

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 26th March 2023

This Sunday Jerry is leading and preaching from the Last Servant song in Isaiah 53:1-12 "The Man Of Sorrow".

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

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Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Jerry's Structure For Isaiah 53:

- ✦ The Simple Sorrowing Servant 53:1-3
- ✦ The Substitutionary Sacrifice 53:4-6
- ✦ The Submissive Servant 53:7-9
- ✦ The Satisfied Servant 10-12 (For Easter Service)

## Jerry's Reads

Exo 12:1-13, Lev 16, Matt. 26:38-42; Luke 22:37; John 1:29; Romans 3:24-26; 2 Cor 5:20-21; 1 Peter 2:24-25; 1 Peter 3:18; Philippians 2:5-11.

## For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Steven Slade**.

During April please pray for the residents of **Recreation Road and Brumstead Road including Sydney House**.

Lord, we pray that as we move towards Your death on the cross at Calvary we will reach out to our community and help them find Your Love and the pathway to their salvation through Your resurrection.

We also pray for all those who are looking at their dwindling finances as the interest rates continue to go up driven by the still growing inflation. Many will be anxious about how they can survive. Lord, we also pray that SBC will continue to receive foodbank donations so we can support the growing numbers of people in difficulty.

We pray that Your wisdom will penetrate the hearts of the UK's governing bodies and they will serve the people as spoken in the House of Commons Prayer by the Speaker's Chaplain before sittings:

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen"

We also pray that all those who lay their hand on Your book will utter the oath with truth in their hearts.

## Virtual Prayer Room

**Wednesday 22nd March** DJ Steve Slade posted an audio message saying "Hi everyone, just wanted to let you know that that this afternoon I'm going to see my doctor regarding my move, if you can pray for me, I would love that, I love you all and I can't wait to get back to church. Praise the Lord"

**Thursday 23rd March** David posted "Please pray for Paul a resident of Robert Smith Court who is going to Addenbrookes Hospital for surgery on his brain."

## Bible Reading 1 Timothy 2: 1-10 (NIV)

### Instructions on Worship

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth; I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. <sup>9</sup> I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or



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**For your Diary**

### Monday 27th March

10.30 to 11.30am in the Church  
Prayers for SBC and young people  
2 to 4pm Warm Spaces in the Stables  
7.00pm Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday 28th March

Coffee and Chat

9.30am -12 in the Stables

### Wednesday 29th March

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12 in the School Room  
10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

### Thursday 30th March

10 to 2pm Warm Spaces in the Stables  
7.00pm Lent Talks in the Church  
7.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

All Welcome to join in  
Contact Diana for details

### Friday 31st March

10.15 to 11.30am

Prayer for Revival at Three Windows,  
Brumstead Road

1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables

### Saturday 1st April

8.30 am Mens Breakfast  
In the Stables

### Sunday 2nd April

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Magdalena & Dan StJohn  
Flowers: Edna Woolsey

### Sunday 16th April

12 Noon SBC AGM & Special Meeting

### Thursday 4th April

10am -12pm Bible Art in School-room  
holiday children & adults welcome

## Food Bank & Personal Prayer

SBC is normally open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon to receive donations for the food bank and for personal prayer. The **Food Bank** is open on Friday 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 07826 376343, or contact Ron Skivington at [minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

pearls or expensive clothes,<sup>10</sup> but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. *As Christians we need to pray for those in authority that they can please God with their efforts to serve the people of the UK.* Listen to Ron's short blog based on this passage that answers those questions click [Ron's Blog](#).

Or go to

[www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/) and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary"



## "Good News" The How Hill Easter Sunday Sonrise Service – and Breakfast

Easter Sunday services have been held at How Hill for over 30 years, and over that time the hardy flock of worshippers have been treated to ice, snow, and biting winds sweeping off of the wetlands below, all testing the musicianship of the frozen-fingered guitar

players, before a rising, watery sun provides them with a little warmth. (Pictured left)

This years service starts at 6.30am "He has Risen" will be the shout, followed by readings and songs. The congregation will be joined by the singing tree-top birds, honking geese, and the circling seagulls squabbling, squawking cries..

