

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday January 7th

This Sunday Diana is leading and Jerry is preaching from 1 Kings 20: 35-43 entitled "Distracted from God's Purpose"

Jerry's talk warns us about:

- (1) The danger of disobeying God v 35-37
- (2) The danger of not dealing with our spiritual enemies v 42
- (3) The danger of being distracted from God's purpose v 38-43

12.00pm Short Church Meeting All Welcome

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Jerry's Further Readings

2 Sam 12:1-1, Matthew 5:29-30, Mark 4:1-20, 2 Cor. 4, James 4:7-8 7-18, Hebrews 12:2-4

Message from Ron

As we look forward to all that 2024 will bring for us as a church, I would just like to thank "all the ministers" of S B C for the commitment, support, prayers and hard work that was shown again in 2023 by so many. You make S B C what we are.

For Your Prayers

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 3, please pray for: **Juliana Elias Boulad**, **Magdalena Brooks**, **Graham Gotts** and **Rebecca Gotts**.

During December please pray for the residents of **Horse Barns**, **Wayford Road** and **Stepping Stone Lane**.

"Dear God, Thank You that You make all things new. Thank You for all that You've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need You and rely on Your presence filling us every single day. We pray for Your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that You will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire You above all else. We ask that You will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that You would help us release our grip on the things to which You've said 'no,' 'not yet,' or 'wait.' We ask for help to pursue You first, above every dream and desire You've put within our hearts." – Debbie McDaniel

Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

Tuesday 26th December Jerry posted for Jan and Henry "Would you please pray for our son Chris, who is just being taken by air ambulance to the ICU at the N and N hospital Thank you x Jan and Henry"

Later that day Jerry posted "Update from Jan and Henry: The scan shows large blood clots in the lungs. They are giving him meds to break it up, but there is a risk of bleeding. Just taken him to ITC, where he will be monitored x J and H."

Wednesday 27th Jerry Posted "Update on Chris: We spoke to him this morning, and they are pleased with his progress and maybe moving him to a ward today. The doctor told him he was lucky to be alive as one of the worst cases he'd seen. Thank you for the prayers. Love, Jan and Henry."

Also on Wednesday Robert Emerson posted "Please pray for Christine. We are now on our way to the N&N. She has a problem with her heart."

Later on Wednesday Ruth posted "Mum ok now coming home it is due to a fall she fills so ill."

Tuesday 2nd January "Update on Chris from Jan and Henry. He is doing well and is now off oxygen. Please pray they will not discharge him too early and that he can have another scan to make sure the blood clot is dispersing. Thanks for all your prayers."

Ron's Bible Reading Blog

Hebrews 13: 7-17 Concluding Exhortations (MSG)

⁷⁻⁸ Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness. There should be a consistency that runs through us all. For Jesus



For your Diary

Monday 8th January

9.00am Deacons Meeting
10am Bible Study in The Stables - Revelation

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

Tuesday 9th January

9.30am - 12 Coffee and Chat in the Stables

Wednesday 10th January

10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables
7.00pm Zoom Bible Study

All Welcome to join in
Contact Diana for details

Thursday 11th January

10 to 12pm Warm Space in the Stables

Friday 12th January

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 13th January

11.00am Grand opening service of Schoolroom with short service in Sanctuary

10.30am Stalham Baptist Church FC v Eaton Eagles FC at Stalham Recreation Ground

Sunday 14th January

10.45 Sunday Service
Welcome: Henry & Magdalena
Flowers: Barbara Mixer

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

Community Fridge

Open Mondays 2.00 pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 12 noon

To join the WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room that gives support with the power of prayer text Jerry on 07733837687.

You will need a smart phone

doesn't change—yesterday, today, tomorrow, he's always totally himself.

⁹ Don't be lured away from him by the latest speculations about him. The grace of Christ is the only good ground for life. Products named after Christ don't seem to do much for those who buy them.

