

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 17th April 2022

Easter Sunday

Sunday's "Live" Service:

Pat is leading and Jerry is preaching from 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

"Why the Resurrection Matters"

Sunday's online service: Ron is leading and is preaching.

"He is Reason"



You can watch the online service on the SBC website from Sunday morning, go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ Then click on the icon pictured.



Jerry's Structure. No Resurrection means:

(1) No Gospel v14-15 (2) No Forgiveness v 16-17 (3) No Hope v18-20

Jerry & Ron's Reads

(Jerry) Romans 2:5-6; 5:8-9, 1 Cor 15, Eph 1:19-20, Col 2:13-14 & 1 Peter 1:3

(Ron) Gal 5:1, Ex 13:11-16, Ex21:28f, Ex 6:6, 15:13, Jn 8, Mk 10:45

For Your Prayers

Please pray for all those in our fellowship and community waiting for NHS appointments for routine operations. Lord Jesus we pray that You can bring wisdom to our country's leaders so that they will set the tone in their actions that we can all follow. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Von Brigstock**.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 8th Geoff posted "Emma update. She has had two appointments this week where the type had been confirmed. Plans are in place for other tests needed to be done in advance of an op. Treatment will then follow. We will post any special updates but for now please keep them in your prayers. Thank you, your support is much appreciated." The same day David posted "Please pray for Joyce who had a fall on Thursday and waited for 5 hours on the floor of her flat waiting for an ambulance then had to wait to get into A&E. She has had an operation to deal with broken pelvis which broke the hip socket. The operation is thought to be a success. Please pray for her daughter Lyndsey and her husband Peter. Also on Friday Diana posted "Update on Bao on her sister who lives in Vietnam. Chau is being treated for the headache and leg tremor in hospital 115 till April 13th. Then she will be moved to Cho Ray hospital for brain tumour treatment. Keep on praying for her, please."

On Saturday Diana posted message from Bao "Thanks God. Praise the Lord. Thank you for your prayers. Good news come today Mrs Chau has less headache and dizzy. She can eat a little but can't walk steadily. Thanks to God, corticoid injection in vein may work. Hallelujah! Ask Holy Spirit to make her believe in Jesus Christ. Amen. Thank you."

On Wednesday Diana posted. Update from Bao. "Thank God. Thank you for your prayers. Mrs Chau came out of hospital with fine health at home. Yet she needs to solve the brain tumour at Cho Ray Hospital. May Holy Spirit help her to believe in Jesus Christ to have God's mercy and healed."

Mark 15: 25-39 (MSG) The Death of Jesus

²⁵⁻³⁰ They nailed him up at nine o'clock in the morning. The charge against him—THE KING OF THE JEWS—was scrawled across a sign. Along with him, they crucified two criminals, one to his right, the other to his left. People passing along the road jeered, shaking their heads in mock lament: "You bragged that you could tear down the Temple and then rebuild it in three days—so show us your stuff! Save yourself! If you're really God's Son, come down from that cross!" ³¹⁻³² The high priests, along with the religion scholars, were right there mixing it up with the rest of them, having a great time poking fun at him: "He saved others—but he can't save himself! Messiah, is he? King of Israel? Then let him climb down from that cross. We'll all become believers then!" Even the men crucified alongside him joined in the mockery. ³³⁻³⁴ At noon the sky became extremely dark. The darkness lasted three hours. At three o'clock, Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" ³⁵⁻³⁶ Some of the bystanders who heard him said, "Listen, he's calling for Elijah." Someone ran off, soaked a sponge in sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down." ³⁷⁻³⁹ But Jesus, with a loud cry, gave his last breath. At that moment the Temple curtain ripped right down the middle. When the Roman captain standing guard in front of him saw that he had quit breathing, he said, "This has to be the Son of God!"

As Christians how easy is it to understand the horror of death by crucifixion? The gospels do not dwell on the unimaginable torturous death Jesus suffered for us. The gospels do highlight the mocking by people as He hung on the cross in absolute agony. Agony He new was coming His way when He asked the night before "My Father, if it is possible, don't make me drink from this cup. But do what you want, not what I want." Perhaps this Easter we should give thought to what Jesus the man suffered for our sin.

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For your Diary

Monday 18th April

9.00am Deacons Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 19th April

9.30am -12 in the Stables

Coffee and Chat

Wednesday 20th April

9.30am -12 in the School Room

Table Tennis

7.00pm Zoom Bible Studies

Details in online Diary

Thursday 21st April

2pm Messy Church planning

Friday 22nd April

1.15-3pm Foodbank in Stables

6.30pm St Georges Meal and Quiz in the Stables

Sunday 24th April

10.45am Sunday Service

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart

Food Bank & Personal Prayer

SBC is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon to receive donations for the food bank and for personal prayer. Jerry or Ron are always in attendance.

