

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin Sunday January 7th 2018



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington

**Assistant Pastor:** Jerry Otieno

**Secretary:** Geoff Reynolds 01692 672120

**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Ron will be leading and preaching Acts 2:41-47, 5:1-14 "Lets have some Respect"**

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	8th	Church Open for Prayer Monday After School Club Deacons Meeting	10.00am - 12noon 3.00pm - 4.30pm 7.30pm	Church Schoolroom Stables
Tuesday	9th	Coffee and Chat	9.30am -11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	10th	Over 60s Table Tennis Study Group	9.30am - 12 noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Thursday	11th	Pop up Café	3.00pm - 4.30pm	Schoolroom
Saturday	13th	Prayer Time Men's Breakfast	8.00am - 9.00am 8.30pm	Church (Side Door) Stables
Sunday	14th	Sunday 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 **Bank Street, Dace Terrace and Recreation Road.**

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Ian and Trudie Boughton.**

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.

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew - **God always offers us a new day and a new dawn**, no matter what has gone before.

At the start of the New Year why not take a moment in prayer to thank Him for last year.

Perhaps followed by a few pleases for SBC in the year to come. The last Baptism was Easter Sunday 2016, many Baptist Churches are having an upsurge in Baptisms; maybe ask that the number of young people and family's joining us continues, that our outreach activities continue to resonate with the community and that with His blessings and direction we can all bring more people to His salvation.

**Girton Baptist Church.** *A Baptist church has been at the heart of the village of Girton in north-west Cambridge since 1860. Today it continues to be flanked by new developments, offering more mission opportunities to the small but well equipped church.*

*Revd Nick Lowe has been the Pastor at Girton Baptist Church since September 2015 with the specific remit of developing outreach into these new estates. This is currently expressed in several ways, including monthly services at a local care home, a busy Messy Church, and a growing relationship with the local primary school which has been an answer to a long-held prayer. The village fete and Christmas fair have offered further chances to connect with the community, and the church rejoiced in October after a couple who had recently come to faith in Jesus were baptised with a large number of their family attending to hear their powerful testimonies.*

*The nature of ministry within a village means that the workers are few and the work can be discouraging, especially when response to the gospel is not great. **However several members meet on Fridays for intercessory prayer and would welcome the prayers of the EBA family in seeking renewal.***

*For Prayer*

*For all the various ministries that church members are involved in.*

*For people to help with the work.*

*For outreach opportunities the new estates.*

*For growth; Both spiritually and numerically.*



Girton Baptist Church Nativity

## Dates for your Diary

January	Wednesday	17th	Prayers for the Persecuted Church at 6 St. John's Gardens from 10.30 –11.30 am.
"	Sunday	21st	Church Meeting 12.30pm Prayer and Praise 7.00pm.
"	Saturday	27th	Norman Lamb Surgery Stables 10.00am - 11.45am contact 01692-403752 for appointment.
February	Wednesday	7th	House Group 50 Brumstead Road.

**Barbara Fangrad** says "thank you to the fellowship for all the prayers and encouragement these past months since my ear problem was diagnosed and operated on. It was lovely to be able to be back in church last week."

**Men's breakfast** Saturday 13th January at 8-30am in the stables. Please let Alan Jarman know by Thursday 11th January .

**Thanks to all those** who ordered from the Leprosy Mission Christmas catalogue £86.29 has been donated to our building fund.

**A really big thank you to Stuart McKay the manger of Tesco's Stalham** who arranged a donation of 7 boxes of food and Christmas goodies from Tesco's Stalham. Also to all in the Stalham Baptist Church fellowship who contributed 2 box to the Christmas Hamper for the homeless hostel for young people in Stalham.

The Empanda project is set up to enable young homeless people to live an independent life. Young people moving into the building are working towards independent living and committed to getting back into education, training, employment or volunteering when they're ready to do so.

The amazing 9 boxes were gratefully received by the support staff of Empanda and were shared with a similar project in Sheringham for homeless young women and also a young man who had just moved from the hostel into his own flat. A big thank you also to Janet Nicholson who organised the Christmas Hamper, Janet said "the great thing was that for young people who haven't had a great start in life the hamper said clearly you aren't forgotten, people do care."

**Please speak to Lorraine Stuart** if you would like to help to paint the walls in the Stables. Lorraine plans to paint on the morning of Friday the 12th and after the men's breakfast on Saturday the 13th of January. Any offers of help would be very much appreciated contact her on 07919551645.

**Join us for coffee, cakes, lovely lunch**, tea then more cakes at Neatishead Baptist Church Saturday 13th January 10.30am- 3.30pm Pat Atkinson will share her fascinating story of how she started work with the 'untouchables' in Southern India. Now the Vidyal Trust also helps lepers, sick children and more. Contact Christine Moore 01692631540 or [chris@worldwidewolfie.co.uk](mailto:chris@worldwidewolfie.co.uk) for a place. **It's all FREE!** There's plenty of food and opportunity for fellowship, but you can drift in at 11am or so if easier and leave after lunch if you don't want to hear her answer questions



## Ron's Reading

**Acts 4:23-37 Consider the threats against us, give us boldness God, do miracles in the name of Jesus.**

### Thought for the week

#### The Sunday Lie

"How are you?" "Oh, I'm fine"

Heard it; especially on a Sunday morning? Done it? Yes very probably!

But if you really mean "good morning", "Hi" or "hello" (depending on your generation), then say so. Don't ask "How are you?" Unless you are prepared to hear the truth. Unless you can take the burden of someone replying "I'm falling apart", and loving them, seek to bring God's love to them. Galatians 6:2 and Philippians 2:4.

### Quotes of the Week on Help

"The next time you want to withhold your help, or your love, or your support for another, for whatever the reason, ask yourself a simple question: do the reasons you want to withhold it reflect more on them or on you? And which reasons do you want defining you forevermore?"

*Dan Pearce, Single Dad Laughing*

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

*Mother Teresa*

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 14th January

**Flowers:** Monica Payne **Welcome:** Cynthia and Jane **Refreshments:** Jill and Elinor