

# Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday May 6th 2018



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**Today Diana is leading and Jerry is speaking from Psalm 139: 1-12**  
**“How wonderful God knows me and is always with me”**

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. Please take a “Welcome” booklet, also would you kindly sign our visitors’ book at the back of the Church and you are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the Stables at the end of the service.

## For Your Prayers

As part of our weekly worship we have a **Prayer Team** available to anyone who would like the support of others in prayer. You can find today’s prayer team **Diana and Maggie** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church. Please pray during May for the residents of **Portalfield and Teresa Court Flats**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Dorothy Fairweather**. Also please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital. May they know His peace in their lives.

## Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 28th prayers were requested for Doreen Hollebon who was organising a 60s evening to raise money for Harry’s Journey. On Monday Rosina thanked everyone who prayed for Luke of the Sue Lambert Trust a Norfolk Based support charity earlier in the year that funding could be found to keep the project going. The good news is that their funding they need will be restored in June. Rosina asked for prayers for Jane who runs an animal care charity in Swanton Abbot as a second hip operation had been cancelled and she was going to undergo further tests. Prayers were also posted for Jerry and Josh as they embarked on a young adult prayer group on Tuesday.

Victoria asked for prayers for Poppy she said “Poppy is the welllest she’s been since her diagnoses and has now been in remission for ten days, which is the longest she’s been in remission since January.” However, Poppy’s consultant has now returned from holiday and wants to discuss offering her a new treatment that would involve low doses of chemo therapy. Victoria asked for prayers that God would lead them to the right decision. (Update Poppy has been offered a new treatment by her consultant on Friday)

Jerry asked that we would pray for God’s guidance and grace as Janet and Elspeth continued to follow up the prayer cards. *Please continue to pray for them all. To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.*

## Maggie Harpur Teach us to Pray - Luke 11 V 1-4

We looked recently at the model of prayer that the Lord Jesus gave to His disciples which gives a wonderful framework for ensuring that we pray biblically and effectively over specific situations. It begins with who it is we are praying to – our Father in heaven.

**Psalm 100** says that we should enter His gates with thanksgiving for what He has done and into His courts with praise for who He is as we come into His presence. We should long for His name to be made Holy and **to give Him the glory more and more** in everything that we do and say for these things will lift up His name and extend His rule over where we are.

We should deeply desire for His kingdom to come and be extended here on earth in every situation just as it is in heaven.

## Filling Station Hickling Barn May 14th 7.00pm

We are very excited to announce that our speaker will be the wonderful Sandy Millar who is best known for his time as Rector of Holy Trinity, Brompton, the home of the Alpha Course. It was during his time there that he transformed that church from being very formal into arguably the leading evangelical church in the UK. With his then curate, Nicky Gumbel, they took on and developed the Alpha course which continues to spread Christianity across the globe. Sandy has the capacity to deliver very profound teaching in an amazingly simple way. Do try to join us for this special visit. For more information go to <http://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/norfolk-broads/>



## What’s On This Week

### Monday

**Church Open For Prayer**

10.00 to 12noon

**Deacons Meeting**

7.30pm in the Stables

### Tuesday

**Coffee and Chat**

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

**Prayer for Revival** 9.30am

Three Windows Brumstead Road

### Wednesday

**Over 60s Table Tennis Club**

9.30 to 12noon

In the Schoolroom

### Thursday

**Pop Up Café**

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

**Filling Station Prayers**

7.30pm in the Stables

### Friday

**Food Bank and Citizens Advice**

1.15 to 3.00pm In The Stables

### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

**Joint Breakfast Meeting**

8.30am In the Stables

**Norma Huxter Speaking**

**Norma Huxter’s 70th Birthday Celebrations**

4.00pm in the Stables

Everyone Welcome (See Article)

### Sunday

**Sunday Service 10.45am**

## The Way Forward

**“When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you.”**

Footprints-In-the-Sand-Poem.

## TWAM Case Study

### Sewing in Uganda Changing the Lives of Ugandan Women.

70% of the Ugandan population are 25 or under but TWAM sees the opportunity here to aid in livelihood creation as this generation become the country's economic powerhouse. TWAM works with a number of organisations in Uganda including two longstanding partners, Kira Farm and Mindset Development Organisation. TWAM works with partners who truly make a difference. Kira Farm graduates have a 100% employment record and Mindset has rates on graduation as high as 90% in some sectors.

