

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday December 3rd 2017



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington

**Assistant Pastor:** Jerry Otieno

**Secretary:** Geoff Reynolds 01692 672120

**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Diana is leading and Ron is preaching from Psalm 95.**

**Ron's theme for the next few weeks is "Have we lost the wonder?"**

**This week's title. Worship with all your heart.**

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.

Monday	4th	Church Open for Prayer 1st School Practice Guiding Peacelight Service Monday Club	10.00am - 12noon 9.15am 6.30pm 3.00pm - 4.30pm	Church Church Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	5th	Coffee and Chat	9.30am -11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	6th	1st School Practice Over 60's Table Tennis The funeral of Peggy Debbage Study Group	9.15am 9.30am - 12noon 2.00pm 7.30pm	Church Schoolroom Church Stables
Thursday	7th	Lunch Club Pop up Café	12.15pm 3.00 - 4.30pm	Stables Schoolroom
Saturday	9th	Prayer Time	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	10th	Sunday Service Including the Lord's Supper 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 **Daphne and Barbara** at the back of the Church. Please pray for the residents of **Horse Barns, Wayford Road and Stepping Stone Lane**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Maureen Booth**.

**Please pray for Alec Debbage** and wider family. **Ray Stevenson and Frank Fairweather** have gone to be with the Lord this week. Please pray for **Dorothy Fairweather and Brenda Stevenson** and their families in this time of mourning.

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.

**Please pray for Ron as we enter the busy Christmas celebration and bless him as he supports those in the fellowship who have lost loved ones.**

**Norwich Central Baptist Church.** *We are delighted that for the current academic year we have an intern with us, having asked for prayer during our last submission. She is a young lady who will be working alongside ourselves and NYFC helping with our Youth and Children's Work. Please pray that as she is now in her second half-term that this year will be for her a great time of blessing and ministry and that her experience and faith will be deepened during this time.*

*During this Autumn term we have been having considerable disruption as the main floor in the church has been replaced. We anticipate that the work will be complete about now and we can get back in for our Christmas Services. We thank God for funds to pay for this work but also please pray for this Christmas season and that as our Newsletter and invitations go into neighbours letterboxes, people will be encouraged to come and join us for one of our services.*

### Dates for your Diary

December	Monday	11th	Deacons' Meeting Stables 7.30pm
"	Sunday	17th	Candlelight Carol Service 6.00pm
"	Monday	18th	Swan Inn Carol Service All Welcome 7.00pm

# Christmas at Stalham Baptist Church

**Candlelight Service Sunday 17th December**

**All welcome to sing traditional Carols 6.00pm**

**Christmas Carols in the Swan Inn High Street Stalham**

**Monday 18th December 7.00pm**

**Christmas Eve Family Fun Service 10.45 - 12 midday**

**Celebrate Christmas Day Morning 10 - 11am**

**New Years Eve Family Service 10.45am**



**Thank you to** John and Rebecca especially and the rest of the sound team for hours spent setting up the new system.

**“Happy 70th Birthday”** to Ruth Adams for 4th, have a lovely day.

**Candlelight choir;** if you would like to sing as part of the choir item in the Candlelight service please come to the rehearsal on Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the church. Music/words/backing tracks can be emailed to you prior to then if you wish. Barbara R. EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Mobile Phones;** the media team ask you to please turn off your mobile devices when entering the sanctuary as problems are caused by interference with their equipment.

## Food Bank

**Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat but for many there isn't a fat goose, in fact there is very little Christmas fayre at all.**

Many local people will be relying on the food bank to be found at Stalham Baptist Church Stables to get them through the festive period.

Food Bank donations are urgently needed.

So how can you make a special Christmas gift? You can leave your donation at the back of the church. It is not just food that is needed: washing up liquid, deodorant, shower gel, washing powder, tooth brushes and toothpaste are all very useful.

**A few bits can make such a difference to families, couples and single people particularly at this time of year.**

## Thought For The Week “Loving Yourself”

Sometimes incredibly difficult to do, loving others can often prove far easier. So we should look at 2 Corinthians 5:17 what is ours when we ask Jesus into our lives? Perhaps now we can look in the mirror and humbly say “I love you”. This is Christ's gift to us we need to accept it with grace, not continue to beat ourselves up. Forgetting and denying what the Blood of Christ has done for us, Hebrews 9:14. Read Corinthians 13 1:11 and every time it states “If I don't have love” that applies to loving yourself. Are we noisy bells, are we nothing, have we gained nothing?

Love your neighbour as yourself.

## Quotes of the Week

“When you are able to love yourself deeply, you can be kind to others.”

*Debasish Mridha*

“Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward. If you want to fly, you have to give up what weighs you down.”

*Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart*

“Once you are incapable of loving yourself, you will never be able to love anybody. That is an absolute truth; there are no exceptions to it. You can love others only if you are able to love yourself.”

*Osho, Intimacy: Trusting Oneself and the Other*

## Ron's Reading

**Matthew 22:37-39 and Psalm 17:7**

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 On 07799262645.

## Next Week's Service 10th December

**Flowers:** Lorraine Stuart **Welcome:** Lorraine and Pam **Refreshments:** Alan and Sheena

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