

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 14th August 2022 Service

This Sunday Ron is leading and continues the sermon series on  
**9 Flavours 1 Fruit. Considering the 5th flavour "Kindness"**  
and readings from Galatians 5:22-3, Ephesians 2:6-7, 4:31-2

The online service will also be available from Sunday. Go to [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/)  
Then click on "Join Our Online Service"



## Ron's Reads

Lk 6:27f, Eph 2:4-7, Ro 2:4, 1 John 4:9-11

## For Your Prayers

During August please pray for the residents of Teresa Road and Campingfield Lane.

Remember in your prayers the family and friends of Crystal who passed away on Thursday 4th August.

Please pray for Helen Lynch whose installation is at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 17th August.

Also pray for the Shrubsoles who visited SBC on Wednesday that their work in Chad will continue to flourish.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Maggie Harpur**. Almighty and most merciful God, we hold before you all for whom life is difficult. Those who must chose between eating or heating, those who fear starvation or eviction, those who go without so their children do not. Open our eyes to their struggle, open our ears to their needs, and open our hearts to respond. May we never forget that what we do to the least in the world, we do to you.

Unite us all in your work of mercy and service, mobilise us to help all of those struggling in our communities, and empower us to fight for justice against poverty and oppression. Grant these things, Father, for the love of your Son Jesus Christ, who dwelt alongside us in the difficulty and mess of our human lives. Amen

Source [The Church in Wales](http://The Church in Wales)

## Virtual Prayer Room

**On Sunday 7th August** Maggie posted "Anne West is home now, operation went very well. Post op recovery so much better than the last time. Anne would like to say a big thankyou for your prayers she really felt that God was with her."

**On Wednesday 10th** Jerry posted "Please pray for Abbie St John who is doing a short term mission trip to Kazakhstan.

They are working with a local Kazakh church teaching English and helping this week a youth camp."

## Lamentations 3: 19-30 (MSG) Good thing to hope for help from God

<sup>19-21</sup> I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed.

I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom. But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:

<sup>22-24</sup> GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left.

<sup>25-27</sup> GOD proves to be good to the man who passionately waits, to the woman who diligently seeks.

It's a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from GOD. It's a good thing when you're young to stick it out through the hard times.

<sup>28-30</sup> When life is heavy and hard to take, go off by yourself. Enter the silence. Bow in prayer. Don't ask questions: Wait for hope to appear. Don't run from trouble. Take it full-face. The "worst" is never the worst.

*As Christians we are not immune from dark days when there is no light in our lives and a victory can be just managing to get out of bed in those times, do we still hang on to our faith our hope in the Lord and feel His love or do we pull the covers over us and hide from everything and everyone?*

To help you engage with the passage you can listen to Jerry's short audio recording (less than 5 minutes) by visiting our [Scripture Reading Plan](#)

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## For your Diary

### Monday 15th August

7.00pm Zoom Deacons Meeting  
10.30 to 11.30am in the Church  
Morning Prayers with Janet Nicholson

### Tuesday 16th August

9.30am -12 in the Stables  
Coffee and Chat

### Wednesday 17th August

9.30am -12 in the School Room  
Table Tennis

### Thursday 18th August

7.00pm Zoom Bible Study  
Details in online Diary

### Friday 19th August

10.15 Prayer for Revival  
Three Windows, Brumstead Road  
1.15-3pm Foodbank in Stables

### Sunday 21st August

10.45 Sunday Service  
Flowers: Eileen Neill

## 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 is 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](mailto:@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

## Community Fridge Open

Mondays 2.00 pm - 4.00pm Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 12 noon

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## Gunton Baptist Church Invitation

After hosting friends from Gunton recently at SBC they have reciprocated by inviting us to share lunch and fellowship with them on the Saturday 10th of September.  
If you would like to go please let either Diana or Ron know by the 28th August.

## Harvest Weekend

Our Harvest weekend will be Sept 25-27th. We would like people to decorate windows again. If that is something you would like to do please write your name on the poster at the back of the church.

The supper will be on Tuesday 27th at 6.30pm  
We will again be supporting the BMS appeal which this year is called "Good land" helping transform the village of Ghusel in Nepal.

## Shrubsoles Visit

SBC was blessed on Wednesday of this week with a visit from Bethan and Gareth Shrubsoles our Link Missionaries who work in Chad at the Guinebor II hospital.

The talk was fascinating, we were blessed to be able to listen to them, It helps us understand the blessings we have, the plight of others in the world and the courage of families like the Shrubsoles who take the Word of God into challenging parts of our planet.

