



Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News

Easter Sunday

This Sunday Jerry is leading and looking at the last stanza of the 4th Servant Song in Isaiah 53:10-12 and the topic is "The Satisfied Servant."

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Jerry's Structure

In Isaiah 53:10-12 we notice three points:

- (1.) The Satisfied and Glorified God vv10a,
- (2.) The Satisfied and Vindicated Servant vv10b-11a &
- (3.) The Satisfied and Justified People vv11b-12.

Jerry's Reads

Leviticus 5:1-19, Matthew 28:1-10, John 6:39; 8:29, Rom 6:9, 1 Cor 15, Phil 2:8-11, Heb 2:9-18.

For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Geraldine and Terry Smith.**

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

Lord, SBC was blessed with around 110 people at the Palm Sunday service including 19 children. We pray that we can keep reaching out to the community and also their visiting families, friends and those on holiday in the area.

We pray Lord that the SBC fellowship can use this Easter season to change others' lives and help them to open their hearts to You.

Dear Lord, help me to tell of Your wondrous power and mighty acts to those generations that come after me. May I not let the season pass by without pondering the real meaning of Easter. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Karen Ehman

Father, I thank You for the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Father, it is good news, it is good news. We just take a moment right now to just thank You. Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You not only died on the cross for our sins, but You rose again from the dead so that we could have a victorious, overcoming, Christian life here on earth as it is in heaven. Father, let everyone walk in the power of that resurrection truth. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen." - Christine Caine

We thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people. That your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity.

Virtual Prayer Room

Wednesday 31st March Lorraine posted "Thanks for praying everyone Mavis is out of hospital. She is a little unsteady on her feet but still victorious in spirit."

Saturday 1st April David posted "Paul the resident from Robert Smith Court has had his brain operation at Addenbrookes yesterday and it has been a success. Thank you for all your prayers." (Paul is now home)

Thursday 6th April Juliana posted "Can you please pray for Hannah. She came to SBC on Sunday and willing to join us again. She is having surgery today." Also on Thursday DJ Steve sent a audio message saying "DJ here I hope all my friends are ok have a lovely day love DJ."

To join the WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room that gives support with the power of prayer text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.

Bible Reading Blog James 2: 1-13 (MSG)

The Royal Rule of Love

2¹⁻⁴ My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an



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For your Diary

Monday 10th April

7.00pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday 11th April

Coffee and Chat

9.30am -12 in the Stables

Wednesday 12th April

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12 in the School Room

10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

Thursday 13th April

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

7.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

All Welcome to join in

Contact Diana for details

Friday 14th April

10.15 to 11.30am

Prayer for Revival at Three Windows,
Brumstead Road

1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables

Sunday 16th April

10.45 Sunday Service

12 Noon SBC AGM & Special Meeting

Welcome: Jean & Tom

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart

Thursday 20th April

3.15pm -5.00pm Messy Church
in the Chapel

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

Community Fridge Open

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

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expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, "Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!" and either ignore the street person or say, "Better sit here in the back row," haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted?

In George Orwell's novel Animal Farm, it says "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others." Do we sometimes forget In Jesus we are all equal?

Listen to Ron's brilliant short blog based on this passage that answers those questions [click Ron's Blog](#).

Or go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary"

The Daffs Great News

Last year's Daffs total was £1173 this year it is a brilliant total of £1347 all of which will go to the Schoolroom Refurbishment. A Huge thank you to all those who have gathered nearly 27,000 daffs and those who clustered them up to produce 2994 bunches an amazing effort. I think you are all worth another HUGER THANKYOU.

Just a Reminder

If you shop in Tesco's the slot for SBC's refurbishment is open on the Tesco's Community Grant collection point. SBC could be granted up to £1500 if we receive the largest amount of the blue tokens you can collect as you pay at the till area.

Blogs, Newsletters and Community Scene

If you miss out on any of the above you can always find them by going to

www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ blogs will

be found by going to Our Weekly Bible

Commentary. The Newsletters will be found

by clicking on Read the Weekly Church Bulletin

and the Community Scene will be on Community Scene.

Not only will you find the current issues but also issues produced many months ago.

Also on the SBC website you can find the Online Service going back a number of years.

SBC gets a lot of compliments for the quality of the On Line Services, Blogs, magazines and news information.

SBC also has a [Facebook](#) page and [twitter](#).

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 9th April Stoke Green Street Baptist Church

This week's Prayer Focus sees our eyes turn to the south-west of Ipswich and the home of Stoke Green Baptist Church. The congregation is located near the heart of two large housing estates, and forms a community of 66 members. They recently entered into a pastoral vacancy and expect to shortly begin the process of recruiting a new minister.

The church is blessed to have extensive premises and is therefore able to host a variety of activities, including Messy Church, youth and children's clubs, mother and toddler group, a club for older folk and a 'community warm space'.

They enjoy close relationships with local primary schools which involves taking Open The Book assemblies in two and RE lessons in one.

Despite the healthy array of activities being provided, the church has been heavily reliant on members aged 60+, and has only a handful of young families, and a fluctuating group of children and young people. A part time Youth and Children's Worker was employed from 2019-21, but this was disrupted by the pandemic and to make a new appointment would now be financially difficult.

