

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 17th March 2019



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**Barbara is leading and Ron is preaching from James 3: 1-12 "The terrible tongue"
Today we celebrate the Lord's Table**

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 March please pray for the residents of **Bullemer Close and Calthorpe Close**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Dan, Sue, Abi, David and Matthew StJohn**. The businesses to pray for this month are **Flower Moments and Century Printing**.

Please pray for those killed and injured in **Christchurch, New Zealand**.

God of Love, God of Peace, This fractured word
Cries out in pain, Burns deep into my soul,
And challenges me, To make a difference.

God of Love, God of Peace, God of this world,
Scarred by grief and tears, Ignorance and fear,
Softens hearts of stone, And begin with mine.

God of Love, God of Peace, Create within me
A heart for people, A desire for change,
For new beginnings To start this day.

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

"Saint Patrick's Breastplate"

Is a Christian hymn whose original old Irish lyrics were traditionally attributed to Saint Patrick and his Irish ministry in the 5th century. It begins "I bind unto myself today" and speaks of the Trinity, of Christ's life on earth and return, of how God will guide and lead us and is always with us.

Here is a version of part of that hymn:

Christ be with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right side,
Christ on my left side,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 9th Diana asked for prayers for a work colleague Kathi who had been diagnosed with cancer.

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

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Little Fishes Pre School

10.00am Stalham Infant School

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

House Group

7.30pm Study Group in the Stables

Thursday

Pop Up Café

There is no Pop up Café this week

Friday

Food Bank

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

**Strong People
Don't Put
People Down
They Lift
Them Up**
Michael P Watson



News Stand

Coffee and Chat have recently given £300 to E.A.C.H. (East Anglia's Children's Hospice) Nook Appeal.

E.A.C.H. has three hospices including one based at Quidenham, Norfolk. They offer a family-centred, needs-led approach to care, ensuring all of the needs of the children and young people they care for are met - whether psychological, physical, emotional, social or spiritual.

Care delivery can take place in a variety of settings including at home and in the hospice. Care and support is provided by qualified nurses, clinical nurse specialists, counsellors, care assistants, play specialists, music therapists, art therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, a family therapist, a psychologist, spiritual care advisors, chaplains, chefs and housekeeping staff, and a consultant nurse. For more information go to <https://www.each.org.uk/>

Deacons' Election, two Deacons will be retiring in April. 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. We currently have only one nomination.

Daffodil picking time is now upon us and pickers are urgently needed. Please speak to John Applegate.

On Saturday 6th April from 10 am-12 noon in the Stables there will be a Coffee Morning/Cake Stall for the Leprosy Mission.

Whatever donations received will be doubled up by the Government. Collecting boxes for the Mission to David Huxter, please. Your support would be really appreciated.

Help urgently needed to ensure the Easter Edition of Community Scene reaches all the homes in Stalham between 30th March and 12th April. Because of holidays 140 need to be delivered to Broad Beach Gardens. Maybe a team of 2 or 3 deliverers could share the load. Smaller regular routes (Easter, Harvest and Christmas) also need to be filled. Also prayer card deliverers are always welcome! "Please see me if you can ensure this vital outreach work continues on a regular basis." Monica 01692-580947

Fringe Festival stall on behalf of SBC on Sunday May 26th. Rosina and Doreen are running a stall during the Stalham Fringe event.

They require baskets, tins, pasta, packets of food, any unwanted presents, anything new etc. and cuddly toys. There is a box at the back of the church for items.

Please talk to Rosina or Doreen on 01692 581597/581749.

Abi StJohn

On Tuesday Abi StJohn updated on the Christian Union event at Lancaster University she helped organise. She said "We had nineteen people over the week say they made a commitment to God and "prayed the prayer", but it is difficult to know where they are at. So be praying that God will protect the seeds he has sown.

Three people attended a new Christian's course, two of whom are Chinese, and on the last night over 200 people attended, which was much more than we expected also lots of members of the CU have really encouraging testimonies of being able to pray with their friends, and they have all said God moved in much bigger ways than they were expecting.

So "Story" has really increased their faith and the CU feels more united about evangelism so that's awesome. Please pray for Jacob and Jai, two boys who are open to God and want to believe but are looking for an encounter before they believe.

Thank you for all your prayers they made a real difference. God's spirit was very powerful on the last two evenings and a lot of people were really moved by the testimonies. God was using us to shine his light."

Sunday March 24th Service

Flowers: Julia Maile

Welcome: Maureen B and Rita

Refreshments: Alan and Sheena

For Your Diary

Thursday 28th March

Lunch Club in the Stables

12.00 for 12.30pm

Saturday 30th March

Town Hall Table

9.00am to 12.00

Sunday 31st March

Summer Time Starts 2.00am

Mothering Sunday

Saturday 6th April

Leprosy Mission coffee morning

10.00am to 12.00 in the Stables

Friday 14th April

Beetle Drive

2.00 to 4.00pm in Schoolroom

This Week's Ron's Extra Read
Hebrews 4:12f Song of Songs 1:3

Quotes of the Week

"How would your life be different if You walked away from gossip and verbal defamation? Let today be the day You speak only the good you know of other people and encourage others to do the same."

Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free

"Popular culture is a place where pity is called compassion, flattery is called love, propaganda is called knowledge, tension is called peace, gossip is called news, and auto-tune is called singing."

Criss Jami, Killosophy

"A rumour is a social cancer: it is difficult to contain and it rots the brains of the masses. However, the real danger is that so many people find rumours enjoyable. That part causes the infection. And in such cases when a rumour is only partially made of truth, it is difficult to pinpoint exactly where the information may have gone wrong. It is passed on and on until some brave soul questions its validity; that brave soul refuses to bite the apple and let the apple eat him. Forced to start from scratch for the sake of purity and truth, that brave soul, figuratively speaking, fully amputates the information in order to protect his personal judgment. In other words, his ignorance is to be valued more than the lie believed to be true."

Criss Jami, Killosophy

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