

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday July 16th 2017



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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Ron is leading and will be preaching Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16, 25-32 "Keep the unity"

We will also celebrate the Lords Supper this morning.

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.

Monday	17th	Church Open for Prayer	10.00am-12noon	Church
Tuesday	18th	Coffee and chat Christianity Explored	9.30am -11.30am 7.30pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	19th	Over 60's Table Tennis Prayers for Persecuted Church	9.30am - 12noon 10.30am-11-30am	Schoolroom 6 St. John's Gardens
Thursday	20th	Pop up Café Church Meeting Prayers from 7.00pm	2.30pm - 4.30pm 7.30pm	Schoolroom Church
Saturday	22nd	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	23rd	Church Service Sydney House Service All welcome	10.45am 3.30pm	Church Sydney House Brumstead Road

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 **Eileen and Janet** 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 **Geraldine and Terry Smith**.

Please pray for those in the Fellowship or known to the Fellowship who are unwell - in hospital, care homes or at home. Pray also for their families and carers.

Pray especially for **Richard and Jean Lewis** as they prepare to begin retirement life.

Northern Sector Gathering Baptists. *Please take the opportunity throughout this week to lift before God the spiritual and practical preparations for next Saturday's gathering of Northern Sector Baptist Churches in Norwich. As we fellowship with the Lord and one another may we hear His voice and receive His blessing.*

Dates for your Diary

- July **Saturday 22nd** EBA Association gathering at Norwich Central.
- “ **Wednesday 26th 12.30pm** Thanks Giving Service for Rhoda Norton followed by refreshments in the Stables.
- “ **Wednesday 26th** Community Defibrillator Seminar SBC 7.00pm
- “ **Saturday 29th** Town Hall Table 9am - 12 noon please contact Ron if you can help.
- “ **Saturday 29th** BBQ with Pat and Alan proceeds to the Building Fund.

Lost Property: Please check if any of the items in the lost property box in the vestry belong to you. Unclaimed items will be given to charity after 30th July.

Summer BBQ: Tickets available for the barbeque on the 29th July from Pat Dabbs. Adults £8 children 5-16 £4 under 5s free. Limited availability. Full details of venue and time on the ticket.

Sermon notes readings for homework.

Acts 2:42-46

John 13:34 "Love one another..."

1 John 2:3 "By this we love Him, we keep His commands.."

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for the building up of others..."

Food Bank: This June SBC contributed 37.45KG of food which helped towards a total of 2839.01KG.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

During July the Food Bank would be very pleased to receive any of the following items:

Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Instant Snacks – just add hot water varieties, Crisps, Long Life Milk – Semi skimmed or Full fat, Squash, Fruit Juice, Tinned Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Chocolate, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo, Baby Nappies and Baby Wipes.

You can leave your donations in the box at the back of the Church.

Community Defibrillator Seminar: The defibrillator at the front of the Church is now live. The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The sessions will be held at Stalham Baptist Church 7.00pm on 26th July and Stalham Town Hall 2pm on 28th July.

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

Sunday School Helpers: The Sunday School could do with a few more people to help out occasionally. If you would like to be part of the successful Sunday School Team have a chat with Barbara Reynolds or give her a call on 01692 672120.

Stalham Vintage and Collectables Street Market: SBC will be having a stall on the 20th August for the Street Fair organised by the Stalham Business Forum. Fran Lenehan has offered to run a stall to raise money for the building fund. If you have anything vintage or collectable that could be donated please leave it at the back of the church at the collection point that will be available from next week, or have a chat with Fran about any items you have.

Lunch Club Help Please: The Lunch club is in need of voluntary drivers to transport people too and from the fortnightly lunch club held in the Stables. A few extra hands to help with on a Thursday would also be appreciated. If you can help talk to Geoff Reynolds or give him a call on 01692-672120.

Flowering Baskets: There have been some lovely comments, about the beautiful flowering baskets outside the Church. Thanks to all those who have worked hard to create them and maintain them.

Thought For The Week

Considering the influence of your mind on your life, it's no surprise Paul emphasises that in order for our lives to be changed by Christ our thoughts must first be changed by Him: *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will* (Romans 12:2). How are we to be transformed? By renewing (changing, refocusing) our minds so that they reflect the mind of Christ.

Therefore, it's imperative that you *set your minds on things above, not on earthly things* (Colossians 3:2). And when you focus your mind on God, it's only a matter of time before your actions, your passions, your attitudes—your whole life—become focused on God.

Quote of the Week

"We are addicted to our thoughts. We cannot change anything if we cannot change our thinking."
Santosh Kalwar, Quote Me Everyday. Born September 1982 (age 34), Chitwan District, Nepal

"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you."
Elbert Hubbard 1856-1915 was an American writer, publisher, artist, and philosopher.

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Deadline for the Bulletin is Wednesday 7:00pm. Or call David Child 07799262645.

Next Week's Service Sunday 23rd July

Flowers: Julia Maile Welcome: Maureen B and Annette Refreshments: Robert and Christine