

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday October 22nd

This Sunday Elaine & Maggie are leading and Ron will continue the the five-week sermon series from the Book of Jonah.

This week's theme is "A Fishy Tale"

The reading Jonah 1: 17 - 2: 10

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the family of John Hare whose funeral is on 23rd at Earlam Crematorium.

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 7, please pray for: David Child, Jill Humphrey-Smith, Fran Lenehan, Denis O'Brien, June White and Steve White.

During October please pray for the residents of The Staithe, Mill Road, Chapel Field including the Barnes.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem has offered the following prayer.

O God of all justice and peace,

we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call to you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children - for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer For Children

Lord, children are a precious gift from You. So, when the challenges of life come along, it's easy to fear for their futures and well-being. We praise You Lord, we have the gift of praying for children we know and love, and those around the world who may be facing difficult times. Moreover, we're reminded that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us too - we're not alone!

Praying for children is one of the most powerful things we can do Lord, as a parent, carer or compassionate Christian watching the dangers around the world children face.

Prayer from Christians in Parliament

- ◆ Pray for your MP: that they will make wise decisions for the good of their constituents and that they will be able to cope with the stresses and strains of public office. Why not write to your MP to let them know that you are praying for them?
- ◆ Pray for the work of the House of Commons and the House of Lords: that good and just decisions will be made and that the tone of debate is measured and constructive.
- ◆ Pray for Christian MPs, Peers and staff: that their faith will grow and that they will seek to serve God, being salt and light in Parliament. Pray that all Christians working in Parliament will model disagreeing well and be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.
- ◆ Thank God for the freedoms we enjoy to pray and worship and to participate in public life.

Bible Reading Blog

Jesus Walks on Water Matthew 14: 25 - 31 (ERV)

²² Then Jesus made the followers get into the boat. He told them to go to the other side of the lake. He said he would come later. He stayed there to tell everyone they could go home. ²³ After Jesus said goodbye to the people, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. It was late, and he was there alone. ²⁴ By this time the boat was already a long way from shore. Since the wind was blowing against it, the boat was having trouble because of the waves.

²⁵ Between three and six o'clock in the morning, Jesus' followers were still in the boat. Jesus came to them. He was walking on the water. ²⁶ When they saw him



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For your Diary

Monday 23rd October

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

Tuesday 24th October

9.30am - 12 Coffee and Chat in the Stables

Wednesday 25th October

Table Tennis

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

Thursday 26th October

10 to 12pm Warm Space in the Stables
3.15pm Messy Church in the Sanctuary
Theme of Light

7.00pm Zoom prayer meeting

All Welcome to join in
Contact Diana for details

Friday 27th 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

Sunday 29th October

10.45 Sunday Service
Welcome: Maureen K & Rita
Flowers: Julia Maile

Saturday 4th November

8.30am Ladies Breakfast in the Stables

Monday 30th November

10.00 Bible Study in the Stables - Jesus and the Gospels
All welcome

Personal Prayer, Food Bank, & Citizens Advice

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.

walking on the water, it scared them. "It's a ghost!" they said, screaming in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus quickly spoke to them. He said, "Don't worry! It's me! Don't be afraid."

²⁸ Peter said, "Lord, if that is really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ Jesus said, "Come, Peter."

Then Peter left the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. ³⁰ But while Peter was walking on the water, he saw the wind and the waves. He was afraid and began sinking into the water. He shouted, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Then Jesus caught Peter with his hand. He said, "Your faith is small. Why did you doubt?"

³² After Peter and Jesus were in the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the followers in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You really are the Son of God."

As Christians how easy is it to lose our faith in Jesus when we are being swamped by the tides of difficulties?

To listen to Ron's short blog click [Ron's Blog](#). Or go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary" Another brilliant blog, Ron explores Peter's problems as his faith starts to escape him and brings it into the things we struggle with when the storms break into our lives.

Norfolk Food Bank

During October any of the following would be much appreciated:

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Squash/ Fruit Juice, Pasta Sauce, Jam, Long Life Milk, Cereal, plus 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.

Impact Course

Jan will be going through part of an Impact course with one or two people on Fridays between 6 and 7pm at Three Windows, Brumstead Road. This is a bit like a Discipleship course so if anyone would like to join us please let us know.

Craft Fayre

We intend to have a Craft Fayre at Eureka, St John's rd. (Edna's house) on 7th and 8th December to raise funds for SBC. We will need artificial Christmas trees to cut up for making Christmas Wreaths and also Pinecones, Rose hips etc which can be passed on to Edna or Henry.

Thank You From Fran

Fran got back to Stalham on Wednesday from her Comino pilgrimage walk in Spain, 3 hours late because her coach broke down in Cambridge and says a big thankyou for all the prayers and the lovely text she received.

Weekly Prayer Focus: 22nd October Social Justice and Women

There has been a lot in the news over these past few weeks about the mistreatment of women of all ages, social and ethnic backgrounds in our society. This has included local councils having to settle unequal pay claims made by women, to the alarming claims of harassment that women are facing working in the fire service, operating theatres in hospitals, and in the police service.

It is in this kind of context and in recognition that God



desires local churches to do the work of helping to build a more just world, so that there is equality, and diversity is valued, that Baptists Together developed the resource *I Am Because You Are* which is a [video-based training course](#). Whilst this resource is aimed at Baptist ministers it is also suitable for church leadership teams.

Prayer points:

- Local churches will gain a greater understanding of the nature and levels of inequality and injustice being experienced (e.g. by women) at work, as well as at times in their local churches and in their wider local communities.
- Local churches will be known and experienced as safe places for people (e.g. women) to share their experiences of harassment and to receive advice and support for challenging it.
- The EBA Justice Group has come up with a list of resources that local churches can use in the quest to help build a more just society: <https://www.easternbaptist.org.uk/about-eba/eba-justice-group/>

Quotes of the Week

"Never think that one person cannot change the world. One maybe the loneliness number but **2,604,381,000 in the world know one man.**"

F. Dilch

"It's never too late to change your life for the better. You don't have to take huge steps to change your life. In fact, you don't have to take any steps. You just have to ask Jesus into your life and your life will change for more than the better."

F. Dilch

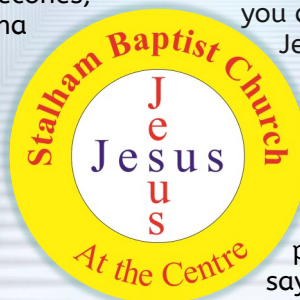
"When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. A week is more than enough time for us to decide whether or not to accept our destiny."

Paulo Coelho.

"When you cross paths with Jesus, you can't help but walk away changed. I AM changes who i am."

Gregg Matte,

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.



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.