

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday June 17th 2018

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Today Ron is leading and is speaking from "More Mark 16 than Mark 4!"

And we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and also hope to speak to Damien and Annet Miller.

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.

Prayer and Praise in the church at 7.00pm

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 **Jane and Cynthia** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church. Please pray during May for the residents of **St Mary's Road and Brecklands**.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Hilary Hinton**. **Sandra Feek** is now home, please continue to pray she makes a full and speedy recovery. Keep praying too that the infection that is causing **Steve Slade's** ulcer to keep weeping heals. We ask God's blessing for the young people at **Stalham High School** whose Leavers Assembly is this coming week. May He guide them on the next part of their journey. 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 for **Poppy** on Friday 8th as she was attending hospital to see how her foot was healing from the Kohlar's disease. Poppy has also been experiencing pain in her knee Victoria asked for prayers that this was not related to the situation with Poppy's foot. The x-rays show her foot has long way to go to be healed but is on the right track as the blood supply is starting to return to the bone. The hospital will keep monitoring her progress and her knee.

Prayers were also said for **Chris Nash** who was undergoing an operation on Friday and for the **Youth Pop up Café**. Also prayers were requested for **Steve Slade** who has a broken bone in his foot which was operated on under local anaesthetic.

Robert asked for prayers for **Sammy** as he was on the way to hospital for an urgent blood test as he had developed a rash. The blood test confirmed that the rash was not caused by meningitis. On Saturday Tom who was hospitalised in the USA was released from hospital with four days of his holiday left.

On Monday prayers were offered for **Sandra Feek** who in her own words was "feeling quite poorly."

Jerry asked for prayers for the USA, North Korea summit which showed signs of diffusing the possibility of another conflict on the Korean peninsula and a possible nuclear war.

A big thank you to Jerry whose concept the virtual prayer room was, this week like many other times it brought comfort to people quickly when they needed it most.

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

Prayers From Open Doors [Open Doors UK](#) @OpenDoorsUK · Twitter

Please pray for our Tunisian brothers and sisters, who face persecution from militant Islamic groups, the government, and even their families and friends. **#Tunisia** are competing in this year's **#World Cup**, with their first match on Monday. Why not **#PrayWhenTheyPlay?**

"I am glad [human rights are] now on the agenda. But Kim Jong-un has to be committed to it too... This is an ongoing process and I will continue to advocate and #pray for it." - John Choi, North Korean defector

Please pray for our church family in **#Yemen**, who are being denied access to vital aid. We have been particularly asked to pray for our sister Raha*, who recently lost her husband in the war. Pray for comfort, peace, and provision for her and her family. *name changed

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

Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2: 38-39 (ERV)

This Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open For Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In the Schoolroom

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am

Three Windows Brumstead Road

Wednesday

Pop up Breakfast

7.45am to 8.30am

In the Stables

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30 to 12noon

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

Little Fishes at Pre School

10.00am

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

Sunday

Sunday Service 10.45am

Thought For The Week

Whenever you have the truth it must be given with love, or the message and the messenger will be rejected.

Mahatma Gandhi



Stalham Fringe

The Stalham Fringe was a huge success for the town on Sunday 3rd June with over 1000 people thronging Stalham High Street being entertained by 38 acts comprising of singers, bands and dancers.

The event was organised brilliantly by the hard working Di Cornell on behalf of the Stalham Business Forum.

SBC hosted 2 dance groups in the schoolroom, whilst in the sanctuary there were 2 choirs - the Reed Warblers



and the Happy Day Gospel Singers and singer Maggie Day. Greg produced a virtuoso performance, entertaining a good and appreciative crowd with his one man band show. Big thank you to all who help with teas, coffees and biscuits that raised £39.93. The next Forum event will be a Collectables and Vintage Street market on Sunday 19th August which raised £231 for SBC last year.



News Stand

The next Town Hall Table is on Saturday 30th June 9am to midday See Ron if you would like to help on our free stall.

Our BMS mission link partners Paul and Sarah Brown will be with us to share about their work in Bangkok, Thailand on **Wednesday 11th July at 7pm for 7-30** in church. Come to hear more about the Freedom Bakery and other things they are involved in. Do invite any friends you think would like to share and learn with us. Tea and biscuits included!

CHRISTIANS DENIED VITAL AID IN YEMEN Open Doors 13 June 2018

As the war in Yemen continues, leaving over 22 million Yemenis in need of humanitarian assistance and 8.4 million people on the brink of famine according to the International Crisis Group, Open Doors contacts say that Christians are being excluded from receiving vital humanitarian aid.

Henriette Kats, an Open Doors researcher, says, "Contacts in the country have repeatedly stated that where citizens are known to be Christians, they are regularly being excluded from receiving humanitarian aid."

WAR INCREASES PERSECUTION

Yemen is number 9 on the 2018 World Watch List, Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. Christians from Muslim backgrounds face particular pressure in Yemen – they can face the death penalty if it is known that they have left Islam, and often follow Jesus in secret. The war has made life for Christians there even more difficult.

Henriette says, "There is a Christian perspective to the fighting in Yemen, which has left no useable church buildings in the country. All four registered churches were located in Aden and suffered serious war-damage in 2015 and 2016 from both Islamic militant groups and Saudi airstrikes. Opinions differ over whether the damage to the churches was 'collateral damage', whether it could have been prevented, or whether the armed units involved simply used the situation to destroy the churches.

"What is definite is that most foreign Christians have left the country due to the civil war, leaving the indigenous Christians to stand on their own feet. They may have no church buildings, but since this indigenous church – which consists mainly of Christians with a Muslim background – has evolved and matured over the years, they are still there. And they have a right to just as much food and medicine as everyone else."

STAND WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN YEMEN

It is shocking that our brothers and sisters who have been left in desperate situations by the war in Yemen are further being denied the support they need because of their faith in Jesus. Despite the war making persecution against Christians even worse, we hear reports that more Muslims are turning to Christ than ever before in Yemen.

Please stand with our Yemeni brothers and sisters in prayer.

Next Week's Service

Flowers: Gillian Meale
Welcome: Sandra and Barbara W
Refreshments: Maggie and Elaine

Coming Soon

Sunday 24th June

Sydney House Service

3.30pm All Welcome

Saturday 30th June

Town Hall Table

9.00am to Midday

Wednesday 11th July

Paul and Sarah Brown

The Church

7.30pm

Pat and Alan Dabbs' summer BBQ is on Saturday July 21st . Tickets available soon.

Also the Helen Shapiro concert at SBC on Saturday 22nd September.

This Week's Ron's Read

Mark 4 and Mark 16

Quote of the Week

"Here's to the security guards who maybe had a degree in another land. Here's to the manicurist who had to leave her family to come here, painting the nails, scrubbing the feet of strangers. Here's to the janitors who don't understand English yet work hard despite it all. Here's to the fast food workers who work hard to see their family smile. Here's to the laundry man at the Marriott who told me with the sparkle in his eyes how he was an engineer in Peru. Here's to the bus driver, the Turkish Sufi who almost danced when I quoted Rumi. Here's to the harvesters who live in fear of being deported for coming here to open the road for their future generation. Here's to the taxi drivers from Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt and India who gossip amongst themselves. Here is to them waking up at 4am, calling home to hear the voices of their loved ones. Here is to their children, to the children who despite it all become artists, writers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, activists and rebels. Here's to international money transfer. For never forgetting home. Here's to their children who carry the heartbeats of their motherland and even in sleep, speak with pride about their fathers. Keep on."
Ijeoma Umebinyuo, Questions for Ada

"We asked for workers. We got people instead."
Max Frisch

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3:20 NIV

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