

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Sunday's "Live" Service:

Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from John 21: 1-23

"You Follow Me"

Sunday's online service: Jerry is leading and preaching from Ruth 1:6-22

"Fright, Flight or Fight "



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



The passage shows us 3 women and 3 reactions to Calamity and suffering:

(1) Naomi – Fright & Freeze (2) Orpah – Flight (3) Ruth - Fight

## Jerry's Reads

Deut. 25:5-10; Proverbs 3:5-6; John 6 66-69; Hebrews 11

## For Your Prayers

Please pray that SBC will find more ways of supporting those in the community who are and will suffer as the cost-of-living-crisis takes hold, pray that SBC will be the hub of help showing Jesus at the centre and Christianity in Action.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember Geci and Peter Burt.

## Virtual Prayer Room

On 25<sup>th</sup> April Simone posted "Thanks for all your prayers. Anna is in good mood and playing but she is still depending on breathing support. Please pray for her to improve as the last days were a little bit up and down. Please also pray for the rest of our family, Jerry and myself are getting really tired and we'd all love to be back together soon" On 26<sup>th</sup> April Barbara posted "Emma update: Lymph node op yesterday and Em reasonably comfortable, home by teatime. Phone call came this afternoon scheduling main op for next Tuesday, so all started the 3 weeks isolation that covers pre operation, her time in hospital and recovery week at home. Will be hard for the girls because they have to try to keep up with school remotely, but Matt can work from home fairly easily. Only time out will be taking Em to hospital and Matt visiting when allowed. Thanks for prayers so far, please keep it up

## Prayer For the Week

Gracious Lord. We know that your love is infinite and that you care about all areas of our life. In this time of economic insecurity, help us to trust that all of our security is in you. Keep us mindful that you always have and always will provide for our needs. Apart from you we can do nothing.

Merciful God. We ask that you give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation and the world out of the current economic crisis.

Help us to protect the poor and all those who are struggling during this difficult time. Provide for their needs and give them hope.

Open new opportunities for them and furnish the resources they need to live with dignity. Encourage those who have enough to share essential resources with those who lack the necessities of life, and to do so with humble, grateful and loving hearts. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Source [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

## Reading Plan: Acts 5: 27 - 32 (ERV) The Apostles are Arrested

"The soldiers brought the apostles in and made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them. He said, We told you never again to teach using that name. But look at what you have done! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are trying to blame us for his death. Peter and the other apostles answered, We must obey God, not you! You killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross. But God, the same God our fathers had, raised Jesus up from death. Jesus is the one God honoured by giving him a place at his right side. He made him our Leader and Saviour. God did this to give all the people of Israel the opportunity to change and turn to God to have their sins forgiven. We saw all these things happen, and we can say that they are true. The Holy Spirit also shows that these things are true. God has given this Spirit to all those who obey him."

*As Christians living in a relatively safe place, we have never been ordered not to mention Jesus's name. But how many times do we avoid bringing His name into conversations?*

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## For your Diary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

9.00am Deacons Prayer Meeting

10.30am in the Church

Prayers for young people

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

9.30am -12 in the Stables

Coffee and Chat

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am -12 in the School Room

Table Tennis

7.00pm Zoom Bible Study

Details in online Diary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

2pm Messy Church Meeting

in the Church

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May

1.15-3pm Foodbank in Stables

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

10.45am Sunday Service

Flowers: Magda Nicholls

## 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 - 4.00pm  
Tuesday to Friday 10.00 - 12am

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.

## Special Church Meeting

We will be holding a brief special church meeting at 12.00pm on Sunday 15th May. A letter explaining reasons why will follow shortly.

## Moving Forward After Covid

Teas & Coffees after the Sunday service: We re-started this on Easter Sunday and would like to continue, but we do need a few more willing hands to be able to do it every week. If you could help every now and then have a chat with Elaine or email her at [elainemsmith364@btinternet.com](mailto:elainemsmith364@btinternet.com) or call her on 07796875785

Sunday Service Offerings: From the 8<sup>th</sup> May we will restart taking up an offering during the service rather than using the donation bags and boxes. You can of course also go online at <https://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/donate.php> where you will find details of how to pay by BAC's, SMS or debit or credit card. You can also put cash or cheques through Henry Nicholson's door at Three Windows Brumstead Road.

