

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday April 15th 2018

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



Today Pat is leading and Ron is reading 1 John 1:1-4 "Back into training"
Today we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. Please take a "Welcome" booklet, also would you kindly sign our visitors' book at the back of the Church and you are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the Stables at the end of the service.

For Your Prayers

As part of our weekly worship we have a **Prayer Team** available to anyone who would like the support of others in prayer. You can find today's prayer team **Jane and Cynthia** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church. Please pray for the residents of **York Road and York Lane**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Roy Elson**. Please pray for the family and friends of **Chas Fisher**. The thanksgiving service for the life of Chas is at St Faith's on Wednesday 18th at 2.00pm.

Please pray for those trapped in conflicts around the world particularly in Syria. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital. May they know His peace in their lives.

Virtual Prayer Room

Robert asked for prayers for their friend **Wendy** who is suffering from widespread secondary cancers and is in great pain and having difficulty in breathing. Prayers were said for **Fred** who has been in hospital for two weeks and has been unable to visit Pauline who is in a care home. Prayers also continued for **Poppy** whose protein levels have continued to rise on Thursday 12th. If they stay at their current levels it will mean Poppy is in another relapse despite the new treatment. **Update.** *By Friday 13th Poppy was in relapse and prayers were said for her recovery.*

To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone. You can ask Jerry to text or email prayer requests. The April prayer bulletin is now available ask Jerry for a copy.

Warm Welcome For Ron at Park Baptist Church

Last weekend Ron visited Park Baptist Church in Great Yarmouth on a Home Mission visit. The church is situated in a very deprived area that shows up on national indices. On the Saturday evening he attended a service with David Child with the Portuguese members of PBC where they both received an extremely very warm welcome. The service in Portuguese was lively and passionate and was attended by primarily families and children. The fellowship represented seven Portuguese speaking countries from three continents. The service leader Jorge Damansceno was generous enough to translate the sermon into English for the three British people in the room. On the Sunday Ron and Jane visited the Sunday English speaking service, where Ron delivered a sermon. Again he and Jane received a warm welcome and joined many of the congregation for lunch.

New ventures for PBC this year were the involvement of four members helping at the joint Yarmouth churches Living Room project for the homeless and they intend linking the English and Portuguese speaking congregations to distribute Bible materials on the streets over the summer. Regular meals continue being held where non-attenders of church are invited and the café shop (leased to the church) now holds Portuguese events. Plans are also underway to form a joint English/Portuguese youth club. Easter Sunday saw a joint service with six baptisms from across both congregations.

The church is having many successes in bringing people to Jesus. One person who simply took it upon himself to clear tables etc. a few months ago was homeless and using the Living Room for help and shelter. He got talking to the helpers, one of whom, a Park member, runs a guest house offered him a job and accommodation and he is now attending church regularly.

Another, a mum whose marriage had broken up, attended a wedding, heard about the need for forgiveness on the Saturday, went home, looked up Park's Web site, went on Easter Sunday, gave her heart to Jesus and the following week brought her 10 year old daughter and she was full of joy and praise for the help she is now receiving as part of church.

Please pray for the continuing success of PBC in an area of very great need.

What's On This Week

Monday

Church Open For Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Sunday School Meeting

7.00pm

In the Stables

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm

30, St Nichols Way

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30 to 12noon

In the Schoolroom

Little Fishes Pre School

10am

Chas Fisher Funeral

2.00pm

At St Faith's

House Group

7.00pm

50 Brumstead Road

Study Group

7.30pm

In the Stables

Thursday

Wedding of Graham Pierce and

Paula Platten at 2.00pm

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

(please use the side door)

Sunday

Sunday Service 10.45am



Harry's Journey

60/70s night for Harry, Town Hall, Stalham 7.00 - 10.30 p.m. on Saturday 28th April. Bring your own drinks (soft or alcoholic) and buffet. Fancy dress welcome. Donations on door. Please come and support, raffle prizes would be really welcome - enquiries Doreen Hollebon 01692 581749 - 07850459677.

Bill Woolsey

Edna Woolsey says "Thank you all so very much for the money given at the service in Bills memory. I have spent it sending dinner, soup, tea plates, dishes and mugs to Munhaven Residential Care Home in Mundesley, thanking them for all the care they gave Bill."

