

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 18th September 2022 Service



This Sunday Ron is leading and continues the sermon series on **9 Flavours 1 Fruit**. Considering the 9th flavour "Self Control" and readings from Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 25:28, 2 Timothy 1:7

*This Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper*

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

Ro 6:12-14, 1 Jn 1:9, 2 Cor 3:18

## 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 **Jill Humphrey-Smith** Lord, on Monday the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will take place. As a nation we have been blessed by a monarch who was steadfast in her faith in You and expressed that regularly to the nation. In the difficulties of the post war 1950's she inspired the nation as a young mother and throughout the following decades she served the country and Commonwealth with calmness, advising a series of Prime Ministers and other world politicians. Following in the footsteps of Jesus Queen Elizabeth was a servant leader and a role model.

Lord, we pray for Charles III that as he takes up the reins as our King he will reflect servanthood and the composure of his mother.

We thank you Lord for Queen Elizabeth whose faith often featured in her annual Christmas Message broadcast. In 2000, she said:

"To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example." We pray Lord that her words will resonate with our nation and its leaders.

## Commemorative Service

A commemorative service in memory of Queen Elizabeth II will take place on Sunday 18th at 3.00pm at St Mary's Church Stalham.

## Virtual Prayer Room

**On Friday 9th September** Simone posted "Please pray for Anna and myself as we are on our way to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Anna's pre op assessment."

**On Saturday 4th** Simone posted "Thank you very much for all your prayers. She had a very good assessment, Anna was sleeping throughout her echo and so they could get very good pictures. She's been booked in for surgery on October 3rd." Also on Saturday Pat posted "An update on Steve Smith. He is home and making good progress. Thank you for your prayers."

## Reading Galatians 2: 11-14 (MSG) Paul Opposes Peter

Later, when Peter came to Antioch, I had a face-to-face confrontation with him because he was clearly out of line. Here's the situation. Earlier, before certain persons had come from James, Peter regularly ate with the non-Jews. But when that conservative group came from Jerusalem, he cautiously pulled back and put as much distance as he could manage between himself and his non-Jewish friends. That's how fearful he was of the conservative Jewish clique that's been pushing the old system of circumcision. Unfortunately, the rest of the Jews in the Antioch church joined in that hypocrisy so that even Barnabas was swept along in the charade.

14 But when I saw that they were not maintaining a steady, straight course according to the Message, I spoke up to Peter in front of them all: "If you, a Jew, live like a non-Jew when you're not being observed by the watchdogs from Jerusalem, what right do you have to require non-Jews to conform to Jewish customs just to make a favourable impression on your old Jerusalem buddies?"

*As Christians how easy would it be to challenge people in our church in some way if we felt they were creating a schism in the fellowship, or would it just be easier to walk away and worship in another church?*

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.

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.

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## For your Diary

**19th September**

9.00am Deacons Prayer Meeting

**Tuesday 20th September**

Coffee and Chat

9.30am -12 in the Stables

7pm Bible Study at Cameo Cottage

Potter Heigham

**Wednesday 21st September**

Table Tennis

9.30am -12 in the School Room

7.00pm Zoom Bible Study Meeting

Details in online Diary

**Friday 23rd September**

10.15 Prayer for Revival

Three Windows, Brumstead Road

1.15-3pm Foodbank in Stables

**Sunday 25th September**

10.45 Sunday Harvest Service

Flowers: Harvest

**Monday 26th September**

2.30pm "Warm Church" Meeting

in the Stables

**Tuesday 27th September**

6.30pm Harvest Supper

in the Stables

**Sunday 9th October**

Church Meeting 12pm

**Friday 14th October**

6.00pm 24 hour Snooker building

fund raiser at Edna's home

**Saturday 15th October**

9.00am Men's Breakfast

in the Stables

**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



## Harvest Festival

### Flowers and Produce Donations Please

Harvest Festival is on Sunday 25th September. Can you donate tins and fresh produce so we can decorate the stage with them? All the donation of tins etc. will go to the Foodbank and the fresh flowers and produce will be auctioned at Tuesday's supper.

