



# Stalham Baptist Church

## News Bulletin Palm Sunday March 25th 2018

**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington 01692 582731  
**Assistant Pastor:** Jerry Otieno  
**Secretary:** Geoff Reynolds 01692 672120  
**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Ron will be leading and is preaching from Matthew 21: 12-17 "Jesus in the Temple."**  
**Sydney House Service 3.30pm All Welcome**

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. Please take a "Welcome" booklet, also would you kindly sign our visitors' book at the back of the Church and you are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the Stables at the end of the service.

### For Your Prayers

As part of our weekly worship we have a **Prayer Team** available to anyone who would like the support of others in prayer. You can find today's prayer team **Janet and Eileen** in the prayer tent at the back of the church.

During April please pray for the residents of **York Road and York Lane**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Daphne Duck**.

Please pray that the Easter Edition of the **Community Scene** magazine, that has been delivered round the town, will be well received. Pray for those around the world trapped in conflict with no escape. Please continue to pray for the forthcoming **AGM** that God will bless us with foresight in nominating and electing Deacons.

### Thank You

Margaret Fisher and the family would like to thank the church fellowship for their prayers, flowers and Cards. Chas is Home with Jesus. God bless you all. Funeral date to be confirmed

### Virtual Prayer Room



Prayers continued for Poppy who now no longer needs to wear her support boot and Mark whose operation at Addenbrookes seems to have been successful.

On Tuesday Doreen Hollebon passed on a prayer request from Harry's parents. His tumour has grown and they need to take him to either Germany or the USA for 8 weeks of treatment. Harry's dad who will be taking him is self employed and the time away will be a financial worry. Please pray that God's healing hand will bring Harry and his family through this ordeal. (Mum Mel and Harry pictured left)

Doreen is organising a 60s and 70s evening at the Town Hall on the 28th April in support of Harry's journey.

Prayers were said for Jenny Payne who had minor surgery on her hand on Tuesday leading to a successful outcome.

To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.

### Bouncing For Harry

On Saturday 31st March SBC is holding a Bouncing for Harry morning in the Stables. This will be a coffee morning with stalls and a bouncy castle to raise funds for Harry (see Community Scene article to learn more about his condition or find it on the church Web site [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk)) Barbara Mixer is looking for people to bake things to be sold, if you can help please speak to her or email [minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

### What's On This Week

**Monday**

Church Open For Prayer  
10.00 to 12noon

**Tuesday**

Coffee and Chat  
9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

**Wednesday**

Over 60s Table Tennis Club  
9.30 to 12noon  
In the Schoolroom  
Little Fishes  
10.00am at the Pre School

**Good Friday**

Joint Service  
2.00pm at St Mary's Church  
Service of Reflection  
7.00pm at SBC  
Food Bank and Citizens Advice  
1.15 to 3.00pm In The Stables

**Saturday**

Getting together to PRAY!  
8.00 to 9.00am In the Church  
Town Hall Table  
9.00am to 12 noon  
Volunteers needed speak to Ron if you can help.  
Bounce For Harry  
10.00am to 12 noon In the Stables

**Easter Sunday**

Son-Rise Service  
6.30am at How Hill  
Followed by breakfast at the Stables  
Easter Day Service 10.45am  
HE is Risen



Can you bring a flower on Easter Sunday to decorate the Cross?

## Easter Services

The Good Friday joint Service at St Marys Church will start at 2.00pm and last for an hour.

A large number of worshippers will be meeting at the car park opposite the Post Office at 1.45pm to process along the High Street to St Mary's. Jerry will be preaching, and there will be moments of reflective silence. The theme will be Jesus's last seven words from the cross.

There will be a "Reflective Service" at SBC starting at 7.00pm which will include Communion.



**Easter Sunday Sunrise service** at How Hill will be at 6.30am on the grassy area close to the official car park, followed by a breakfast at the Stables. Last year over 50 people from 8 local churches gathered for the atmospheric services. (pictured left Ron and David Osbourne providing the music.) To book a breakfast speak to Barbara Mixer, Edna Woolsey 01692- 582633 or Ron on 01692-582091 or email [minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

**He Is Risen Celebration Service starts at 10.45am at SBC** which will include the Baptisms of Elaine Smith (below left) whose husband Steve plays the drums at our services. You can read about Elaine in the Community Scene on page 11. Victoria Nicholson (below right) will also be Baptised. The last Baptism was on Easter Sunday 2016 when David Child was Baptised.

It is a blessing that on Easter Sunday these two ladies are going to commit their selves to the Lord. Believer's Baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meet us, and when we make a public declaration of our personal faith.

If you have been encouraged to think about Baptism speak to Ron as we hope to hold another Baptism service soon. It would be a blessing if Stalham Baptist Church could regularly witness people experiencing that "very special moment on the journey of faith."

Easter services reflect the pain and sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross on Good Friday and the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As Christians this is the roller coaster of Salvation the horror of the death on the cross, a lonely man's death, for us His, words in anguish "My God my God why have you left me alone." Then on Sunday His resurrection and our redemption. Let's join together at the foot of the cross looking up at the cost of Salvation on Good Friday then on Easter Sunday celebrate as one the



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## Deacons Election and AGM

Our church AGM will be on Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm. We have one deacon coming to the end of their 3 year term. A full copy of the constitution and an enlarged copy of the relevant passage concerning deacons, plus nomination forms, plus a list of all current deacons and their serving periods are available on the notice board at the back of the church. Nominations have to be with Geoff Reynolds by April 8th.

Would all chairman/secretaries and group leaders get their annual reports to the Church Secretary (Geoff) before the AGM.

## For Your Diary

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Easter  
Welcome: Henry and Janet  
Refreshments: Maureen K and Jane

Monday 2nd April  
*Deacons Meeting*  
7.30pm In The Stables

Saturday 14th April  
*Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning*  
10.00am to 2.00pm In The Stables

Thursday 26th April  
*Church AGM*  
Prayers at 7.00pm  
Meeting Starts at 7.30pm

## This Weeks Ron's Read

Isaiah 56:7, James 4:2

## Thought For The Week

God loves each of us as though there was only one of us.

*St Augustine*

## Quote of the Week

*"The gifts of the Master are these: freedom, life, hope, new direction, transformation, and intimacy with God. If the cross was the end of the story, we would have no hope. But the cross isn't the end. Jesus didn't escape from death; he conquered it and opened the way to heaven for all who will dare to believe. The truth of this moment, if we let it sweep over us, is stunning. It means Jesus really is who he claimed to be, we are really as lost as He said we are, and he really is the only way for us to intimately and spiritually connect with God again."*

Steven James, from his book Recapture the Mystery.

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to [publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

Deadline for the Bulletin is Wednesday 7:00pm. Or call David Child On 07799262645.

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