

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday July 16th

This Sunday Simone is leading and Jerry is preaching on
"Repentance and Faith", continuing our series in Hebrew 6.

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Jerry's Reads

Isaiah 55, Ps 51, Acts 3:19-20, 17:30, Heb 9:13-14, I John 3:4-9.

For Your Prayers

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

Please pray for Josh Hollebbon and Heather who are getting married on Saturday 22nd.

Illness is a challenge not only for the body but also for the soul. Please ask God to give those awaiting appointments, treatment or who are in hospital, peace, comfort, and strength to cope with the illness and any fears or anxieties they may be experiencing.

Lord, many of the young people in Stalham and surrounding villages are coming to the end of their time at their schools and are moving up to a new school either a high school, 6th form college or university next term. We pray they will be comfortable in their new environments and succeed in growing their knowledge.

Please pray for Di Cornell who creates the street fayres in Stalham for Stalham Business Forum through the year. Stalham is blessed to have someone like Di who voluntarily brings so much to Stalham mostly on her own.

"Lord God, You came to give honour to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged. You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued. You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute. Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries. Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need. Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them. You came for the least, the lost and last of this world. Lord, hear our prayer." Source [Lords Prayer Words](#)

Virtual Prayer Room

Friday 7th July Hazel posted "Update on our son:

He got an appointment with the Dr he wanted. It's not a flare up of his autoimmune disease and should respond to fairly simple treatment.

One very relieved mum! (Far too much drama this week.)

I can't say enough just how much I value those of you who have/are praying for us."

Sunday 9th July Simone posted for Sandra "Please pray for our friend Brian who is battling lung cancer and has had the worst week so far. Thank you, Sandra."

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

Bible Reading Blog

Luke 6: 37 - 41 (NIV) "Judging Others"

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

³⁹ He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

⁴¹ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye."

As Christians how often do we go into judgemental mode?

Listen to Ron's short blog based on this verse click [Rons Blog](#). Or go to

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



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For your Diary

Monday 17th July

7.00pm Deacons 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 July

Coffee and Chat

9.30am -12 in the Stables

Wednesday 19th July

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12 in the Church

10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

Thursday 20th July

10 -12pm Bible Art in the Chapel

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

3.15pm Messy church in the Chapel

7.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

All Welcome to join in

Contact Diana for details

Friday 21st July

10.15 to 12.00pm Prayers for Revival & Israel at Three Windows, Brumstead Road

1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables & Citizens Advice Service

Sunday 23rd July

10.45 Sunday Service

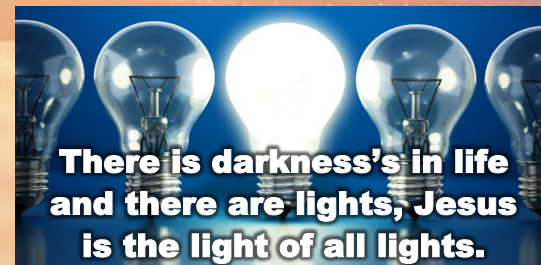
Welcome: Henry & Teresa

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart

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@stalalhambaptist.org.uk

The **Citizens Advice Service** is open on Friday in the Stables, 1.15 to 3.00pm. Contact Food Bank on 07826 376343.



There is darkness in life and there are lights, Jesus is the light of all lights.

Message from North Norfolk Foodbank

Dear Foodbank Supporters,
During June you contributed 198.01kg (436 pounds) of food which helped towards a monthly total of 3474.46kgs. We totally rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So, thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve people in crisis across North Norfolk.

In 2022/23 we fed 6816 people, which was an increase of 53% on the previous year. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to provide clients with everything they need, with 72,741kg of stock coming in, up 34% on the previous year.

During July any of the following would be much appreciated:

Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Rice Pudding, Jam, Pot Noodles/ Mugshots, Cuppa Soup, any toiletries or household cleaning items and also reusable shopping bags

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

Financial donations are always welcome.

Please see our website for details. <https://northnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk/>

Kind regards, Julie Foodbank Manager

Please Pray For Steve

Please pray for DJ Steve Slade. Jane Skivington recently visited DJ. He is still at All Hallows Care Home Bungay and sends his best wishes to everyone at SBC. He would really appreciate some communications; he is a long way from home.

Steve was a regular at SBC before his problems, he regularly watches the online services and would be lifted by some communications from SBC. Contact him on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stephen.slade.355> or phone 01986-807280 and ask to talk to DJ Steve Slade.

Vintage Market

Di Cornell is organising a Vintage Market on Sunday 20th August. SBC has regularly had a stall in the street. Fran has normally managed the stall but isn't able to this year. If you think you could arrange a stall to raise funds please have a chat with David.

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 16th July Witham Baptist Church

Witham Baptist Church, led by Rev Michael Child who has been the Minister since the foundation of the church, meets every Sunday morning at the Royal British Legion Hall, Newland Street in Witham, Essex. Although not owning their own premises can be a challenge, and numbers have decreased after the pandemic, this small congregation is not at all disheartened, but they live out the church's vision to 'seek God in whatever they do' and serve in the community.

During the week, they have in-person prayer meetings as well as online meetings via Zoom. The latter one has seen an increase in attendance by doubling its numbers and this is particularly encouraging as people join to pray over Zoom, not only from Witham but also from Ipswich and

Southend.

The congregation is also encouraged by a small increase in new people coming in lately, as they continue to reach out into the community via the Witham Voice, a publication by the county council and Churches Together.

Witham Baptist Church has many affiliations and links with Christian organizations, among which are BMS, The Leprosy Mission, The Belgian Evangelical Mission, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Barnabas Fund and Mill Grove. They also support missionary work, and have adopted a missionary couple, Leslie and Elizabeth Message, who have been serving the Lord with the Belgian Evangelical Mission (now ViaNova) for 40 years.

As Rev Michael Child says, the EBA Prayer Focus 'gives smaller churches a voice and increases the prayer life of many Christians', so, please pray for:

- A few more workers to join God's ministry at Witham Baptist Church.
- The health of the current acting church secretary.
- The church secretary position to be filled up.
- Necessary equipment and volunteers to be able to livestream Sunday services and reach more people.
- For the people who left the congregation, that they may return.
- For the church to remain strong as they continue to grow.

Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which sincere and meaningful repentance must be built. If we truly seek to put away sin, we must first look to Him who is the Author of our salvation."

— Ezra Taft Benson

"We know that men are saved by repentance and faith, and whoever does call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But salvation is a supernatural work of God that will always produce fruit. And the evidence, not the cause, but the evidence of salvation is a changed life, a changing life."

— Paul Washer

"Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin."

— John Ortberg,

"One very difficult aspect of sin is that my sin never feels like sin to me. My sin feels like life to me, plain and simple. My heart is an idol factory, and my mind is an excuse-making factory."

— Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

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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.