

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 10th July 2022



Sunday's Service:

Diana is leading and Beth Powney (Regional Minister) is preaching.

Acts 11:11-26 - "The Scattered Church"

This week the service will be available online from Sunday afternoon. Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Due to the church meeting this morning there will be no refreshments available after the service.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Agendas are on the 'signing in' table at the front.

For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Susie, Steve, Amy and Joe English.**

Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 1st July Doreen Hollebon posted "Update following my surgery – I am recovering well but have had a struggle due to an infection. The infection is still there but improved. Thank you so much for your prayers xx" Also on Friday Jenny Payne posted "Please could you pray for a friend Jan, she has recently had a stem cell transplant for Lymphoma and is currently in hospital and feeling unwell. Her husband is unable to visit due to a patient with COVID on the ward, so he is understandingly very anxious about her. Thanks

On Thursday 7th July Jenny Payne posted Please could you pray for my sister-in-law, Gill, she is in the Marsden Hospital and has lost the strength in her left leg. They are investigating if it is due to blood clots or secondaries in her brain. Thanks J

Church Reading Plan

Mark 11:15-18 (MSG) Jesus at the Temple

"They arrived at Jerusalem. Immediately on entering the Temple Jesus started throwing out everyone who had set up shop there, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of the bankers and the stalls of the pigeon merchants. He didn't let anyone even carry a basket through the Temple. And then he taught them, quoting this text:

My house was designated a house of prayer for the nations;
You've turned it into a hangout for thieves. The high priests and religion scholars heard what was going on and plotted how they might get rid of him. They panicked, for the entire crowd was carried away by his teaching".

As Christians should we always suppress our anger about those things that are happening in the world, or should we regularly be lifting up our voices in anger and railing against contemporary evils?

To help you engage with the passage you can listen to Ron's short audio recording by visiting our [Scripture Reading Plan](#)

Music: Music: Music:

3 great music evening events coming up to raise money for the refurbishment. We have an evening with Two's Company' who will give a concert of Celtic and traditional folk songs. They will be with us on Saturday 30th July. 'Out of Egypt' will be getting together for the first time in over 2 years to do an evening of Gospel songs, chat and testimonies. This will be September. The final event is planned for October and is Greg's band 'Bar Room Blues'. So make sure you don't miss out and watch this space for more information!

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For your Diary

Monday 11th July

9.00am Deacons Prayer Meeting
10.30am in the Church
Prayers for young people

Tuesday 12th July

9.30am -12 in the Stables
Coffee and Chat

Wednesday 13th July

9.30am -12 in the School Room
Table Tennis

7.00pm Zoom Bible Study

Details in online Diary

Thursday 14th July

10.00am In the School Room
Bible Art

Friday 15th July

1.15-3pm Foodbank in Stables

Saturday 16th July

11.00 to 4.00pm Table Top Sale
At Edna's house and garden
"Eureka" St Johns Road Stalham.

Sunday 17th July

10.45am Sunday Service

Flowers: Julia Maile

Thursday 21st July

3.15 to 5pm

Messy Church 2 – The Big Picnic
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 - 12pm

SBC Welcome Team – Volunteers needed

It is a very important ministry as it sets the tone for the service and is a great opportunity for us to meet members we don't know, as well as extend a welcome that embodies the warmth and love found in our church to visitors and new people moving into Stalham.

- We need one person at the door and one other a bit further back to avoid blockages.
- You will need to give the Weekly Bulletin to each person and any other material as and when needed.
- One person would need to remain at the back of the church for the first 15 minutes for any late arrivals

We would love you to join us so for more information please contact **Maggie H on 01692 583121**

Edna's Tabletop Sale

On Saturday July 16th, 11am to 4pm Edna is hosting a Table Top Yard Sale in her house and garden "Eureka" St Johns Road Stalham to support SBC Building fund. Lots of fun with General Stalls, Cake Stall, Plant Stall and many more. Refreshments and light lunches available. You can still book a table for £5 by contacting Edna on 01692-582633

EBA Prayer Focus: 10th July 2022 New Growth Ministry, Colchester

In honour of the Queen's Jubilee, Colchester was given city status. This rapidly expanding city is home to commuters who face pressure of time and work related stress, alongside families in Social Housing who are facing immense pressure during the current cost of living crisis.

In April 2017, Rev Lynsey Heslegrave, formerly of Colchester Baptist Church, started New Growth Ministry (NGM) based in the Myland area of Colchester. It had become apparent that traditional forms of Church were not going to be able to reach out to many of the unchurched and de-churched people in the North West of Colchester.

NGM describes itself as a small missional community based around friendship, food, simplicity, nature and contemplative spiritual practices. They meet in homes, community spaces and their local country park. The fellowship partners with a local Methodist Church to run MakeLunch to tackle holiday hunger and a coffee drop-in which they are hoping to develop a community pantry.

The members of NGM are always surprised by God, who makes unexpected connections, draws people to their gatherings and draws them out into the community in more perfect ways than they could plan themselves.

For Prayer

- For the progress of the Community Pantry, which has been slower than they hoped, but they now see is coming in God's timing not theirs.
- For deepening relationships in two local schools: a primary where Lynsey volunteers and a secondary where Lynsey is Chaplain and another member mentors students.
- Although they don't use many resources, they always have to trust in God day by day for material and financial provision to keep the missional community sustainable.

Quotes of the Week

"When we lost something precious, and we'd looked and looked and still couldn't find it, then we didn't have to be completely heartbroken. We still had that last bit of comfort, thinking one day, when we grow up, and we were free to travel around the country, we would always go and find it in Norfolk...And that's why years and years later, that day Tommy and I found another copy of that lost tape of mine in a town on the Norfolk coast, we didn't just think it pretty funny; we both felt deep down some tug, some old wish to believe again in something that was once close to our hearts." — Kazuo Ishiguro, Never Let Me Go

"Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see."

— Helen Keller

"Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. The real trap, however, is self-rejection. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, "Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody." ... [My dark side says,] I am no good... I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned. Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved." Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."

— Henri J.M. Nouwen



Bible Art Come and Join Us

Bible Art starting on Thursday 14th July from 10am to 12pm in the school room.

Would you like to get creative - no matter how much of an artist you see yourself as? Are you interested in taking time to reflect on a few verses of the Bible and to think about their relevance for your own life?

We want to have a look at a few Bible verses together and get inspired to put a word or a theme into a piece of art. Everyone can decide by themselves which creative method he or she wants to use or try out - a few examples could be hand lettering, Bible Art Journaling, making a collage or a card as well as drawing or painting with different kinds of materials such as oil crayons, felt pens or aquarelle paint. We have bibles and a few materials available. If you have your own journaling Bible or craft materials we are happy for you to bring them along.

Any questions? Feel free to contact: Simone Otieno (07436837210)

Advance Notice

Wednesday 20th July @7.30pm Dave and Michele Mahon, our link missionaries from Peru will be with us