# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

**Sunday August 13th** 

This Sunday Diana is leading, and Jerry will conclude our mini-sermon series on Hebrews 6:1-3. he will preach on "Eternal Judgement"; the reading is Revelation 20:11-15.

Jerry will consider three things about eternal judgement:
Who will be Judge, Who will be Judged, How the Judge Will Judge.

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

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Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

### Jerry's Reads

Ecc. 12:13-14, Daniel 12:1-2, Matt 18:6-9, Matt 25:31-46, Romans 14:12; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Pet 3:10-12.

**For Your Prayers** 

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Tanya Diggins**. During August please pray for the residents of **Calthorpe Close Bullemer Close Wodehouse Close**.

Father, thank you for intervening in my life and allowing me to have a personal relationship with you. Thank you for your love for me today and forever. Thank you for the blessings you've given me and my family. Help us use those blessings to bless others. May I live a life of true joy as I see you at work around me today! In Jesus' name. Amen. - Ron Moore Father, my heart is heavy. I feel like I have to carry the burden alone. Words like overwhelmed, distraught, exhausted seem to describe where I am. I am not sure how to let you carry my heavy load, so please show me how. Take it from me. Let me rest and be refreshed so that my heart won't be so heavy in the morning. In Jesus' name. Amen. - Ron Moore

Dear Father in Heaven, so much in my life is broken. I have so many concerns and cares, and they weigh me down. While I desire to cast my cares upon You, I find I usually pick them back up again, and they only add more anxiety and stress. Please help me learn to cast my cares on You as I learn what it means to rest and trust in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Chrystal Evans Hurst Source https://www.crosswalk.com/

**Virtual Prayer Room** 

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August Norma Huxter posted "Please pray for Angela's friend Leslie Speak who has two kinds of Cancer."

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August Pat Dabbs posted "We would value your prayers for our son Geoffrey. He has been in a great deal of pain and been vomiting since the weekend. Yesterday the doctor prescribed antibiotics but he cannot keep them down. This afternoon he asked to go to A & E (which shows how ill he feels). They are keeping him in as his kidneys are so dehydrated and have put him on intravenous fluids and antibiotics. They will also do a CT scan to determine what the problem is. Will update you when I have more information. Pat." Later on Wednesday Pat posted CT scan has shown problem is a kidney stone lodged in a tube between his kidney and bladder. He has kept a little fluid down and when the intravenous drips he is being given have finished he can go home. He will be given some medication and they will arrange for him to go back to have his kidneys checked as they were very dehydrated. Natalie is still with him and will take him home.

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's Service 20th August Daisy Mansfield from the Leprosy Mission will be our speaker.

# Bible Reading Blog John 8-11 (MSG) To Throw the Stone

8 <sup>1-2</sup> Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them.

3-6 The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, "Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Moses, in the Law,



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Ministry Team: The Whole Fellowship

### **For your Diary**

### Monday 14th August

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

#### Tuesday 15th August

Coffee and Chat 9.30am -12 in the Stables

#### Wednesday 16th August

Table Tennis
9.30am to12 in the Church
10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

#### Thursday 17th August

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

#### Friday 18th 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 20th August

10.45 Sunday Service Welcome: Jean & Tom Flowers: A. Nother

#### **Thursday 24th August**

7.00 - 8.00pm prayers in the Sanctuary
All Welcome to join in

### 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 dick on the red highlighted links
and you will be taken to the relevant websites.

gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him. <sup>6-8</sup> Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone." Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt.

<sup>9-10</sup> Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, Master."

"Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin.

# As Christians how easy has it been to judge situations and throw the first stone?

Ron brilliantly exposes the people attacking Jesus by using the woman's adultery as a pawn in their plans to destroy Him.

Listen to Ron's short blog based on this verse dick Ron's Blog. Or go to <a href="https://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/">www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/</a> and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary"

#### **Ladies Breakfast**

The next Ladies Breakfast will be on Saturday 2nd September 8.30 to 11am in SBC's Stables. Breakfast includes cereal, fruit Juice, pastries, and a cooked breakfast. The Guest Speaker is Hazel Manley.

No fixed charge, but all donations are appreciated, all profits will go to a charity.

Book a place or more information by contacting Elaine on 07796 875785 or emailElainesmith364@btinternet.com

### **Zoom Meetings**

Because of Folks away on holiday during August there will be no Zoom meetings for Bible Study & Prayer. These will re-commence in September. We will however have a prayer meeting in the Sanctuary on Thursday 24th August 7.00 - 8.00pm.

# EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 13th August Winter Garden Baptist Church

Back in the early twentieth century a group of ladies meeting in a front lounge became Winter Gardens Baptist Church in Canvey Island, Essex. A short time later a wooden building on stilts was erected near the sea wall and surrounded by fields and became the church's meeting place. It wasn't until the 1970's that a housing estate grew up around the church meeting place, along with a CofE school and a state primary.

