

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday September 3rd

This Sunday Barbara & Geoff are leading and Ron will be beginning a new series called "Love"

Sunday's title "Everyone needs compassion" 1 Cor 12; 31b-13:3

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

Mk12:28f, Acts 8:9f, Lk 15:3f, Jn 4

For Your Prayers

As we pray through the Church Pastoral Group 1 please remember **Carole Croft, Jean Mollett, Anne West and Lorraine Stuart**

During September please pray for the residents of **Heron Gardens and Bramblewood**. Pray that the Harvest Community Scene which is being distributed will reach out to the community.

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank You enough, for who You are, for all that You do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on You afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need You, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Debbie McDaniel

Creator God, increase in us love not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles. We pray for our own government that they will focus on the difficulties that so many people are suffering in our country and put to one side the internal battles that distract them.

Lord, we pray for those suffering ill health in the community and fellowship. Fill them with the peace and joy we know can only come from You during these difficult times. Lord, walk closely beside them during their journey to healing and recovery that we know is possible through Your power alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Virtual Prayer Room

Thursday 24th August Julia posted "Hi. Just to update you on Thomas. He has had several investigations this week.

He had a CT scan of his lungs this afternoon which has shown a 'large' clot in his pulmonary artery.

Please pray for successful treatment and a positive long-term prognosis/plan going forward.

In himself he is much better but still confined to bed! Thank you. Jx"

Friday 25th Jerry posted for Janet "Please pray for Henry, who is now being taken to Norwich Hospital with a blockage following food poisoning earlier in the week, probably caused by past Hernia operations. He is in a lot of pain today, Jan."

Saturday 26th Jerry posted for Janet "Henry was kept in hospital, and due to have an exploratory camera in the back passage later, thanks for prayers x" Also, on Saturday Diana posted "Just to update you on Ros. She is home having had an Angioplasty and Stent."

Sunday 27th Jerry posted "From Jan, I saw Henry today, and he's looking and feeling much better. I don't know the results of this morning's tests yet, but he is allowed to drink fluids today and food tomorrow and is not in pain now.

Thanks for your prayers. x Jan"

Monday 28th Jerry posted for Henry "I am feeling much better this morning and had a shave. I am waiting for any news. Love to everybody-Henry."

Tuesday 29th Jerry posted "Please pray for Anna, Susannah's sister, who's had an accident and has broken her arm. She is currently undergoing an operation in Chiangmai, Thailand."

Also, on Tuesday Hazel posted "Update on Joshua. Hi Joshua is still poorly. Glandular fever really knocks a person back even without the immune system problems he has. Being off sick is driving him crazy, not helping his company and denting his income all of which have left him feeling quite low.



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For your Diary

Monday 4th September

9am 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 5th September

Coffee and Chat

9.30am - 12 in the Stables

Wednesday 6th September

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 7th September

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

10am Messy Church planning meeting in the church

Friday 8th September

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 10th September

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Jill & Elinor

Flowers: Doreen Hollebon

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

Mon 2 to 4pm Tue to Friday 10am to 12 pm

If you are reading this newsletter as a PDF or online you can click on the red highlighted links and you will be taken to the relevant websites.

He was supposed to be staying with us last week but wasn't well enough to travel.

He really appreciates it that people he doesn't even know are praying for him.

Wednesday 30th Jerry posted "Update from Susannah: Anna successfully underwent the operation, and she is now in the recovery ward. Thank you so much for praying for her."

Also, on Wednesday Jerry posted for Janet "Henry is now home, tired but a lot better. luv Jan x"

Thursday 31st Robert Emerson posted "Please pray for our friend Annie. She has been like a big sister to Christine since she was a child.

She was found collapsed and unresponsive on the floor yesterday after she failed to turn up for work. She has apparently had both a heart attack and a bleed on the brain. She has been transferred to Addenbrookes.

She has served the Lord faithfully for all her life and is effectively alone as regards relatives. She's a very private and independent person and will be mortified at having to be on the receiving end of care."

Later Robert posted "Annie has an aneurysm, and they're operating to relieve the pressure. Don't know about heart - assume they've put in a stent or similar."

Also on Thursday Julia posted "Please can you pray for David. He has a cardiology appointment this afternoon. He is ridiculously tired again and able to do less and less before his chest gets uncomfortable.