### Harvest Supper, Quiz and Auction

Starting at 6.30 pm on 27th September in the Stables. The cost will be £6.00. Please let Elaine know if you are joining us on 07796875785 or [elainemsmith364@btinternet.com](mailto:elainemsmith364@btinternet.com). We will again be supporting the BMS appeal which this year is called "Good land" helping transform the village of Ghusel in Nepal.

### Warm Church

As several have mentioned the possibility of us as a church creating some sort of "warm space" over the winter months we are holding a meeting on Monday 2.30pm in the Stables [kitchen end] to discuss the best ways forward. All welcome.

### Bible Study Group

Bible Study group starts on 20<sup>th</sup> September, from 7.00 to 8.30pm. Whether you were a member of the "old Potter group" or not you're welcome to join us at Cameo Cottage, Potter Heigham as we start to learn more about God's story, beginning with a video by Andrew Ollerton entitled Wild Bible – origins – discovering God's story in the great outdoors. Barbara R 01692672120 2nd meeting at Jenny P's on 4th October. Lifts can be arranged.

### Can You Help?

There are a number of people who are struggling to get to SBC on a Sunday. Could you help them by offering them a lift? If you can have a chat with Henry.

### 24 Hour Snooker Marathon

Would you like to take part in a 24 hour snooker marathon at Edna's to raise money for the building fund? Snooker will start at 6.00pm Friday 14th and finish at 6.00pm Saturday 15th. The 24 hours will be broken up into 6 hour blocks. Refreshments will be available. If you would like to take part have a chat with Edna or Henry on 01692-581529.

### 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!

### EBA Prayer Focus 18th September 2022

We stand with our nation this week as we grieve the loss of our Queen. We remember her life of dutiful service to this nation, to the commonwealth and to the whole world.

A life of grace inspired by the example of

**"By all means, take your emotions along for the ride, but make sure you are driving the car."**

*Dondi Scumaci*

Jesus and the faith that she held dear.

For prayer:

- For our nation during this time of grief and change
- For the family members who are mourning the loss of a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother
- For King Charles III, as he seeks to follow in the footsteps of the Queen
- For those within our communities whose sense of grief and sadness will be reawakened by the Queen's passing.

A prayer from Lynn Green, General Secretary of our Baptist Union.

**Gracious God,**

We thank you for the life of your servant Elizabeth; for her faithfulness to your gospel through her words, example and humble service.

We remember with gratitude her gentle diplomacy, her wise leadership and guidance in a changing world, and the glimpses into her sense of humour.

She has been a gracious and godly Queen, and so we commend her back to you:

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray too for the Royal Family as they grieve over the loss of a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, especially for Charles as he becomes King, and we lift up to you all in this country and across the commonwealth in this time of national mourning and change. Bless us with your peace, we pray, today and always, Amen.

### Church Meeting

The next church meeting will take place on Sunday 9th October at 12.00pm following the morning service.

### Hickling Yard Sale

The final total for the yard sale was £205 when Edna managed to sell a bike. Great effort by all concerned.

### Quotes of the Week

"What we call our destiny is truly our character and that character can be altered. The knowledge that we are responsible for our actions and attitudes does not need to be discouraging, because it also means that we are free to change this destiny. One is not in bondage to the past, which has shaped our feelings, to race, inheritance, background. All this can be altered if we have the courage to examine how it formed us. We can alter the chemistry provided we have the courage to dissect the elements."

— *Anais Nin, The Diary of Anais Nin, Vol. 1: 1931-1934*

"Ten greatest gifts; love, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

— *Lailah Gifty Akita, Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind*

"Self-regulation is highly valued. Even if we find them a bit tedious, we admire people who stick to an exercise regimen. We certainly value people who do not express every negative emotion they experience, those who are "low maintenance" because they can control their reactions to disappointment and insecurity. We can count on the self-controlled person to keep their promises because they will not be distracted in the course of so doing."

