

# Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday November 12th

This Sunday Ron is leading and preaching from Psalm 122

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

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Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

### Ron's Reads

Ps 137, 1 Cor 3:16, 1 Pet 2:4-5, Gal 4:26 1 Sam 4:1f, 9:1f, Ro 5:10

### For Your Prayers

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 2, please pray for: Maureen Kerrison, Cyril Kerrison, Rita Rudrum, Barbara Webb, Margaret Fisher and Doreen Hollebon, During November please pray for the residents of Lower Staithes Road, Albion Drive, Old Market Road including Market Mews and Chapel Court.

Lord we remember each year all those who have died in the wars since 1914. We also should pray for the forgotten. Those who suffered life changing injuries, and are suffering life changing injuries, we pray for those who suffered mental health issues and are suffering mental health issues that have destroyed relationships. Those who were held captive and forced to work or tortured and those who are being held captive.

Lord, we look across the horror of the battlefields, the devastated cities, towns and villages and remember the sacrifices made often without choice. Lord WW1 was said to be the "The War to End All Wars" but the world, Lord, is suffering as the wars are growing. We look again at the horror of the battlefields, the devastated cities, towns and villages and again witness the sacrifices made by innocent people of all ages. Lord, we pray that You can break into the stony hearts of the warmongers. We pray God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

### Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

Saturday 4th November Suzana posted "Please pray for my father (Jairus) .He has liver cancer and he is currently in hospital."

Also on Saturday Jerry posted "Please pray for Anne West, who is at the James Paget Hospital. She has asked that we pray for love and healing. Thanks."

Wednesday 8th November Suzana posted "Thank you so much for all your prayers. My father came back from hospital today."

### Bible Reading Blog

#### 1 Kings 20: 25-43 A Prophet Condemns Ahab (NIV)

<sup>35</sup> By the word of the LORD one of the company of the prophets said to his companion, "Strike me with your weapon," but he refused.

<sup>36</sup> So the prophet said, "Because you have not obeyed the LORD, as soon as you leave me a lion will kill you." And after the man went away, a lion found him and killed him.

<sup>37</sup> The prophet found another man and said, "Strike me, please." So the man struck him and wounded him. <sup>38</sup> Then the prophet went and stood by the road waiting for the king. He disguised himself with his headband down over his eyes. <sup>39</sup> As the king passed by, the prophet called out to him, "Your servant went into the thick of the battle, and someone came to me with a captive and said, 'Guard this man. If he is missing, it will be your life for his life, or you must pay a talent<sup>[a]</sup> of silver.' <sup>40</sup> While your servant was busy here and there, the man disappeared."

"That is your sentence," the king of Israel said. "You have pronounced it yourself."

<sup>41</sup> Then the prophet quickly removed the headband from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets. <sup>42</sup> He said to the king, "This is what the LORD says: 'You have set free a man I had determined should die.'

<sup>43</sup> Therefore it is your life for his life, your people for his people.'" <sup>43</sup> Sullen and angry, the king of Israel went to his palace in Samaria.



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### For your Diary

#### Monday 13th November

10.30 to 11.30am in the Church  
Prayers for SBC and young people  
2 to 4pm Warm Space in the Stables  
9.00am Deacons prayer meeting

#### Tuesday 14th November

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the Stables  
7pm Bible Study at Geoff and Barbara's  
Jesus and the Gospels. All welcome for  
extra info phone 01692 672120

#### Wednesday 15th November

Table Tennis  
9.30am to 12 in the Church  
10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables  
7.00pm Zoom Bible Study  
All Welcome to join in  
Contact Diana for details

#### Thursday 16th November

10 to 12pm Warm Space in the Stables  
1.00pm Funeral of Stan Todd at  
Cromer Crematorium

3.15pm Messy Church in the Chapel

#### Friday 17th November

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 19th November

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Julia & David

Flowers: Barbara Mixer

Shoebox Service

3.00pm St Mary's Church

#### Wednesday 22nd November

2.00pm Esther Curson's

Thanksgiving for Life Service at SBC

#### Thursday 23rd November

10. 30 to 11.30am Prayer Meeting in the  
Chapel. All Welcome to join in  
7.00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting  
Contact Diana for details

### 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](mailto: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.

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

## Edna Says Help Please

We are having a 'work morning' on Monday November 13th from 10am at Edna's house, 'Eureka' St John's Road, Stalham making Christmas Wreaths to sell at the Craft Fayre on Thursday 7th December and Friday 8th December. If you can help, please come along! Thanks, Edna

## Candlelight Service Help

If anyone would like to participate with the music group to sing a song as part of a small choir for the candlelight service then please talk to either Barbara or Diana. You will know the tune for the song we are planning to do there are just different words. It's by the Living Stones Quartet - Christmas Gospel Song. Found on YouTube and if accessing the newsletter digitally here is the link.