The Winter Gardens area has many needs, and this is reflected in the church congregation. Today the church is small in number but boldly reaching out into the community of Canvey Island. On Sunday, the church welcomed a family from our thriving toddler group to the Sunday service as they presented their children for an infant blessing.

Foodbank and Community Café give support and space for people to meet, chat and just be. Through friendship and conversation, God is making himself known.

A generous grant recently received is allowing us to

renovate a small, prefabricated classroom standing in our car park behind our church meeting place, which will become part of our Community Garden space. This project came about when we asked God what he wanted us to do with what we had in our hands. We are excited how He will use this space for His glory as we partner with other professional agencies working in the community of Canvey Island.

Whilst outreach is going well, we struggle to find people able to lead and our Deacons team is just two people with limited time and resources.

- Please pray for our Minister Rev Fiona Heddle and our Deacons. Pray that they will know God's wisdom and provision.
- Pray that God will raise up leaders.
- Pray that God will continue to grow his disciples.
   Pray for fruitfulness in our corporate and individual witness to Christ wherever he leads us.

#### Coffee & Chat

Coffee & Chat sent a check for £500 to Y.A.N.A. "You Are Not Alone" YANA, helps those involved in agriculture and other rural businesses affected by stress and depression. Those who work in agriculture and other rural businesses are often reluctant to seek support for depression, stress or anxiety. However, talking about your problems and seeking appropriate help can make it easier to cope and improves your quality of life.

Call our helpline 0300 323 0400 for confidential support or email helpline@yanahelp.org

### **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.

## Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"Run from him now, and you will meet him as Judge then — and without hope. Seek him now, and you will find him (for he that seeks finds), and you will then discover that you are looking forward to that future meeting with joy, knowing that there is now 'no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."— J. I. Packer, in "Knowing God."
"There are two ways we can leave this world. We can leave it in terror of meeting the One we have resisted and rebelled against all our lives, knowing we are about to meet our Judge, or we can leave this world leaning on the Savior we have loved and lived for."—Rodney J. Buchanan

Numerous individuals in the church are unaware that they will give an account of what they've done in their short stay on earth. Many have the erroneous idea that all future judgment is eradicated by their salvation. Indeed, Jesus' blood cleanses us from the sins that would have kept us from the Kingdom; however, it does not

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exempt us from the judgment of how we conducted ourselves as believers, whether good or bad. The judgments or decisions rendered over us at His seat will be eternal; they will last forever, never altered or changed."—John Bevere, Driven By Eternity, "Eternal life is deliverance from eternal death, deliverance from the curse of breaking God's law, and deliverance from the doom of a burning hell. Eternal life is eternal blessedness— the pardon from sin's guilt and freedom from sin's power; the pleasures of a pure heart and the enjoyment of peace with God; joy without any bitterness, riches without wings; health that never sickens, a life that never dies, and a glory hereafter that never fades away; perfect holiness in the likeness of our Savior, and perfect happiness in the bosom of God."— Thomas Guthrie:

Churches come together as chaplains at Lowestoft festival

Ten chaplains volunteered their time to host a space where people could encounter the presence of God at the First Light Festival

Lowestoft is the mostly easterly town in the country, and therefore the first to see the sunrise at midsummer. To celebrate this, the <u>First Light Festival</u> has been running for three years - a free event, open to all - and the Lowestoft Chaplaincy Team has been part of it from the beginning.

Minister in Training, Esther Day, from London Road Baptist Church, has facilitated a pioneering chaplaincy team for six years now, running pop up chaplaincy sessions in cafes, in the town centre, and on the beach. The chaplaincy offers space to chat, and peace treatments such as hand massage, personalised art, Jesus Deck Readings, and of course prayer and blessings.

This year at First Light the inter-denominational team of chaplains ran the "Soul Space" tent. From there they offered peace treatments, facilitated a reflection space (what we would call a prayer space) and a co-created art piece. Ten chaplains volunteered their time to host a space where people could encounter the presence of God.

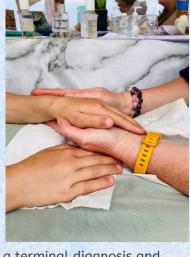
'We have so many amazing stories coming out from the day,' says Esther, 'The highlight for me was seeing a team of ordinary Jesus-followers stepping up to learn new skills, to give hours of their time to listen to people, hearing how they dared share prophetic insight, pray for healing, pray publicly for people, love people and use

creative ways of enabling people to encounter Jesus.'
Dorothy, a chaplain with the team, tells the story of using the Jesus Deck and getting cards about Gethsemane and the trial before Pilate, and how that allowed a lady to share the sorrow she was carrying, cry, be heard, and receive

prayer.

Maria recalls giving a hand massage to a lady with severe eczema and praying with her. As she prayed the lady felt the anxiety that causes the eczema fall off her like water.