— *Christopher Peterson, Character Strengths and Virtues: A Handbook and Classification*

"Anger is an unpleasant feeling. It is like a blazing flame that burns up our self-control and causes us to say and do things that we regret later. When someone is angry, we can see clearly that he or she is abiding in hell. Anger and hatred are the materials from which hell is made."

— *Thich Nhat Hanh, Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life*



# North Norfolk Foodbank

During August SBC contributed 174.5kg of food which helped towards a total of 5486.1kg. We totally rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So, thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve the people in crisis across our district.



**THIS MONTH THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED:**



Thank you for your support and generosity without which the foodbank work would not be possible.

Please note that we cannot accept any fresh food or items that contain alcohol.

## I feel lost

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Not my comment, but something posted on a well-known social media platform on Friday morning. Whatever your views on monarchy, I am sure we all agree that this is a truly historic moment in our nation's story. For many people, Queen Elizabeth was the only monarch we have ever known. She was highly regarded for her skills as a diplomat. She was respected, as the figurehead of our nation.

Last Thursday evening (8 September) our Queen died at the age of 96.



What came as a surprise to me were my own feelings toward this event. I have never seen the Queen or met her, but somehow I felt a little adrift. It was as if something was missing. What once appeared to be stable, solid, unchangeable was no longer there.

My social media friend summed it up beautifully: "I feel lost."

All of my immediate plans were out of the window. A new sermon had to be prepared. All-age harvest festival was, definitely, inappropriate and had to be replaced by something that fitted the occasion. People needed to be notified of changes, rotas and plans redrafted. Remember, it is not only the minister that has to prepare!

As the service began, I faced the challenge of trying to bring all human emotions and feelings together with God's word. As a fellowship, we wanted to hear what God was saying to us at this time. We looked at a beautiful passage from Isaiah 6 which begins;

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.*

(Isaiah 6: 1)

I found a peace within those words. The solidity and anchor that I needed were still there and they were to be found in God who is both high and exalted, and yet, still touches the earth.

This world is a place of constant change.

Often, the changes are so small we hardly notice. Once in a while, they are so big they can leave us feeling lost. At those times when we feel lost, it's good to know that God gives us a true anchor.

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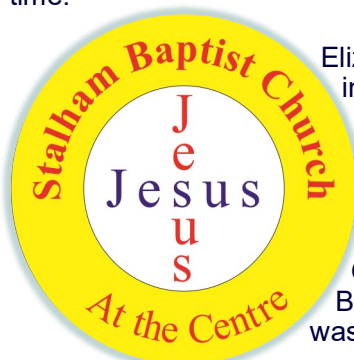


# Queen Elizabeth Early Years

Elizabeth was born at 02:40 (GMT) on 21 April 1926, during the reign of her paternal grandfather, King George V. Her father, Prince Albert, Duke of York (later King George VI), was the second son of the King. Her mother, Elizabeth, Duchess of York (later Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother), was the youngest daughter of Scottish aristocrat Claude Bowes-Lyon, 14th Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne. Princess Elizabeth was delivered by Caesarean section at 17 Bruton Street in Mayfair, which was her grandfather Lord Strathmore's London home. She was baptised by the Anglican Archbishop of York, Cosmo Gordon Lang, in the private chapel of Buckingham Palace on 29 May, and named Elizabeth after her mother; Alexandra after her paternal great-grandmother, who had died six months earlier; and Mary after her paternal grandmother. Called "Lilibet" by her close family,<sup>[6]</sup> based on what she called herself at first, she was cherished by her grandfather, George V, whom she affectionately called "Grandpa England", and her regular visits during his serious illness in 1929 were credited in the popular press and by later biographers with raising his spirits and aiding his recovery.