Gareth spoke of the resilience of the people of Chad to deal with all the difficulties they endure in the second poorest country in the world. The temperatures are in the 40s and can reach 50 centigrade throughout the summer, in the past shipping containers have been used as therapy units where the temperature inside would rocket in what is basically a tin box, but Gareth turned a negative to a positive by pointing out that the hot weather killed off the mosquitos.

Bethan and Gareth asked for prayers for their work, the new projects they are planning and that the surgeon they need to augment the team will be found.

## Stalham Vintage Market

Perhaps at the end of the service you could go and have a look at the SBC stall in Vintage and Collectors Market taking place in Stalham High Street 10am to 4pm. The road will be closed and around 70 stalls to look at. All the proceeds on Fran's stall will be going to the Building Fund and whatever is left she is going to take it to an auction.

Her tables are outside the Factory shop.

## Barbara Mixer Yard Sale

On 29th August (Bank holiday) Hickling are having a Yard Sale. Barbara Mixer is going to enter, and the money raised will go towards Stalham Baptist Church Building fund. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for the Sale, please contact Barbara on 01692 598502.

## EBA Prayer Focus 7th August 2022 Hunstanton Baptist Church and United Reformed Church

Hunstanton is a traditional seaside resort on the north-west coast of Norfolk.

The church first gathered at low tide on the beach between 1850-1870 before permission was granted for the chapel to be built in a prominent location in the town centre. Unusually the church is both a Baptist church and United Reformed church – hence the "union".

The church struggled with covid

and has taken a long while to reopen. Numbers on Sundays have declined since lockdown but are now beginning to recover with over 35 present last week. The church is currently without a minister but is blessed with a number of talented members who regularly lead services, along with occasional visiting speakers.

The congregation is mainly older, reflecting the profile of the town, but everyone is very supportive of the church and there is lots of active prayer support for the work and fellowship.

There is a well-attended Friday Fellowship each week as well as regular prayer meetings which are currently held on Zoom. The church is regularly used by various groups such as the Guides and the Town Concert Band.

In recent months there has been a whole new deaconate elected and the new leadership team is on a steep learning curve but already rising to the challenges the church faces. Key amongst these are premises and fabric issues with a lot of work that needs to be addressed.

Please pray for:

- The new leadership team as they get to grips with their new roles and the issues to be addressed.
- A solution to the fabric issues with the old buildings which need a lot of work.
- Encouragement for the fellowship as they look forward to the future, seeking a new vision to build the ongoing work and mission of the church

## Music: Music: Dates

'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 on Saturday September 17th doors open at 6.30pm. Entry will be free and donations for the Schoolroom Refurbishment gladly received.

On Saturday November 5th Greg's band 'Bar Room Blues' will be performing, doors open at 6.30pm, again entry will be free .

## North Norfolk Foodbank

During July, the following would be much appreciated:

*Cereal, Long Life Milk – full fat or semi-skimmed, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Squash/Fruit Juice, Laundry Liquid, Shampoo & Conditioner, Deodorant, Baby Wipes*

## Quotes of the Week

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." — Mark Twain

"Acts of Kindness:

A random act of kindness, no matter how small, can make a tremendous impact on someone else's life."

— Roy T. Bennett,

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

— Aesop

"Kindness is not a business. True kindness expects nothing in return and should never act with conditions."

— Roy T. Bennett,

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."

— Lao-Tzu

"I would rather make mistakes in kindness and compassion than work miracles in unkindness and hardness."

— Mother Teresa

"This is my simple religion. No need for temples. No need for complicated philosophy. Your own mind, your own heart is the temple. Your philosophy is simple kindness." — Dalai Lama XIV

**"It is you He has been looking for,  
and then He goes with you  
everywhere like a shadow  
or a friend."**





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## Prayers

### Matthew 25: Prayer for economic empowerment

Parents everywhere are driven by a dream for their children's lives to be better than their own. **Economic empowerment** is not an end in itself but a tangible expression of God's love that radically improves the lives of children and families.

Yet millions of people in the most impoverished parts of the world lack access to the knowledge, capital, markets, technology, and information they need to build thriving businesses. Join us in prayer for people to be economically empowered to lift their families out of poverty.

World Vision has learned the best way to help people is to empower them to unleash their own drive and talents. That's why we work alongside some of the world's most vulnerable people to equip them with the tools they need to start or build small businesses, save money, take responsibility, care for their communities – and break the **cycle of poverty** in their families for good.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.—*Matthew 25:35 (NIV)*

Inside a small one-room shop in a suburb of Kampala, Uganda, a young mother of one, Esther, leans over her sewing machine.

