggie

Refreshments: Dan and Sue

For Your Diary

Monday 11th February

Filling Station

Hickling Barns 7.30pm

Thursday 14th February

Lunch Club AGM

In the Stables 2.00pm

Friday 15th February

Valentine's Dinner in the Stables 6.00pm

See News Stand

Monday 18th February

School Half Term Begins

Thursday 21st February

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.15pm

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

John 7:1f, 1 Corinthians 15:7,
Acts 15

Quotes of the week

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

William Shakespeare, Measure for Measure

You doubt your value don't run from who you are.

C.S. Lewis Aslan

"For so many years I lived in constant terror of myself. Doubt had married my fear and moved into my mind, where it built castles and ruled kingdoms and reigned over me, bowing my will to its whispers until I was little more than an acquiescing peon, too terrified to disobey, too terrified to disagree. I had been shackled, a prisoner in my own mind. But finally, finally, I have learned to break free." *Tahereh Mafi, Ignite Me*

Peon (Spanish) a person who is judged by others to have little value.

"If Christ spent an anguished night in prayer, if He burst out from the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' then surely we are also permitted doubt. But we must move on. To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation." *Yann Martel, Life of Pi*

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