Everyone is welcome to the Sonrise service which lasts about 30 minutes.

At the end of the service the car park quickly empties as many of the worshippers head back to the warm Stables at Stalham Baptist Church for hot coffee or tea and a breakfast of cereal, croissants and hot filled rolls.

If you would like a breakfast telephone Elaine 07796 875785 or email

[elainesmith364@btinternet.com](mailto:elainesmith364@btinternet.com) and leave a message to book breakfast.

## Weekly Prayer Focus: 26th March St Andrews Street Baptist Church

St Andrew's Street Cambridge has a long and illustrious history and predates the street after which it is named. Dating from 1720 the church has

been led by a number of long-serving and distinguished ministers. However, after a couple of recent 'bumps in the road' the church became mistakenly known as a 'difficult church'. In response, Steve Langford was appointed as Interim Minister and tasked to prepare the church for the next long-term minister.

Even before the pandemic St Andrew's Street was involved in a ministry to the homeless. However involved

## Bible Art in April

Our next Bible Art morning will be on April 6th in the Schoolroom at 10am to 12pm (Holidays: Children and adults are welcome) We read a few Bible verses each time, reflect on them and think about their relevance in our own lives. Then each person has the chance to create something in reflection of the Bible passage. It can be a painting, or it can be words, it can be a post card or a big canvas, everyone can choose their own creative method. We meet bi-weekly and it has so far been very encouraging. We are open for people to join in (reading age to no age limit) either as a one off or on a regular basis. If you have your own craft materials you are welcome to bring them along." Any questions? Feel free to contact Simone Otieno: [sim1otieno@gmail.com](mailto:sim1otieno@gmail.com) and or 07436837210

## Teas and Coffee are back in the Stables

This Sunday, teas and coffee will be back in the Stables everyone is welcome.

## The Daffs will reach the magic number?

Will we pass the £1000 for Daffs which means that 2,000 bunches would have been sold. You can do the maths 10 in each bunch, amazing. Henry says as of Thursday " We now have raised £971 so far."

You can buy bunches of daffs for 50p outside Edna's house in St. Johns Road and also at the Community Fridge



## LENT TALKS

*You are invited to talks relating to Jesus' life and death in 'Holy Week'.  
Each session will include tea/coffee and 'cake',  
worship in song and prayers, a talk and discussion.*

Thursday 30th March 7.00pm Stalham Baptist Church  
"SACRIFICE"

Speaker: Rev. Helen Lynch, St. Mary's Church

All Welcome

For enquiries call Keith 07891 365232 or 01692 583292

**Fire Evacuation** In the event of a fire everyone should make their way to the fire assembly point which is outside Trett Phillips Residential in the High Street. For more information speak to Daniel.

in a ministry to the homeless. However when, in response to the spread of Covid-19, the government called 'everybody in' the church opened its kitchens and cooked up to one hundred meals a day for those living in Travel Lodges and hostels.

During the pandemic the church moved online and now continues to run hybrid worship services. This has opened up new opportunities for ministry with some of our missionary friends able to share in our worship services from their current postings or home nations.

In 2021 the church took the bold step of entering into partnership with Cambridge Youth for Christ that will see part of their church centre, known as No. 40, re-developed into a drop-in and well-being centre for young people.

In 2022 the church 'stepped up' again as we opened our church centre to host English language classes for up to one hundred Ukrainians.

In 2023 we will be looking at what ministry might look like in the future and contributing to the Baptist Union consultation on the change to the Minister's Code of Conduct.

Please pray for:

The ongoing redevelopment of No. 40.

- Pray for the ongoing relationship with the homeless charities in Cambridge.
- Pray for the ongoing relationship with the Ukrainian Refugees.
- Pray for the preparations for the next long-serving minister.
- The Baptist Union consultation process.
- Pray that the church will 'shake off' its inappropriate title.

## Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 1st April in The Stables at 8-30am.

No fixed charge, donations appreciated, MAF missionary aviation fellowship. Cereal & fruit juice will be followed by a cooked breakfast.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (pictured) is a Christian organization that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of



isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas. The breakfast is an opportunity for the menfolk of SBC to gather together in fellowship with one another and also to invite a friend or neighbour to come along with you. Jesus was often seen sharing in hospitality. To book your place(s) email

geoffreynolds51@gmail.com, phone

01692 672120 or speak to Geoff. (It helps catering to have at least an idea how many folk are coming, thanks!)

## AGM and Deacons'

### Nominations needed by April 1st

This year's AGM will take place on 16th April There will also be a Special Meeting to update the fellowship on the refurbishment project following the church service. This is the time that we consider the Deacons' elections. There are 3 deacons standing for re-election - Diana Gordon,

David Child and Henry Nicholson. The Leadership team also encourage nominations to the Diaconate from others in the church. Requirements are that you are a member of the church and have been baptised as a believer.

**Nominations would need to be presented two weeks before the AGM.** If you think this could be you or if you would like to nominate another please speak to Diana. Please also pray for the elections and the continuing strengthening of the leadership team.

## The Leprosy Mission Easter/Spring 2023 catalogues

are now available at the back of the church. They include the Fairtrade chocolate Easter eggs.

Orders sent via Barbara Reynolds (Stalham Baptist's "trading partner") will save you postage, make a donation towards church funds (in many cases 20% of your order) and enable the leprosy mission to assist folk with this awful disease. You pay the same prices seen in the catalogue and can also order anything you see on their website [www.tlmtrading.com](http://www.tlmtrading.com)



Please give your order to Barbara along with payment by cash or cheque to me [Leprosy Mission request this.] Happy Shopping!

## North Norfolk Foodbank

During March any of the following would be much appreciated:

**Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Milk – full fat or semi-skimmed, Tinned Meat, Rice Pudding, Biscuits, Pot Noodles/ Mugshots, Cuppa Soup, Squash, Toilet Rolls, Cleaning Sprays.**

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

## Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things; but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion."— C. S. Lewis

"The centre of salvation is the Cross of Jesus; the reason it is so easy to obtain salvation is because it costs God so much. The Cross is the point where God and sinful man merges with a crash and the way of life is opened, but the crash is on the heart of God." —Oswald Chambers

"The cross is a one time visual representation of God's grief over sin."— Dean L. Harvey

"All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, hell afraid of it, while men are the only ones to ignore its meaning."— Oswald Chambers

"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." — John R.W. Stott

"Unless you see yourself standing there with the shrieking crowd, full of hostility and hatred for the holy and innocent Lamb of God, you don't really understand the nature and depth of your sin or the necessity of the cross." — C.J. Mahaney.

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# This is about assisting people on their journey of faith'

Prolific author and Baptist minister Patrick Coghlan's latest book is a teens/adult Christian novel called *Crazy about horses*. He explains why. [Source Baptist Times](#)

In my late sixties, I am a Baptist minister (Worstead Baptist Church, Norfolk), Christian counsellor, and [published author of 41 books](#). My writing is mainly Christian non-fiction for a variety of different age groups – always Bible based, accessible and accompanied with loads of prayer resources. But over the years, I have also written a handful of family novels; and now a teens/adult one.

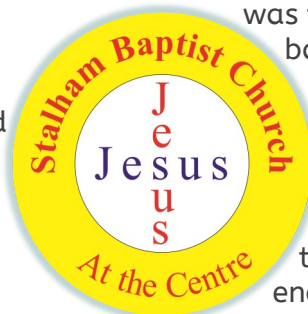
My latest book *Crazy about horses* – based on North Norfolk Coast – is a Christian novel, with lots in it about faith and prayer; and it just oozes horses. Having said that, many of the people who have enjoyed reading it have not been horsey people.

