

# Stalham Baptist Church *Weekly News*

Sunday April 21st

This Sunday Elaine & Maggie are leading and Ron is preaching

“The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament”

The reading is from Psalm 51: 10 - 13

The online service will also be available from Sunday.

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## Ron's Reads

Ps 104, Job 38F, Job 33:4, Jud 13-16, Num 22:1f1 Sam 10:1f

## For Your Prayers

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 2, please pray for: Barbara Webb, Margaret Fisher, Doreen Hollebbon, Maureen & John Booth, Sandra & Michael Feek and Sonia Maynard.

During April please pray for the residents of St Johns Road and St Johns Gardens.

## Prayers for the Innocent

Heavenly Father, we pray for the healing of our world. We acknowledge our current situation's needs Your grace and guidance. Please mend the divisions, restore peace, and bring unity among those at war or teetering on the edge of conflict. Give wisdom to leaders, break into the stone hearts of the warmongers, and inspire them to work together for the common good. Open their eyes to the devastation they bring to the vulnerable innocent children, women and men who are dying in their thousands and others who are surviving but receiving life changing injuries and those who are starving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## To Walk in Wholeness

Father God, many of us need healing. We need healing for past hurts, random physical pains that we allow to waylay our days and Spiritual healing for various reasons. We reach up to You to receive this healing so that we may be whole and that we may be able to then minister to others in a way that brings You fullness of glory. How wonderful to be able to worship You without stain or blemish and to be totally healed. Show others Your healing power so that they may also be healed and walk in wholeness. In the precious name of Jesus. Amen! - Dawn Mast  
[www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer](http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer)

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:5 KJV)

## Ron's Bible Reading Blog Isaiah 43: 5 - 7 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
I will bring your children from the east  
and gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'

Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

**As Christians do we always trust God fully?**

To listen to Ron's 5 min blog click [Ron's Blog](#). Or go to [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/) and click on "Our Weekly Bible Commentary" Another powerful blog from Ron, he explores what was given to the Israelites in Genesis and Exodus and is now found in the church.

## Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

**Friday April 11th** Jane posted "Brilliant news corporal Lee now has a job. Its incredible." (Last year we had been praying for Corporal Lee his parachute failed to open and he fell to the ground)

**Wednesday April 17th** Hazel posted "Please pray for our son and his fiancée who are due to stay with us next week. We've all been looking forward to this for ages, but presently, both are unwell. Please pray for a rapid recovery and the antibiotics to do their job." Later that day Hazel posted "Our son also has a cardio appointment at 11 today. A good result could mean he can go back on some helpful meds."



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## For your Diary

### Monday 22nd April

10.30 to 11.30am in the Upper room

Prayers for SBC and young people

12.00pm Thanksgiving service for  
Ray Scorey followed by refreshments

2.00pm Warm Space in the  
Schoolroom

7.00pm Deacons Zoom Meeting

### Tuesday 23rd April

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the  
Schoolroom

### Wednesday 24th April

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12pm in the Schoolroom

10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables

### Thursday 25th April

10 to 12pm Warm Space in the  
Stables

7pm Zoom Prayer Meeting.

All are welcome. Contact Diana for  
more information

### Friday 26th April

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 28th April

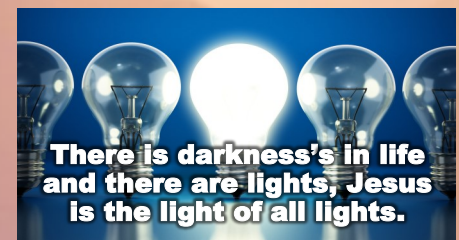
10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Eileen & Magda

Flowers: Magda Nicholls

### Friday 3rd May

10am Bible Art in the Schoolroom  
all welcome



**There is darkness's in life  
and there are lights, Jesus  
is the light of all lights.**

If you are reading this newsletter as a PDF or online you  
can click on the red highlighted links and you will be taken  
to the relevant websites.

Also on Wednesday Geoff posted "Update on Penny's sister she saw the oncologist yesterday and the cancer is shrinking. Good news! Thanks for your prayers please keep praying it will continue to diminish."

## A Big Thankyou

Thank you to everyone who supported Gracie and Poppy (pictured) with their coffee morning, whether it be through donating cakes, etc, giving up your time to help or coming along on the day to spend your money. They made an incredible £468 for the Nephrotic Syndrome Trust, bringing their overall total of what they have raised for NeST, over the last 3 years, to £1630!

## 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.

## Schoolroom Activities are Growing

When it was decided to be refurbish the schoolroom the drive was to create events that would support the community. The grants were secured on that basis. We are now opening up exciting events. We have agreed a Mother and Toddler Group. This will run as a church activity on a Wednesday afternoon.

Also, a Memory Café Again, for those with dementia, that a successful grant application to the council was made. We will receive £500 towards the set-up costs of this group. These are going to be brilliant regular activities for people who need support in our community and will be expanding the community's positive view of SBC. We will need volunteers to make these a success, we have been blessed through the years by so many people volunteering to grow SBC to where it is today. So, if you think this is something you would like to be involved in, please speak with Jenny or Diana and help SBC to keep growing the work of God in our community.

## 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](mailto: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

## EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 21st April Burnham on Crouch 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, Jacquie 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.

## Prayer Meeting

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

## Fire Assembly Point

Change of Fire Assembly Point: Now that we have more numbers attending the service, and increasing events taking place in the school room, the fire risk assessment officer considered that our current assembly point outside Trett Philips was inadequate. The Staithe Surgery have given permission for us to use their car park as an assembly point should the need arise"

## Big Thankyou

A big thankyou to all the people who put flowers on the Easter Cross outside SBC. And also to Diana for producing last Sunday's newsletter.

## Quotes of the Week

"Go to the top of the mountain, go to the middle of the ocean, or just sit under a big tree, or just from the corner of your room, with pure heart send blessings, love and compassion to the world and notice the transformation in you and the world"

Amit Ray,

"There are two types of seeds in the mind and heart: those that create anger, fear, frustration, jealousy, hatred and those that create love, compassion, equanimity and joy. Spirituality is germination and sprouting of the second group and transforming the first group."

Amit Ray,

"A pure heart is nothing more than being real with God, and not pretending to honour and adore Him. Will you do this? Give God praise freely?"

The decision is yours. Only you can change your attitude towards worshipping God."

Shelena Griffiths, A Real Desire To Praise God Devotional



**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.