

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News



Sunday October 8th

This Sunday Maggie Harpur and Jerry will be leading the service. Jerry will begin a five-week sermon series on the Book of Jonah, which is all about God's mission and the missing missionary.

The reading will be Jonah 1:1-3, and the topic is:

**God Says, "Go!" Jonah Says, "No!"**

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

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Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

**12.00pm Church Meeting all Welcome**

**Jerry's Reads**

2 Kings 14:25, Psalms 139, Luke 11:29-32, Matt 16:1-4, Matt 12:38-42

**For Your Prayers**

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 5, please pray for: **John Applegate, Chris Bridgeman, Iris Clark, Barbara Mixer, Ben Mixer and Maggie Patterson** During October please pray for the residents of **The Staithe, Mill Road, Chapel Field including the Barnes.**

Lord, SBC is blessed with holiday makers regularly joining our Sunday services. Lord, we were blessed last Sunday by Christiana from Wallington, London. We pray for Christina who wrote a powerful poem based on Ron's talk.

**Two Is Amazing Love**

Activate your brain and your heart  
For this is the most amazing part  
God's love so amazing and takes breath away  
And so should every day  
Everyone saved by God is family  
all is connected by Jesus' death & resurrected Glory  
and isn't something we earned, but Grace  
To freely turn to Jesus face  
We have been adopted and embraced  
In God our lives have been placed  
When we accept you Jesus we get deeper sense  
to fully be a child in the fathers presence  
'Child of God' Status is not to impress  
It's a reminder to the father God to confess  
do we know of this worth with out strings  
our worth in the eyes of God of all things  
there is so much yet we do not know  
but knowing what we do is an encouraging flow

**Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Tim Manley posted "Prayer Update - Joshua Many thanks for those of you who have been praying. Joshua is very slowly recovering from the glandular fever and is trying hard to be at work full time, but gets exhausted. He's back on some of his meds, but one is now considered too risky in view of his underlying health problems. Please pray that those he's back on protect him from harm as they should and pray for the right support as options are looked at for the one he can't take. The company he works for has been brilliant, but now face their own challenges. Please pray for them to thrive (especially financially) as they don't want to lose Joshua and he loves this job. For Joshua this is yet another stress in what has been an incredibly (long) difficult period for him. He needs a period of stability so he can get on with serving God through his church and living life to the full. (The blessings of Deuteronomy 28 spring to mind.)"

**Bible Reading Blog**

**Don't Believe Everything You Hear 1 John 4: 1-6 (MSG)**

4 My dear friends, don't believe everything you hear. Carefully weigh and examine what people tell you. Not everyone who talks about God comes from God. There are a lot of lying preachers loose in the world.  
2-3 Here's how you test for the genuine Spirit of God. Everyone who confesses openly his faith in Jesus Christ—the Son of God, who came as an actual flesh-

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**For your Diary**

**Monday 9th October**

10.30 to 11.30am in the Church  
Prayers for SBC and young people  
2 to 4pm Warm Spaces in the Stables  
7.00pm Deacons Zoom meeting

**Tuesday 10th October**

Coffee and Chat

9.30am - 12 in the Stables

**Wednesday 11th October**

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12 in the Church  
10-12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables

**Thursday 12th October**

10 to 12pm Warm Spaces in the Stables  
7.00pm Zoom prayer meeting

All Welcome to join in  
Contact Diana for details

**Friday 13th October**

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

1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables &  
Citizens Advice Service

**Saturday 14th October**

10am coffee morning in the Stables  
in aid of Breast Cancers "Wear it Pink  
appeal"

**Sunday 15th October**

10.45 Sunday Service  
Welcome: Jill & Elinor  
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](mailto: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.

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and-blood person—comes from God and belongs to God. And everyone who refuses to confess faith in Jesus has nothing in common with God. This is the spirit of antichrist that you heard was coming. Well, here it is, sooner than we thought!

