

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday May 28th 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Ron will be leading and will be preaching Acts 1:4-11 "Going up"

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday.

Please take a "Welcome" booklet and also would you kindly sign our visitor's 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.

Sydney House Service today at 3.30pm All very welcome.

Monday	29th	Church Open for Prayer	10.00am-12noon	Church
Tuesday	30th	Coffee and chat Town Hall Stall	9.30am -11.30am 9.00-12noon	Stables Town Hall
Wednesday	31st	Over 60's Table Tennis House Group Study Group	9.30am - 12noon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road Stables
Friday	2nd	Prayer for Revival	7.00pm	Church
Saturday	3rd	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	4th	Church Service	10.45am	Church

For your Prayers:

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 **Cynthia and Jerry** at the back of the Church. Please pray during June for the residents of **Old Yarmouth Road and Ingham Road**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Alex and Elspeth Pelling**. Remembering the Election on June 8th pray that God will guide those standing to serve the people of Britain that they will speak and act with honesty and wisdom.

Pray for those in Manchester who have been impacted by the tragic events of Monday night.

Stalham Baptist Church. *Our God is such a big God lavishing his love upon us in so many ways. We have seen his faithfulness to us throughout many years and pray that he would keep our hearts soft and open to him.*

We thank God for the appointment of our new pastoral assistant and his arrival in May along with Simone and Elsa, and pray that they will be able to continue to integrate into the church and community and bring new ideas, making new contacts with younger families in our area.

We thank God for the relatively new Popup Cafe and the young mums that it is reaching and pray that God would draw other families to join in with this and other activities especially from the new housing estate in Stalham.

We look forward to the refurbishment of our schoolroom and ante rooms at SBC and after plans have been shown to the church that God would show us the way forward.

We pray that Jesus would be seen at the centre of all that we do by the people of Stalham and the surrounding communities.

Dates for your Diary

June Tuesday 6th Hustings starting at 7.00pm

July Saturday 15th 60s Evening Fund Raising for Macmillan Nurses and Building Fund

Hustings Update: Due to the tragic events in Manchester Wednesdays Hustings were postponed.

We are now holding the Hustings on the Tuesday 6th June at Stalham Baptist Church starting at 7pm on the stage will be James Wild Conservative, Stephen Burke Labour and Norman Lamb Liberal Democrats. UKIP and the Green Party are not fielding candidates.

As at the 2015 Hustings we will have a Question Time Style debate with tea and coffee around 9.15pm when there will be an informal opportunity to speak to the candidates.

Pat Testing: If you use an electrical device of your own in the Church please bring it along on the 31st May so it can be tested. Speak to David Meale 01692-536443 for more details

Like Golf: Stalham Baptist Golf Open. Monday 29th May. Further details from Josh Hollebon or Lorraine Stewart 07919551645.

House Group Change: Potter Heigham House Group will be cancelled on the 6th June due to the Hustings meeting. Next meeting is the 20th June, and we will be studying Chapter 2.

Big Thank You: Thanks to all the people who helped with the Mundesley Choir event it raised £380.28.

General Election: Christian aid has produced a guide to the election on 8th June which highlights areas of Christian concern and how you can engage in the election process. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/uk-elections-2017>
You can also find further thoughts on the CARE website (Christian Action Research and Education) on engaGE17.org.uk.

Christianity Explored: Because of the Hustings on the 6th June. The next course that will be exploring the Gospel of Mark at Three Windows Brumstead Road will now start on Tuesday 13th June at 7.00pm and will run for seven weeks.

Open Doors: In the Syrian city of Homs, Open Doors were able to provide financial support to open a furniture factory. Over 30 people, men and women, are now able to have a paid job in the factory, providing an income for a similar number of families. As people have a job and an income, this will motivate them to stay in the city. Milad is one of those who have found work in the factory. He was studying the hotel business and working in this sector when the war broke out, but lost his job due to the fighting. He found another job, but was then injured in a car bomb.

He says, "The doctors had to amputate my left leg; my brother lost a leg too. We were severely burned and had to stay in hospital for three months." He was unemployed for 18 months before the furniture factory opened. "I am working as an accountant in that factory; my brother found work there too. We are currently manufacturing beds and clothes. I thank Open Doors for giving me the chance to work again in this project of the church, because I can't work in any other place because of my health situation. "Despite all that happened to us, my hope in God remained big. God won't give up on us. I learned this from the incident that happened to us. **Jesus said: 'don't be afraid, I am with you till the end of the world.'** I kept on going to the church and now pray more than before. "I would love to stay in my country and I have big hopes for tomorrow that our country will be better than before." **Milad asks for our continuing prayers. "I ask people to pray for me and for my family, for an end to this hard phase. Please pray for my missing brother (one of his brothers has been missing since 2012) and for all the missing people and kidnapped persons to get back to their families. Pray that God will heal the wounded."** www.opendoorsuk.org/

JOHN WHITES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I seem to spend a lot of money on bird food. They however seem to have something more nutritious in the ground though I cannot see what! Bible words; Fragments, Crumbs, Morsel. A friend of mine at the end of his life gave me a folder with much of his life's ministry entitled 'Gather up the fragments' [John 6 vs.12]. See Matthew 15 vs.27-28 what faith drawn out by Jesus.

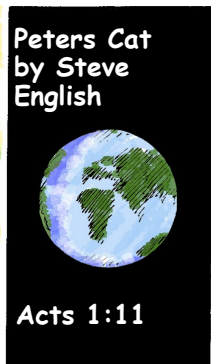
Quotes of the Week

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation. *James Freeman Clarke*

"In a society governed passively by free markets and free elections, organized greed always defeats disorganized democracy." *Matt Taibbi*

Sir Robert Walpole is the only Prime Minister who didn't blame the previous government for his troubles. *Anonymous*

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Next Week's Service Sunday 4th June

Flowers: Magda Nicholls Welcome: Alan and Sheena Refreshments: Robert and Christine

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