

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday January 21st 2018



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

Assistant Pastor: Jerry Otieno

Secretary: Geoff Reynolds 01692 672120

Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Pat will be leading and Ron is preaching from Psalm 127 "Unless the Lord builds..."

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.

Church Meeting 12.30pm in the Church and Pray and Praise at 7.00pm

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** in the prayer tent 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 **Elinor Burdett.**

Please pray for family of **Heather Nicholls** whose funeral is at St Faith's on Friday.

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.

Virtual Prayer Room

During this week we have prayed for **Naomi, Flo and the populations of Reunion and Mauritius** as Cyclone Berguita bore down on the islands.

Jenny Payne said "Thank you all for your prayers to date. Through the last week I have felt a real peace and feeling of love from God and the whole fellowship."

She has received a letter from Addenbrookes with a appointment on the 23rd February, Jenny says "That seems a long way off for my impatient mind, so if you could pray for more patience."

Barbara asked for prayers for **Geoff Reynolds** as he needed root canal treatment, Jenny replied "Ouch! Will do."

Jerry asked that people continued to pray for **John White's** daughter's friend Alan whose 20 year old daughter's funeral was on Tuesday 16th.

Prayers have also been said for **David Neill** who has been unwell this week and had to cancel the Prayers for the Persecuted Church meeting on Wednesday but David and Eileen asked if people could remember in their prayers, Pastor Jamel as he gives thanks to God for the miracles taking place in the lives of Syrian refugees.

Jerry's concept of The Virtual Prayer Room is a great success. It allows an instant response to requests for help and is a great support for those in need, to know that people are immediately offering prayers to assist them. To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.

Jerry can also text or email prayer request to you. He produces an Monthly Prayer Bulletin which can also be emailed to you.



Prayer for the Persecuted Church

David and Eileen have an Open Doors DVD if any one would like to borrow it. Or go to the Open Doors website <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

What's On This Week

Monday

Church Open For Prayer

10am– 12noon

Monday Club

3.00pm–4.30pm

In the Schoolroom

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30am–11.30am

In the Stables

Study Group

7.30pm

30, St. Nicholas Way,
Potter Heigham.

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am–12noon

In the Schoolroom

Study Group

7.30pm

In the Stables

Thursday

Lunch Club

12.15pm

In the Stables

Pop Up Café

3.00pm–4.30pm

In the Schoolroom

Saturday

Prayer Time

8.00am–9.00am

In the Church

(please use the side door)

Norman Lamb Surgery

10.00am - 11.45am

In the Stables

contact 01692-403752

for an appointment.

Sunday

Church Service

10.45am

Geoff Reynolds is producing next weeks bulletin information will reach him using the email publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk or contact him on 01692 672120

Messages from Naomi and Flo As Cyclone Berguita Closes In

16th January Dear Church Family,

As some of you may have heard, there is a hurricane coming our way over the next few days.

We are on pre alert, which means that everyone is stocking up on water, batteries, (for the radio), cooking gas, candles & canned food. I've been told that if water pipes are damaged during the storm, it could take 10-14 days to having running water in the house again, and electricity cuts could last a few days.

Once we are notified by the local council that we are in the second stage of the hurricane, we will have three hours in which to head home from work and stay put.

There is a lot of fear among the locals, people are very concerned as it's predicted to be a particularly intense one, and the eye of the storm will be very close, if not directly over Reunion.

Please do pray for safety, protection and minimum damage. We think also of Mauritius Island which is also experiencing the hurricane as it's not far from Reunion.

I'll send you all an email once the hurricane is over, but we feel blessed knowing that we can find protection under HIS wings. We were also warned about this storm coming by a local pastor who prophesied it's arrival, emphasizing that we need not be afraid. God is good!

Blessings Naomi and Flo

17th January Hello!

Just a quick message to say that we've been notified that the hurricane has lessened in strength and it shall hopefully be a category 1 rather than a 3/4 as previously thought!

It will be passing over Reunion tomorrow, we are on orange alert as of this morning, which means all schools are closed but economic activity still functions, and will most likely be on red alert tomorrow (where everyone must stay at home!)

Thanks for all your emails and thoughts!

Love Naomi & Flo

19th January The storm is over and the sun is out!

We don't know all the effects that the hurricane has had on Reunion Island, but we can safely say it was a lot less than what was predicted! For us, we only had a couple electricity and internet blow outs that didn't last very long, and there was a leak in the kitchen ceiling. **Tonight we are off to church to baptise 20 new believers, and this weekend we have our Bible school, second year, classes.** Thanks for all your support! Blessings,

Naomi and Flo (and Flo's mum, who is staying with us!!)

Naomi and Flo In Reunion

If you missed the article in the Community Scene about Naomi and Flo's work in Reunion, David Child has some copies left.

Ron's Read

Matthew 6:25-34 "Put God's Kingdom First"

Genesis 11 "The Tower of Babel"

For Your Diary

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Barbara Reynolds

Welcome: Elizabeth and Magda

Refreshments: Gloria and Chris

Sunday 28th January

Sydney House Service

3.30pm All welcome

Tuesday 30th January

Town Hall Stall

9.00am-12 noon

Volunteers needed have a chat with Ron if you can help

Saturday 14th April

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning, Light Lunch, Bring and Buy Cake Stall

In the Stables 10am - 2pm

Maggie Harpur Thought For The Week

Galatians 2 v 20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Much of the believer's barrier translating the promises of God into fact before the eyes of men is that wretched thing called self. But Paul remembered when his old King Self was dethroned and what is more, crossed out on the cross. He died daily!

Before we can be clean and ready for use for Him to control, self-seeking, self-glory self-interest, self-pity, self-righteousness, self-importance, self-promotion, self-satisfaction and whatsoever of self is left must die. Who a man is, is not important, what he knows does not matter but what he is to the inscrutable God is what matters.

Are we work in progress?

Leonard Ravenhill

Quote of The Week

"Normal is getting dressed in clothes that you buy for work and driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for - in order to get to the job you need to pay for the clothes and the car, and the house you leave vacant all day so you can afford to live in it."

Ellen Goodman

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