

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday March 17th



This Sunday Jerry is leading and continuing the sermon series entitled "Who is Jesus?" The title of this week's sermon is "Jesus the Servant Leader." The reading is from Mark 10:35-45 and Jerry will explore (1) To Be a "Somebody" v 35-37, (2) Is not Just for "Anybody" vv 38-40, (3) But for "a Nobody" vv 41-45.

Ron is at Park Baptist Church Great Yarmouth.

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

Jerry's Reads

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Matthew 19:23-30; 20:20-28, Luke 22:24-30, Galatians 5:13-14, Phil 2: 5-8, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Peter 4:10-11 and Revelation 22: 1-5.

For Your Prayers

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 5, please pray for: Diana Gordon, Greg Chapman, Norma & David Huxter.

During March please pray for the residents of Old Yarmouth Road and Ingham Road.

A Morning Prayer for God's Presence

Lord may nothing separate me from You today. Teach me how to choose only Your way today so each step will lead me closer to You. Help me walk by the Word and not my feelings. Help me to keep my heart pure and undivided. Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience. And finally, help me to rest in the truth of [Psalm 86:13, 'Great is your Love toward me.'](#)

You already see the ways I will fall short and mess up. But right now, I consciously tuck Your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart. I recognize Your love for me is not based on my performance. You love me, warts and all. That's amazing. But what's most amazing is that the Saviour of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning. Lord, help me to remember forever what a gift it is to sit with You like this. Amen. -

Lysa Terkeurst

Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

Saturday 9th March Hazel posted "Our son (Joshua) has a fever, needs to be well for Monday and as he has a rather dodgy immune system, that needs a miracle!"

Monday 11th March "Please pray for a friend from where we used to live. Over a week ago she was rushed to hospital with a racing heart and pneumonia. A day or two later her husband was taken to A&E for cardiac investigations, and now, whilst they are still in hospital, her daughter is on a drip in hospital with a virus causing a racing heart. This leaves their 15-year-old son looking after everything at home. This is such a difficult and worrying time for them."

Thursday 14th March Jane Skivington posted "Please pray for Steve Slade. He has fluid on the lungs. Thank you"

Friday 15th March Victoria posted "Please pray for my 14-year-old nephew, Tyler. He accidentally put his hand through the lounge door glass when pushing it open. He has a horrific injury, and the expected 45 minutes of surgery took over 4 hours. He has a long road to recovery. Swimming is his life, swimming 9 times a week. He is an amazing, successful swimmer with such a bright future ahead of him. He will miss nationals in the summer (where he was expected to medal) as well as other competitions and will be a long time before he can swim again. Please also pray for his whole family, especially his mum, Rosanna. Thank you xx"

Ron's Bible Reading Blog James 1:2 (HIV)

Trials and Temptations ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, ^{1a} whenever you face trials of many kinds.

As Christians can we still fill joy even when life is difficult?

To listen to Ron's short blog click [Ron's Blog](#). Or go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary" Another brilliant blog from Ron as he works his way through James 1 over the next few weeks.

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Ministry Team: The Whole Fellowship

For your Diary

Monday 18th March

9.00am Deacons Prayer Meeting
10.30 to 11.30am in the Church
Prayers for SBC and young people

Tuesday 19th March

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the
Schoolroom

Wednesday 20th March

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12pm in the Schoolroom
10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables
7pm Zoom Bible Study. All are welcome.

Contact Diana for more information

**Last chance to nominate for the
deacons, speak to Diana**

Thursday 21st March

10 to 2pm Warm Space in the Stables
3.15 to 5pm Messy Easter in the
Schoolroom – all welcome

Friday 22nd March

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 24th March

10.45 Sunday Service
Welcome: Jane & Teressa

Flowers: Magdalena

Thursday 28th March

10.30am Church Prayer Meeting is in the
Upper Room

Personal Prayer, Food Bank, & Citizens Advice

SBC is 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

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online you can click on the red highlighted links
and you will be taken to the relevant websites.

Easter Sunday and Flowers

Please bring a flower on Easter Sunday and pop it onto the cross outside the church [the chicken wire will keep it in place.] This will be one way we can witness to Stalham as the plain-ness of the wooden cross is replaced by the glorious colour of the flowers – the tomb is empty, Jesus has risen! Hallelujah!

North Norfolk Food Bank

During March any of the following would be much appreciated: Long Life Milk, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Squash, Fruit Juice and shampoo.

