

Stalham Baptist Church *Weekly News*

Sunday May 5th

This Sunday Ron is leading and preaching from 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16

“The Holy Spirit Reveals the things of God”

This Sunday the online service will also be available from Sunday.

Go to www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

Ron's Reads

1 Cor 2:18, Jn 14:1-7, 1 Jn 1:9, Ro 8:37f, Eph 1:17-21

For Your Prayers

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 4, please pray for: Gloria Turner, Gillian Meale, David & Julia Maile and Christine & Robert Emerson.

During May please pray for the residents of St Benets Road & St Benets Close.

Daily Thanks to God –

Dear God, Thank you for Your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank You for Your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank You for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us when we don't thank You enough, for who You are, for all you do, and for all You've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with Your peace and joy. We love You and we need You, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen. – *Debbie McDaniel, Crosswalk.com Contributor*

Prayer for Healing and Strength –

“Lord of Mercy, I am grateful for Your healing power and the strength You provide in times of weakness. Thank You for every moment that You have lifted me from despair to hope, from fear to faith. Continue to heal me, body and soul, and equip me to be an agent of healing in the lives of others. Let gratitude be my stronghold, even in trials. Amen.” *Crosswalk.com*

Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

Saturday 28th April Hazel posted “If there's anyone with a few minutes to spare now, please pray for Joshua and Ceri who have been let down by National Express and have to get from Norwich to London to catch their coach to Coventry. They're currently standing in the rain hoping they can get on a coach in 90 minutes.”

Later that day Hazel posted “Quick update, a really nice NE driver has worked really hard to sort out the mess and has them booked on the 5.15. This only leaves 45 minutes wriggle room before their coach to Coventry, but it's a good start and the driver is aware of their situation.”

Then Hazel posted “Yay! They're on the coach to Coventry. When I first asked you to pray, it looked like they might have to return here and try again tomorrow.”

Thursday 2nd May Julia posted “Hi. Please can I ask you to pray for me as I am expecting to have a total knee replacement this afternoon. Thank you to those who are already praying for me.

Thanks. Julia x”

Ron's Bible Reading Blog Isaiah 43: 18-19 (NIV) Israel's Only Saviour

¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

As Christians how easy is it to forget the past?

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 Ron blog exploring the writings of the Old Testament and using it to challenge how we are behaving today.

North Norfolk Food Bank

During May any of the following would be much appreciated: Long Life Milk, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit,



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Ministry Team: The Whole
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For your Diary

Monday 6th May

10.30 to 11.30am in the Upper room

Prayers for SBC and young people

2.00pm Warm Space in the
Schoolroom

7.00am Deacons Meeting

Tuesday 7th May

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the
Schoolroom

Wednesday 8th May

Table Tennis

9.30am to 12pm in the Schoolroom

10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables

Thursday 9th May

10 to 12pm Warm Space in the
Stables

7pm Zoom Prayer Meeting.

All are welcome. Contact Diana for
more information

Friday 10th May

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 11th May

8.30am Men's Breakfast in the
Schoolroom

Sunday 12th May

10.45 Sunday Service

Welcome: Magdalena & Henry
Flowers: Monica Payne

Friday 17th May

10am Bible Art in the Schoolroom
all welcome

Saturday 18th May

8.30am Ladies' Breakfast in the
Schoolroom

Community Fridge

Open Mondays 2.00 pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 12
noon

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

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

Ladies Breakfast

The next Ladies Breakfast will be on Saturday 18th May 8.30 to 10.30am in SBC's Schoolroom.

Breakfast includes cereal, fruit juice, pastries, and a cooked breakfast. The Guest Speaker is Mark Little who will be talking about Modern – day slavery. No fixed charge, but all donations are appreciated, all profits will go to a charity.

Book a place or get more information by contacting Elaine on 07796 875785 or email Elainesmith364@btinternet.com

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday 11th May at 8.30am in the Schoolroom. Everyone is welcome for more information or to book a seat contact Geoff. 01692 672120: geoffreynolds51@gmail.com

A Thankyou

Ruth Scorey wishes to thank all those involved in the service and refreshments for Ray's thanksgiving service.

Schoolroom Activities are Growing BUT HELP NEEDED

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 which 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. Jenny and Diana have been asking for 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.

EBA Weekly Prayer Focus 5th May Christ Church Coggeshall

Coggeshall is an attractive historic town in north Essex located between Colchester and Braintree which has almost 300 listed buildings. Christ Church is an LEP formed in 1989 when the Baptist, Methodist and URC churches in the village came together as one family. The church is led by Baptist minister Rev John Prothero who has been in post for the last seven years, supported by three deacons. Weekly services are on Sunday afternoons led by John and

the in-house preaching team. Services are relaxed, contemporary and provide thematic and relevant teaching. There is a new monthly worship service on Saturday evenings which is going well.

The church premises are large and provide a good community resource so are hired out to a number of different groups to generate a regular income. These include a home-schooling group and a community choir. The church runs a community lunch club on Mondays, a very popular coffee morning on Thursdays and a thriving parent and toddler group on Thursdays.

Although the church is small in number it is big in love. There is a lot of new housing development in the town and they pray the Lord will send new people to be part of the church who will bring new talents, skills and be able to give their time to augment the current leadership team who are very stretched.

For prayer:

- That a time will come soon when the church is financially able to manage without the income from hiring its premises.

- For growth, both numerically and in resources. That the church will remain Christ-centred and have the luxury of people who will participate and take up the strain on the loyal helpers. And for growth in the leadership team.

- For the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the historic building which is a big issue.

- That the fellowship will remain united and one in Christ.

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 May 23rd.

Quotes of the Week

“You and I have not been commanded to be successful as we tell others about Jesus. We have not been commanded to lead others to place their faith in Him. We are commanded simply to be faithful in declaring the truth. Praise God! The burden of responsibility belongs to the Holy Spirit when it comes to convincing others of the truth of their own sin and need for a Saviour.”

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“Communication is what the Holy Spirit excels in. When we don't know what to say, He does. When we don't know what to ask for, He does. When we don't know how to express the depths of our feelings, He does.”

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“had silenced His followers and teaching once and for all. Yet here were former cowards boldly declaring His name and message. Not only were their words making an impact, but who could argue with the miracles that accompanied the preaching?”

- **Anne Graham Lotz**, Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion

“What lies behind us may be mighty. What lies before us may be mightier. But what lies within us is the mightiest of all! Christ within us is the hope of Glory!”

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“What is in the pencil is greater than what is around it. The talents in you are greater than the environment surrounding you. Your potentials will change your environment.”

- **Israelmore Ayivor**

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.