

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday May 13th 2018

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**Today Simone is leading and Jerry is speaking from Psalm 139: 13-24
"How wonderful that God made me and that I'm on His Team"**

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.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper and Ron is at Gunton Baptist Church in Lowestoft.

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 **Janet and Eileen** 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 **Mike and Sandra Feek**. 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

Prayers were said on Thursday 3rd May for John Mollet who was taken to James Paget Hospital and for Cyril the following day who was having his first laser treatment for glaucoma.

Victoria posted a request for Poppy who started a new treatment for her Nephrotic Syndrome on Wednesday. They were offered low doses of chemo therapy for 8 weeks or a treatment that would last possibly up to 2 years.

They settled on the longer treatment as it presented no possible fertility issues in the future.

On Thursday prayers were said for Nancy King who is being baptised on Sunday May 20th.

To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687. You will need a smart phone.

Open Doors Prayer For Sunday May 13th

Hostility towards Christians, especially in the northern Nigerian Sharia states, is spread by radical Islamic teaching and practice. Believers experience discrimination and exclusion, and violence from militant Islamic groups, resulting in loss of property, land, livelihood, physical injury or death; this is spreading southwards.

Corruption has enfeebled the state and made it ill-equipped to protect Christians. Rivalry between ethnic groups and raids by Fulani herdsmen compound the persecution. Converts face rejection from their Muslim families and pressure to recant. Open Doors partners with the local church to strengthen persecuted believers in Nigeria with training, community development, emergency relief, trauma care and legal assistance. On 14 April 2014, Boko Haram extremists stormed a school in Chibok, northern Nigeria, and abducted over 200 girls. Today, half of those girls remain in captivity.

Loving Father, We pray for those who are crying out in grief, those whose loved ones have been killed because of their faith. We pray for those who have lost husbands and fathers, wives and mothers, whose children have been taken. We pray for the victims of terrorist attack, mob violence and unjust execution.

Comfort, comfort Your people. Comfort those who remain, for they, also, carry their cross. May they be blessed in their brokenness.

May they discover beauty in the ashes.

May their loss and confusion lead them ever deeper into Your love, so that, even in the pain and heart-ache, they may know Your peace.

*Lord God, may Your kingdom come
Amen*

**Join Eileen and David in prayers for the persecuted church at their home
6 St. John's Gardens, on 23rd May, from 10.30-11.30 am.**



Another Busy Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open For Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Filling Station

7.00pm at Hickling Barns

Sandy Miller speaking

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am

Three Windows Brumstead Road

Holiday Club Meeting

7.00pm in the Stables

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30 to 12noon

In the Schoolroom

House Group

7.00pm at 50 Brumstead Road

Study Group

7.30pm in the Stables

All Welcome

Thursday

Pop Up Café

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

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

Building Development Meeting

10.00 to 12noon in the Church

An opportunity to catch up on the plans for the schoolroom.

Sunday

Sunday Service 10.45am

This will be a baptism service

for Nancy King

If you need any information about Baptism please talk to Ron.

Prayer & Praise

7.00pm in the Church

Baptist Times

The Baptist Times reported on 9th May that a record number of emergency food packages were distributed to people in the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks last year, with figures released by the charity showing an increase of 13 per cent compared to the year before. Where Universal Credit – the future of our benefits system – has seen full roll-out, demand for emergency food is rising by 52 percent, the Trussell Trust stated.

The Revd David Hardman, a minister based in Southwark, commented on his recent experiences: 'A new father called at my door. He was struggling; waiting for a delayed Universal Credit payment and doing his best to keep his family going. The foodbank had helped but it became clear that his baby needed nappies and other supplies, he just didn't have the money to pay for them. The church helped by buying what he needed for his baby I also made sure he had money on his travel card so he could keep looking for work and avoid being sanctioned. It is a privilege to be able to help families like these – but we shouldn't need to and certainly not so often.' Read the full article at https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/220503/Weekly_News_Round.aspx

Universal Credit will be rolled out in Stalham in December 2018.

News Stand

Thank you to John Applegate, Sheena Jarman, David Child and Fran Lenahan for picking daffodils again this year and for Edna Woolsey and Elizabeth Austrin for selling them. £275.50 was raised for the building fund.

Our first meeting about Holiday Club 2018 will be this coming Tuesday, 15th May, at 7pm in The Stables. Please come with ideas, prayers and offers of help. HC is due to start on August 13th. Contact Barbara R if you have ideas/offers but can't make the meeting.

Trumpet Call 2018. A National Day of Prayer for our Nation on Saturday 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.

A coach has been booked by Call to Prayer to take people to the event and will leave Norwich at 7am. If anyone is interested please speak to Janet.

We are hoping to run a Breakfast Club for schoolchildren on Wednesdays from 7.45 to 8.30am starting on 6th June. If you would like to help, or could provide a non-perishable item for the club (list at the back of the church), please see Jenny, Sue or Barbara R - or sign on the list at the back of the church.

Billy Graham Its Never To Late To Turn To God

I've heard some people say that it's never too late to turn to God and we can turn to Him at any time. But I've heard others say that this isn't true, because if we keep delaying we'll reach the point of no return, and it'll be too late to turn to God. Who is right?

Although it may seem like a contradiction, the Bible tells us that both are actually true if we understand them properly. Let me explain.

On one hand, the Bible makes it clear that God loves us with an everlasting love, and He stands ready to forgive anyone who sincerely turns to Christ in repentance and faith. The Bible says, "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). One of the two criminals who was crucified with Jesus turned to Him in faith, and although he was only hours from death, it wasn't too late for him to be saved (see Luke 23:40-43). Nor is it for you.

But the Bible also warns that when we repeatedly turn away from God, we can reach a point of no return. The reason isn't because God won't forgive us, but because our hearts have grown so cold and hardened because of sin. God still calls us but we are too insensitive to hear His voice. The other criminal who was crucified with Jesus scorned Him to the end—a sober warning against a heart that has become calloused (see Luke 23:39). Don't delay coming to Christ. Satan whispers "some other time"—but the Bible says, "Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Ask Christ to come into your life today—and He will.

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk

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

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Next Week's Service

Flowers: Magda Nicholls
Welcome: Alan and Sheena
Refreshments: David and Eileen

Coming Soon

Saturday 26th May

SBC Golf Open

Bure Park Pitch and Put 10.00am

Wednesday 23rd May

Prayers for Persecuted Church

6 St Johns Gardens

10.30 to 11.30am

Tuesday 29th May

Town Hall Free Table

9.00 to 12noon

Sunday June 3rd

The Stalham Fringe

Stalham High Street

11 to 5.00pm

This Week's Jerry's Read

How Wonderful that God Made me.

a) God Formed me v13

b) God Fearfully and Wonderfully made me 14-16

c) God's Precious thoughts for me 16-18

How Wonderful to be on God's Team

a) Eager to Stand against Sin v19-22

b) Eager to be Upright v23-24

Quote of the Week

"There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals."
Idowu Koyenikan,

Think about what we have in Christ: the encouragement he has brought us, the comfort of his love, our sharing in his Spirit, and the mercy and kindness he has shown us. If you enjoy these blessings, then do what will make my joy complete: Agree with each other, and show your love for each other. Be united in your goals and in the way you think. In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honour others more than yourselves. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too. Philippians 2 (ERV)

Thought For The Week

One basic human need is to be appreciated. We all think wonderful things about people but never tell them. Praise only becomes valuable when you impart it.

Tell, text or email one church member today and express how much you appreciate them or how much you appreciate the work they do for God.

Pastor Denias Polegate SDA Church