

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 10th February 2019



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**Barbara is leading and Ron is continuing his series on James.**

**Today he is reading James 1: 2-8. "Desire wisdom"**

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

During February please pray for the residents of **Strawberry Fields and Chapel Court**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Rita Rudrum**.

Breathe love into lives ruled by fear. Soften hearts that are hardened by pride. Whisper gently to those bound by chains. Sow peace where conflict divides. *John Birch* [http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers\\_peace.htm](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 **Sheena and Barbara** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Sunday 3rd Doreen asked for prayers as she was struggling to move as she was suffering from extreme pain in her neck and upper back. Doreen thanked everyone for their prayers saying "Still feeling the same but hopefully it will ease tomorrow." She updated everyone on Monday after the doctor had given her some muscle relaxant which worked quickly.

On Wednesday Jan and Elspeth requested. "Please pray for us this afternoon as we follow up the prayer cards that we can share Jesus and for protection."

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

### Maggie Harpers Thoughts from Ron's talk on Sunday James Chapter 1 2-3

Count it all joy brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

As Ron was speaking the Holy Spirit brought to my remembrance Job 23 v 10: In the book of Job, there is a wealthy man named Job residing in an area called Uz with his extended family and vast flocks. He is blameless and upright, constantly mindful to live in a righteous manner. God brags to Satan about Job's virtue, but Satan contends that Job is only righteous because God has favoured him generously. Satan dares God that, if he's given the approval to inflict suffering, Job will change and curse God. God permits Satan to abuse Job but he forbids Satan to take Job's life. In the course of one day Job is stripped of everything, 10 sons, land and livestock. Inflicted sores and even friends thinking he must have sinned against God. He was seriously tormented but never denied God, declaring this: **Job 23 v 10 "but He knoweth the way that I take and when He has tried me I shall come forth as gold"**.

There are many examples in the bible where Godly men and women have experienced adversity e.g. Joseph who was Jacobs favourite son sold into slavery by his jealous brothers. Over the years he found favour with Pharaoh and became the most important man in the land of Egypt.

Forty one years ago I had a very powerful encounter with the Lord Jesus and I really thought that I would have no more problems. **Not so**, I speak from my experiences of when adversity hits and there have been many during the course of my life not included in those of extremely serious health issues. It has been my experience over the years that adversity can bring amazing opportunities from God things that I would never have aspired too. The joy that James talks about is not as the world experiences. It comes from the most innermost parts of our being, the presence of Holy Spirit our Comforter that Jesus gave us.

### 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**

7.30pm Hickling Barn

#### 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 Middyay

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

**Little Fishes Pre School**

10.00am Stalham Infant School

**Brumstead Road House Group**

7.00pm

#### Thursday

**Stalham Lunch Club**

12.00 in the Stables

followed at 2.00pm by the AGM

**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

**Alpha Course**

2.00pm Old Yarmouth Road

**Valentines Dinner**

6.00pm in the Stables

#### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 19.00am In the Church

**Church Walking Group**

10.30 am SBC Car Park

#### Sunday

**Sunday service 10.45am**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your guidance. Forgive me for getting ahead of Your plans, and help me know when to stop and listen for Your direction. Your ways are perfect, Lord. Thank You for offering gentle grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen. *Kristine Brown*

## Roy Adams

Ruth would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, support and thank all who helped with Roy's thanksgiving service.

## 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.

**The Church Walking Group** will be meeting on Saturday at the Church Car Park. The walk will be nearly four miles. Find out more about this walk from Elinor 01692 580386.

**Ladies breakfast** on Saturday February 23rd Barbara Reynolds speaking. All ladies welcome, please let Jane know, donations will be collected.

## Filling Station

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at Hickling Barn at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. They are

experimenting with something different from the usual format. Instead of a named speaker the new gospel band from Stalham Baptist Church "Out of Egypt" will lead the evening. This will be punctuated with some powerful testimony. Finishing with a time of ministry when folks can ask for prayer.



## Abby StJohn Writes

I'm writing because Lancaster university Christian Union are preparing for our 'missions week' on 25th-28th February. It's a week-long evangelism event, and sort of the highlights of the CU calendar where we try to get everyone involved and try to get as many people to come as possible to hear the gospel. Last year we had a big marquee up in campus which was a 'pay as you feel' cafe during the day, and then hosted lunch and evenings talks where different speakers spoke about Jesus. It was really cool because lots of my friends didn't want to come, but after praying they miraculously changed their mind! None of them have become Christians but it's a blessing to have opportunities where I can invite them to talks because often the talks are better than I can explain...and it helps build my faith too.

This year we are trying to raise money to have the marquee again (because last year it worked so well!). We have training-vicars who help us out from Wycliffe College in Oxford, led by Bruce Gillingham. The theme is called 'Story' and the talks try to tackle these themes...it's definitely not perfect but god is gracious!

At the minute we have £2,600 and the amount we need is £8000. But I am confident because last year we managed to raise £10,000 somehow through donations!

Hope the church family are doing well. I've been challenged and encouraged by Romans 12v12 recently...may you be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer!

Here is a link to a video that one of the students from CU made to promote our mission; including prayer points....I hope it works?! <https://www.facebook.com/priya.parmar.96343/videos/1136414883185718/>

**It would be amazing to see people become Christians over the week! We are having a prayer meeting this Monday evening with churches in Lancaster to pray for our event, and we are trying to pray each day in the lead-up to the event, so please keep us in your prayers!**

Abby will be Christian Union president next term and says "If anyone can help with a donation please contact me but your prayers are probably more valuable than financial support."

## Sunday February 17th Service

**Flowers:** Gillian Meale

**Welcome:** Elinor and Jill

**Refreshments:** Alan and Sheena

## For Your Diary

### Monday 18th February

School Half Term Begins

### Thursday 28th February

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.00pm

Monday March

Deacons meeting in the Stables 7.30pm

## This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Romans 8:32f, Luke 11:9, 1Kings 3,  
Hebrews 11:6

Matthew 14:28f, Romans 14:23

## King Solomon Son of David

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"— before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim; when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when people rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; when people are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then people go to their eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

Remember him—before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Everything is meaningless!"

Not only was the Teacher wise, but he also imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. The teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true. The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one shepherd. Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.

**Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.**

*Ecclesiastes 12*

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