## Energy Needs

If you are, or know someone who is, struggling with their energy bills Cromer Food Bank offers a scheme called Energybank that can help. Contact the Food Bank on 07826376343, or contact Ron Skivington at [minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk) Citizens Advice Bureau can also give advice and possible assistance. Click [here](#) for a link. NNDC are working in partnership with Norfolk Warm Homes to provide a Warm Homes grant for eligible properties. Leaflets at the back of the church



## St Georges Day Meal and Quiz

A Big thank you to Elaine, Maggie P and Fran who did a great job in producing a St Georges Meal 28 people took part many were not members of the fellowship, and their donations came to £244 for the Building Fund. The quiz organised by David was won by the "Optimists" on a tie break.

## EBA Prayer Focus 1st May 2022

## Pilgrims Hatch Baptist Church

Pilgrim's Hatch Baptist Church worships in and seeks to serve the community of the Pilgrims Hatch Estate in Brentwood, Essex. It is led by Rev Neil Bywater with a leadership team of two elders and six deacons.

The church does not have its own premises but has always met in local halls around the estate. Prior to Covid 19 the church met in a local primary school on Sundays. However now they are back meeting in-person, they have begun to use a different community hall, located in a nearby park, which offers exciting new mission possibilities. Indeed this new location has given the church an opportunity to work with a local Christian charity, "Manna Meals" with who they are now doing Sunday Lunch events, in which the church sits down to eat with and get to know the local community. During Lockdown, the church met weekly on YouTube and Sunday services now continue to be streamed live allowing people who are unable to attend in person to access the services. Though lockdown is now over there continues to be more folk accessing this service than can be accounted for through known church contacts.

The fellowship is not large in numbers but is strong in heart and desires to see God's blessing shared in its local area. There is a real excitement at what God may have in store for the church in its new location over the coming months and years.

Please pray for:

- The new chapter opening up since lockdown with the new location.
- Working with Manna Meals who provide community meals at the new hall, and the opportunities this gives for community engagement.
- For new opportunities for outreach and witness in Pilgrim's Hatch and for the church to grow in strength

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be holding a short service of thanksgiving for the life and reign of our Queen on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June @2.00pm. Followed by refreshments

## Messy Church

Next Messy Church planning meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2pm. For more information ask Barbara or email her at [barbarageoff@gmail.com](mailto:barbarageoff@gmail.com)

## Prayers For Revival

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

## SBC Community Survey

We now have the combined results from our online & paper survey regarding our refurbishment plans. You will find this at the back of the church.

## Crowdfunding

There are still 4 weeks left to donate to our refurbishment project through our crowdfunding page. Visit <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/our-space-stalham-community>

## Food Bank

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.**

## Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"If Ruth left her own country, and followed Naomi, her mother-in-law, to go and dwell with her in the land of Canaan, only upon the fame which she heard of the God of Israel, how you should follow Christ into the heavenly Canaan, where God has given you an eternal inheritance, assured by a holy covenant, made in the word of God, signed with the blood of his Son, and sealed with his Spirit and sacraments!". **Lewis Bayly, The Practice of Piety.**

"All Christians have the potential to wander. Like sunbathers floating on blow-up beds on the sea, careless Christians can suddenly discover that they have drifted far from their Lord. It happens when we do as we see fit instead of doing what the Lord says is fitting. The record of Naomi's return proclaims the good news that backsliders can return to God. The same Lord who showed restoring kindness to his rebellious people, to individuals like David, Jonah and Peter, continues to show that same kindness to his wandering people today." **Jonathan Prime**

"Don't doubt God's goodness and poison the wellspring of blessing He has for you. We poison the well when we don't think well of God's goodness. **H W Robinson.**

"Drink deep of God's goodness, His faithfulness too, Leave no room for doubting and fear; His Word is the Water of Life, pure and true, Refreshing and cooling and clear". --**Hess**