

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 7th April 2019



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Barbara is leading and Ron is preaching from James 4: 11-17

“What does tomorrow hold?”

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 April please pray for the residents of **Wodehouse Close and Lyndford Road**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Gloria Turner**. The businesses to pray for this month are **Rainbow Café (opposite SBC) and the Post Office**. 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.

Dating back to 1567 before every session in both the Lords and the Commons, members stand, turn to face the wall behind them, and pray. Attendance is voluntary, but only Christian prayers are ever read out. This is the form of the Common's main prayer, as read aloud by the speaker's chaplain:

Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen.

Perhaps we can join them in this prayer and in a prayer from the Evangelical Alliance.

God of all peace, bring calm across our nation.

King of all Kings, guide our leaders. Give them courage, wisdom and compassion as they make decisions.

Father of all creation. Help your Church to show love and reconciliation to a divided community.

And as our media is filled daily with the horrors of knife crime can we pray.

Heavenly Father. We pray that you would protect our communities from further acts of violence, and fill our streets with peace. For those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, would you draw close to them and bring them comfort. Would those who feel fearful or vulnerable instead be filled with hope. We pray that these recent attacks would not lead to fear, uncertainty, or division. And may they not become a catalyst for further acts of hate. That those in power will find the resources to find distractions for those young people consumed by gang culture. Thank you for the men and women who risk their lives on behalf of others. Would you empower the police and emergency services to protect our communities from further acts of violence. And would you empower us, your church, to be peacemakers in our communities. We look forward to the day when weapons will be beaten into ploughshares, every tear will be wiped away, and death will be swallowed up forever. We pray for a foretaste of that day right now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Taken from <https://christchurchlondon.org/2019/03/prayer-for-our-city/>

Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 31st Doreen Hollebon asked for prayers for Terry as he was still in I.C. On the same day Fran asked for prayers for the family and friends of Liam who had died of a cardiac arrest aged 24. On Wednesday as Jan and Elspeth followed up the prayer cards they asked for prayers for John who has arthritis in his shoulders and is in pain and unable to lift his arms. Also for David whose daughter died in a car crash in October and is having difficulty in moving forward. They reported that Terry was improving and that he and his wife are so grateful for your prayers.

The Week at SBC

Monday

School Holidays Start

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30 Hickling Barns

Tony Highton is speaking

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

House Group

7.00pm Brumstead Road

Thursday

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Friday

Food Bank

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Beetle Drive

2.00 to 4.00pm In the School Room

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday

Sunday service 10.45am

Further Prayers

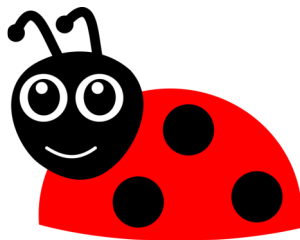
Remember our BMS missionary's Annet and Damien Miller working in Mozambique and Paul and Sarah Brown working in Thailand and the couple in Afghanistan.

Please pray that the Easter Edition of Community Scene, now being delivered round the town, will be well received.

Please pray for Stephen Keyworth (Baptist Together Team Leader for their Faith and Society Specialist Team) who collapsed at Baptist House on Monday and was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford for emergency surgery. Stephen remains critically ill in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. Please pray for Stephen and for Liz, their children Jonathan, Tim and Naomi, and his parents Bryan and Janet, as well as their wider family.

Beetle Drive

Come and join us for a few games of Beetle on Friday April 12th in the Schoolroom from 2.00 to 4.00pm. A rapid game of throwing the dice and building a Beetle the first finisher shouts "Beetle" and wins the round. Loads of fun and prizes to be won. Drinks and snacks available. For more information speak to Elaine Smith.



Easter at SBC

On Good Friday the 19th April there is a "Joint Service" at St Mary's Church at 2.00pm. Later in the evening 7.00pm there will be a "Reflective Service" at SBC.

On Easter Sunday 21st April don't miss the "Sunrise Service" at How Hill starting at 6.30am (next to the carpark) followed by a breakfast in the Stables. Book your breakfast by phoning 01692-582731.

The Easter Sunday "Celebration Service" is at 10.45am.

Easter Sunday: Last year we had positive comments about how lovely the cross outside looked with the flowers. We would like to do the same this year so if you would like to bring a flower[s] to stick inside the wire as you come to the service on Easter morning that would be great. Thank you.



Extraordinary Meeting and General Meeting

The Extraordinary Meeting will be on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm followed by the General Meeting at 7.45pm

News Stand

Deacons' Election, two Deacons will be retiring in April. We currently have three nominations. Elaine Smith, Josh Hollebon and Stewart Marsh the new treasurer, who is standing for re-election..

Sign up for the 1 mile May Marathon on the recreation ground on Monday May 6th 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Speak to Barbara Reynolds. You can book a stall by speaking to David Child.

The daffodil picking has come to an end. A big thank you to all those involved in raising £256.85.

May 19th Bulletin. David is away from Monday to Friday of the preceding week. Is there anyone able to do the bulletin for that Sunday.

Spiritual Desert

Searching the internet for thoughts on judging people I stumbled across this story by Tara Brach.

"Imagine you are walking through the woods and you see a small dog. It looks cute and friendly. You approach and move to pet the dog. Suddenly it snarls and tries to bite you. The dog no longer seems cute and you feel fear and possibly anger. Then, as the wind blows, the leaves on the ground are carried away and you see the dog has one of its legs caught in a trap. Now, you feel compassion for the dog. You know it became aggressive because it is in pain and is suffering."

We are all creatures of our evolution and judgement of people and situations are part of a survival mechanism. But Jesus asks more of us than our base instincts. He asks us to look into others for their pain and suffering and bring them His healing faith.

He looked at me, saw my lack of love for myself, my pain, my suffering, my guilt, my wanderings in a spiritual desert, I was living in. He didn't judge me He offered me love, life eternal and freedom. He died for me on the cross at Easter.

Sunday April 14th Service

Flowers: Anne West
Welcome: Gloria and Jane
Refreshments: Elinor and Jill

For Your Diary

Good Friday 19th April

Joint Service at St Mary's
2.00pm

Reflective Service at SBC
7.00pm

Easter Sunday 21st April

Sun Rise Service at How Hill
6.30am

Followed by breakfast in the Stables

Thursday 25th April

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables
EGM and AGM

7.30pm in the Church

Friday 26th April

Alpha Course

2.00pm Old Yarmouth Road Stalham
Youth Pop Up Cafe

7.00 to 9.00pm in the Schoolroom

Saturday 27th April

MP Norman Lamb Surgery

9.30 to 12noon in the Stables to book an appointment call his office on
01692 403752.

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

God first / Jesus at Centre

Mathew 7:1-5, Exodus 32:1f

Quotes of the Week

"When you practice self love, then shall you stop judging others. You will love unconditionally"
Maria Koszler

"You bring people down so that you can rise up, so you obviously do not know how to soar.– You point the finger at others to hide your own deficiencies"

Based on Lamine Pearlheart, Aether

"To judge someone is to say that I have the right to define who they are, versus understanding that God has handed me the priceless privilege of discovering who they are."

Craig D. Lounsbrough

"The only way you're going to reach places you've never gone is if you trust God's direction to do things you've never done."

Germany Kent

"If you're reading this, I hope God opens incredible doors for your life this year. Greatness is upon you. You must believe it though."

Germany Kent

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