TWAM would like to share with you just one of many examples of Ugandan women's lives transformed. Let's meet Janet, she learned to sew through Kira Farm, where she received a TWAM sewing machine and an accompanying Haberdashery sewing pack with enough supplies to get her micro-business going until she could finance more for herself. Her sewing machine case still has the TWAM packing tape on! Janet heard through a friend that a girl in a neighbouring village whose husband died had been kicked out of the village with her two children and left with no means of support. Janet took her in and also trained her to sew and together they have grown a business. Their business is thriving and the result is a new building to house their growing business and two families with a sustainable income and a future full of hope and potential.

**You can help people like Janet by donating old tools, sewing machines and knitting machines.** The nearest collection point is A.G. Meales and Son at Wayford. For more information go to <https://www.twam.uk/> or talk to David Meale 01692-536443.

## News Stand

**Joint Men and Ladies Breakfast** at 8.30am on May 12th. With guest speaker Norma Huxter. Please sign on the sheet at the back of the church by Sunday 6th May to book a place.

**Norma Huxter** invites everyone to her 70th birthday celebrations on Saturday May 12th in the SBC Stables at 4.00pm. Light refreshments followed by entertainment from Il-Tenore and Forest. No presents please but donation to SBC on the day.

For catering numbers please telephone Norma on 07899340937 or email [huxter@aol.com](mailto:huxter@aol.com) Or use the sheet at the back of the church.

**Trumpet Call 2018.** A National Day of Prayer for our Nation on Sat 9th June, 11am-5pm at The International Convention Centre, Broad St, Birmingham. Speakers include R.T.Kendall, Malcolm Duncan, Ian Cole and Yinca Oyekan. See Flyer on Noticeboard.

**Birthday, baptism, sympathy, new baby** and other special occasion cards—all with scripture texts, on sale at Coffee and Chat.

**A big thank you from Doreen Hollebon** for all the helpers, donators and supporters for the 60/70s night that raised £384.55 together for Harry's Journey. (Editors note well done Doreen for organising a brilliant evening)

## Great sinners, with a Great Saviour.

John Newton is famous for writing the wonderful hymn "Amazing Grace". Before he started following Jesus he was a slave trader, indeed, the captain of a ship transporting slaves from Africa to America. He became a Christian on March 21<sup>st</sup> 1748, during a long, stormy voyage back to Britain. He went on to become a minister and served God for many years. Newton, however, never forgot the horrible nature of his sin. At the end of his life, he said to a friend, "My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour." The apostle Paul described himself too as a great sinner: a blasphemer, persecutor and violent man, persecuting God's church and responsible for the deaths of many believers. But right away he adds, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst." (1 Timothy 1:13-15.) Both John Newton and Paul saw themselves as great sinners, with a great Saviour. <http://www.ssw.org.uk/a-great-saviour-for-great-sinners/> We are hoping to have a Baptism Service soon. If you need any information about Baptism please talk to Ron.

## For Your Diary

### Next Week's Service

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart  
Welcome: Cynthia and Jane  
Refreshments: Christine and Maggie

**Monday 14th May**

### Filling Station

Hickling Barn 7.00pm

**Saturday 19th May**

### SBC Building Meeting

All welcome

10.00am - 12noon

**Sunday June 3rd**

### The Stalham Fringe

## This Week's Jerry's Read

How wonderful God knows me

Psalm 139: 1-6

How wonderful God is always with me

Psalm 139: 7-12

## Quote of the Week

Strange really, this journey should have been more difficult. All that stuff, every march however long starts with one single step, but this was a big step for me.

But I always have a companion, sometimes as we walk I lag behind but He never complains. Other times I rush off in sheer excitement of some new challenge but He doesn't have me on a lead. He doesn't call or whistle to bring me back to follow passively at His heels although I am never out of His sight. In a way I haven't changed that much except before I was often lonely, lost, bereft of spirit and crushed by servitude to desire.

Now I am constantly loved and free.

Franky Dilch *The long road to here.*

## Thought For The Week

Exercise Every Day

Walk with Jesus

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to [publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

Deadline for the Bulletin is Wednesday 7:00pm. Or call David Child On 07799262645.

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