Gail was giving a hand massage and was asked to share her testimony - so she did! The Revd Sharon Lord was able to speak God's love and peace to teenagers facing exams; Becki was able



to hand massage a lady with a terminal diagnosis and talk gently with her and hear her say her spirit had lifted. Esther (pictured) recalls doing around 40 Jesus Deck readings in two days, and was continually astounded at how the Holy Spirit led the right cards to be picked to enable healing conversations and prayer.

'With each person we could share about our world view, who Jesus is and how God feels about us, it was amazing.'

The next stop for the chaplaincy team is to do the same thing at The Latitude Festival at the end of July, in partnership with the Festival Pastors. If you want to find out more contact Esther on chaplaincy@londonroad.org.uk or via the Facebook page (@chaplaincylowestoft)

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# What is Network Norwich & Norfolk?

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Following a few articles from Network Norfolk & Norwich.

# Norfolk coastal worship tour for Hope Bus

The Hope Bus is back on the road, and touring Lowestoft and the Norfolk coast with the Good News of Jesus next week.



The double-decker Hope Bus was operated by TLC, based at Kingsgate Church Great Yarmouth, until six years ago. It has now been donated to Radical Church, based in Norwich, who have resprayed and refitted it and started using it for many adventures across Norfolk and the UK,

bringing Hope.

The bus has been a cafe, a prayer room, a cinema, a mobile church building and a billboard for Jesus. It was even used as a foodbank for a season, and an outreach for the homeless on Great Yarmouth market.

Once again the Hope Bus returns to its origins for a Beach Tour during mid-August. Church on the Beach services will be held

at 7pm each day at the following locations:

Wednesday 16 - Lowestoft beach Thursday 17 - Gorleston beach near the boating lake Friday 18 - Great Yarmouth beach near Britannia pier Saturday 19 - Cromer beach

Then, on **Sunday 20 August**, there will be a New Church plant in Holt followed by a BBQ, outside the Venue at Holt Community Centre on Kerridge Way, NR25 6DN.

Baptist J Matt Richards, pastor of Radical Church, said "All are invited to worship Jesus on the beach, have fellowship on the bus and to make Jesus famous. If as a Church you want to be involved then you are most welcome, please contact Matt 07833 498562. Or just turn up. We want to be a blessing to this region and see Revival in our land."

Visit radicalchurchuk.com.

The picture of the Hope Bus is courtesy of Radical Church.

## Lady Dannatt MBE to speak at church breakfast

The Lord Lieutenant of Norwich Lady Dannatt MBE will be speaking about how she lives her faith through her charity work at a ladies breakfast on September 9.

The event will be held at Norwich Central Baptist Church (NCBC) and will start with a selection of delicious food, followed by a talk.

Organiser Jo Madders said, "Lady Dannatt's role as Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, and her family history as a member of the Gurney family might make her seem like an intimidating and formidable figure, but she is incredibly warm and down-to-earth. She is a practical person who gets stuck in to charitable work - and we can't wait to hear what she has to say about how she is motivated by her Christian faith."

> "We are really excited to be hosting this ladies breakfast. Not only are we planning to provide a great meal but we are so pleased to be able to host Lady D and to hear



within our city and beyond. We love holding events at NCBC, especially events that revolved around food!, and being able to invite people from the local community and further afield so all are welcome.'

There will be a plethora of delicious continental breakfast options including teas, coffees, fruit juices, pastries, breads, cheeses, muffins, fruits, yoghurts and more.

### **Event details**

Saturday September 9th 9am - 11am Cost: £11 Venue: Norwich Central Baptist Church, Duke Street, Norwich, NR3 3AP

Book your space here: https://

tickets.mviknowchurch.co.uk/qb/NTczLTU2/t

For further information contact the church office on office@norwichcentral.org or call 01603 321 090

# Holiday Word and Worship in Sheringham

As the summer holiday season gets started, Lighthouse Community Church in Sheringham will be running its summer Word and Worship series each morning next week from Tuesday to Friday, and all are welcome to come along. Tony Rothe reports.

The informal worship sessions will be led by Connor Winston, right, and the speaker, Lighthouse senior leader Ian Savory, below, will be bringing thoughts on the book of Ephesians. The gatherings will start at 9.45am, and finish at 10.30am when Lighthouse Café opens.

Ian said "Whether you are on holiday in North Norfolk, or live in this wonderful area anyway, why not start your day



right, in God's presence, focussing on His word? And you can round off your visit with a fine coffee and home-made cake from our coffee shop. Surely, a great start to a great day by the sea!"

Lighthouse Community Church also gathers every Sunday morning at 10.15am for worship, with activities for children and young people and a creche.

Lighthouse Café is open daily from 10.30am to 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Visit <u>lighthousesheringham.org</u>, or visit Lighthouse on Facebook