<https://youtu.be/houlFXBcWqs?si=6lZRqD672pZodv6j>

## Warm Space Help Needed

We are intending to re-commence soup on our Thursday morning warm space slot. As we always need to have 2 people present because of safety we currently do not have sufficient volunteers to do this every week. Although the initiative was started because of the economic crisis and the difficulties households are having with heating costs and feeding themselves, there are many reasons why people come along to warm space. It can just be for companionship and a chat with a friendly face.

Loneliness and mental ill health are nationwide problems and we simply don't know what prompts a person to come along. But as a church following in the footsteps of Jesus we are here to serve. So if you feel you can give up a couple of hours on a Thursday to help out please talk to Diana.

## Gracie's Hand Made Bracelets

Thank you to everyone who bought one of Gracie's bracelets last Sunday or placed an order. So far, she has raised £30 for the Nephrotic Syndrome Trust (this is without any money raised from the orders that were placed).

Gracie will be selling the last 8 bracelets on Sunday 19th November and taking any more personalised orders that people have. Bracelets are £2.50 each with £1 from every bracelet sold going to the Nephrotic Syndrome Trust.

If you placed an order last Sunday, Gracie should hopefully have your bracelets ready for Sunday November 19th so please bring your money that day.

## A Thankyou from Norfolk Food Bank

Dear Foodbank Supporters,  
Thank you for your donations and Harvest Festival collections.

During October you contributed 224.45 kg of food. As we rely on food and financial donations to operate, we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So, thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve people in food crisis across North Norfolk. In 2022/23 we fed 6816 people, which was an increase of 53% on the previous year. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to provide clients with

everything they need, with 72,741kg of stock coming in, up 34% on the previous year.

During November 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.

Once again thank you so much for your generous donations.

## Shoebox Appeal Service Next Sunday

The Shoebox service at St Mary's will be on Sunday 19th November at 3.00pm. Chat to Magda for more information.

## EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 12th November Foulsham Baptist Church

Foulsham is a small village in north Norfolk and for over 200 years has been home to Foulsham Baptist Church which is located on the main road right in the centre of the village. For the past four years the church has been led by minister Rev Nick Mitchell.

Over half the congregation live within walking distance and the other half travel to the village from the surrounding areas. There are also regular and returning holiday visitors to the church including those with weekend homes nearby.

There are 30-40 gathering on Sundays in the church congregation. The membership is mainly older but there is a Sunday club for children on alternate weeks and a monthly informal café-style service which recently included an infant dedication.

During the week there is a very busy programme of activities taking place. The church-run Little Acorns parent and toddler group meets on Tuesdays. Twice a month the Oasis café provides coffee and cake and is open for anyone to drop in to enjoy both company and friendship. Meetings vary between morning and afternoon sessions to reach the widest range of people who are free to attend.

There is also regular Bible study, a movie night with discussion and a craft and art community group as well.

Please pray for:

- The ongoing stresses within a smaller congregation such as the use of resources, more people to participate in the life and activities of the church, and that people do not wear themselves out taking on too much.
- That the church will stabilize and see more new people join.
- For the leaders and the leadership team, and that more people will take on responsibilities.

## Quotes of the Week

I found in you a holy place apart, sublime endurance, God in man revealed.

Where mending broken bodies slowly healed my broken heart

*Vera Brittan Epitaph On My Days in Hospital*

Poppy bedecked wreaths in hand the great and the good stand.

The fallen feted to Nimrod marching flags.

Gun fire that silenced so many,

Silence, those around the one unknown.

The last post sounds!

While their white stones, in soldiers' rows, obediently to attention stand.

They grow no older or weary, the sun is going down.

Graves, long history's shadows, but still

war each year fills the sacrificial ground.

But of course, we remember them and

why?

#### **Franky Dilch Remembering Warriors and War**

She cried and remembered him the young man who loved her so.

Now just a brown sepia memory of so many years ago.

But like her ancient dried pressed red rose,

That love can never be revived not even with her tears.

#### **Franky Dilch**

The grave that they dug him had flowers  
Gathered from the hillsides in bright  
summer colours

And the brown earth bleached white  
At the edge of his gravestone

He's gone

When the wars of our nation did beckon

The man, barely twenty, did answer the calling

Proud of the trust

That he placed in our nation

He's gone

But eternity knows him

And it knows what we've done

And the rain fell like pearls

On the leaves of the flowers

Leaving brown, muddy clay

Where the earth had been dry

And deep in the trench

He waited for hours

As he held to his rifle

And prayed not to die

But the silence of night

Was shattered by fire

As the guns and grenades

Blasted sharp through the air

One after another

His comrades were slaughtered

In the morgue of marines

Alone, standing there

He crouched ever lower

Ever lower, with fear

They can't let me die

They can't let me die here!

I'll cover myself

With the mud and the earth

I'll cover myself

I know I'm not brave!

The earth, the earth

The earth is my grave.

The grave that they dug him had flowers

Gathered from the hillsides in bright summer colours

And the brown earth bleached white

At the edge of his gravestone

He's gone

Click [here](#) to Listen to the Grave on YouTube.

