

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday November 19th 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Barbara Reynolds is leading Ron is preaching on Acts 6:8-7:1, 7:51-60 "What's the story?"

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper

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.

Prayer and Praise this Evening at 7.00pm

Monday	20th	Church Open for Prayer Monday Club	10.00am - 12noon 3.00pm - 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	21st	Coffee and chat	9.30am -11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	22nd	Over 60's Table Tennis Study Group All Welcome	9.30am - 12noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Thursday	23rd	Pop up Café	3.00 - 4.30pm	Schoolroom
Saturday	25th	Prayer Time	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	26th	Sunday Service Shoe Box Service	10.45am 3.00pm	Church St Marys Church Stalham

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 **The Green, Field Road and Moor Lane**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Margaret Bolton**.

Please pray for the **Persecuted Church**. In many countries, Christians are harassed, discriminated against, slandered, unjustly accused, summarily arrested and sometimes imprisoned, beaten, exiled or killed. Violence comes both from governments and religious extremists.

Please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital. May they know His peace in their lives.

North Elmham Baptist Church. Here at Victory Villages in North Elmham we give thanks to God for opportunities to work with the local Anglican Church on the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, and working together again to do a Nativity Treasure Hunt around the village with clues and facts about Jesus' birth. Please pray that people will seek to explore more the reason for Jesus' birth.

We will also be having our carol service on 10th December which is always a popular affair, but we pray this year it won't just be 'nice', but will explode with the power of the gospel!

Over the summer we did a picnic for a sheltered housing complex in the village where there is a lot of fear and suspicion. We were conscious there are a lot of things for able bodied people, but not so much for people stuck in their homes. As a result we were welcomed into two peoples homes and gardens and they want to do more things! It is a hard area but this was a major breakthrough! We are praying for a spiritual tidal wave to break through and long to see the love of Jesus flowing around and through the village!

Dates for your Diary

November	Sunday	26th	Sydney House Service 3.30pm All very welcome.
December	Saturday	2nd	Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards 7.00pm at SBC Tickets From Diana Gordon
"	Sunday	3rd	Stalham Yuletide Fayre 2.00pm - 7.00pm
"	Monday	18th	Swan Inn Carol Service All Welcome 7.00pm

AZAKHSTAN: BAPTIST PREACHER YKLAS KABDUAKASOV RELEASED REPORTS OPEN DOORS

A Baptist preacher from Kazakhstan, Yklas Kabduakasov (56), was released from prison on 2nd October 2017.

He was convicted in August 2015 of religious extremism and illegal distribution of religious materials, and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in a labour camp for 'inciting religious hatred'. Christians in Kazakhstan believe that Kabduakasov was targeted for his conversion from Islam to Christianity and for sharing the gospel with other Muslims. They believe that the secret police are using these intimidation tactics because they want to make Kabduakasov an example and send a message to all Kazakhs that they will face a similar fate if they convert to Christianity.



A FORMER BOXER AND FEARLESS EVANGELIST

After his conversion from Islam, the former boxer and security guard fearlessly shared the gospel with his family and friends. He was arrested on 14 August 2015, after secret police searched his home and confiscated Christian books. The church where he worshipped was also searched the same day. According to the investigation, Yklas held lectures for students of the Eurasian University from November 2014 to August 2015 in a rented apartment in Astana.

Yklas returns home to a wife and eight children, including a new baby who was born after his arrest. A number of churches, individual believers and different organisations, including Open Doors, supported his family during his imprisonment.

OPEN DOORS ASKS PLEASE PRAY:

- For healing for Yklas as he recovers from his time in the labour camp and adjusts to normal life
- For provision for Yklas and his family
- For courage and protection for believers in Kazakhstan, particularly those from Muslim backgrounds.

Lessingham Methodist Church. Norman Lamb is going to switch on the Christmas lights outside the Chapel, Chapel Lane, Lessingham, NR12 0TD on Sunday, 19th November at 5.30pm. There will be hot meat rolls and warm punch. Everyone is welcome. No charge but donations towards our Forget Me Not Club which aids people with dementia and their carers based at the chapel would be very welcome.

Leprosy Mission. Please see the letter of thanks from the Leprosy Mission on the board at the back of the church. The money from the collection boxes raised £97 and has been sent to L.M. Barbara Mixer would like to thank all those who have collected.

Murder Mystery. Ron would like to give a huge thank you to David Child and all the actors, film and sound crews and those who helped with the catering. £335 was raised for the building fund.

Men's Breakfast. Thanks to all the men that came and John Applegate for speaking at short notice. £15 has gone into the mission fund. If you do not have an men's breakfast bookmark with dates of them on it or need extra one they are at the back of the church.

Jill Mobs says "Thank you to all the fellowship for the lovely flowers, cards and prayers that I received during and after my spell in hospital. They were very much appreciated and helped speed my recovery."

Yuletide Fayre. SBC is supporting the Business Forums Yuletide Fayre Sunday 3rd December from 2pm we could do with some volunteers to help with teas and coffees in the church. Not necessarily for the whole afternoon just a couple of hours here and there would be very helpful. Some great cakes to sell would also be really useful. Money raised will go to the building fund. If you can help please talk to Ron Skivington.

Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards. There are a few tickets left for the evening on December 2nd at SBC starting at 7.00pm by 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.

Quote of the Week

"It was strictly forbidden to preach to other prisoners. It was understood that whoever was caught doing this received a severe beating. A number of us decided to pay the price for the privilege of preaching, so we accepted their [the communists'] terms. It was a deal; we preached and they beat us. We were happy preaching. They were happy beating us, so everyone was happy."

Richard Wurmland, born Bucharest 1909 died USA 2001, also known as Nicolai Ionescu, was a Romanian Christian minister of Jewish descent. In 1948, having become a Christian 10 years before, he dared to publicly say that Communism and Christianity were not compatible. Quote taken from his book Tortured for Christ.

Ron's Reading

Matthew 23:34-36, Acts 6:8-7:60. Compare and contrast, Jesus and Stephen.

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

Next Week's Service 26th November

Flowers: Janet Nicholson **Welcome:** Jill and Elinor **Refreshments:** Robert and Christine