

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday April 29th 2018

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Ron is leading speaking from Isaiah 56: 3-8 "God welcomes ALL"

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 **Sheena and Barbara** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church. Please pray during May for the residents of **Portalfield and Teresa Court Flats**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Ruth, Samuel and Simon Hayward**.

Please pray for those caught up in the **Windrush** scandal that their problems would be rapidly solved by the government, and also 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

On Saturday 21st prayers for **Jake Brader**, he has left hospital after his motorbike accident. His leg was awkward and he was on crutches, but was glad to be in the fresh air. Also on Saturday **Ruth** reported her dad **Robert Emerson** was recovering well and he could return to work but only on light duties. On Sunday prayers were asked for **Sandra Feek** who is still undergoing investigations regarding her health.

On Monday prayers were said for seven year old **Evie** who has been in hospital for now nearly two weeks. She was admitted with sinusitis and tonsillitis. The infection had spread behind her eyeball and formed a very large abscess. She keeps having allergic reactions to the antibiotics. The whole family is very worried particularly her little brother Freddie. (*Update Evie came home on Friday 27th*)

On Wednesday Jerry posted "Please pray for God's protection, wisdom and favour for **Janet and Elspeth**, as they follow up prayer cards that morning." Janet asked for prayers for Avril who has had thyroid problems for a long time but her medication doesn't seem to be helping.

Prayers were said for **Mary** last week who is suffering with a gallbladder problem and has no family in the UK to support her. The good news she is now improving a little and thanks people for their prayers. *Please continue to pray for them all. To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.*

Update from Nick Lear the regional minister who had a big heart operation in January

'I am making slow and gentle progress. Each day I try to keep mobile and in particular go for a walk outside. Each day I try to extend the distance slightly and aim to get home feeling slightly out of breath but not breathless. I've managed to get out and about. Church on Easter Sunday morning is really special and I was determined to be there. Made it! I've also made it to my local Magic Club. I usually feel pretty tired afterwards but it's good to be doing 'normal' things outside the house. I'm now on a cardiac rehab programme (starts beginning of May) and hope to have a timetable for a phased return to work soon. I'm not rushing back but am keen to have some targets. I knew this phase would be frustratingly slow. But it's important to be patient as my body heals. As always I really appreciate all of the messages of support and encouragement and all of your prayers.'

We are hoping to have a Baptism Service soon. If you need any information about Baptism please talk to Ron.



What's On This Week

Monday

Church Open For Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival 9.30am

Three Windows Brumstead Road

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm 30, St Nichols Way

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30 to 12noon

In the Schoolroom

House Group 7.00pm

50 Brumstead Road

Study Group 7.30pm

In the Stables

Thursday

Pop Up Caf 

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice

1.15 to 3.00pm In The Stables

Prayer for Revival

The Church 7.00pm

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

(Sunday

Sunday Service 10.45am)

Those who love their brothers and sisters live in the light, and there is nothing in them that will make them do wrong.

**1 John 2:10
Easy-to-Read
Version**



Prayer Focus: Mundesley Free Church

Mundesley is a pretty Victorian seaside village in north Norfolk not far from Cromer where families can enjoy a traditional holiday away from the hustle and bustle. Based on the village High Street, Mundesley Free Church is a friendly family church with a heart to share the love of Jesus to their local area. John Leaf has been the pastor of the fellowship since 2009.



- ◆ Please pray for Pastor John Leaf as he leads this fellowship.
- ◆ The regular programme of activities and meetings that take place.
- ◆ The outreach and mission to the surrounding area.
- ◆ And for more leaders to come forward to take on key roles within the church.

Note from Robert

"I would just like to thank everyone who has been praying for my recovery over the last few days. I'm not there yet, but I'm getting better steadily. Once again thank you, and God bless you for remembering me."

Welcome to two New Members

The church AGM on Thursday 26th April saw Victoria Nicholson and Fran Lenehan elected as members. Maggie Harpur and Diana Gordon introduced the two candidates and the members voted them in. Maggie Harpur was re-elected to serve as a deacon. The meeting received Geoff Reynolds Secretary's Report and Greg Chapman delivered the Treasurers report and asked for prayers for an increase in money coming in to the General Fund.

News Stand

St George's Day Meal and Quiz. Ron would like to give a big thankyou to all those involved in creating a wonderful evening that raised £390 for the building fund. The food was brilliant and the quiz was very funny.

Big thank you from Barbara Mixer for the monies collected for the Leprosy Mission that amounted to £430 made up from the collection boxes and coffee and chat.

Joint Men and Ladies Breakfast at 8.30am on May 12th. With guest speaker Norma Huxter. Please sign on the sheet at the back of the church by Sunday 6th May to book a place.

Ben and Barbara Mixer's new address is 13 Mallard Way Hickling NR12 0YU telephone 01692-598502 from 30th April.

Norma Huxter invites everyone to her 70th birthday celebrations on Saturday May 12th in the SBC Stables at 4.00pm. Light refreshments followed by entertainment from Il-Tenore and Forest. No presents please but donation to SBC on the day.

For catering numbers please telephone Norma on 07899340937 or email huxter@aol.com Or use the sheet at the back of the church.

Baptist Times and Windrush Situation

Wale Hudson Roberts, the Baptist Union's Justice Co-ordinator.

'Mass deportation is a policy associated with tyrannical states such as apartheid South Africa. To believe that thousands of people in Britain are at risk of that same fate beggars belief.

'Many from the Windrush generation have not only volunteered their skills to help build a crumbling British economy - stretched to its limit in the aftermath of the Second World War - but some have even made this country their home, contributing to its growth.'

See the whole article at https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/520133/Baptist_anger_over.aspx

For Your Diary

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Edna Woolsey

Welcome:

Refreshments:

Thursday 10th May

Filling Station Prayers

Saturday 12th May

Joint Breakfast Meeting

8.30am

In the Stables

Norma Huxter Speaking

Norma Huxter's 70th Birthday

Celebrations at 4.00pm

Saturday 19th May

SBC Building Focus Meeting

All welcome

10.00am - 12noon

This Week's Ron's Read

1 John 3: 1-3

Quotes of the Week

"If the misery of the poor be caused not by the laws of nature, but by our institutions, great is our sin."

Charles Darwin, Voyage of the Beagle

"No matter how hard Evil tries, it can never quite match up to the power of Good, because Evil is ultimately self-destructive. Evil may set out to corrupt others, but in the process corrupts itself."

John Connolly, The Infernals

"Choose good men you can trust—men who respect God. Choose men who will not change their decisions for money. Make these men rulers over the people. There should be rulers over 1000 people, 100 people, 50 people, and even over ten people."

Exodus 18:21 Easy-to-Read Version

Servant leadership is a philosophy. Traditional leadership involves the exercise of power by one at the top of the pyramid. By comparison, the servant leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

Teaching servant leadership over 2,000 years ago, Jesus said, "But it should not be that way with you. Whoever wants to be your leader must be your servant."

Matthew 20:26

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