On a brighter note Thomas is hoping to go home today. I'll let you know when he makes it!
Thank you. Julia x"

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 Compassion for the suffering and misfortunes of others

Psalm 9:9-10 (NIV)

⁹The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Proverbs 31 Sayings of King Lemuel (NIV)

⁸Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

⁹Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Zechariah 7 (NIV) Justice and Mercy

⁸And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: ⁹"This is what the LORD Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. ¹⁰Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.'

Proverbs 21 (NIV)

¹³Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor
will also cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 29:7 (NIV)

The righteous care about justice for the poor,
but the wicked have no such concern.

***As Christians do we always have compassion for those
struggling in our world?***

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"

Harvest Supper, Auction and Quiz

Tempus fugit, only three weeks to the Harvest Sunday Service followed on Monday 25th September by the Harvest Supper, Quiz and Auction in the Stables at 6.30pm.

To Book please leave a message on 07796 875785 Or email elainemith364@btinternet.com

North Norfolk Foodbank

During September 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.

Big Thankyou

A big thankyou to all those who are delivering the Harvest Community scene around Stalham.

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus: 3rd September Chatteris Baptist Church

Chatteris is a town on the edge of the Cambridgeshire fens that is home to Emmanuel Church, a Baptist/URC/Methodist partnership founded about thirty years ago when three local churches merged and moved to one location in the town centre. For the past four years the church has been led by Rev Dr Charlie Radburn and his wife Sandy.

Emmanuel Church had been through a tough time, not helped by covid, but there has been a period of consolidation and healing. The church is seeing visible growth with new people attending and a Sunday morning congregation of about forty. Recently there has been a welcome to six new members and some new converts are attending too.

There is a wide range of activities including weekly daytime and evening home groups, a community choir, the Open Doors café on Fridays, men's breakfast and other social events which are used for outreach. Befriending people and building relationships is a key part of this strategy.

On Sundays the main church service uses telephone conferencing to reach out to those who cannot be physically present. This started during covid and continues to provide a valuable ministry. Once a month on Sunday evenings there is a time of informal praise and worship.

Recently the church held an awayday for all people who want to be involved in the future of the church which was



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.

led by Regional Minister Gale Richards.

Please pray:

- For all the outreach activities and events, and new relationships that are being built up.
- For a new energy and vision and the desire to see more new people become Christians..
- That the 'God ideas' from the church awayday will be put into practice.
- For Charlie and Sandy and their ministry, and the whole church as they continue to give glory to God.

Quotes of the Week

“To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.”

G.K. Chesterton

“A human being is a part of the whole called by us universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feeling as something separated from the rest, a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

Albert Einstein

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

Mother Teresa

“How would your life be different if you stopped making negative judgmental assumptions about people you encounter? Let today be the day you look for the good in everyone you meet and respect their journey.”

Steve Maraboli,

“We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

“It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.”

Dalai Lama XIV,

Creative Prayer

Here are some ideas for prayers at home. Source the Methodist Church for access to a range of creative prayer click [HERE](#)

House of Prayer

Graces

Say a short prayer of thanksgiving before meals. Each person in the household can take turns in saying a prayer.

Some examples are:

For what we are about to receive may God help us to be truly thankful. Amen.

Creator God, we give thanks for the food we will share, always mindful of those who will not eat their fill today. Help us to work hard to make the world a fairer place. Amen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

For this food for our journey,
we thank you, loving God.
For this time of friendship,
we thank you, loving God.
For all the blessings of this life,
We thank you, loving God.
Amen

For families, friends and food
we thank you Lord.
Amen

For this food, thank you Lord
For who prepared it, thank you Lord
For those who produced it, thank you Lord
And to you who created everything we need,
thank you Lord. Amen

Visitors' Prayers

If you have visitors to stay, put a handwritten or printed out prayer on their bedside table. Have a visitors' book in which, rather than 'comments' you ask them to write a prayer before they leave.

Fridge Prayers

Stick a favourite prayer up on the fridge door, then each time you visit the fridge, you can say that prayer. (It need not be 'Please help me to choose the slimline yoghurt, not the cream cake' !)

Starting Young with the Newsletter

Ezra Nicholson looking at his newsletter last Sunday.

Victoria, his mum, says that Ezra has already has a love of books and reads words and pictures in them.

