

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 17th September 2023

Sunday's "Live" Service:

**Ron is leading and is preaching from Colossians 3 verses 12 to 14
"Love changes things"**

**Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper
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

John 17:25f, 1 Jn 4:4f, Jn 14:21, Gal 5:22f, Ro 8:32f

For Your Prayers

Starting with pastoral group 1 please pray for Jenny Payne, Dan and Sue St. John, Barbara and Geoff Reynolds.

During September please pray for the residents of **Heron Gardens and Bramblewood.**

David's away this week and Barbara has compiled this news sheet...so do show your gratitude to him when he returns. I've chosen a couple of simple prayers about **Loving and Giving** from the Lion book of children's prayers:

Father in heaven, we praise you that people love us. Thank You most of all for Your own great and wonderful love. Make us loving too. Grant that we may show our love by helping other people, for the sake of Jesus.

Lord of the loving heart, may mine be loving too. Lord of the gentle hands, may mine be gentle too. Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too, so I may grow more like You in all I say and do.

I also don't know which BU **church** is next on the list so suggest we pray for our nearest churches: St. Mary's with Rector Rev Helen Lynch and St. Fursey's lead by Fr Stephen Weston.

Other topics: the effects of the Moroccan earthquakes and the Libyan floods.

Virtual Prayer Room – updates since last news sheet:

Friday 8th – Diana let us know that Professor Bowles saw her at Cromer Hospital and said she was in complete remission, no trace of the lymphoma anywhere [those of us at SBC on Sunday praised God together following this excellent news.]

Saturday 9th – Hazel updated us about Joshua who is sounding more upbeat and is working from home at present as he tires quickly. He has sensibly decided to pull out of his autumn ministry visit to the Philippines and now asks for prayer that his immunosuppressants may be restarted in such a way that his glandular fever treatment is not affected. He is grateful for our prayers.

Monday 11th – Jane wrote about Kirsty, Norma and David's daughter in law, who was having panic and anxiety attacks. Prayer was requested for her and her husband David dealing with the stress caused – also that Corporal Lee was making progress and hopes to have the screws out of his back soon.

Friday 15th – Robert has updated us about Annie regularly. She was not making progress, was on a ventilator and died on Thursday night. Our thoughts and prayers are for all who loved her – as Suzana wrote "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

If you have a smartphone and want to join the WhatsApp Virtual Prayer group text Jerry on 07733837687.



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**Ministry Team:
The Whole Fellowship**

For your Diary Monday 18th

9am Deacons prayer meeting

10.30 – 11.30 am in the Church

Prayers for young people and SBC

Tuesday 19th

9.30am -12 in the Stables
Coffee and Chat

7pm Potter plus Bible
Study group

Wednesday 20th

9.30am -12

Table Tennis

7pm Zoom Bible Study
Link is in church diary or

see Diana

Thursday 21st

3.15 – 5pm Messy Church

Friday 22nd

1.15-3pm Foodbank in
Stables

Sunday 24th

HARVEST

10.45am Sunday Service

Monday 25th

6.30 Harvest meal, quiz
and auction

Bible Reading Blog

17th September - The Writing of a Disembodied Hand - Daniel 5: 1-7

5¹⁻⁴ King Belshazzar held a great feast for his one thousand nobles. The wine flowed freely. Belshazzar, heady with the wine, ordered that the gold and silver chalices his father Nebuchadnezzar had stolen from God's Temple of Jerusalem be brought in so that he and his nobles, his wives and concubines, could drink from them. When the gold and silver chalices were brought in, the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines, drank wine from them. They drank the wine and drunkenly praised their gods made of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

5⁵⁻⁷ At that very moment, the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the lamp-illuminated, whitewashed wall of the palace. When the king saw the disembodied hand writing away, he went white as a ghost, scared out of his wits. His legs went limp and his knees knocked. He yelled out for the enchanters, the fortune tellers, and the diviners to come. He told these Babylonian magi, "Anyone who can read this writing on the wall and tell me what it means will be famous and rich—purple robe, the great gold chain—and be third-in-command in the kingdom."

As Christians do we see the writing on the wall if so do we sometime turn to the fortune tellers, the diviners, the idols of the social media scene?

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"

Food Bank & Personal Prayer

SBC is open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12 noon to receive donations for the food bank and for personal prayer. Jerry or Ron will be on hand to ensure all safety measures are met.

If you are in difficulty or know someone who needs help, contact the Foodbank on 07826376343 or Ron Skivington at minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk

During September the Foodbank would welcome:

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 or monetary donations.

Fresh food or items containing alcohol cannot be accepted.

Citizens Advice Service.

This is available in the Stables on Friday from 1.15 to 3pm Contact the Foodbank number above.

Community Fridge.

This is open on Monday from 2 to 4pm in the Stables and also Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 12noon.

Harvest Supper

To book your place for the supper at 6.30pm on Monday 25th September followed by the quiz and auction ring 07796875785 or email elain smith364@btinternet.com

Harvest windows.

If you would like to decorate a church window for Harvest please sign on the list at the back of the church. Enjoy showing God's goodness and your creative side!

The **Leprosy Mission Autumn 2023 catalogues** are now available at the back of the church. They do include some items for Christmas if you like to be prepared in plenty of time.

Orders sent via Barbara Reynolds (Stalham Baptist's "trading partner") will save you postage, make a donation towards church funds (in many cases 20% of your order) and enable the leprosy mission to assist folk with this awful disease. You pay the same prices seen in the catalogue and can also order anything you see on their website www.tlmtrading.com

Please give your order to Barbara along with payment by cash or cheque payable to B. Reynolds [Leprosy Mission request this.] Happy Shopping!

Potter plus Bible Study group

Everyone is welcome to join the Bible Study group at Geoff and Barbara's on Tuesday at 7pm. We're looking at "The Bible Course" – have a cuppa, watch a video, chat about what we've seen and read then pray. The following meeting will be on Monday October 2nd in the Stables from 10 to 11.30am. Ring Geoff and Barbara on 01692672120 for further details.

Changes to 2 weekly prayer meetings:

From this week there will be only one Zoom prayer meeting a month. This will, as usual, be on a Thursday evening and the link can be accessed through the church diary. The second prayer meeting will be in the Sanctuary and there will also be a further one in the Sanctuary during the month. Details of dates will be in the newsletter and also in the church diary. For further details of those in the Sanctuary please talk to Janet Nicholson.

See Greg if you'd like to be put on the fellowship mailing list.