

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday June 25th 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Diana is leading and Ron will be preaching 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, 3:9, 16 "Still knowing God"

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 3.30pm All very welcome.

Monday	26th	Church Open for Prayer Marvellous Monday	10.00am-12noon 3.00 - 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	27th	Coffee and chat Christianity Explored	9.30am -11.30am 7.30pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	28th	Over 60's Table Tennis House Group Study Group	9.30am - 12noon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road Stables
Thursday	29th	Lunch Club Pop up Café	12.15pm 2.30pm - 4.30p	Stables Schoolroom
Saturday	1st	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	2nd	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 **Daphne and Barbara** at the back of the Church.

During July please pray for the residents of **Rivermead and Kingfisher Close**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Jane and Ron Skivington**.

Please pray for **Emma and Simon** celebrating 10 years at **Stalham St Mary's**.

In times where division is rife Father bring your pure love to the hearts of those who are racked by hatred. Like Saul walk them along the road to Damascus till the light is so powerful they can see nothing but love for those they despise and wish to destroy.

Only Your pure love will change this world let all those who walk on your road in your footsteps radiate that love as beacons that lights the darkness of hate, fear and bigotry.

Wymondham Baptist Church. *We feel that we are in a period of change and are praying that we will hear accurately what God is saying to us. Our long-running toddler group, Little Acorns, is losing two members of its team, and so far nobody has come forward to take their place. We are trying to discern whether God is saying that He now wants to work through other channels in the church and so we should let it close. Paul, our pastor, is hoping to return to studying in the autumn to complete his degree and ministerial training. This means that the church members will need to take on more responsibilities; this is challenging but good for building up Christ's body. Involvement in town events continues and we are finding more opportunities to answer questions on our faith from those outside the church. We are excited at what God is doing and will do. Please pray for us to go forward in obedience and faith.*

Dates for your Diary

- July Monday 3rd Deacons meeting Stables 7.30pm
- July Saturday 15th 60s Evening Fund Raising for Macmillan Nurses and Building Fund
- July Thursday 20th Church Meeting
- July Town Hall Table 9am - 12 noon please contact Ron if you can help.
- July Saturday 29th BBQ with Pat and Alan proceeds to the Building Fund

Sermon Notes:

60s Evening Saturday July 15th: The Sixties evening will raise money for the Macmillan Nurses and the building fund. Roger from Century Printing will be playing the music and you can bring your favourite vinyl singles to play. We are expecting to have some comedy sketches and some live music from our musicians. A sixties style buffet will also be available.

Weekly Bulletin: We could do with more news for our weekly bulletin. Your prayers, your thoughts, your messages. The bulletin is here to reflect the wider churches thoughts. Please send information to publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk or just give it to David on a Sunday or phone him on 07799262645.

IRAQ: CHRISTINE RELEASED FROM ISLAMIC STATE AFTER THREE YEARS! 09 June 2017

Almost three years after being snatched from her mother by so-called Islamic State (IS) militants, Christine, who was 3 when she was abducted, has been reunited with her family! Open Doors contacts are saying she was released by the Iraqi Special Forces. She was reunited with her parents at around 10am today (9 June). A Christian woman who is also living in Ashti camp in Erbil, where Christine's family have been living, says, "I just came back from welcoming her back to the caravan of her parents. It is was a very happy moment, everybody is dancing and clapping and singing." When asked about the little girl, she says, "Although everybody was very happy of course, it was also sad to see that Christine herself is in shock about all the people around her. Everybody is asking questions and speaking to her, but she does not say anything back really. She also seems to be overwhelmed by the huge crowd of people welcoming her. "She looks okay, and looks quite healthy. I believe she must have been in the house of a family who took good care. She even was wearing gold rings in her ear, so it must have been a wealthy family."



Christine was taken from her family as they were **forced out of their home in Qaraqosh** by IS. Open Doors partners have been **supporting her family** with food and hygiene kits, thanks to your support. Christine will turn 6 on 18 July. <http://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

JOHN WHITES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

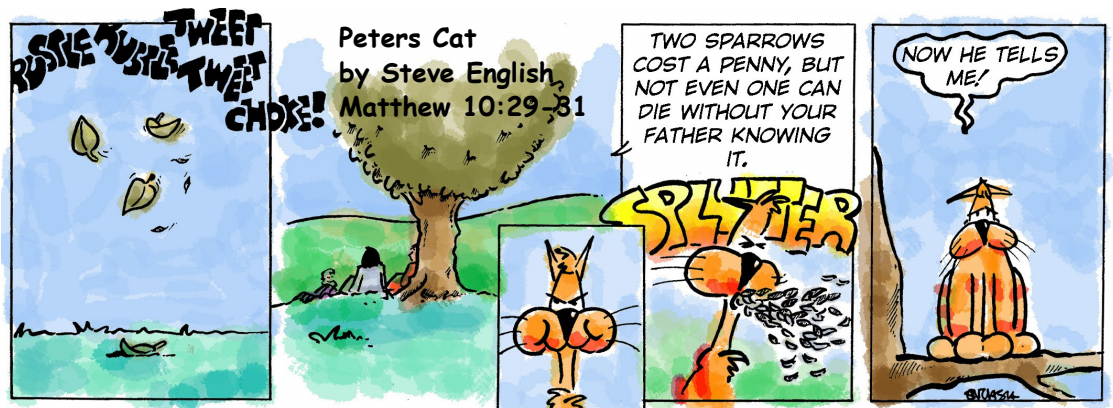
Jeremiah 5 vs.1 + Genesis 18 vs. 32.....How different is Revelation 21 vs.27.

Quotes of the Week

"Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we have learned here. The spiritual journey is the relinquishment - or unlearning - of fear and the acceptance of love back into our hearts. Love is our ultimate reality and our purpose on earth. To be consciously aware of it, to experience love in ourselves and others, is the meaning of life." *Marianne Williamson born 1952 She has published eleven books, including four New York Times number one bestsellers.*

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."
Martin Luther King Jr

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Next Week's Service Sunday 2nd July

Flowers: Jan Slade Welcome: Alex and Elspeth Refreshments: Ben and Barbara M