

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday January 28th 2017



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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Diana is leading and Ron preaching from Matthew 7 v 13-27. "It's time to train."

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday.

Please take a "Welcome" booklet and 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 morning service.

Sydney House Service today at 3.30pm. All welcome to come and worship with the residents.

Monday	29 th	Church Open for Prayer Monday Club	10.00am -12 noon 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Church School Room
Tuesday	30 th	Coffee and Chat Give away / Outreach Table	9.30am – 11.30am 9am – 12 Noon	Stables Town Hall
Wednesday	31 st	Over 60's Table Tennis	9.30am -12 noon	Schoolroom
Thursday	1 st	Pop up Cafe	3.00pm – 4.30pm	Schoolroom
Saturday	3 rd	Getting together to PRAY!	8-9 am	Church (side door entry)
Sunday	4 th	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** in the gazebo at the back of the Church.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Greg Chapman and Diana Gordon**.

Please pray for the residents of **St John's Road & St John's Gardens**.

Pray for the families of **Lynne Howarth** and **Tom Robinson** whose funerals take place this week.

EBA Churches; this week:- Great Sampford is a small village in Essex not far from the Suffolk/Cambridge borders near Saffron Walden. The pastor of Great Sampford Baptist Church is Revd Sue Johnston.

Although we are a small congregation we are a very missional church, in fact God has us in the middle of a building project at the moment to turn our hall into the Manse and enable the church building to become not only our place of worship but also a usable community space. **Prayer items** would be for the next stage of our building works (conversion of the hall into a three bedroom house) and that we are supplied with enough finances to complete the whole project.

New! Prayer for revival each Tuesday from 9-30am at Three Windows, Brumstead Road. More info from Janet Nicholson.

From The Virtual Prayer Room

This week prayers have been said in response to calls to pray for:-

Ryan a "treatment" friend of Isaac Skivington. Ryan has had a relapse and returned to treatment. We praise the Lord also for Isaac continuing to be in good health.

David Jenkins who had an operation on Tuesday. We keep David & Rosina in mind.

Mark brother-in-law to Victoria & son-in-law to David C. Mark was called in the early hours of Tuesday and told to prepare himself for transplant surgery. Sadly when at the hospital he was told the new organ was not viable and had to return home without the surgery. We continue to pray for Mark, Rosie and their 3 children plus the wider family at this difficult time.

Paul Lyons the vice chairman of Stalham Town FC who is known to many in church. He suffered three heart attacks on Tuesday and was put into an induced coma for tests to continue. We keep his wife Pauline in our prayers too.

Sandra Feek who has had a cancerous growth removed from her lip. She is in Addenbrookes while follow up treatment continues. We keep Sandra & Mike in our thoughts.

Upcoming Events for your diary:-

Valentines Tea:- Wednesday 14th February in The Stables 2-30 to 4pm. Watch out for further details.

Ladies' Breakfast:- Saturday 24th February in The Stables 8-30am. Simone is the speaker. Contact Jane to book your place.

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning:- Saturday 14th April in The Stables 9am to Noon.

Refreshments including light lunches will be available. There will be a Bring & Buy cake stall

AGM / Deacon Nomination:- Our church AGM will be on Thursday 26th April at 7-30pm. We have one deacon coming to the end of their 3 year term. Please pray and consider carefully if there is anyone **you** should be nominating to serve as a deacon. A full copy of the constitution and an enlarged copy of the relevant passage concerning deacons, plus nomination forms, plus a list of all current deacons and their serving periods are available on the notice board at the back of the church.

Mission Visit; Annet & Damien Miller with little Patience will be home from Beira in Mozambique this summer and will speak at our service on Sunday 17th June.

BMS Justice Ministries, which we support as a church, and their work in Mozambique are featured in the latest ENGAGE BMS magazine. Do seek a copy out and enjoy all the news and information in the magazine!

Ron's Read

Luke 6 v 46 & 18 v 18.

John 4.

Matthew 12 v 20

Thought for The Week

A Long and Winding Path

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Finding justice in Mozambique can take you on a long and winding path, with many snares and pitfalls lurking along the way. For most Mozambicans, the legal system is complex to navigate, expensive and in many cases not capable of producing the fair outcomes that reflect the needs of citizens. One particularly serious case that AMAC had been handling ended recently, with a seemingly positive result. The defendant was handed a prison sentence and ordered to pay compensation to our client. However, a survey of the challenges experienced along the way creates a different impression. Below are just some of the experiences from this one case that provoke reflection on whether justice has indeed been done:

- **Three different police stations** visited before the complaint progressed at all.
- **On no occasion** was the accused, who lived in the victim's neighbourhood, held on remand, leaving the victim in fear of reprisal and further abuse.
- **Multiple court adjournments**, usually due to the non-attendance of the defendant. Each time the matter was adjourned, the victim and her family had to spend more time and money travelling to attend court.
- **Several occasions** on which the victim, a child, had to speak in front of her alleged attacker during trial, or witness him speaking from a just few feet away.
- **Four years** taken from the initial complaint at the police station to judgment in court.
- **Two years imprisonment** for the offender, a seemingly lenient sentence for a serious crime committed against a child.

This is part of a longer letter from Damien Miller. The full version is at the back of the church. Helping folk in situations like this is where our church tithes giving to BMS goes. We should regularly be supporting in prayer too!

Quote of the Week

"Finally all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."
Peter. (1 Peter 3 v 8)

Next Week's Service Sunday 4th February

Flowers: Liz Austrin **Welcome:** David C and Fran **Refreshments:** Robert and Christine

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