

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 11th September 2022 Service



This Sunday Pat is leading and Jerry continues the sermon series on **9 Flavours 1 Fruit. Considering the 8th flavour "Gentleness"** and readings from **Matthew 11:27-30 and Philippians 4: 4-5**

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

The Structure of Jerry's talk

We'll explore 3 points: (1) Gentleness Defined, (2) Gentleness Displayed, and (3) Gentleness Demanded.

Jerry's Reads

Num 12:3, Isaiah 40:11; 42:1-4, Matt 21:5, Gal 6:1-2 1 Tim6:11, 2 Tim 2:25, Titus 3:1-2, & 1Pet 3:14-15.

For Your Prayers

During September please pray for the residents of St Benets Road, St Benets Close and Robert Smith Court.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Angela Holman**

Lord our new PM Liz Truss said we can ride out the storm. In 1692 off the coast of North Norfolk 200 sailing ships carrying coal were caught in a violent storm from the North East, they tried to ride out the storm, 140 ships were wrecked and a thousand men lost. Lord we pray for those without financial lifeboats who will be the casualties in this cost-of-living storm.

Pray that people watching singers and groups at SBC on Sunday 18th afternoon for the Stalham Fringe will consider coming on a Sunday morning and find Jesus.

Pray that the Community Scene that is now being delivered will reach out to people and be well received and we thank you Lord for those who organise and deliver the magazine.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, for the way she dedicated herself to serve the peoples You entrusted to her and for the way she wore her Christian faith before the world in service of You.

We pray too for our new King Charles III, that his reign may model that of his mother in servanthood and faith.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 2nd September Jerry posted "Update on Lee: Please continue praying for Lee, who is currently in Royal London Hospital. He has a long road ahead of him, including having his pelvis reset and several procedures on his legs before he can start his rehabilitation. They've had to stop surgical procedures on his legs because he's having pressure on his spine. This is causing vision loss in his eyes, and he is not coping well mentally."

On Saturday 3rd September Pat posted "Please pray for Steve Smith (our drummer) who collapsed last night and has been taken to James Paget for tests. Pray that the doctors will quickly find the problem so the right treatment can be given and also for Elaine and family."

Jerry's Bible Reading Luke 17: 1-10 (MSG) A Kernel of Faith

17 ¹⁻² He said to his disciples, "Hard trials and temptations are bound to come, but too bad for whoever brings them on! Better to wear a concrete vest and take a swim with the fishes than give even one of these dear little ones a hard time!

³⁻⁴ "Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if it's personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again,' forgive him."

⁵ The apostles came up and said to the Master, "Give us more faith."

⁶ But the Master said, "You don't need *more* faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it would do it.

⁷⁻¹⁰ "Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from ploughing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, 'Sit down and eat'? Wouldn't you be more likely to say, 'Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I've finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper'? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what's expected of him? It's the same with you. When you've done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, 'The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.

Listen to Jerry's blog on the passage with a short audio recording (less than 5 minutes) by visiting our [Scripture Reading Plan](#)

Then click on [Public Area](#) then [Scripture Reading Plan](#).

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The Whole Fellowship

For your Diary 12th September

7.00pm Deacons Zoom Meeting
10.30 to 11.30am in the Church
Prayers for SBC and young people

Tuesday 13th September

9.30am -12 in the Stables
Coffee and Chat

Wednesday 14th September

9.30am -12 in the School Room
Table Tennis

Thursday 15th September

3.15 - 5.00pm in the Church
Messy Church

7.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting
Details in online Diary

Friday 16th September

10.15 Prayer for Revival
Three Windows, Brumstead Road
1.15-3pm Foodbank in Stables
10am - 4pm National Day of Prayer
in the Church

Saturday 17th September

6.30pm in the Church
Bar Room Blues

Sunday 18th September

10.45 Sunday Service
Flowers: Barbara Reynolds
1pm-4pm Stalham Fringe singers in
the Church

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](#)

Cancellation

Unfortunately, due to one of our band members becoming incapacitated (Steve), the Out of Egypt Concert planned for 17th September has had to be cancelled. We hope to be able to re-arrange a date later in the year. However, 'Bar Room Blues' who were due to perform in November are able to move their performance to the 17th September and so will play instead. Please do come along and support them.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be on Thursday 15th September from 3.15 to 5pm. We'll begin with activities based on the creation/harvest theme [including some items for our harvest window display] then Jerry will celebrate with a story and prayer and Ron will lead our song, finishing with a jacket potato tea. Please pray for this meeting. Everyone is welcome to come and hopefully make some new friends while having fun!