The **Food Bank** is open on Fridays in the Stables, 1.15 to 3.00pm. If you need help, or know someone in difficulty, either contact the Citizens Advice Service 0344 411 1444, the Food Bank on 07826376343, or contact Ron Skivington at minister @stalhambaptist.org.uk

Community Fridge in the Stables

Open Mondays 2.00 pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 12 noon

If you are reading this newsletter as a PDF online you can click on the red highlighted links and you will be taken to the relevant websites.

St Georges Meal and Quiz

Elaine is organising a St Georges Meal and Quiz on Friday 22nd 6.30pm in the Stables. Ploughman's and Pudd followed by a fun quiz organised by David with multiple choice questions picture quiz and an intro round with a prize for winning team. Teams can be put together on the night or come as a team. Donations will be going to the refurbishment project for the school room.

Book by emailing Elaine at elainesmith364@btinternet.com or text Elaine on 07796875785

Crowdfunding

Diana has set up a brilliant Crowdfunding site for the refurbishment of the Schoolroom. Crowdfunding makes it easy for people to help fund projects. Click [here](#) to see the website called "Our Space" Stalham Community. The Crowdfunding will hopefully work alongside our other activities and grant applications to complete the refurbishment of the schoolroom.

Messy Church

The meeting to discuss ideas for Messy Church will be on Thursday 21st April in the church sanctuary at 2pm. Come for a chat and to pray, Barbara R

Food Bank

During March SBC contributed 280.8kg (619lbs) of food which helped towards a total of 4474.19kgs. We totally rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So, thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve the people in crisis across our district.

If you would like to be involved in fundraising for us in the future or would like one of us to come to talk about the work of the Foodbank either on zoom or in person when allowed, then please get in touch.

Thank you for your support and generosity without which the foodbank work would not be possible.

During April, the following would be much appreciated:

Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Squash/Fruit Juice, Rice Pudding, Custard, Crisps, Instant Snacks – cuppa soup, pot noodle etc, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Laundry Liquid/Powder.

6 mile Walk

The date for Barbara & Bennie and Henry's six mile walk will be the week beginning 24th April.

There is still time if you wanted to sponsor them the money going to Building project. The sponsor form is at the back of the church.

Empanda

A big thank you to all those who have donated goodies for the homeless young people at Empanda for Easter and a big thank you to Stuart at Tesco's who donated 7 big boxes of stuff plus lots of boxed items.

Prayers For Revival

Weekly prayer meeting held at Three Windows, Brumstead Road from 10.15am every Friday.

EBA Prayer Focus 17th April 2022 Canvey Island Baptist Church

Canvey Island Baptist Church, was established over 100 years ago on the Essex island in the River Thames. In its history, it had the blessing of planting another Baptist church on the island in the Winter Garden area.

The present Minister, Rev Dave McDowell, was Ordained and Inducted as Minister on 27th April 2019. He and is supported by his wife, Jackie, and five deacons.

Since reopening, they have seen their church attendance growing with new people coming and continuing to come. The youngest attendee is three years of age and, with two senior citizens aged 92 the fellowship can certainly refer to itself as "all aged."

With Boys Brigade set to re-open in the near future, all of the activities of Canvey Island Baptist Church have started again since the recent lockdowns.

The Church has been delivering food parcels to support their community. During lockdown the Church, on occasion, was distributing over 100 parcels. Numbers decreased after lockdown. However with the current problems numbers are beginning to rise again.

Canvey Island Baptist Church not only supports its local community. They also look further afield. Since 2013, they have helped Christians in West Bengal, India. Supplying a motorbike to a Pastor, helping build a school/community centre on an island and supplying sewing machines so the community can support itself.

Please pray for :

- Jackie, the Minister's wife, who is having surgery.
 - For the Church, as it looks to the future and continues to serve its community
 - Some of the senior members are suffering from ill health.
- Please pray that they would be strengthened and encouraged.

Final Total

The final total for daffs this season is a brilliant £1175.50 for the Building Fund. A huge thankyou to all involved in this amazing sum raised.

Quotes of the Week

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonise earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." — **N.T. Wright**

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead." — **Timothy Keller, The Reason for God**

"The stone was rolled away from the tomb, not to let Jesus out, but to let the world in." **Steven Lawson.**

"The cross is the victory, the resurrection is the triumph..."

The resurrection is the public display of the victory, the triumph of the crucified one."

