

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday November 26th 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Simone is leading Jerry is preaching from Galatians 5 "Our Freedom in Christ"

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 Service 3.30pm Today All Welcome

Monday	27th	Church Open for Prayer Monday Club	10.00am - 12noon 3.00pm - 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	28th	Coffee and Chat Deacons Schoolroom Meeting	9.30am -11.30am 7.30pm	Stables Stables
Wednesday	29th	Over 60's Table Tennis House Group All Welcome	9.30am - 12noon 7.00pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road
Thursday	30th	Pop up Café	3.00 - 4.30pm	Schoolroom
Friday	1st	Prayer for Revival	7.00pm	Church
Saturday	2nd	Prayer Time Christmas Coffee Morning Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards	8.00am - 9.00am 9.30am-11.30am 7.00pm	Church (Side Door) Stables Church
Sunday	3rd	Sunday Service Yuletide Fayre (See below)	10.45am 2.00pm	Church Schoolroom and 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 **Janet and Elspeth** at the back of the Church. During December please pray for the residents of **Horse Barns, Wayford Road and Stepping Stone Lane**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Jackie Bones**.

Please pray that the community Scene Magazine now being delivered round the town will be well received.

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.

Norwich Bowthorpe Baptist Church. Please pray that seed sown at our 'Messy Harvest' and 'Light Party' events will bear fruit and that we will be able to reach out to many in the community over the Christmas period with the Good News of Jesus. Please also continue to pray for the monthly services held in the local Nursing Home and Care Village and for the social outreach group held weekly in the church.

Dates for your Diary

December	Monday	4th	Peacelight Guides Service 6.30pm at the Church.
"	Sunday	17th	Lessingham Methodist Church Christmas Light Switch on at 5.30pm
"	Monday	18th	Swan Inn Carol Service All Welcome 7.00pm

Yuletide Fayre. SBC is reaching out to the wider community by supporting the Business Forum's Yuletide Fayre on Sunday 3rd December. From 2pm there will be stalls in the Schoolroom and teas, coffee and cakes will be provided in the Church.

This will be a great chance to showcase SBC to many people who have never been inside the building.

Helpers are needed to provide the refreshments and provide some cakes etc. Currently there are over 40 stalls which will be located in the Town Hall, the old Barclays and Nat West Banks not forgetting the SBC Schoolroom. St Mary's is supporting the event with a Christmas Tree festival and musical events. At the moment we are really short on the ground for helpers so please speak to Ron if you can spare couple of hours next Sunday. **Proceeds from coffees and cakes to SBC Building Fund.**

Maggie Harpur Thought For The Week

Psalm 133 King James Version (KJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

²It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments

³As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

This precious oil was made of different components which could never be cohesive until they were blended together with the olive oil (Exodus 30). Today each one of us who are born again of the Spirit of God have characteristics and temperament which makes unity virtually impossible. However when the Holy Spirit pictured by the olive oil comes to dwell within us our differences should merge into a cohesive unity pleasing to our Father God.

May we seek cleansing and filling of the Holy Spirit daily and let Him have His way in our hearts so that unity will be maintained and our lives be honouring to God.

NB: Verse 3 says where unity is He will command a blessing.

Robert Wilson; we pictured Robert Wilson in our Remembrance Service bulletin. At the time there was no information available regarding Robert. Thanks to Pat Williamson and Liz Austrin we can confirm Robert was part of the 195th Machine Gun Corps. He died on 8th August 1917, aged 21, in the 3rd Battle of Ypres during the Battle of Pilkem Ridge. His body was never found and his name is recorded on the Menin Gate.

The horrors of the battle can be found on <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/blog/2014/07/31/on-this-day-31st-july-1917-the-battle-of-passchendaele-aka-third-battle-of-ypres-commenced>

Big Thank You; the Combined Shoebox Service operation Christmas Child at St Mary's Church last Sunday sent 117 boxes and over £100 in donations with the boxes to Operation Christmas Child which is part of the Samaritans Purse, which is an international development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Coffee and Chat donations amounting to £73 were collected for operation Christmas Child, to help with the transportation costs of the boxes.

Hedgehog Rescue, if you have any spare towels take them to St Mary's Church and they will send them to the rescue centre in Hemsby.

Don't Miss The Christmas Coffee Morning; 9.30 -11.30am Saturday December 2nd cakes Christmas stall money raised for building fund. For more details speak to Jane Skivington

TWAM Giving People in Africa the Freedom to Make a Living

TWAM. Their mission is to collect unwanted tools, refurbish them, sort them into trade kits and send them across the world for livelihood creation. They send around 20 containers filled with over 300 tonnes of tools every year.

Why They do it

They want to support local people supporting their own communities through livelihood creating projects. They believe there is dignity through work and the ability to provide for yourself and your family. They believe entire communities can be transformed through training and the provision of tool kits and equipment.

Our motivation

They believe that God's heart reaches out to the poor and that He calls us to follow His example.

"You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat." Isaiah 25:4 (NIV)

Their motivation is to be a refuge for the poor, a safe place to find support, hope and dignity through the provision of tools and equipment.

If you have tools sitting in your shed or sewing and knitting machines no longer used take them to A.G. Meales Wayford Nurseries, Stalham, Norwich NR12 9LJ. Your donations can make a difference.



Jerrys Extra Reading

On Our Freedom in Christ from the burden of Sin and the Law, read.

John 8:31-38 and Romans Chapter 6:8

On How we should use our freedom in Christ, read

Romans 14:13-23, 1 Corinthians 8, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and 10:23-33

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

Next Week's Service 3rd December

Flowers: Julia Maile Welcome: Gloria and Maggie Refreshments: Maureen K and Jane