Future Messy Churches will be on Thursdays 20th October [Light], 17th November [Wise and foolish builders] and 15th December [Christmas].

Further info from Barbara Reynolds [01692 672120]

Leprosy Mission Christmas catalogue.

Once again, this year I'll be happy to send in orders for items from the Leprosy Mission Autumn/Winter [Christmas!] catalogue. They've contacted me to suggest I ask folk to look at the catalogue online via <https://www.theleprosymissionshop.com/interactive-catalogue> though I have asked for some printed catalogues too as I know we're not all online [and I prefer browsing a paper copy!] If you have been sent a catalogue and would be happy to give it to me once you've decided on your own items this may speed up the process! Orders sent via me [Barbara Reynolds -the church "trading partner"] will save you postage and also make a donation towards church funds (in many cases 20% of your order.) They do ask that I send in requests for items totalling £50 or more so I'll gather your orders together until that total is reached.

I'll put order forms at the back of the church [for using with the online or printed catalogue] and let's see how this new system works!

Harvest Supper, Quiz and Auction

Starting at 6.30 pm the cost will be £6.00 please let Elaine know if you are joining us on 07796875785 or elainemsmith364@btinternet.com. Elaine could do with a helping hand and also with some desserts. We will again be supporting the BMS appeal which this year is called "Good land" helping transform the village of Ghusel in Nepal.

Prayer Request for Kjell

My name is Mary Johnston and I live at Robert Smith Court. I am not a Baptist but a Roman Catholic and attend sacred heart church in North Walsham but I have visited SBC occasionally. I did speak to you last October and asked you for prayers for my great grandson KJELL who lives in Germany. He is 9 years old. He was diagnosed with a tumour on the brain last October. He has had two operations to try to remove the tumour. As the tumour is right next to the brain stem 10 per cent of it cannot be removed. He has now developed a cyst on the remaining tumour. This has had to be drained every month. The cyst cannot be removed either due to its position on the brain stem.

He has had radiotherapy, chemotherapy and has had a special immunotherapy. Yesterday 6th September he had yet another scan, the results today show that the tumour has increased in size. He now has diabetes and cannot walk.

A MIRACLE IS NEEDED HERE:

Please would you pray for him, his brother, his mother and father (my granddaughter and her husband) and my daughter and her husband, who have devoted the whole year to caring for him and taking him the length and breadth of Germany for treatment.

EBA Prayer Focus 11th September 2022 Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church

Ramsden Bellhouse is an affluent village located between Billericay and Wickford in southern Essex. And for 95 years has been home to Ramsden Bellhouse Baptist Church, a small village church with around twenty members led by part-time retired minister Revd Jim Hamilton for the past nine years.

Jim usually leads the services each Sunday, which continued on Zoom during lockdown. They have been back in the church for over a year now but still continue to Zoom. They have been blessed by six new attendees and in May held the first baptism for ten years, and have two new members. This is really encouraging and positive. The church has a great fellowship and sense of togetherness.

There is a midweek prayer meeting held on Zoom and a monthly breakfast on Saturdays for the wider community which is well attended. The church hall is used for other community activities like keep fit, and there is a bi-monthly lunch for retired Baptist ministers. Earlier in the year the church was a key drop-off point for goods for Ukraine. There was an amazing response with boxes filling the church hall which were picked up by a convoy of trucks and taken to Poland for use by the Ukrainian refugees. The church has also become a recent Foodbank donor and a boxful of food is collected each week for the Billericay Foodbank. There is a real sense of positivity at the church and thankfulness for all the blessings received over the past few years.