Elizabeth's only sibling, Princess Margaret, was born in 1930. The two princesses were educated at home under the supervision of their mother and their governess, Marion Crawford. Lessons concentrated on history, language, literature, and music. Crawford published a biography of Elizabeth and Margaret's childhood years entitled *The Little Princesses* in 1950, much to the dismay of the royal family.<sup>[12]</sup> The book describes Elizabeth's love of horses and dogs, her orderliness, and her attitude of responsibility.<sup>[13]</sup> Others echoed such observations: Winston Churchill described Elizabeth when she was two as "a character. She has an air of authority and reflectiveness astonishing in an infant." Her cousin Margaret Rhodes described her as "a jolly little girl, but fundamentally sensible and well-behaved".

During her grandfather's reign, Elizabeth was third in the line of succession to the British throne, behind her uncle Edward and her father. Although her birth generated public interest, she was not expected to become queen, as Edward was still young and likely to marry and have children of his own, who would precede Elizabeth in the line of succession. When her grandfather died in 1936 and her uncle succeeded as Edward VIII, she became second in line to the throne, after her father. Later that year, Edward abdicated, after his proposed marriage to divorced socialite Wallis Simpson provoked a constitutional crisis. Consequently, Elizabeth's father became king, taking the regnal name George VI. Since Elizabeth had no brothers, she became heir presumptive. If her parents had subsequently borne a son, he would have been heir apparent and above her in the line of succession, which was determined by male-preference primogeniture at the time.



Elizabeth received private tuition in constitutional history from Henry Marten, Vice-Provost of Eton College, and learned French from a succession of native-speaking governesses. A Girl Guides company, the 1st Buckingham Palace Company, was formed specifically so she

could socialise with girls her own age. Later, she was enrolled as a Sea Ranger.

In 1939, Elizabeth's parents toured Canada and the United States. As in 1927, when they had toured Australia and New Zealand, Elizabeth remained in Britain, since her father thought her too young to undertake public tours. She "looked tearful" as her parents departed. They corresponded regularly, and she and her parents made the first royal transatlantic telephone call on 18 May.

## Second World War

In September 1939, Britain entered the Second World War. Lord Hailsham suggested that Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret should be evacuated to Canada to avoid the frequent aerial bombings of London by the *Luftwaffe*. This was rejected by their mother, who declared, "The children won't go without me. I won't leave without the King. And the King will never leave." The princesses stayed at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, until Christmas 1939, when they moved to Sandringham House, Norfolk. From February to May 1940, they lived at Royal Lodge, Windsor, until moving to Windsor Castle, where they lived for most of the next five years. At Windsor, the princesses staged pantomimes at Christmas in aid of the Queen's Wool Fund, which bought yarn to knit into military garments. In 1940, the 14-year-old Elizabeth made her first radio broadcast during the BBC's *Children's Hour*, addressing other children who had been evacuated from the cities. She stated: "We are trying to do all we can to help our gallant sailors, soldiers, and airmen, and we are trying, too, to bear our own share of the danger and sadness of war. We know, every one of us, that in the end all will be well."

In 1943, Elizabeth undertook her first solo public appearance on a visit to the Grenadier Guards, of which she had been appointed Colonel the previous year.<sup>[30]</sup> As



In Auxiliary Territorial Service uniform, April 1945

she approached her 18th birthday, parliament changed the law so she could act as one of five Counsellors of State in the event of her father's incapacity or absence abroad, such as his visit to Italy in July 1944. In February 1945, she was appointed an honorary second subaltern in the Auxiliary Territorial Service with the service number of 230873. She trained as a driver and

mechanic and was given the rank of honorary junior commander (female equivalent of captain at the time) five months later.

At the end of the war in Europe, on Victory in Europe Day, Elizabeth and Margaret mingled incognito with the celebrating crowds in the streets of London. Elizabeth later said in a rare interview, "We asked my parents if we could go out and see for ourselves. I remember we were terrified of being recognised ... I remember lines of unknown people linking arms and walking down Whitehall, all of us just swept along on a tide of happiness and relief."

Source Wikipedia