

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

This Sunday Elaine and Maggie are leading and Ron is preaching from

Numbers 10: 29-36 "Come with us and we will do you good"

This Sunday the AGM is starting at 12.00pm followed by a short

Special Meeting, everyone is welcome

Because of the meetings there will be no Tea & Coffee after the service.

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

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Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

## For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember Sue and Dan StJohn.

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

Lord, we were blessed this Easter Sunday with around 60 people celebrating the risen Christ at Howhill and nearly a full church at SBC. Please help us to continue growing with open hearts to your leading.

We continue to pray for those whose quality of life is still declining as they wait for operations and appointments from the NHS.

Lord, we live in a world where it is believed only 8% of people are living in a true democracy. At its most fundamental, a democracy is a form of government in which a nation's citizens have the power to decide the laws under which they will live. These decisions are made via either a vote of the people in a "direct democracy" or through elected officials who vote on behalf of their constituents in a "representative democracy". We pray that the 8% of people can stand strong, keeping the light burning for the other 92% in the world, giving them hope that things can change, and one day they can have a say in their future. We also pray that the 8% will fully understand their blessings and will not be overwhelmed by the darkness of those full of greed and obsessed with power.

Jesus is our light. We pray He can burst into the hearts of those separating themselves from their people by their own greed and desire for power and light up the true consequences of their darkness.

## Virtual Prayer Room

**Saturday 8th April** Jerry posted "Please pray for my sister-in-law Miriam who was due to have a C-section today. My brother (Steve) just requested a more urgent prayer because she has had to be rushed back to the theatre due to a complication. Thanks"

**Sunday 9th April** Jerry posted Update from my brother: "Baby had some mild respiratory distress initially, and my wife was returned to the theatre because of excessive bleeding.

Both her and new-born are being monitored at HDU."

Also on Sunday DJ Steve sent an audio message saying "Happy Easter to all my friends 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 John 15: 12-17 (MSG)

### Love each other as I have loved you.

"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.

You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you".

But remember the root command: Love one another."

**How easy is it as a Christian to deal with the thought that we are the friends of Jesus and He trusts us to creatively find ways of bringing people to Him? Or is it much easier to be a servant and just wait to follow instructions?**



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## For your Diary

### Monday 17th April

9.00am Deacons Prayer Meeting

10.30 to 11.30am in the Church

Prayers for SBC and young people

2 to 4pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

### Tuesday 18th April

Coffee and Chat

9.30am - 12 in the Stables

### Wednesday 19th April

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12 in the School Room

10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

7.00pm Zoom Bible Meeting

All Welcome to join in

Contact Diana for details

### Thursday 20th April

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

10am to 12pm Bible Art

3.15pm - 5.00pm Messy Church  
in the Chapel

### Friday 21st April

10.15 to 11.30am

Prayer for Revival at Three Windows,  
Brumstead Road

1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables

### Saturday 22nd April

9.00am Ladies Breakfast in the Stables

### Sunday 23rd April

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Magda and Eileen

Flowers: Eileen Neill

## 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)

**If you are reading this newsletter as a PDF or online you can click on the red highlighted links and you will be taken to the relevant websites.**

Listen to Jerry's short blog based on this passage on this verse [click Jerry's Blog](#). Or go to [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/) and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary"

## 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 will go to

**Oncology Cancer Care - N & N Hospitals  
Breast Cancer Charity**

Please contact Elaine on 07796 875785 or  
email [Elainesmth364@btinternet.com](mailto:Elainesmth364@btinternet.com) for more info

## 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.

## EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 16th April Centenary Baptist Church

March is a Fenland market town in north Cambridgeshire where you will find Centenary Baptist Church prominently located in the town centre. There has been a Baptist church in March since the 1700's but the current buildings are big and airy with good facilities and spaces.

Since last September the church has been led by Kim Downes as the Minister in Training who spends half her time with the church and the other half studying at Spurgeon's College. The church itself is a welcoming and friendly community of Christians seeking to serve within the fellowship and the wider community. There are up to fifty attending services on Sundays. Once a month there is café church and also a Kids' café meeting for youngsters.

The church has a regular programme of activities like house groups, a weekly prayer meeting and Chatterbox, a successful toddler group for which there is a waiting list. An Alpha course is starting after Easter and prayers are requested that people will come to faith through this. There is community support with the local Foodbank hosted at Centenary, a CAP centre in partnership with Wisbech Baptist Church, and a Warm Hub in the downstairs hall on Wednesdays with drinks, snacks, games and chat. Centenary Church is part of Churches Together in March which is very active in the town.

The church is currently engaged in a consultancy project with Rev Simon Goddard from Rivertree which is seeking God's will for the future ministry and direction of the church and how to address the challenges this will bring.

- Please pray for:
- Kim and the leadership team as they seek God's will for the growth of the church.
- For the Alpha course starting in April and all those who attend.



- For more families to attend and become involved in the church.
- For all the regular activities and community work that takes place.
- For the consultancy project to see what God wants to do next in the fellowship.

## Quotes of the Week

Now Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits; and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold moulding for it all around. He cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it  
**Exodus 37:1-9**

"Grace and grief, glory and the Cross... they are inseparably linked from the start. It's something hidden deep in the mystery of God, that these opposites can coexist and be redemptive."

*Sarah Christmyer,*

"By borrowing this language from {Old Testament} scripture, Luke shows us that what was from the start a distinguishing feature of God's people—his presence among them in the Ark of the Covenant—was only a hint of the far more marvellous truth. Mary is a "new Ark" through which not only God's glorious presence but also God himself in the flesh comes to live in and with his people!"

*Sarah Christmyer, Gaze Upon Jesus:*

*Experiencing Christ's Childhood through the Eyes of Women*

But when the Messiah arrived, high priest of the superior things of this new covenant, he bypassed the old tent and its trappings in this created world and went straight into heaven's "tent"—the true Holy Place—once and for all. He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all. If that animal blood and the other rituals of purification were effective in cleaning up certain matters of our religion and behaviour, think how much more the blood of Christ cleans up our whole lives, inside and out. Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God.

<sup>16-17</sup> Like a will that takes effect when someone dies, the new covenant was put into action at Jesus' death. His death marked the transition from the old plan to the new one, cancelling the old obligations and accompanying sins, and summoning the heirs to receive the eternal inheritance that was promised them. He brought together God and his people in this new way.

Hebrews 9: 11-17 (MSG)

## Thought for the Week

A week after the resurrection Thomas stands before Jesus and believes. At How Hill and the Sunday Service at SBC we were blessed by Jesus' presences with us.

HE had Risen.

**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.