

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 5th May 2019



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Ron is leading and is preaching from James 5:13f James: the last word, prayer and pastoral watchfulness

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

Please pray for the family and friends of Mark Bishop whose funeral is this week.

Please continue to pray for **Liz Austrin**, who is recovering from her operation in hospital.

Please pray for the residents of **Heron Gardens and Bramble wood**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Shirly Westgate**. The businesses to pray for this month are **Cawdrons Butchers and The Furniture House**.

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 **Jan and Eileen** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Thought For The Week From John White

I read weekly many inserts from various sources in the bulletin, all that feed the feeling of well-being.

Try this quote from Mahatma Gandhi; "You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow civilisation to pieces, turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle-worn planet. BUT you [Christians] treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature". Do YOU think he's right? Numbers 23 vs.19.

*If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us
Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

*If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us
Then this world would be transformed, Lord*

*If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us
Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

*If we shared just a portion of the blessings that
we have received from you
Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

*If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us
Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

*If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church
Then this world would be transformed, Lord.*

*Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world
Through your love and your power.*

John Birch http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_peace.htm

Virtual Prayer Room

On Tuesday 23rd Elspeth and Jan asked for prayers as they followed up the prayer cards that morning. On the same day Doreen asked "Please could you pray for Charlene who has an infection and is receiving antibiotics intravenously." Later that day Jan and Elspeth reported "Thank you for your prayers, we had chats with several people who were grateful and we left cards with them. No requests for prayer although most were struggling."

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
Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club
9.30am to Midday
In the Schoolroom. All Welcome
Brumstead Road House Group
7.00pm

Thursday

Lunch Club
12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables
Pop Up Café
3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom
Filling Station Prayers
7.30 in the Stables

Friday

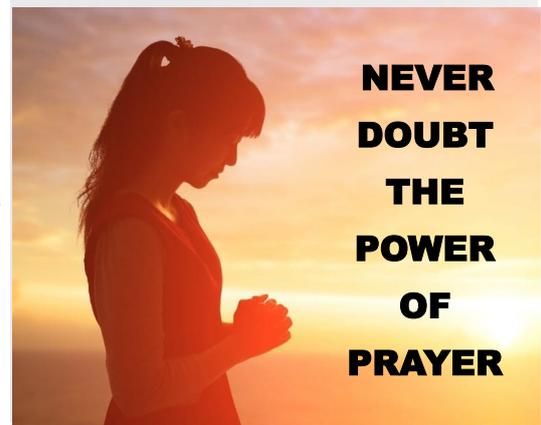
Food Bank and Citizens Advise Service
1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!
8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday Service

10.45am



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Holiday Club 2019

We had a really positive meeting on Monday with lots of brilliant ideas. This year's event will start on the 12th August.

Mayday fun afternoon

Fun at the recreation ground, Recreation Road, Stalham from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. We have a number of stalls some live music and refreshments. The Poppy centre (well worth a look) and the youth club will be open. The Fancy dress will start at 3.00pm and the mile walk/run at 3.30pm. Please give all collected sponsorship money to Stewart in an envelope labelled "Marathon sponsorship money" so that we can total the amount raised. You don't need to put your name on the envelope as sponsorship is for the whole team – and every £1 is helpful. If you don't see Stewart pop the envelope in the offering. To give us a few weeks to collect the donations the final total will be announced at the end of May. Well done to all taking part in the One Mile Marathon and thanks to all our sponsors including Trett Phillips who kindly sponsored the event with £100.

News Stand

May 19th Bulletin. Big thankyou to Maggie who will be doing the bulletin that week.

Big thank you to all those who have been helping with the Town Hall free table.

You can reach Josh Hollebon on 07515798479 and Doreen on 07850045677.

Reflections from the Norwich Winter Shelter Project

Maggie Harpur writes. Churches in the city worked in partnership with **Norwich City Council** to provide accommodation for rough sleepers from November through to the end of March. **Norwich Central Baptist Church (NCBC)** provided a venue for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. **Russell Street Community Centre**, run by **St Thomas' church** hosted guests on Friday and Saturday nights.

This is the first time a shelter like this has been provided in a co-ordinated way. It has been of great benefit to the 58 people who would otherwise have been sleeping on the streets. It has enabled some of them to engage with other services available and organisers believe that lives have been saved through the project. Crucial to the project was the army of 55 volunteers who took on various roles – from welcoming guests as they arrived, providing overnight supervision, and clearing up in the morning. **Gill Duffy**, from Norwich Central Baptist Church (NCBC) said, "I am so grateful to the volunteers who supported the shelter. An unexpected bonus was seeing friendships between the volunteers develop. For some it was the first time they had worked with this client group and it was wonderful seeing them grow in confidence and understanding about the issues homeless people face." **One of the most exciting elements of the project was the longer-term outcomes for rough sleepers. Of the 58 individuals who used the shelter over the winter months, 29 have since moved on to more settled accommodation.**

Several of the guests remarked on the warm and friendly atmosphere at the shelter. For many it was more than a bed for the night; it was a place to have a chat, receive some guidance and advice and some compassionate human contact that is often missing on the streets. Some guests accessed health care as a result of using the shelter and it served as a starting point for getting their lives back on track. Gill said, "We are fortunate in Norwich that there are excellent services for homeless people and it is really positive that the Winter Night Shelter was part of that. There were challenges at times and we are very tired! Once we have a moment to recover, we will review the project and reflect on how it could be changed and improved next year. It was definitely a worthwhile thing to do."

Sunday Service May 12th

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart

Welcome: David Eileen

Refreshments: Anne W and Maureen K

For Your Diary

Monday 13th May

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm at Hickling Barns

Saturday 18th May

Men's Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Church Walking Group

10.30am

Sunday 19th May

Rivermead House Group

7.00pm

Sunday 26th May

Stalham Fringe Festival

1.00 to 5.00pm

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

James 1:6, John 14:13, John 9,
Mark 2, John 5, Psalms 32 and 51
1Kings 17-18

Quotes of the Week

"Because salvation is by grace through faith, I believe that among the countless number of people standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands (see Revelation 7:9), I shall see the prostitute from the Kit-Kat Ranch in Carson City, Nevada, who tearfully told me that she could find no other employment to support her two-year-old son. I shall see the woman who had an abortion and is haunted by guilt and remorse but did the best she could faced with gruelling alternatives; the businessman besieged with debt who sold his integrity in a series of desperate transactions; the insecure clergyman addicted to being liked, who never challenged his people from the pulpit and longed for unconditional love; the sexually abused teen molested by his father and now selling his body on the street, who, as he falls asleep each night after his last 'trick', whispers the name of the unknown God he learned about in Sunday school. 'But how?' we ask. Then the voice says, 'They have washed their robes and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' There they are. There *we* are - the multitude who so wanted to be faithful, who at times got defeated, soiled by life, and bested by trials, wearing the bloodied garments of life's tribulations, but through it all clung to faith. My friends, if this is not good news to you, you have never understood the gospel of grace."

Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up, and Burnt Out

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