

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday December 10th 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from Psalm 119:1, 11-16, 47-8 and Isaiah 55:10-11.

"Have we lost the wonder of the word of God?"

Today we will be celebrating 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.

Sydney House Carol Service 3.30pm All Welcome

Monday	11th	Church Open for Prayer Monday Club Deacons Meeting	10.00am - 12noon 3.00pm - 4.30pm 7.30pm	Church Schoolroom Stables
Tuesday	12th	Stalham First School practice Coffee and Chat	9.30am 9.30am -11.30am	Church Stables
Wednesday	13th	Stalham First School performance Over 60's Table Tennis The funeral of Ray Stevenson House Group	9.30am 9.30am - 12noon 1.00pm 7.00pm	Church Schoolroom Church 50 Brumstead Road
Thursday	14th	All Saints School Christmas service	1.45pm	Church
Saturday	16th	Prayer Time	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	17th	Sunday Service Candlelight Service	10.45am 6.00pm	Church 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 **Jane and Cynthia** 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 **Annette Barks**. Prayers please for **Margaret and Chas Fisher** [Chas has been in hospital] for **Brenda Stevenson, Edna Woolsey and Dorothy Fairweather** all recently widowed and their families.

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 Witard Road Baptist Church**. Thank you all for praying for us. We can sense exciting times ahead of us for our fellowship and our region. We are in the end times and the Holy Spirit is tangible, doing new things and revealing himself to his people afresh. Please pray for us as we reach out into the community more and more through Messy Church, Little Steps, Open the Book (OtB), Disabled Christian Fellowship (DCF), Alpha, Foodbank, Table Tennis, The Link coffee shop and Scrapbooking and Cardmaking. Please pray for more helpers to come forward. We are also preparing for regular prayer walks in the surrounding area. DCF have organised an afternoon event with Christian Singer/Songwriter Marilyn Baker on 23rd November. Please pray that this event will touch lots of people's lives. Please pray for a mighty Harvest as we prepare to celebrate our Harvest Festival on 17th September with our annual donations for Foodbank. Please also pray for our Link to Hope shoebox appeal in November. This year our donations will go to families and the elderly in Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Moldova. Please pray that many people, much less fortunate than us, will be blessed.

Dates for your Diary

December Monday 18th Funeral for Bill Woolsey 1.00pm
" Tuesday 19th Stalham High School Service All Morning

"Happy 70th Birthday" to Janet Nicholson for December 12th, have a lovely day.

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



Volunteer Vacancies we do not have anyone to do refreshments after church on Sunday 17th December.

Please are there two people who can help out!

I will be preparing the Welcome and Refreshment rotas for January to April. A number of people have had to drop out of refreshments duties for various reasons so please would you let me know if you would be able to do one/or more. It would be really good if we have more people as this means that you would only have to teas etc once every four months. Thank you in advance. Maggie Harpur 01692 583121.

Homeless Food Hamper. Janet Nicholson is in the process of making a food hamper for the homeless youngsters from the hostel in Allen Meale Way. If you would like to contribute in anyway please speak to Janet Nicholson or phone 01692-581529

Big Thank you; to David Meale of A.G. Meales for providing the two beautiful Christmas trees inside and outside the Chapel and all their support through the year.

Prayer Rota. If you would like to be included in the Prayer Rota for next year which involves being in the church between 10am—12noon on Monday mornings. This normally works out as one turn every six weeks, please contact Janet Nicholson or phone 01692-581529.

Flower Rota Ladies. A big thankyou for all your brilliant “arrangements” during this year, they have been much appreciated. More volunteers are needed - it means providing flowers twice a year. For more information contact Magda Nicholls on 01692-580002.

The Noel and Tricia concert, made a profit of £117. 34 for the Building Fund big thank you to all involved particularly Diana Gordon and Greg Chapman.

Christmas Coffee Morning, raised a brilliant £87.70 big thanks to all those who sprung into action to make it a success.

Yuletide Christmas Market, another big thank you to all those involved in show casing SBC by setting up the Schoolroom for market stalls and supplying teas coffees and cakes in the Chapel which raised £90.25 for the building fund.

Ron's Reading

Amos 8:11

Quotes of the Week

“If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.”

John Piper, is an American Calvinist Baptist pastor born 1946 quote from “A Hunger For God.”

“It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are still alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger for them.”

George Eliot 1819 - 1890 Mary Anne Evans, known by her pen name George Eliot, was an English novelist, poet, journalist, translator and one of the leading writers of the Victorian era.

Thought for the week I don't do the 'Lord's Prayer'

It's so easy to rattle off the 'Lord's Prayer' (Matthew 6:9–13) isn't it? To stream through it with absolutely no thought as to what you are saying. Surely, Jesus could not have meant it to be a ritual form of words to be trotted out at every possible opportunity? Indeed. Jesus would not have meant it to be used in this way. He had been asked to teach the disciples to pray, as His prayers were a breadth of fresh air to them, used as they were to the Jewish ritualistic repetition of liturgy. And what has His teaching of prayer 'bullet points' become but a ritualistic repetition of liturgy...

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

Next Week's Service 17th December

Flowers: Christmas Flowers **Welcome:** Jenny and Robert **Refreshments:** TBC

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