—**Leon Morris.**

"The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth."— **Henry Morris**

"The resurrection is God's "Amen" to Jesus' loud cry: "It is finished," and therefore the guarantee that by Jesus' death the believer has indeed been reconciled to God and made righteous".—**J.A. Schep.**

"Standing before Your cross at Calvary. Who am I amongst the throng? Those laughing ridiculing "if you're so special do something about it." The Roman soldiers, doing their "it's just a job" efficiently ignoring the pain that they inflicted on others, then making a bit money on the side. The great and the good who are neither great nor good with so much to lose. Their power, and influence threatened by voice of a carpenter's son, relieved and cheering at their about to fail short term fix of your torturous death. The not fussed one way or another, does not mean anything to me spectators. The I'm not really sure if I believe this Man is the Son of God and He loves me and is dying for me, stuff. Those who love you, traumatised weeping at the base of the cross at your suffering and sacrifice.

One was the loneliest number as You died on the cross. The darkness fell, and the curtain was ripped in two and the pathway of my salvation was opened.

Forgive me Jesus for not walking that pathway much much sooner and not having the courage to proclaim your gift, hiding in the herd walking away from Calvary unmoved when the show was over." *Franky Dilch*



Evangelism award for Baptist church in Estonia

A 'bold and innovative' church in one of Europe's most secular countries is the recipient of a new global Baptist evangelism award

[Source Baptist Times](#)

The 3D Church was planted by a group of young students in 2010 in a university city, Tartu, Estonia. The church has a strong culture of welcome and discipleship, and more than 200 people have given their lives to Jesus Christ since it launched, many of them first generation Christians in their 20s.

Pastor Jakob Rimmel received the first-ever BWA-KIBC Evangelism Award on behalf of the church at the recent Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Congress.

The award was presented by the BWA in collaboration with Kowloon International Baptist Church (KIBC) in Hong Kong.

James Tanner, a Senior Pastor of KIBC, said, 'On behalf of Baptist World Alliance and Kowloon International Baptist Church, it is our honour today to recognise a body of believers that has been leading the way in evangelism and discipleship in one of the most secular nations in all of Europe.'

Jakob was part of planting this church with a call of the Great Commission at the age of 19 to reach his generation with the good news of Jesus Christ. As the church flourished, it became the first multi-site church in Estonia. There are now more than a dozen of missional communities nationwide, impacting many lives through their combination of Gospel centred outreach and intentional discipleship.

In accepting the award, he said, 'I think this award represents God's reminder that he still moves in this faithless Europe, which is in some ways just sleeping. At the same time, I think for our church it reminds us that what we are witnessing with our own hearts is just not normal – it's something miraculous that God is doing, and we should be glad and humbled by what we have been able to witness.'

European Baptist Federation (EBF) General Secretary, Tony Peck, said, 'Ten years ago I was privileged to sit down with a group of young people in Tartu, Estonia, and pray together for a new outreach to their friends that was starting the following week in an evangelistic event in a cinema. Out of that small beginning, and inspired by their vision and faith in God's leading, the 3D Church network was born.'

'In Estonia, one of the most secular countries in Europe, many young people have come to faith in Jesus Christ through the work and witness of 3D. New disciples quickly became disciple-makers, and this has been a most effective means of reaching their friends with the Gospel. 'I am delighted that the innovative mission and evangelism of 3D has now been recognised by the global Baptist family in this first-ever BWA Evangelism Award. Congratulations to 3D! And we hope and pray that this award will greatly encourage the leaders and members of the 3D Church network to continue to be bold and innovative in reaching others for Christ.'

The award was presented at 3D Church by Helari Puu, a former president of the EBF. Watch it here:



Maundy Thursday. Something to read

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- John 13:34-35 from full reading of John 13.

Something to think about

We think of this day as concentrating our thoughts on

the Last Supper, the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. It's a picture we've seen in art work of various kinds around the world and in part it's not hard for us to imagine for ourselves, friends sharing a meal

together, but the Last Supper is profound for Christian people everywhere.

It speaks of course of those bonds of friendship of the group gathered, of shared experiences with moments of sheer wonder for those who were the disciples of our Lord when they must have pondered over who exactly was this man they followed. Yet even as the group gather in friendship Jesus knows there is to be betrayal before the night is over, he washes the feet of the disciples, but we are told knew that not everyone was clean.

This action of Jesus and his teaching when he had finished washing and drying their feet was challenging for them and especially for Peter. It was a challenge for them in the upper room that night and a lesson in humility for us in our arrogance and pride. But what gives the name 'Maundy' to the remembrance of this day so very near the end of our Lord's earthly ministry is the new commandment that he gives.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus tells those gathered with him to love one another and by this all will know that you are my disciples. As we reflect on this day so close to the sorrow of Good Friday and the glory yet to come of Easter these words are surely a commandment for us in our time. Around the world riches and poverty, comfort and homelessness, voices heard and those with no voice at all, busyness and loneliness are all part of our experience and sit uncomfortably side by side. In such a world can we show love as followers of Christ today?



