



# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin

### Sunday September 24th 2017



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington

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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**A special welcome to all for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.**

**Ron is leading and preaching on Psalm 104, "Harvest"**

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. Please take a "Welcome" booklet, 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 Harvest Festival 3.30pm All welcome.**

Monday	25th	Church Open for Prayer Monday Club	10.00am –12noon 3.00pm - 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	26th	Coffee and chat	9.30am -11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	27th	Over 60's Table Tennis Study Group	9.30am –12noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Thursday	28th	Michael Sandle's Funeral Pop up Café	1.00pm 3.00 - 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Saturday	30th	Prayer Time	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	1st	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. Please pray for the residents of **Millside, Lawns Loke and Railway Mews**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Catherine Williams**.

**Colin Eville** died Tuesday night please pray for his family and friends. His funeral will be on Thursday 5th October 1.30 pm at Chesterfield Crematorium. Please pray for the family and friends of **Michael Sandle**, whose funeral is on Thursday.

**Park Baptist Church Great Yarmouth.** Park continues their work with CAP and has a number of clients who are now living within their budget. Prayers for clients, befrienders and the centre manager are ongoing.

The ministry to the Portuguese speaking community has expanded as the numbers continue to grow. Prayers for new leaders to be identified, for the minister and those involved in children's work as the number of children has risen to 50+. We are planning a number of joint English/Portuguese events over the next 6 months to bring congregations together socially which will be encouraging. Last month we had a visit from Chris Duffet who led us in street evangelism. Please pray that the experiences we gained will help us start new ways of reaching the community. Pray that a new treasurer will be identified as the current acting treasurer's time comes to an end in December.

**Pray for those within the church family who are struggling to live on benefits. The Universal Credit system piloted in Great Yarmouth has brought sanctions which cause people to have no money for several weeks, the church takes great care in awarding any finances from the benevolent fund.**

#### Dates for your Diary

<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>Free table at Town Hall 9.00am-12 noon. See Ron if you can help.</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Deacons meeting 7.30pm in the Stables.</b>
<b>"</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>6.30pm Joint churches Service with Beth Powney our new regional minister at Park Baptist Great Yarmouth. All welcome</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards 7.00pm at SBC</b>

#### **ONE MILLION VOICES OF HOPE PETITION FOR SYRIA AND IRAQ.**

Thank you to everyone who has already signed this petition. If you haven't already done so, please sign and ask others to sign it too.

The petition will be presented to the United Nations on 11th December and the UK government by 4th December.

Forms are at the back of the church, thank you.

### Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards.

We have only 100 tickets available for an evening of song and conversation on December 2nd at SBC starting at 7.00pm by the successful singer song writing duo Noel and Tricia Richards. **Entrance is by pre-ordered free tickets only.** Donations will be taken on the night and Interval refreshments will be available. See Diana Gordon for tickets and more information.

### Coffee and Chat.

Have recently donated £300 to the Sydney House Amenities Fund.

### Recycling Reminder.

Each week, when the Church waste is ready for collection, I find a number of items e.g. plastic containers, milk containers, glass jars, waste paper, which need not go to landfill.

It would be helpful if all recyclable items could be taken home and put in your own household green bins, if this is not convenient, put them in the box in the play store marked for this purpose. Thankyou Monica.

### Universal Credit and Food Banks.

Our prayer taken from the EBA Prayer Rota highlights problems being experienced by Park Baptist Church in Great Yarmouth they say ***“Pray for those within the church family who are struggling to live on benefits. The Universal Credit system piloted in Great Yarmouth has brought sanctions which cause people to have no money for several weeks.”***

Universal Credit is due to be rolled out in North Norfolk in June 2018 effecting Stalham and the surrounding areas.

Problems are experienced by claimants as currently there is a 6 week plus delay from application to receiving the benefit and applications can only be made on line a disadvantage to many people who lack access to the internet.

The Trussel Trust who support the Cromer Food Bank that SBC works in partnership with tell us in their recent report ***“Universal Credit and Food Banks”*** that foodbanks in areas of full Universal Credit rollout to single people, couples and families, have seen a 16.85% rise in requests for help and the effect of a six-plus week waiting period for a first Universal Credit payment can be serious, leading to foodbank referrals, debt, mental health issues, rent arrears and eviction. These effects can last even after people receive their Universal Credit payments, as bills and debts pile up.

Perhaps we as a Church can be forward planning to help those people locally that will need support in June next year.

### Fund Raising.

John Applegate has sent £500 to Macmillan Cancer Support and last Saturday's breakfast raised £25.80 for the Mission Fund.

**Harvest Supper and Auction** Monday 25th starts at 7.00pm in the Stables see Jane or Edna to book, £5 per ticket.

Last year's supper and auction raised £466 which went to support Syria's Forgotten Families camped in Lebanon.

This year we are raising money for the ***“BMS Wonderfully Made”*** project.

### Thought For The Week “Harvest”

If the labourers are few Luke 10:2 how do we attract more and when do we have enough? Galatians 6:9.

Whose job is it to create the good soil for the harvest? Matthew 13.23.

### Quotes of the Week

“Before the fruits of prosperity can come, the storms of life need to first bring the required rains of testing, which mixes with the seeds of wisdom to produce a mature harvest.” *Lincoln Patz*

“Always do your best. Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn.” *Robert Louise Stevenson*



### Old v The New SBC Football

In the lashing rain last Saturday the Old SBC side beat the New by 6 goals to 3. The team plays in the Norfolk Christian League, whose motto is ***“Linking Church to Community through football”*** it has 41 teams in five divisions including youth teams. The SBC team plays its home matches at the High School speak to Josh Hollebon for fixtures.



**A reminder from the media team please turn off your mobile devices as problems are caused by interference with their equipment.**

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to [publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

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

**Next Week's Service Sunday 1st October**

**Flowers:** Jane Skivington **Welcome:** Maureen and Cyril **Refreshments:** Ben and Barbara