Please note that we cannot accept any fresh food or items that contain alcohol.

AGM

Our AGM this year will take place on Sunday 7th April at 12.00. As usual it will begin with the election of deacons. Daniel Nicholson & Maggie Harpur are the deacons whose term comes to an end but are eligible for re-election. We have no upper limit on how many deacons we may have; the requirements needed are being baptised and a full membership of a calendar year.

Please pray about this and if you would like to nominate someone please ask them first and then give their details to Diana. You can either use the nomination slips which will be at the back of the church or you can write a letter.

Final date for nomination is Wednesday 20th March.

Message from Jan Nicholson

Diana Johnson MP has proposed an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill that will have the effect of decriminalising abortion right up to birth. Her amendment would modify the existing law so that no offence is committed by a woman acting in relationship to her own pregnancy. This would legalise abortion up to birth for any reason at all including sex selective abortions. It would mean that a woman who obtained abortion pills would have no legal deterrent from using them on herself not only past the 10-week gestational age after which the use of the pills is dangerous but after the current 24 week legal limit for carrying out abortions. It would continue to be illegal for medical professionals to perform an abortion for most circumstances beyond the 24-week limit. This means that the amendment is likely to lead to more women self-administering abortion pills to procure late term abortions which carry serious risks to health, it is in effect a return to back street abortions. I have composed a letter on behalf of the church to send to our MP Duncan Baker concerning the above which is on the table at the back of the church. I would be grateful if you would add your signature to the petition so that we can stand together on this issue.

Also please take a postcard and send it to your local MP.

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 17th March Barnwell Baptist Church

Barnwell is located in the north-east of Cambridge and Barnwell Baptist church is based there on a large estate with many social issues. Rev Stuart Wood has been the minister for twenty years and is leading this outward-looking fellowship through a time of change and opportunity. The congregation of about forty people meet on Sundays at the Howard Road building and there are also many weekday activities that take place. Eleven years ago, a Community Association, "Abbey People", was established and it continues to develop work in the local

community, including running a Food Hub. The Church has an Alpha Supper event planned for the end of April, with an Alpha course starting in May. Midweek small groups will take a break over the summer and will be refreshed and relaunched in September. The church has seized the initiative with the building of the new Marleigh development of 1,400 new homes close by. A couple of years ago the church took on Catrin Horrex as Minister in Training and have agreed to appoint her as a full-time minister for Marleigh when she graduates from Spurgeon's College this summer. The church has bought a house on the Marleigh estate for Catrin and her family as she develops a new congregation there.

There is a new video about this at https://youtu.be/VmFV_spW1vU?si=CmoSmuHCERkzJ1pn

The church has stepped out in faith and has taken on the financial challenge to buy the house and to employ Catrin. And so far, God has provided at every step, and they are certain He will continue! There are challenges ahead with the development and integration of two congregations as one church and with the new leadership structure. There are also long-term plans to redevelop the Howard Road premises to provide better facilities and more sustainable buildings. These are exciting and changing times for the church at Barnwell and Marleigh. Pray for:

- The engagement with deeper discipleship and the refreshing of small groups.
- Expanding the fringe of the church and the Alpha Supper event in April and the Alpha Course running in the summer term.
- For Catrin as she completes her training and goes full-time from September.
- For wisdom and guidance for the future for the potential development of the church site.

Prayer Meeting

The Church Prayer Meetings are in the upper room with heating and are on the 1st and last of each Thursday's of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on the March 28th

Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"In the shadow of the cross we get a brief glimpse of a new community in which relations are not governed by power and status but by service and hospitality for those without status – a community in which those who have been ransomed live for others." – Donald Juel

"If I am not a servant to others, by process of elimination I am then a servant to myself. And that serves no one." — Craig D. Lounsbrough

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's "Theory of Relativity" to serve. You don't have to know the Second Theory of Thermal Dynamics in Physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"Jesus's sacrifice for us can breed humility if we will only let it. We won't need to be recognised by others if we know we are seen and known and deeply loved by the King of all the universe himself. We can unclench our grip on status if we know we're held in Jesus's hands. We can kneel down if we are sure that he will one day lift us up" – Rebecca McLaughlin.



Fire Evacuation In the event of a fire everyone should make their way to the fire assembly point which is outside the Staithe Surgery. For more information speak to Daniel.