¹⁰⁻¹² The altar from which God gives us the gift of himself is not for exploitation by insiders who grab and loot. In the old system, the animals are killed, and the bodies disposed of outside the camp. The blood is then brought inside to the altar as a sacrifice for sin. It's the same with Jesus. He was crucified outside the city gates—that is where he poured out the sacrificial blood that was brought to God's altar to cleanse his people.

¹³⁻¹⁵ So let's go outside, where Jesus is, where the action is—not trying to be privileged insiders, but taking our share in the abuse of Jesus. This "insider world" is not our home. We have our eyes peeled for the City about to come. Let's take our place outside with Jesus, no longer pouring out the sacrificial blood of animals but pouring out sacrificial praises from our lips to God in Jesus' name.

¹⁶ Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship—a different kind of "sacrifice"—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets.

¹⁷ Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?

As Christians and looking into a new year was 2023 a learning curve?

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

Schoolroom Grand Opening

The Schoolroom Opening Ceremony is at 11.00am on Saturday 13th January there will be a short service in the Sanctuary. There will be tea, coffee and cakes after the official opening. Everyone is welcome.

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 7th January All Nations for Christ Baptist Church

All Nations for Christ Baptist Church began its life in 2003. By 2004, they were worshipping in the Betty Strathen Community Centre in Harold Hill, Romford. Since COVID, the Church now meets in person on the last Sunday of a month and every Sunday the Church is online through the Church Television App.

Rev Peter Adenmosun is the Pastor of All Nations for Christ Baptist Church. His vision is for a church that reaches beyond the boundaries imposed by locations. By using the internet to broadcast both visually, via television, and internet radio, he reaches the whole world.

The Church also offers ministers of God from different countries such as India, Germany, Benin Republic, Nigeria, United States of America, Liberia, Mozambique, as well as the United Kingdom, the opportunity to broadcast on their internet channels.

Please Pray:

- That God should continue to enlarge the ambition of the Church to reach the world with the glorious Gospel

of Jesus Christ.

- That God should give the Church grace not to deviate from the path of righteousness but remain focused only on the Gospel.
- That God should bring fresh members into the Church to join in preaching the Word of God.
- That God should expand His Kingdom through the ministry of this fellowship.
- That God should give them their own building. A place of worship.

Message from EBA Regional Team

2023 has been a significant year of transition and change for our Regional Team, with Beth and Diane retiring, Graeme moving back into local pastorate, and David joining as our new RMTL.

We're grateful for all of the support and encouragement we have received throughout the year, and the prayers of people across our Association are much appreciated. We hope everyone will join us in praying for the life of our Association as we look to the new year. Aware that there is much to do, and that the national Baptist calendar for the new year is already full with important things, we continue to hope and trust that God will provide all the wisdom, tenacity, and creativity we need for all that lies ahead.

Please pray for:

- The new shape and dynamic of the team as we work together.
- The appointment of a new Safeguarding Lead early in the new year.
- Sustainable patterns of working, and good rhythms of rest.
- Clarity of thought as we seek to prioritise and plan.

Food Bank

During January 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.*

Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"Let's make one resolution this year: to anchor ourselves to God's grace."— Chuck Swindoll

"Be killing sin, or it will be killing you."—John Owen
Vision is the ability to see God's presence, to perceive God's power, to focus on God's plan in spite of the obstacles."—Charles R. Swindoll

Whatever we focus our attention on is what will dominate our thoughts (Proverbs 23:7). If our thoughts are dominated by the things of this world, then we are going to get worldly results in our lives. We need to focus on God to get godly results."—Andrew Wommack
"Focus on giants - you stumble. Focus on God - Giants tumble."—Max Lucado

"Be gutsy. Hold on to that grace. Say to the devil, 'Don't you dare rejoice over me. I'm coming out into the light. Sooner or later, God will hear my cry, and I will walk out of this darkness.'" — John Piper

"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul." — Gilbert K. Chesterton



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.