

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday January 14th

This Sunday Ron is leading and is preaching from Joshua 4: 1-10, 21-24 entitled
"Raise a Memorial"

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Then click on "Join Our Online Service"

Ron's Readings

Judges 2:10-11, Psalms 127:1 145:4

For Your Prayers

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 4, please pray for: Elaine Smith, Steve Smith, Steve Moseley, Penny Moseley and Amanda Mancini.

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

Lord we pray for those in the fellowship and community that have been waiting for appointments and operations, many of whom have had their quality of life severely affected.

We also pray, please God may there be proper justice for the sub-postmasters who were treated so badly.

We pray Lord that the donations for the Foodbank will continue throughout the coming year as more people in Stalham and the surrounding villages are in need.

A Prayer for the Broken-Hearted

Lord, you know every broken heart and every pain - those spoken and unspoken. There are many tears right now, Lord please draw near to all who are grieved. Remind us of your closeness and your presence; remind us that you are with us always, through tragedy and triumph.

Your Word tells us that you are the Light and though the darkness tries it cannot put out the light; your Word also tells us that the darkness is as light to you. You know all things, there is no secret that can be kept from you, even in darkness -- you know the truth of what has happened. Thank you for the comfort in your Psalms, many of which are penned from a broken heart and a place of trial. The Psalms remind us that you are our Refuge in the midst of trials; you are our everlasting fortress. You are our only truly safe place. May we leave every tear and every ache of our heart at your feet; may we trust you with these realities and these feelings and know that you are sovereign overall. You are a just God, and you will right every wrong. Help us to trust you always and help us to seek you in everything. May we find comfort in who you are, God. Source Crosswalk.com

Lord, we ask that this prayer of many years for the members of the House of Commons will resonate in their hearts and minds.

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed.

Message from Ron

A big thank you to all those involved in putting on our grand schoolroom opening.

Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

Thursday 11th January David posted "Please pray for Iris who had her pre op for her hip replacement yesterday and she is feeling quite shattered.

The operation will be on January 19th Please pray also that the operation will go ahead on that date as Iris has been waiting a very long time."

To join the WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room that gives support with the power of prayer

text Jerry on 07733837687. You need a smart phone

Jerry's Bible Reading Blog

Matthew 13: 16-24 The Rich & The Kingdom of God (NIV)

¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"



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For your Diary

Monday 15th January

7.30pm Deacons Meeting

10.30 to 11.30am in the Church

Prayers for SBC and young people

2 to 4pm Warm Space in the Stables

Tuesday 16th January

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the Schoolroom

Wednesday 17th January

10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables

Thursday 18th January

10 to 2pm Warm Space in the Stables

3.15 Messy Church in the Schoolroom

7.00pm Zoom prayer meeting

All are welcome.

Contact Diana for details

Friday 19th 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 20th January

10.30am Stalham Baptist Church FC v Eaton Eagles FC at

Stalham Recreation Ground

Sunday 21st January

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: David & Julia Maile

Flowers: Monica Payne

Saturday 27th January

8.30am Men's breakfast venue to be confirmed

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

17 “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

18 “Which ones?” he inquired.

Jesus replied, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honour your father and mother, ²⁰ and ‘love your neighbour as yourself.’”

20 “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

As Christians how do we interpret the parables of Jesus?

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

Warm Space

We are extending the Thursday’s warm space which is 10am -12pm to include soup from 12 to 2pm. We couldn’t run our ‘Warm Space’ without volunteers and if you are able to spare a couple of hours either for the regular coffee/tea slots or the soup slot on a Thursday we would love to hear from you. Please contact Diana either by email at secretary@stalhambaptist.org.uk or telephone 07951 949 128

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 14th January Gorleston Baptist Church

Gorleston Baptist Church is located on the east coast of East Anglia just south of Great Yarmouth. They are a mixed group of local people who believe in offering a good welcome to all, and especially to those in deprived areas. Here, you will find a sense that God is with us. Rev Mike Flynn, who has been the minister of Gorleston Baptist Church for three years, speaks about their Sunday services being about worship and an important part of their week. Their authentic and engaging worship has been a source of God’s blessing and growth, which has seen new individuals and families join the congregation. Life groups run regularly, which they are seeking to promote further.

As part of the church’s community outreach, Liz Townson and a group of fantastic volunteers run ‘The Well’, which is a twice-weekly drop-in. This group has been running for 20 years, providing, amongst other things, breakfasts, a food bank and, more recently, a food pantry. Here, people come as they are and are met with care.

Gorleston Baptist Church are happy to say that with new children attending the church, they were able to put on a great nativity this year. It was written by someone in the church and rehearsed throughout December, and it was a lot of fun!

Please pray with Gorleston Baptist Church:

- That the love of Jesus is shared deeply and widely in the areas served by GBC.
- For those who visit The Well and have started the

next steps in their faith journey.

- For resources for the church, especially for The Well as it finds its level of sustainability.
 - That GBC continue to seek God, His blessing and unity as His Church.
- Wisdom for Mike and the leadership team as they seek to build on what God has been doing.

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.**

A Big Thankyou

Henry and Jan would like to thank everyone for praying for their son Chris, “We are very grateful to you all and would ask that you continue to pray for him as he slowly recovers. Chris also would like us to pass on his thanks.”

Carol Service Collection

A big thankyou to all those who donated. £206.66 went to Norwich Homeless Support and £206.65 to Tearfund Middle East Appeal.

Quotes of the Week



“The beauty of collaboration between older and younger generations is that we combine strength with wisdom—a surefire way to accomplish more for the glory of God.”

Brett Harris

“It may well be that we will have to repent in this generation. Not merely for the vitriolic words and the violent actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence and indifference of the good people who sit around and say, “Wait on time.”

Martin Luther King Jr., [A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches](#)

“The ultimate test of man’s conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.”

Gaylord Nelson

“Those who stand for different causes during different generations often experience the same oppositions and the same difficulties as those of the previous and the next generations. That is the basis of history repeating itself.”

Criss Jami,

“I tried running away from my destiny, but it kept hunting me, until I realize that, generations depend on what I carry in me.”

Nkahloleng Eric Mohlala

“We live in great prophetic times. Time no longer belongs to man for control. Time is now in the hands of the Ancient of Days.

There is no other generation that has ever or will ever live through what we are going through now.

God is moving things, people and seasons to usher us into His great and final move.”

Dr Paul Gitwaza

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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.