The book focuses primarily on 18 year old Isabel; passionate about horses, and also her Christian faith – but she struggles with issues of broken relationships and a history of being bullied. It doesn't take much, in terms of triggers, for her to feel that she is right back there in the school playground, facing the bullies.

I started writing *Crazy about horses* several years ago, while attending a local creative writing course. It's taken some time to complete, because I've repeatedly placed it onto the backburner, to make way for other more pressing writing projects.

There is so much of myself in this book. I have lived in Norfolk most of my life. I love the North Norfolk Coast line; particularly around the salt marshes. In my youth, I trained under the British Horse Society as a horse riding instructor, and worked with horses for a number of years. I am still an enthusiastic horse rider (see picture); and endeavour to go riding once a week.

One of the key themes in *Crazy about horses* is facing up to the bullies; and they come in a variety of contexts in this book. I speak from experience, as I was bullied relentlessly at school, for many years; and in the workplace. Horse-riding, as well as being a passion of mine, has also been a great healer of the damage done to my confidence, through those past traumas – and still is an amazing means to mental and physical fitness.



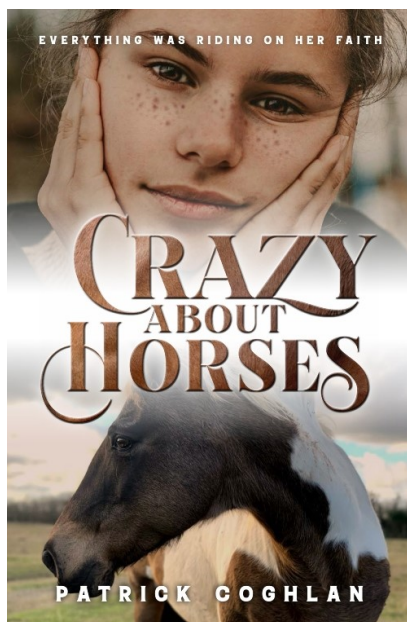
I grew up in a Christian family; and I always tell people that Jesus lived in our house. I don't remember a time when I didn't know Jesus; although I consciously asked him into my life when I was about 12 years old, at a Billy Graham meeting being relayed to a cinema in Norwich. I have always been enthusiastic about prayer; and I do try to encourage people to feel at ease about chatting with God. My first published book was called *Anytime! Chats with God* – it was all about informal prayer. That kind of prayer, linked with a relationship with God, through Jesus, plays a large part in *Crazy about horses*.

My publishers told me that, as far as they knew, I was the only person writing Christian fiction based on horses in the UK. If that is the case, I can't believe that is because there is no demand for it!

My vision for *Crazy about horses* is that church congregations will use and promote this as an evangelistic tool, and an encouragement to those who have been bullied, are going through difficult relationships, or struggle with prayer, especially to young people who love horses.

My hope is that parents, grandparents, etc. will buy copies for their teenage children or grandchildren to read. My late Aunty Vera was a great one for giving away Christian books to people, as part of her witness to them. There is still something about holding an actual book, and reading it – rather than everything being electronic or online.

I have purchased quite a lot of copies from the publisher, in the hope of selling them at reduced prices to church book stalls to promote witness. I know that I am not going to make money from writing books – I give too many away, or sell them for too lower prices. This is about helping to bring people into the kingdom; and assisting them on their journey of faith. So please contact me if you have captured the vision, or would like to have a copy for yourself.



If you would like a single copy for yourself; or to buy multiple copies for your church book stall or local Christian book shop, please contact me. I am happy to supply with an invoice. [patrick@acsmail.net](mailto:patrick@acsmail.net)

Patrick Coghlan is the minister at Worstead Baptist Church in Meeting Hill (North Norfolk). He is also the chaplain of Aylsham and district Care Trust (ACT), and the manager of ACT Counselling Services. Patrick's latest book *Crazy about horses* is published by [Instant Apostle](#)