Something to pray

Help me Lord in ways, however small they may seem to be, to respond to the commandment of this Maundy Thursday and love one another.

Today's contributor is Christine Eames, former Worldwide President of the Mothers' Union and former Trustee of Christian Aid UK and Ireland. Source [Christian Aid](#)



OUR CALLING:

Through the ministry of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand and Hebrews 13:3 ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

We have been called by God to **Love and Serve Persecuted Christians**.

Pastor Richard Wurmbrand was a Lutheran Romanian minister who was **imprisoned and tortured for more than 14 years by that country's communist regime between 1948 and 1964**. During his imprisonment, he was beaten and tortured. Physical torture included **mutilation, burning and being locked in a large frozen icebox**. His body bore the scars of physical torture for the rest of his life.

NIGERIA

Trauma-healing workshops

Nigeria is a country that has witnessed horrendous violence against Christians and Christian communities in the past few years. Although freedom of religion is established as part of the country's constitution, its 12 most northerly states have all adopted forms of *Sharia* (Islamic law), and Islamists actively pursue transforming the country into an Islamic nation.

The Islamist group *Boko Haram* has targeted Christians and churches in the north. Many people have been killed, and thousands more have had to flee homes and land. Further south Fulani Muslim herdsmen have attacked Christian communities with the intent of taking over the land. The death toll of Christians has been high, and many more live with the trauma of seeing loved ones killed or brutalised.

THE PROJECT

Our partner in Nigeria runs trauma-healing workshops, helping Christians respond biblically and in a Christ-like way to severe persecution. The workshops help victims who have experienced suffering and loss to express their pain, to face up to it and to bring it to Christ, so that feelings do not become buried deep within. The workshop seeks to bring victims to a point where, by the grace of God, they are able to forgive those who have hurt them. They then have a foundation on which to rebuild their own lives.

The workshops typically help about 40 people over a five-day period. They equip church leaders with biblical principles to respond to suffering – their own and the suffering of others. Our partner runs a separate youth version of the workshop, for young people traumatised by

the violence.

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT ACHIEVES

Costs will vary, depending on the location and numbers, but a single trauma-healing workshop will typically cost in the region of £200 per person attending. This involves transport, accommodation and food, along with workshop materials and the cost of facilitators running the programme.

"Before, I didn't know about the importance of forgiveness, but it made me realise that you need to." – Regina, who attended the young people's version of the trauma-healing workshop.

Quote from Richard Wurmbrand book "Tortured for Christ"

"An Orthodox priest, a friend of mine, telephoned me and told me that a Russian officer had come to him to confess. My friend did not know Russian. However, knowing that I speak Russian, he had given him my address. The next day this man came to see me. He longed for God, but he had never seen a Bible. He had no religious education and never attended religious services (churches in Russia then were very scarce). He loved God without the slightest knowledge of Him.

I read to him the Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus. After hearing them, he danced around the room in rapturous joy proclaiming, "What a wonderful beauty! How could I live without knowing this Christ!" It was the first time that I saw someone so joyful in Christ. Then I made a mistake. I read to him the passion and crucifixion of Christ, without having prepared him for this. He had not expected it and, when he heard how Christ was beaten, how He was crucified and that in the end He died, he fell into an armchair and began to weep bitterly. He had believed in a Saviour and now his Saviour was dead! I looked at him and was ashamed. I had called myself a Christian, a pastor, and a teacher of others, but I had never shared the sufferings of Christ as this Russian officer now shared them. Looking at him, it was like seeing Mary Magdalene weeping at the foot of the cross, faithfully weeping when Jesus was a corpse in the tomb. Then I read to him the story of the resurrection and watched his expression change. He had not known that his Saviour arose from the tomb. When he heard this wonderful news, he beat his knees and swore—using very dirty, but very "holy" profanity. This was his crude manner of speech. Again he rejoiced, shouting for joy, "He is alive! He is alive!" He danced around the room once more, overwhelmed with happiness! I said to him, "Let us pray!"

He did not know how to pray. He did not know our "holy" phrases. He fell on his knees together with me and his words of prayer were: "Oh God, what a fine chap you are! If I were You and You were me, I would never have forgiven You of Your sins. But You are really a very nice chap! I love You with all of my heart." I think that all the angels in heaven stopped what they were doing to listen to this sublime prayer from a Russian officer. The man had been won for Christ!"

Richard Wurmbrand, *Tortured for Christ*

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