

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 17th February 2019

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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship



**Pat is leading and Ron is continuing his series on James.  
Today he is reading James 1: 9-18. "Yield not to Temptation"  
We will also be celebrating the Lords 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

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

Please pray for **Linda Turner** minister at Martham and EBA Moderator who starts her chemo therapy this week.

Remember in your prayers this week **Daphne and Eric** as Daphne is currently seriously ill in hospital.

Please pray for God's guidance as we seek to elect Deacons at the AGM in April.

We pray justice for the falsely accused,  
freedom for the wrongly imprisoned,  
healing for the tortured or abused,  
care for the orphan and widow,  
concern for the refugee and dispossessed,  
and above all forgiveness, for our emotional detachment.  
May we weep as you weep, love as you love,  
and not be afraid to be angry for the sake of your children,  
wherever they might be.

*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 **Jane and Cynthia** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 8th Ruth asked for prayers for her nan who had a nasty fall and was feeling quite fragile. On Saturday Jerry posted a thank you for the prayers for the Youth Pop up Café. Saying "We had a quiet night with 11 young people. Being the month of love we took time to explore what love is in light of 1 Corinthians 13."

Jane sought prayers for Daphne on Monday saying that Daphne had a nasty bug and was on her way to hospital. Later in the day Ruth posted that Daphne was very poorly and awaiting a doctor to assess the situation.

On Tuesday it was confirmed that Daphne was quite seriously ill. Many people responded and Jenny Payne posted "Thoughts and prayers are with both Daphne and Eric at this time. May God surround them both with His love and peace."

On Wednesday Jerry asked for prayers for Jan and Elspeth as they followed up the prayer cards.

They reported spending time with a lady who had no belief even though she had been on an Alpha course and attended Sunday school when she was younger. They asked that we pray that God would reveal Himself to her.

Please continue to pray for those in need of support, prayers are always greatly appreciated.

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

#### 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 Fun Afternoon**

3.00 to 4.30pm

#### Friday

**Food Bank and Citizens Advice**

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

#### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 19.00am In the Church

**Ladies Breakfast**

8.30 am in the Stables

#### Sunday

Sunday service 10.45am

**This is all there is in the world: wanting to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, and being too proud of what we have.**

**But none of these comes from the Father. They come from the world.**

**1 John 2:16 (ERV)**

## News Stand

**This Thursday's Pop up Café** is a fun afternoon from 3.00 to 4.30pm with lots of activities to entertain during the half term break.

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

The **Leprosy Mission** spring catalogue is available at the back of the church. Orders sent via Barbara Reynolds (the church "trading partner") will save you postage and also make a donation towards the Building Fund (in many cases 20% of your order.) Fairtrade Easter eggs can be purchased this way as can any products that are only found online. Happy Shopping!

**All welcome** to the fund raising meeting on Wednesday 20th February at the Manse starting 10.00am. Tea and cakes in plenty.

**Recollections of Easter.** If you have any recollections of Easter either spiritual or fun Ron has suggested we have an article in the Easter Community Scene highlighting our past experiences of Easter. If you have any thoughts speak to David or email [editor@communityscene.org.uk](mailto:editor@communityscene.org.uk)

**Deacons' Election**, if you can think of someone who would be able to take on the responsibilities of being a deacon or would like to be considered yourself please speak to Geoff. Or have a look at the information at the back of the Church.

## 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.

## Fortitude to Resist

"Freedom from sin is only granted to Christians. Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells believers that they have not been seized by any temptation that cannot be overcome. He is not talking to non-Christians, who Paul establishes elsewhere are controlled by the sinful flesh and cannot do anything spiritually pleasing to God (Rom. 8:7-8)..." "...walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh..." (Gal 5:16-17). Again, this command is to Christians. Unbelievers cannot "walk by the Spirit." However, believers walking by the Spirit have the ability to "not gratify the desires of the flesh." If this is true, that no temptation has ever come across a Christian that is not common to all, and that sin is nothing more than a Christian yielding to his fleshly desires, then how can addiction as commonly understood (i.e., uncontrollable urges and impulses) actually exist for believers?.....Granted, sin can certainly feel irresistible, but perhaps it feels that way because we capitulate to it far too readily. We have not built up the essential perseverance to repel it. We have repeatedly said yes, and like muscles that have atrophied from disuse, our spirit has become weak because we have not exercised the fortitude to resist temptation as we ought."

*Victor Kulinin, The Language of Salvation: Discovering the Riches of What It Means to Be Saved*

## Sunday February 24th Service

**Flowers:** Doreen Hollebon  
**Welcome:** Maggie and Barbara W  
**Refreshments:** Elinor and Jill

### For Your Diary

#### Thursday 28th February

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.00pm

#### Monday 4th March

Deacons meeting in the Stables 7.30pm

#### Thursday 7th March

Filling Station prayers in the Stables  
7.30pm

#### Monday 11th March

Filling Station at Hickling Barns 7.30pm

#### Thursday 14th March

Lunch Club in the Stables 12.00pm

## This Week's Ron's Extra Read

### Philippians 3:7-8

#### Quotes of the Week

"Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. The real trap, however, is self-rejection. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, "Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody." ... [My dark side says,] I am no good... I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned. Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved." Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."

*Henri J.M. Nouwen*

"A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is... A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in."

*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

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