For prayer:

- Give thanks for new people coming to the church, for the recent baptism and new members.
- Pray for all the activities that take place in the church and those that regularly involve the local community.
- Give thanks for the ongoing generosity of people in reacting to specific needs and opportunities.
- Pray for new ways to breakthrough to the local residents, and for the development of a strategy that ensures the gospel reaches out into the community.

Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"I choose gentleness... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself." — *Max Lucado*

"Both gentleness and meekness are born of power, not weakness. There is a pseudo-gentleness that is effeminate, and there is a pseudo-meekness that is cowardly. But a Christian is to be gentle and meek because those are Godlike virtues... We should never be afraid, therefore, that the gentleness of the Spirit means weakness of character. It takes strength, God's strength, to be truly gentle."--*Jerry Bridges*

"Meekness is not to be confused with weakness: the meek are not simply submissive because they lack the resources to be anything else. Meekness is quite compatible with great strength and ability as humans measure strength, but whatever strength or weakness the meek person has is accompanied by humility and a genuine dependence on God. True meekness may be a quality of the strong, those who could assert themselves but choose not to do so."--*Leon Morris*

Tenderness will win hearts so hardened that nothing else can move them. Truth spoken in love goes directly to the heart of the hearer and calls forth a kind response... It overcomes prejudice and hardness... It melts and wins where the most logical argument, the most terrible warning, and the severest threatening would produce no more impression than the falling of dew upon a block of granite --*Wilson Hogg*.

As long as you fix your attention on your sin, you will fail to see how you can be safe. But as long as you look to this high priest, you will fail to see how you can be in danger. Looking inside ourselves, we can anticipate only harshness from heaven. Looking out to Christ, we can anticipate only gentleness." — *Dane C. Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*



SUMARITIAN'S PURSE SHOE BOX APPEAL



Why not prepare a standard size shoe box to pack for a boy or girl and fill with fun toys, hygiene items school supplies? A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal.



How to fill a shoebox

Filling a shoebox can be a very personal and thoughtful process. Creating a gift for a child living in poverty means that you can include some essentials along with some fun bits. See below how to create the perfect shoebox gift.

1. Wrap the box

Wrap your regular sized shoebox in snazzy Christmas wrapping paper. Please wrap the box and lid separately so we can easily open it up.

2. Decide who your gift is for

Decide who your gift is for, a girl or boy aged between 2 – 14. Print off your label or use the one on your leaflet – tick the age group and stick it on the top right-hand corner of your shoebox lid.

[Download label PDF →](#)

Be part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift.

Operation Christmas Child is part of the mission of Samaritan's Purse established in 1970, which is an international development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Gospel. So let's not pass by on the other side.

For more information: Contact Magda Nicholls on 01692 580002 Go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for more information.

Details of the collection of boxes at St Mary's and the date of the service has of yet to be finalised. "Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God." This impassioned prayer is what guided Bob Pierce as he founded and led the ministry of Samaritan's Purse in 1970. His mission for this organisation – in his own words – was "to meet emergency needs in crisis areas through existing evangelical mission agencies and national churches."



3. Fill your box

Fill your box with lovely gifts using items from the 4 W's list below. Please don't include anything on our 'what not to include' list or something you would not be happy to receive yourself.

[Download 4W's PDF →](#)

4. Pay for your shoebox

Don't forget to add €4 to help us get your box to a child. You can donate online or include cash in the envelope provided with the leaflet. You can place the cash envelope on top of your gifts inside the box.

[Donate online →](#)

5. Secure your box

Hold the box together with a large elastic band. Please don't seal it with tape as we have to check each box for custom purposes. Get your boxes to us by November 15th by dropping them at one of our national drop off points.

[Find my local drop off point →](#)

What can I put in my box?