Please pray for the following:

- Wisdom in shaping a church profile reflecting where we feel God wants us to be and the direction we should take.
- Resourcing our children and young peoples' work, which is a challenge.
- Our Moderator, Rev Jon Bates and church leaders during the pastoral vacancy.

AGM and Special Meeting

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.

North Norfolk Foodbank

During April 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

"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said?"

The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead." – **Timothy Keller**.

"We are adopted into God's family through the resurrection of Christ from the dead in which he paid all our obligations to sin, the law, and the devil, in whose family we once lived. Our old status lies in his tomb. A new status is ours through his resurrection." – **Sinclair B. Ferguson**

We live and die; Christ died and lived! – **John Stott**

"A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me." – **Andrew Murray**.

"The cross is the victory, the resurrection is the triumph...The resurrection is the public display of the victory, the triumph of the crucified one." – **Leon Morris**.

"The message of Easter is not that Jesus is alive, it is so much more. The message of Easter is that Jesus has risen!" – **Colin Smith**.



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.

SBC Short Blogs

Every week Jerry or Ron produce a blog that David has taken from a bible verse. The blogs are often challenging but very informative.

This week it is here to read but not as good as listening to Ron's calm voice.

Bible Reading Blog James 2: 1-13 (MSG) The Royal Rule of Love

For James our faith in Jesus should shape our lives, so if we say we are living for Jesus that should be matched by how we are and by what we do.

James can be an un-comfy read at times due to his directness and at the start of Chapter 2 he challenges us with the hard question "do you show favouritism, partiality or prejudice?" His was a world where partiality was rife between Jews & Gentiles, slaves & free, men & women and ours is no less prejudiced over black & white, refugees, sexual gender orientations and the haves & have nots etc.

The mid first century church was causing outrage, shock and horror due to the openness and unity they showed because church was one of the few places people of all backgrounds could meet on a relatively level playing field but it is as though James is marking the churches progress by saying "you can still be doing better."

To show partiality means we are more concerned or influenced by outer appearances than inner things be it wealth, colour, gender, even looks but they are not the sorts of things God places value in.

Often our showing favouritism may be due to our pride, the "I look up to him because he is the owner of a very successful business who may be able to advance my ambitions so he is worth keeping on side but I look down on her because she is only a lowly waitress who it's not worth spending too much time on". We can also do things for some and not others because we want to be seen and perhaps to be praised for what we do,

Have you ever been accused of showing favouritism? If so how did you respond? Did your defence mechanism kick in "I didn't, I don't, I am not" or maybe you recognised they were right and have re-evaluated your views or actions accordingly, if we are honest probably most of us could say at least occasionally "guilty as charged" leading to us thinking a bit more before we speak or act.

When James uses his illustration of rich and poor saying "has God not chosen the poor?" v 5 he is not suggesting some form of reverse favouring is okay to balance the scales he is simply stating that actually the poor more frequently respond to the Gospel than the rich do perhaps because they have less of value to hold onto and the rich believe they can always buy whatever they need to help themselves. Also the rich, James continues, are more likely to be those who oppose God's ways and values to protect their lifestyles, however God is never more for one group in society than another due to what they have or don't have for as James says in v 9 "if you show favouritism you sin" that is a challenging statement too but the previous verse shows the way to begin to address any such wrong views we may hold. "Love your neighbour as yourself" was ingrained into Jewish law and was referred to by Jesus as part of the greatest of the commandments.

Our neighbour is whoever we have contact with, be that physically or online not just the person who lives next door. If we believe in Jesus, James' inference is, we will believe what He says about love being the key is true for life, so why then would we be for some and against others if we are to love all which leads James to the idea of selective obedience.

Some may say "I quite like as a commandment do not murder so I will keep that one but I don't like do not commit adultery because if certain circumstances arise I will blot it out of my mind and behave as I want to with whom I want to" but is that not simply a pick and mix way of trying to live a faithful Christian life?

We only need break 1% of God's law to be 100% guilty of violating all of God's perfect righteous law and that means we stand in need of His mercy and thank God because Jesus died in our place. His mercy trumps His judgment towards us, so live as those who know they will be judged for their wrongs by the law of love that brings freedom and show our gratitude by living the purest lives we can.

If we love God and people we will endeavour to show no favouritism in our dealings with others, rather we will treat all evenly, we may not agree with them but won't behave badly towards anyone on the basis of our opinions as to their social status or their ability to benefit us.

A good idea is to sometimes ask ourselves "am I guilty of judging others by the value I place on them or by the casual way I treat them or defer to them and if so what should I do about it?"



Ladies Breakfast



**Please join us for a morning of
encouragement, fellowship and fun
Saturday April 22nd 9.00am till 11.00am
Stalham Baptist Church ... Stables**

Breakfast includes
cereal, Fruit Juice, Pastries,
Cooked Breakfast
Guest Speaker Diana Gordon
No fixed charge, but all donations are
appreciated, all profits to
Oncology Cancer Care - N & N Hospitals
Breast Cancer Charity

Please contact Elaine on
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Please invite a
neighbour or
friend