<sup>4-6</sup> My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world. These people belong to the Christ-denying world. They talk the world's language and the world eats it up. But we come from God and belong to God. Anyone who knows God understands us and listens. The person who has nothing to do with God will, of course, not listen to us. This is another test for telling the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of deception.

**As a Christian in the days of social media how easy is it to get sucked into believing the false preachers?**

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

Ron's blog is another powerful talk about the world we live in as Christians and the dangers we share with those in John's time.

### A Thankyou

Fran started her Comino pilgrimage walk from Burgos in Spain on Monday 2nd October and will finish on 17th October. Fran says a big thankyou for all the prayers and asked if you would continue to pray for her.

### North Norfolk Food Bank

During October 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.

### Shoebox Appeal Date

The Shoebox service at St Mary's will be on Sunday 19th November at 3.00pm. St Mary's and SBC have been getting together to collect shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child for many years. Magda will be putting some info at the back of the church. If you have any spare shoe boxes Magda would always be happy to hand them on to other people to fill. Samaritans Purse say "Thank you for considering giving hope and joy to a child this year. By sending a shoebox gift with Operation Christmas Child you'll be sharing God's love and showing a child they are special and thought of."

### EBA Prayer Focus 8th October Southend City Baptist Church

Southend City Baptist Church are a missional church whose focus and community are the local homeless people and those who are at risk of homelessness. It has recently formed as 57 West and Clarence Road Baptist Church have merged. One of the defining elements of Southend City Baptist Church is that it is a local community, many of whom see each other daily. You can find them at their drop-in sessions with a coffee,

beans on toast, or meeting with friends. All who come to the drop-in are valued as part of the community. In addition, the church partners with a food bank, cooking courses designed for those who have newly found housing and well-being groups. All of this, much of which could be termed social work, is part of the church's missional display of Christian faith. Although the church does not separate these activities from specific faith activities, prayer groups and Sunday services are also run each week.

The minister of Southend City Baptist Church is Pam Davies. She has been the minister with 57 West for 6 years now. She is a devoted and active aunt of seven nieces and nephews. If not with the children or in the church, you will find her in the local rugby club where she is part of the team!

As part of a recent project, the manse has been repurposed as supported housing. Unfortunately, the council has not yet registered this, and it is being financially supported by the church whilst that registration is completed. Once this happens, it will be a new source of revenue for the church.

Prayer Points

Please join Southend City Baptist Church as they give thanks for:

- A successful time of incredible change and a community who have been open to moving forward. A roof replacement which has been completed.

Please also join them in praying for:

- Resources, especially financial. Those who have little job security within the church due to lack of finances for wages.

### Breast Cancer Coffee Morning

Come and support the Breast Cancer Wear it Pink coffee morning in the stables 10am to 12pm on Saturday 14th October

### Bar Room Blues

Over 60 people enjoyed the Bar Room Blues last Saturday.

£333 was donated and shared between Norfolk & Waveney MIND and EACH (East Anglian Children Hospice) A big thank you to all who attended.

### Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"Obeying the will of God is as important to God's servant as it is to the people His servants minister to. It's in obeying the will of God that we find our spiritual nourishment (John 4:34), enlightenment (7:17), and enablement (Heb. 13:21). To Jesus, the will of God was food that satisfied Him; to Jonah, the will of God was medicine that choked him." Warren Weirsbe—Be Amazed, page 92

"If you believe that God is calling you to a specific task, answer yes immediately and go as quickly as you can. Don't run from God and board a ship that's going in the wrong direction." —David C. Egner

"God puts you in a FIX to FIX you; and if you get out of the FIX before you get FIXED, God has to FIX another FIX to FIX you."— G. Campbell Morgan

"Many of us are paying a high price for our "Tarshish trip" when, if we had done things God's way, He would have picked up the tab. Many of us are paying high emotional, psychological, and physical tabs because we rebel against the will of God for our lives."—Tony Evans.



**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.