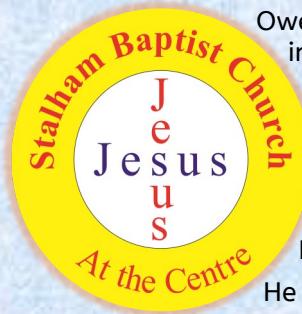
#### **Don McLean The Grave**

## **Disabled**

### **by Wilfred Owen**

Wilfred Owen was born on the 18th March 1893 in Oswestry and died on the 4th November 1918 at the Sambre-Oise Canal, France seven days before the war ended. This poem looks at the other side of warfare - the life changing injuries. Each year we "Remember Them" - those who died. But those like the young Scottish lad in

Owen's poem are often forgotten. It is estimated that in WW1 the total number of deaths was 10,824,236 with 23,665,873 casualties



One time he liked a blood-smear down his leg,  
After the matches carried shoulder-high.

It was after football, when he'd drunk a peg,  
He thought he'd better join. He wonders why.

Someone had said he'd look a god in kilts.

That's why; and maybe, too, to please his Meg,

Aye, that was it, to please the giddy jilts,

He asked to join. He didn't have to beg;

Smiling they wrote his lie: aged nineteen years.

And soon, he was drafted out with drums and cheers.

Some cheered him home, but not as crowds cheer Goal.

Only a solemn man who brought him fruits

Thanked him; and then inquired about his soul.

Now, he will spend a few sick years in institutes,

And do what things the rules consider wise,

And take whatever pity they may dole.

Tonight he noticed how the women's eyes

Passed from him to the strong men that were whole.

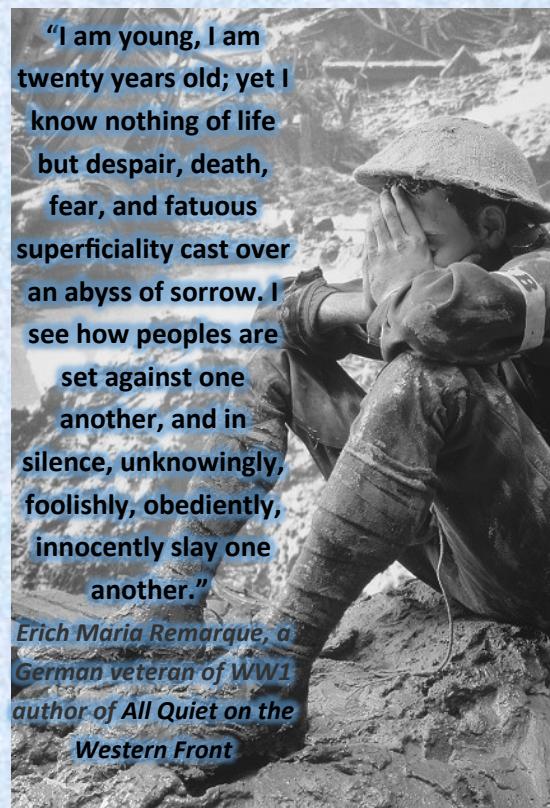
How cold and late it is! Why don't they come

And put him into bed? Why don't they come?

## **Dulce et Decorum Est**

*by Wilfred Owen*

War poet Wilfred Owen's mother received the telegram informing her of his death on Armistice Day, as the church bells in Shrewsbury were ringing



Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
 Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through  
 sludge,

Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,  
 And towards our distant rest began to trudge.

Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,  
 But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;

Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots  
 Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.

Gas! GAS! Quick, boys!—An ecstasy of fumbling  
 Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,  
 But someone still was yelling out and stumbling  
 And floundering like a man in fire or lime.—

Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,  
 As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.

In all my dreams before my helpless sight,  
 He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace  
 Behind the wagon that we flung him in,

And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
 His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;

If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
 Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,  
 Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud

Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,—

My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
 To children ardent for some desperate glory,

The old Lie: *Dulce et decorum est Pro patria mori.*

*The Latin is taken from the Roman poet Horace and means "it is sweet and honourable, to die for one's country."*

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Somme battlefield 1916.

Christ on the Cross taken from a ruined church and nailed to a tree.

## And We Shall Remember Them

WWI	Lawrence Gibbs	Arthur Peggs	WW2	Civilians
James Bailey	Harry Green	Charles Peggs	Ronald Blatchley	Jean Thirst
George Batchelor	Henry Harmer	Clarence Pratt	Kenneth Brackenbury	Percy Thirst
Walter Brackenbury	James Jeckells	Geoffrey Spanton	Charles Burton	Falklands War
Edward Bristow	Walter Knights	Frank Stewart	Raymond Gillingwater	Richard Dunkerley
Reba Bristow	George Leatherdale	Charles Taylor	Alfred Johnson	
Alfred Clarke	George Morse	Cubbit Whiley	Arthur Kemp	
Wilfrid Drake	Stewart Muller	Sidney Wilkins	Reginald Smith	
	John Nudd	Robert Wilson		At the back of the church are lists of the fallen with more information about them.