She's part of a group of nearly 5,000 young people from low-income Kampala neighbourhoods who have received skills training and entrepreneurial know-how through a World Vision livelihoods project. The trainings prepare them for formal employment or become successful businesspeople.

Esther, 21, says World Vision has helped her gain a sense of confidence to dream about building her own career and future.

"The biggest change in our lives is how we can now provide for our own and our families," she says. "We

now have our own personal savings ... and enjoy earning through engaging in work we truly enjoy."

Esther is one of thousands of young people who can now support her family and has discovered the power of her own ideas and voice.

Join us in prayer for hardworking families like Esther's to break the cycle of poverty for good with the help of economic empowerment.

Pray for increased family livelihoods and economic empowerment.

When families' livelihoods improve, they can break the cycle of poverty and sustainably pursue their family's education, health, food security and nutrition, and shelter.

*Great Counsellor, bless families taking the risk of starting a business. Grant them wisdom in their decision-making. May their successes benefit their children and family and then overflow to the community.*

"From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward." –Proverbs 12:14 (NIV)

Pray for families to manage their finances in a way that reflects the love of God.

It's important for people to understand that they're created in the image of God, have inherent value, and have the power to move from poverty to prosperity.

*Loving Father, let Your presence shine in and through families' finances. May learn to be good stewards of what You provide for them more and more every day.*

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers." – Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

Pray for good weather so farmers can have healthy crops and animals.

The World Bank reports that globally, about 1 billion people work in the agricultural sector, which was about 28% of the population employed in 2018.

Dry spells and floods destroy families' crops, but poor weather conditions can also kill animals, another valuable source of food and income.

Because the weather is unpredictable, World Vision teaches improved farming and livestock management techniques that help families be more



resilient when hard times come.

*Holy God, we see Your powerful control of the weather throughout the Word. Please provide the right amount of rain and sun for farmers' crops and animals. Use World Vision staff and local leaders to help teach even more families how to overcome farm and livestock challenges so they can better provide for their families. Let each person in the family experience the joy of Your provision through a bountiful harvest.*

*"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." –2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV)*

Jose Luis once tried to migrate because economic prospects were so limited in his Honduras community. But he heard about new farming techniques being used in his village and returned. Now he's prosperous and hiring other people to harvest for him.

Pray that hardworking farmers will become resilient, so they have plenty of food during lean seasons.

COVID-19 has not only had an impact on people's physical health but also their economic situation.

**About 97 million more people are living on less than \$1.90 a day because of the pandemic, increasing the global poverty rate from 7.8% to 9.1%.** Globally, three to four years of progress toward ending extreme poverty are estimated to have been lost.

World Vision's community-led THRIVE model – Transforming Household Resilience in Vulnerable Environments – addresses underlying causes of vulnerability for farmers, since the journey upward from extreme poverty to one of improved well-being is not without interruptions. Resilient families can withstand or recover quickly from droughts and other emergencies, adapting to a changing environment.

*Merciful Provider, watch over farmers and their crops, especially during times of vulnerability. We pray for You to help farmers become*

*economically empowered by learning and practicing effective farming and selling techniques, so they don't experience loss or waste.*

Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for

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you, and your hope will not be cut off. –Proverbs 24:14 (NIV)

Pray that women will be equipped to start and grow their businesses.

Through microloans, savings groups, and training, World Vision is focused on especially **teaching women around the world** about best practices in operating small businesses, such as tailoring, mat weaving, or selling crops they grow. As women gain confidence and contribute to the family income, they are able to positively influence decision-making on important issues such as nutrition, children's education, healthcare, and child marriage.

*Alpha and Omega, thank You for generous donors who help equip women and men with training and microfinance support to start their own businesses. Bless these small business ventures so families can live healthier, more secure lives. Help women become voices for improvement in their families and communities.*

*"She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks." –Proverbs 31:17 (NIV)*

Pray for World Vision to create more opportunities for economic empowerment.

World Vision's fully integrated, proven approach to economic empowerment equips hardworking men and women to move from surviving to thriving. Ask God to continue to equip World Vision to provide the basics parents and caregivers need to provide for their families.

*Almighty Lord, thank You for providing life-changing opportunities for families that struggle in extreme poverty. We pray for You to equip World Vision and its partners working in Your name to reach even more families, that they may be economically empowered. We ask that You help them to experience the fullness of life You intend for them.*

*"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." –Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)*

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