

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday August 6th

This Sunday Elaine and Maggie are leading and Ron
Is preaching from Matthew 22: 23f "The resurrection of the dead"

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Ron's Reads

1 Cor 15:1f, 1 K17:17f, 2 K4:32F, 13:21f, Job 14:14, 19:25, Isa 26:19 1 Pet
1:3f, 1 Thes 4:13, Rev 20:5

For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember Pam De'ath.
During August please pray for the residents of Calthorpe Close Bullemer Close
Wodehouse Close.

Prayer for Strength

O Lord, Mighty in Power, You say that we should have faith in You so that we
will be upheld. We do, Mighty Lord. we place all our faith in You. You
strengthen us. Your holy force keeps our spirit alive and burning fiercely for
You. We know that with You we can overcome anything. Thank You for
remaining faithful to Your chosen people. Thank You for guiding us in our lives
and helping us to become a vessel for Your will. We pray that we continue to
put our faith and trust in You because You know all things. You know what the
hearts of Your people need, and we know You will help us through whatever
this life brings. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow
love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is
despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that
we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life. – The Prayer of St. Francis

Prayer for Counsel

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of
me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am
actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please
You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never
do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead
me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust
You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not
fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils
alone.

Virtual Prayer Room

Friday 29th July Simone posted "Angela Cookson is asking for prayers for her
best friend, Christine Farrell, who has been taken into the hospital with a
severe lung infection. I'll update you on her progress as soon as I hear from her.
Thanks."

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

Guest Speaker

Sunday 20th August Daisy Mansfield from the Leprosy Mission will be our
speaker.

Bible Reading Blog 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 (NIV) The Need for Self-Discipline

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the
prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the
games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but
we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like
someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I
strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to



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Ministry Team: The Whole Fellowship

For your Diary

Monday 7th August

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 8th August

Coffee and Chat
9.30am - 12 in the Stables

Wednesday 9th August

Table Tennis
9.30am to 12 in the Church
10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables
7.00pm Zoom Bible Study
All Welcome to join in
Contact Diana for details

Thursday 10th August

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

Friday 11th August

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 13th August
10.45 Sunday Service
Welcome: Julia & David
Flowers: Monica Payne

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.

Community Fridge Open

Monday 2 - 4pm
Tue to Friday 10.am to 12 noon

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online you can click on the red highlighted links
and you will be taken to the relevant websites.

others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. *As Christians how often do, we aimlessly run and lose the race?*

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

Scripture Reading Plan

As well as reading it in the newsletter, you can also access the weekly scripture reading via the Forum. This has the added benefit of being able to listen to Ron or Jerry as they talk us through the passage. Its worth 5 minutes of your time!

Stalham Tesco's Community Grant

A big thank you to all the people who placed their blue tokens in the slot for SBC at Stalham Tesco's. SBC came first out of the three organisations and received £1500 towards the Schoolroom refurbishment.

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 6th August Whitehouse Baptist Church

The Whitehouse estate lies on the northwest edge of the town of Ipswich. Whitehouse Baptist Church has been there for the past sixty-six years and has forty members. The current minister, Revd Robert Foster, is ably supported by a leadership team of six people including four deacons and the church family and fellowship.

The mission statement for the church is "Being Beacons for Jesus and making him Known". This is being achieved through a variety of outreach projects, some by the Fellowship, others in partnership with community groups to help build relationships with their neighbours. These include Boy's Brigade, Ignite children's club and there is an Open the Book team who go into the local primary school and host the pre-school at the church to present Bible stories.

The weekly coffee morning, including a monthly community lunch, has proved very popular. The lunch also goes "on tour" in two local sheltered housing schemes. The fellowship gives thanks that some of the mid-week folks are now joining them regularly on Sunday mornings.

They also hire the premises to a stay'n'play group which has met a great need and support the Ipswich Family and Baby Bank. The Christmas gift and toy and Easter Egg appeals for them was a great success. They give thanks to God for all that He is doing here at Whitehouse.

Please pray:

- For Robert and the leadership team as they lead and try to discern God's will in all aspects of church and community life.
- That the church will continue to try to reach out to all the people in the community on the Whitehouse estate.
- That all those who come along will get to know Jesus as their personal saviour.

North Norfolk Foodbank

During August 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.

Without the resurrection, there would have been no church at all.

After Jesus's arrest and death, the disciples were lost, helpless, and afraid. Peter denied Jesus, whilst the rest ran away. It is hard to conceive of anything other than the resurrection of Jesus that would have led to this rag-tail bunch of people sharing the message of Jesus in such a way that it grew into the largest religious movement ever known to man.

Without their unwavering confidence in Jesus's resurrection, would the disciples have risked everything, and in many cases been killed for their faith? People do die all the time for falsehoods that they themselves genuinely believe to be true. It is, however, impossible to believe that all of the disciples would die for something they knew to be a deliberate deception.

The church did not create the resurrection stories; instead, the resurrection stories created the church.

Quotes of the Week

It is surely a remarkable thing that every Christian denomination—from the Orthodox to the Catholic, from the Pentecostal to the Reformed Baptist—all believe one simple truth: the tomb was empty. There is very little else we all agree on! Only some liberals deny the physical resurrection of Jesus. Surely they thereby forfeit the right to call themselves Christians at all. **Crossway**

"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world—and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible." **Charles Colson**

"The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. . . . It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven."

"The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it." **N. T. Wright**

"No tabloid will ever print the startling news that the mummified body of Jesus of Nazareth has been discovered in old Jerusalem. Christians have not carefully embalmed body enclosed in a glass case to worship. Thank God, we have an empty tomb. The glorious fact that the empty tomb proclaims to us is that life for us does not stop when death comes. Death is not a wall, but a door." **Peter Marshall (Congressional Chaplain)**

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.