

Stalham Baptist Church

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Celebrating Palm Sunday

Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from John 12:1, 9-11 "You want my donkey?"

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

Prayer of Intercession For Palm Sunday

*We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross,
for you understand us and in love you have promised
not to push away any who come to you.*

*So we pray for people who feel pushed away:
pushed away from a living faith in Jesus by pressure from friends and family;
those who feel pushed away by other people in churches
if they do not share the same kinds of ideas, or ways, or clothes;
for people who are pushed out by those who want power,
whose main love to be noticed, to have control.*

*We pray for your church that all those who trust in Jesus
will be made able by your Spirit to follow his humility,
to see and imitate his servant life, to welcome and not to condemn.
Help your church to be like Jesus.*

*We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross,
for you know the warm glow of being praised and the loneliness of being
hated.*

*We ask, God of grace, that you will make us more like some of the crowd:
that we will follow Jesus and give him our praise in the way we live;
that we will turn away from wrong and evil and stand on the Master's side,
that we will be faithful in worshipping the one who has come in the Lord's
name through our singing, our worship, our prayers, our attention,
in giving our skills, time and means through the days of our lives;
and in the offering which we make now.*

*Bless, we pray, all that is given to your glory and the good of many.
Through Jesus who is the Saviour of all. Amen*

A prayer by Rev Grant Barclay read the entire prayer <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/03/prayer-of-intercession-palm-sunday.html>

Virtual Prayer Room

On Wednesday 10th prayers were said for Janet and Elspeth as they followed up the prayer cards.

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

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.

The Week at SBC

School Holidays Continue
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 Church

Good Friday

Food Bank

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Joint Service at St Mary's

2.00pm

Reflective Service at SBC

7.00pm

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Easter Sunday

Sun Rise Service at How Hill

6.30am

Followed by breakfast in the Stables

He Has Risen Service

10.45am

Jesus knew that the religious leaders were out to get him and yet instead of slinking into the city under the cover of darkness he rides triumphantly in a manner that is bound to reveal him as messiah.

Denn Guptill in Making A Messiah, Palm Sunday.

Great Run In The Rain

Three members of SBC braved the pouring rain to completed the Larking Gowen City Norwich half marathon last Sunday. Jerry

completed the 13.1 mile course in 2hrs 14 mins and says a big thankyou to all those who supported him and helped raise £450 for the Strength and Shine programme that he and Ellie Feekins deliver on behalf of SBC in local schools that help young people to grow their confidence and self-esteem. Josh Hollebon took 3 hrs 13 mins and raised over £200 for Compassion UK who work with young people in Africa. Compassion is a leading children's charity. They say "At our heart is a relentless passion to act on our compassion and empower every child left vulnerable by poverty. Our approach to fighting poverty is highly focused and personal. It's summed up in three simple words: Compassion for children. For 66 years, we've been giving children the opportunity to escape the

suffering and fear poverty brings. We're right with you in believing every child matters. Kids deserve to be safe, fed, educated and empowered." For more information go to <https://www.compassionuk.org/about-us/who-we-are/>

Luke Marsh ran the course in 2 hrs 22 mins.

Well done to our three brave athletes Jerry, Josh and Luke.

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.

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.

Just a reminder about the requirement for all group/activity leaders to provide reports before the meeting.

News Stand

Deacons' Election, We currently have three nominations. Elaine Smith, Josh Hollebon and Stewart Marsh the new treasurer, who is standing for re-election. Please pray as you consider the folk up for 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.

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?

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support over recent months especially for my two operations. Thank you for your kindness and encouragement it has been much appreciated.

Julia Maile.

Both Alan Jarman and Henry celebrate "0" Birthdays this month. Alan's on 15th and Henry's on 20th. Birthday greetings, and may the Lord bless your year.

Also to anyone else celebrating a special day this month.

If anyone is interested in a trip to Israel in March 2020 please speak to Jan and Henry.

The Leprosy Mission coffee morning raised £249. Big thank you to all those who helped and donated.

Easter Sunday Service

Flowers: Easter Flowers

Welcome: Lorraine and Pam

Refreshments: Eileen and David

For Your Diary

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.

Tuesday 30th April

Town Hall Table

9.00am to 12noon

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

John 9, Deuteronomy 6:4f,

Psalms 124:4, Romans 1:25,

Matthew 21:1-7

Quotes of the Week

Corrie ten Boom was once asked if it were difficult for her to remain humble.

Her reply was simple. "When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road, and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?"

She continued, "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honour."

Mark Schaeufele in A Messiah Who Serves.

For much of Jesus' ministry He urged people to be quiet about who He was. When He healed He told people not to say anything, when He confronted demons who recognized Him as the Son of God He told them to shut up. That's because it wasn't time for Him to declare Himself as the Messiah. On Palm Sunday the time had come.

Tom Fuller in The Significance Of Palm Sunday.

We will never know, this side of heaven, what terrible struggles took place in the spiritual world between Palm Sunday and Easter morning.

Rodney Buchanan in The Lion Is A Lamb: The Humility Of God.

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