

Stalham Baptist Church Weekly News

Sunday 17th April

Jerry and Maggie are leading and is Jerry is preaching.

“The Faithfulness and Goodness of God”.

The reading is from Lamentation 3:19-33.

Other scripture references:

Gen 1:1–2:4, Exodus 34:6, Deuteronomy 7:9: 32:4, Psalm 89:8: 92:1-2,

Micah 7:18–19, Romans 8:28 & 1 Corinthians 10:13.



For Your Prayers

Starting with pastoral group 8 please pray for Linda & Stewart Marsh, Jenny Jackson, Magda Nicholls, Annette Barks, Brenda Mitchell and Pamela De'ath. During April please pray for the residents of St Johns Road and St Johns Gardens.

Ron's Bible Reading Blog Isaiah 43: 1-3 Israel's Only Saviour

“But now, this is what the LORD says he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead”.

As Christians do we always have confidence in what the Lord promises?

To listen to Ron's 5 min blog click [Ron's Blog](#). Or go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/ and click on “Our Weekly Bible Commentary” Another testing blog from Ron.

Virtual Prayer Room

If you have a smartphone and want to join the WhatsApp Virtual Prayer group text Jerry on 07733837687.

On Friday Julia Maile posted: “Please can you keep Thomas in your prayers. He had his cardiology check-up this week and the doctor wasn't very happy with his recovery following his problems in August. His heart is still having to work quite hard. The doctor said they would have a multidisciplinary meeting to see if there is anything else to help. As those of you who have seen Thomas recently know, he has seemed to recover well so this is a bit of a shock. Please pray for his recovery and wisdom for the medical team as they look at what can help”. On Sunday Maggie Harpur posted: “Please would you pray for my little granddaughter Ellie who Has Scarlet Fever. She is very poorly with rashes all over her body and her cheeks are red and swollen too. My daughter in law has had to contact everyone they have been in touch with during the last week. Ellie has a little 4 month old brother Arlo. She should not be contagious once antibiotics get to work”. Maggie then posted Monday: “Good morning all and thank you for your prayers for little Ellie. Her temperature has broken at last, but she is still quite poorly. Please may I ask you to keep her in your prayers”. Maggie posted Wednesday “ Thank you so very much for your prayers for Ellie. She is now much, much better”.

Letter from Jean Mollett

Hello, my church friends . After a very difficult time I am well settled living in Acle and am happy and content. It was a big thing to do but know it's all in God's plan for me as I get older. I cannot thank him enough for the way He has guided me and met every need. I have worried a lot, that's my fault, but he has gently led me and been with me as He promised, and His timing has been right. I now have a new mission to fulfil and realise even more that it isn't where we want to be, its where God wants us to be in His purpose for us. Thank you to those who pray for me, visit me, phone me and write to me. That has helped me so much. Like so many I am in pain all the time but so much better than I was and do thank our Heavenly father for His loving care. What a wonderful Saviour we have when we give our lives over to Him and live with thankful hearts and hope for the future. Jesus said love one another as I love you, that's unconditional love. May we love God and each other with all our hearts. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Jean.

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For your Diary

Monday 15th April

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

2.00pm Warm Space in the
Schoolroom

Tuesday 16th April

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in
the Schoolroom

Wednesday 17th April

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.

Thursday 18th April

10 to 12pm Warm Space in the
Stables

3.15pm Messy Church in the
Schoolroom

Friday 19th April

10am Bible Art in the
Schoolroom

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 21st April

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Jean & Tom

Flowers: Eileen Neil

Monday 22nd April

12.00pm Thanksgiving service

for Ray Scorey

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 14th April

Barton Baptist Church

Burnham on Crouch is a small coastal town on the southern Dengie Peninsula in Essex. It has a vibrant sailing and yachting community due to its location on the River Crouch.

The Baptist Church is located in the south of the town, on the High Street. Whilst currently in a period of pastoral vacancy, the Church has been led by Simon Werrett since May 2023. Simon's main role is as a Community and Digital Pastor. He is supported by Brian M, Brian W, Jacque and Steve -- a committed team of Deacons.

Along with regular Sunday services, Home Groups, and a weekly prayer gathering the Church engages with its community through The Saturday Table which provides an opportunity to engage with people passing by the Church.

During 2023 the Church Garden was used as a community space for people to grow their own veg and fruit.

Also, during the Summer of 2023, the Church car park hosted an open-air service followed by a BBQ. The Church were able to celebrate two Baptismal services as well.

Please pray for:

- The search for the new minister.
- Building links with the community.
- Building links with the weekly market stall holders.
- The Easter Saturday outreach.

AGM

Maggie Harpur and Daniel Nicholson were re-elected as Deacons for the next three years at the AGM on Sunday.

Prayer Meeting

The Church Prayer Meetings are in the upper room with heating and are on the 1st and last Thursday of every month at 10.30am. The next one is on April 25th.

Warm Space

Warm Space is open in the Stables Monday 2-4pm, Wednesday 10-12pm and Thursday 10-12pm

North Norfolk Food Bank

During April 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.

Personal Prayer, Food Bank and 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

This is open on Monday from 2 to 4pm in the Stables and also Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 12noon.

New Phone

Jan Nicholsons new phone number is 07798 516859.

Mother and Toddler Group

Following on from reference to this group in the church meeting a few of us have now met with two mums who feel this is a needed facility in Stalham. We have agreed that this will run as a church activity on a Wednesday afternoon. Because it will operate as a church activity it requires the presence of at least one person from the church. For this we do require volunteers and if we have several volunteers we can do a rota and ease the burden. So if you think this is something you would like to be involved in please speak with Jenny or Diana.

Memory Café

Again, following on from reference to this in the church meeting, we have now heard that a successful grant application to the council was made. We will receive £500 towards the set up costs of this group. Diana is working in partnership with the assistant practice manager at Stalham Green Surgery who is setting up a similar group. Their group will operate monthly on a Thursday afternoon and the SBC group will initially operate monthly on a Monday morning. Together we will do some training with our volunteers. Diana will be advertising locally for volunteers for the SBC group. If you feel this is something you would like to get involved in please speak to Diana.

Jerry's Quotes of the Week

"The man who wastes today lamenting yesterday will waste tomorrow lamenting today."—Philip M. Raskin

"God's faithfulness means that everything He says and does is certain. He is 100% reliable, 100% of the time. He does not fail, forget, falter, change, or disappoint. He says what He means and means what He says and therefore does everything He says He will do". — Brian Bill

"If God has done what you think he should do, trust him. If God doesn't do what you think he should do, trust him. If you pray and believe God for a miracle and he does it, trust him. If your worst nightmare comes true, believe he is sovereign. Believe he is good." — Craig Groeschel,

"God's goodness is the root of all goodness, and our goodness, if we have any, springs out of His goodness."— William Tyndale.