Christians and Muslims Pray for a Christian Girl

The pastor of Leah Sharibu, a Christian girl abducted from her school in Dapchi, Nigeria, on 19th February, has brought together Christians and Muslims to pray for her safe return.

Pastor Daniel Auta of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) told local media, "All over Dapchi, we have all been organising prayer sessions. All the churches in Dapchi are praying. We initially did three days of prayer and fasting. After that, we organised special prayers and fasted for three more days... Still, we have continued to pray in our various houses."

Over 100 girls were captured by Boko Haram from their secondary school in Dapchi, Nigeria, on 19 February. Most of the girl were released just a few weeks later, on 21st March. However, Leah Sharibu, the only Christian girl in the group, was not released.

Leah's mother, Rebecca, told local media what she had heard from Leah's friends who had escaped. "(Leah) was about to board the vehicle that was to bring them back. Then Boko Haram said she should convert. Her friends said they tried to convince her but she said she will not convert to Islam. Boko Haram said since she will not convert to Islam she should remain behind. That was how they left her. She is alone."

Leah apparently asked her departing classmates to pray for her. She also asked her friends to give her mother a message: "My mother you should not be disturbed. I know it is not easy missing me, but I want to assure you that I am fine where I am. My God, whom we have been praying to with you, is showing Himself mighty in my trying moment. I know your words to me during our morning devotions that God is very close to people in pain. I am witnessing this now. I am confident that one day I shall see your face again. If not here, then there at the bosom of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Natha, Leah's father, is stunned by his daughter's spiritual strength. "The confidence and faith of my daughter in the face of death in the hands of Boko Haram, to say she will never denounce Christ, made me realise that I had been living with a strong follower of Christ in my house. I am highly encouraged by her strong faith in the Lord. I could only imagine what I would have done if I were in her shoes. My daughter's testimony has drawn me very closer to Christ. I am a proud father and call on her to remain faithful to God... Hold on to Christ, Leah. You are a heroine of faith."

"I am very grateful to all churches and indeed all Nigerians who are supporting us with their prayers." **OPEN DOORS report 9th April 2018**

News Stand

St George's Day Meal and Quiz. Join in the fun on the 23rd April in the Stables starting at 6.30pm for a good meal and a some hilarious quizzing. tickets £8.00 email

minister@stalhambaptist.org.uk telephone 01692 582731 speak to Jane or David Child

The Potter Heigham house group restarts on 17th April at 19-30 hrs at 30 St Nicholas Way Potter Heigham. If any one would like to come to the house group you are most welcome. For more details see Alan or Sheena Jarman.

Pop up Café restarts Thursday 26th April. Cynthia Meale says "Anyone, of any age, is very welcome at the Pop up Cafe. We would love to see you there. Why not come and bring a friend?"

Please look at a letter received from Lyn Green the *General Secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain* on the notice board at the back of the church.

The church media team ask you to please turn off your mobile devices when entering the sanctuary as problems are caused by interference with their equipment.

For Your Diary

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Anne West
Welcome: Elinor and Jill
Refreshments: Rita and Elaine

Sunday 22nd April

Sydney House Service 3.30pm

All welcome.

Monday 23rd April

St George's Day Dinner

(See article)

Thursday 26th April

Church AGM

Prayers at 7.00pm

Meeting Starts at 7.30pm

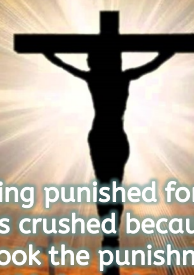
This Week's Ron's Read

1 Corinthians 13

Let Love Be Your Guide



Thought For The Week



But he was being punished for what we did. He was crushed because of our guilt. He took the punishment we deserved, and this brought us peace. We were healed because of his pain.

Isaiah 53:5 (ERV)

Quotes of the Week

"I've got a bad case of the 3:00 am guilts - you know, when you lie in bed awake and replay all those things you didn't do right? Because, as we all know, nothing solves insomnia like a nice warm glass of regret, depression and self-loathing."

D.D. Barant, Dying Bites

"There are two kinds of guilt: the kind that drowns you until you're useless, and the kind that fires your soul to purpose."

Sabaa Tahir, An Ember in the Ashes

I went to the LORD for help, and he listened. He saved me from all that I fear. If you look to him for help, he will put a smile on your face. You will have no need to be ashamed.

Psalms 34: 4-5

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