

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday July 2nd

This Sunday Barbara & Geoff are leading and our guest speakers are

Bethan & Gareth Shrubsole.

Followed by our Shared Lunch in the Chapel.

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Eiddwen Brace**. During July please pray for the residents of **Lancaster Close, Ellis Close and Lyndford Road**.

Lord we pray that ways of supplying food to school children in the summer holidays that rely on school dinners will be found.

We thank You Lord that the Foodbank is still receiving donations to support people in the community who are struggling with the current cost-of-living situation.

Mary Southerland wrote "Lord, it seems as if my world has collapsed, hurling me into a deep, dark pit. I come to you in complete surrender. I am desperate for you, helpless and afraid. Please lift me out of this pit and show me the way, Lord."

Dear Jesus, many in the community and fellowship suffer both depression and anxiety. We ask that, in their darkest moments, You bring them Your light, that You comfort them during the midst of their pain and suffering and do not let them fall. Lord, we pray they can take hold of Your hand and be lifted out of the darkness.

A Prayer for Soul Healing

Precious Father, I marvel at the way You love me from immaturity to maturity, from brokenness to wholeness. You don't berate me for my blunders or belittle me for my weakness. You meet me in those places and make me strong. You bind up my wounds so they can heal. You give rest to my heart so it can beat strong again. You are with me. You are God Most High. Do a miracle in and through me, Lord! Heal my soul and make me whole. Make me a Kingdom woman. Help me to live a life totally disproportionate to who I am. May others pursue You when they see what You do through me! In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen. - Susie Larson source crosswalk.com

Virtual Prayer Room

This week unusually the prayer room is empty. 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 "The Helper"

Psalms 34:18

New International Version

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Isaiah 41:10 New International Version

¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 40: 1-3 The Message

40 ¹⁻³ I waited and waited and waited for GOD. At last he looked; finally, he listened. He lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud. He stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip.



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For your Diary

Monday 3rd July

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

Tuesday 4th July

Coffee and Chat
9.30am - 12 in the Stables

Wednesday 5th July

Table Tennis
9.30am to 12 in the Church
10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

Thursday 6th July

10 to 12pm Bible Art in the Church
10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

7.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

All Welcome to join in
Contact Diana for details

Friday 7th July

10.15 to 11.30am
1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables &
Citizens Advice Service

Sunday 9th July

10.45 Sunday Service
Welcome: Jenny & Rita

Flowers: Magdalena

12.00pm Church Meeting

Food Bank, Citizens Advice Service & Personal Prayer

SBC will be open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon to receive donations for the food bank and for personal prayer. The **Food Bank**: if you need help, or know someone in difficulty, either contact the Food Bank on 07826 376343, or contact Ron Skivington at minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk The **Citizens Advice Service** is open on Friday in the Stables, 1.15 to 3.00pm. Contact Food Bank on 07826 376343.

Don't get **ANGRY**

and **HURT**

by people just put them on your

PRAYER LIST

He taught me how to sing the latest God-song,
a praise-song to our God.

As Christians when anxiety and depression strikes, and darkness reigns God will reach out to us but how easy is it to hang on to His words and be lifted out of the mire?

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

North Norfolk Foodbank

During July any of the following would be much appreciated:

Long Life Milk – full fat or semi-skimmed – Tinned Fruit – Tinned Meat – Tinned Vegetables – Tinned Tomatoes – Pasta Sauce – Rice Pudding – Biscuits – Pot Noodles/Mugshots – Squash – Cereal – Coffee – Plus any toiletries or household cleaning items

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

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 2nd July Dereham Baptist Church

Dereham is a growing town in north east Norfolk and home to Dereham Baptist Church founded in 1783 when a small number of people walked 15 miles from Norwich with a vision to plant a church there.

Today the church is led by minister Nigel Bayley and Associate minister Dave Ward with around 200 people of all ages and backgrounds meeting together each week. The church has fully regained the momentum lost during covid and there is now a lively and varied Sunday programme with two morning services on alternate weeks including a service specifically for families and an all-age service.

There are lots of weekly activities and work at the Community Hub which operates a community fridge and a Christian bookshop. There are plans to build up further community work.

A new toddler group at church – the Ark – is starting in September led by a new team of volunteers to replace the previous group which stopped during covid.

A toddler group – Little Fishes – has already been planted in neighbouring Toftwood and this has led to Fishes Sunday, which is a Sunday morning "service" that is now run twice a month in the village hall. This work is successfully reaching out to unchurched families, and they are beginning to see people come to faith and get baptised. This is an exciting outreach ministry for the church to a nearby community.

There is also a Portuguese congregation meeting on Saturdays and led by pastor Marcos Hernandez who is retiring in October.

Whilst DBC is good at building community and relationships there is now a new focus on being bolder and more intentional about sowing the seed of the gospel into the ground that has been broken (Isaiah 28:23-26).

Please pray for:

- Wisdom, energy and vision for the church leadership in seeking God's will for the way forward.
- The new toddler group – the Ark – as it begins in September and the growing Little Fishes toddler group in Toftwood and the family outreach there.

- That more people will come to a personal faith in Jesus and many will be added to the kingdom.
- The Portuguese congregation as they seek a new minister to take over from Marcos.

Citizens Advice Service in the Stables

The Citizens Advice Service is back in the Stables every Friday 1.15 to 3.00pm. To make an appointment contact Food Bank on 07826 376343.

Bible Art

Don't miss the next Bible Art session on Thursday 6th July 10am to 12. For more information contact Simone on 07436837210

Has baptism been on your mind?

Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord. It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. It speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world. Please speak to Ron if baptism is on your mind.

Quotes of the Week

"The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty -- it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God."

Mother Teresa, [A Simple Path: Mother Teresa](#)

"Once poverty is gone, we'll need to build museums to display its horrors to future generations. They'll wonder why poverty continued so long in human society - how a few people could live in luxury while billions dwelt in misery, deprivation and despair."

Muhammad Yunus,

"All this is simply to say that all life is interrelated. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality; tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. As long as there is poverty in this world, no man can be totally rich even if he has a billion dollars. As long as diseases are rampant and millions of people cannot expect to live more than twenty or thirty years, no man can be totally healthy, even if he just got a clean bill of health from the finest clinic in America. Strangely enough, I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. You can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be." Martin Luther King Jr.

"If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin."

Charles Darwin

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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.