WRITE



Pens/Pencils
Crayons
Paper/Copy Books
Colouring Books
Markers
Sharpeners
Erasers



WASH



Soap (wrapped)
Hairbrush
Comb
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Facecloth



WEAR



Socks
Underwear
Flip Flops
Hat
Scarf
Gloves



WOW



Cuddly Toy
Skipping rope/Yo-yo
Sweets (in date until 04/22)
Musical Instrument
Sunglasses
Toy Car
Doll
Ball



WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE

Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

Prayer for our new PM

We pray to you O God, for even though your glory and authority reside above the political realm, you are passionate about the detail of ruling with righteousness and justice. May the new prime minister Liz Truss govern with integrity.

We pray to the God who said he was the way, the truth and the life ([John 14:6](#)). Truth is only found in you. May the new prime minister govern in truth.

Many of us merely commentate from the safety of our armchairs or phones, so we pray for Liz Truss who has stepped forward to serve – that she would govern with grace.

Many of us could not cope with the scale of the challenges that face the new prime minister, so we pray that she would govern with wisdom.

Many of us did not vote for the new prime minister, but we pray that she would govern with love.

Many of us may disagree with the new prime minister on many things, but we pray that she would govern with justice.

You call us to pray for our leaders. So we do.

You call us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. So we do.

You call us to love our enemies. So we do.

You showed us the way to lead when you washed your disciples' feet. May the new prime minister govern in humility.

May your will be done and your kingdom come in the United Kingdom as it is in heaven.

Amen

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John 15:13-15 (MSG)

No Greater Love

¹¹⁻¹⁵ "I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.

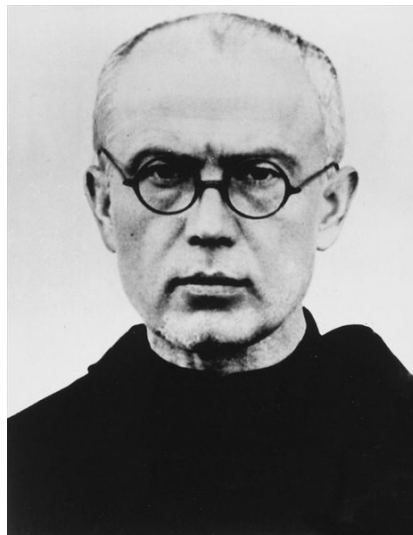
Maximilian Maria Kolbe OFMConv (pictured) was a Polish Catholic

priest and
Conventual

Franciscan friar in
1927 he founded

a new
Conventual

Franciscan
monastery



at Niepokalanów near Warsaw.

After the outbreak of World War II, Kolbe was one of the few friars who remained in the monastery, where he organized a temporary hospital. After the town was captured by the Germans, they arrested him on 19 September 1939; he was later released on 8 December.^{[2][5]} He refused to sign the Deutsche Volksliste, which would have given him rights similar to those of German citizens in exchange for recognizing his ethnic German ancestry.

Upon his release he continued work at his friary where he and other friars provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from German persecution in the Niepokalanów friary.

Kolbe received permission to continue publishing religious works, though significantly reduced in scope. The monastery continued to act as a publishing house, issuing a number of anti-Nazi German publications.

On 17 February 1941, the monastery was shut down by the German authorities. That day Kolbe and four others were arrested by the Gestapo and imprisoned in the Pawiak prison. On 28 May, he was transferred to Auschwitz as prisoner 16670.

Continuing to act as a priest, Kolbe was subjected to violent harassment, including beatings and lashings. Once he was smuggled to a prison hospital by friendly inmates. At the end of July 1941, one prisoner escaped from the camp, prompting SS-Hauptsturmführer Karl Fritzsch, the deputy camp commander, to pick ten men to be starved to death in an underground bunker to deter further escape attempts. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, "My wife! My children!" Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

According to an eyewitness, who was an assistant janitor at that time, in his prison cell Kolbe led the prisoners in prayer. Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered.

After they had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks, only Kolbe remained alive

The guards wanted the bunker emptied, so they gave Kolbe a lethal injection of carbolic acid. Kolbe is said to have raised his left arm and calmly waited for the deadly injection. He died on 14 August 1941. His remains were cremated on 15 August, the feast day of the Assumption of Mary.

Source Wikipedia