



# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin



Sunday 10th May 2026

**Ron is leading and preaching Matthew 7:7-11 "Keep on praying"**

**WE ARE NOW RECORDING OUR LIVE SERVICE**

The live service is now fully working and will be available a few hours after the service on SBC Facebook you can find it in the <https://www.facebook.com/stalhambaptist/> on the SBC Website [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk)

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- Ministry Team: The Whole Fellowship**
- For Your Diary**
- Monday 11th May**  
10.00 am Bible Study group in the Stables  
10.30-11.30 Prayers for SBC & Young People  
2.00-4.00pm Warm Space in Stables  
7.00am Deacons Meeting
- Tuesday 12th May**  
9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the Schoolroom
- Wednesday 13th May**  
9.30am - 12pm Table Tennis in the Schoolroom  
10-12pm Warm Space in the Stables All welcome  
1.30 to 3pm Noah's Ark Baby and Toddler Group in the Schoolroom  
7.00pm Bible Study  
all welcome for more information speak to Diana All welcome
- Thursday 14th May**  
10 to 12 pm Warm Space in Stables
- Friday 15th May**  
10.15 to 12.00pm Prayers for Revival & Israel at Three Windows, Brumstead Road  
1.15 to 3pm Foodbank in Stables & Citizens Advice  
5.30pm Youth Worship in the Schoolroom
- Saturday 16th May**  
8.30am Ladies Breakfast in the Schoolroom
- Sunday 17th May**  
10.45 Sunday Service  
Welcome: Jill & Elinor  
Flowers: Cynthia Meale
- Sunday 24th May**  
Advance notice.

The service will include the ordination of Jerry followed by a shared lunch. Details of lunch to follow  
**Community Fridge**  
Open: Monday 2.00 –4.00 pm Tues- Fri 10-12.00 pm

As you may be aware, we now record our services each Sunday and then post them on our YouTube channel afterwards. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel that we may begin to live-stream our services there. Please click "SUBSCRIBE" once as you view. If you are unsure, please speak to a member of the Media Team who are very happy to help. We are also live-streaming via Facebook.

### Ron's Reads

Ps 37:4, Jn 2:10

### Jerry's Podcast

Recently, St Mary's had the pleasure of hosting a husting, where candidates vying for the Norfolk County Council elections on 7th May shared their vision and dreams for representing the Stalham, Sutton, and Catfield division. It was a lively and engaging event! At the core of the conversation was an important question: who would be the best leader to guide our district into a bright future? In my blog this week, I'll be reflecting on Mark 8:27-30, where Jesus inquires of His disciples about public opinion regarding His identity and mission. The question at the end of this reading is: who is Jesus to you, and is he a better leader to follow?

Mark 8:27-30

*27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way, he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" 28 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."*

*29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." 30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.*

To listen to Jerry's 5 min podcast click [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/) "Our Weekly Bible Commentary" Or go to WhatsApp SBC Prayers

### Bible Study Group Monday 11th 10am in the Stables

About an hour starting with refreshments then Bible Study and short prayer time in the Stables - The witness of Mercy [from the Open Doors book "Witness"]

### Jerry's Ordination

The service on 24th May will include the ordination of Jerry followed by a shared lunch. There is a list on the notice board at the back of the church for those coming to the shared lunch.

### Great (NNAFU) Success



Around 40 people took part in The North Norfolk Aid for Ukraine Quiz, Tea and Cake in the Schoolroom on April 24<sup>th</sup> Tracey a member of NNAFU gave a brilliant talk about the difficulties in much of the Ukraine and about how volunteer-led groups in North Norfolk collect, transport, and deliver essential humanitarian aid, medical supplies, and vehicles directly to Ukraine. Amazingly £580.30 has been raised. Jane says, "It's a fantastic total well done everyone."

Helping those affected by the military conflict in Ukraine

### EBA Weekly Prayer: Pioneer Focus

This week we pray for our EBA pioneers. We have a wealth of creativity amongst our small group of pioneers across the association as they seek to demonstrate good news to people who have yet to make sense of the Christian faith. From wild church and forest church to fresh expressions. From church planting in new housing developments to simple church in small groups our pioneers are reaching people and making a difference! It was a blessing to be able to gather our pioneers together for a day earlier this

year before the minister's conference to share, learn and pray together  
Therefore, please pray for:

- Protection over our pioneers. Pioneering is a spiritual discipline; we need spiritual protection from harm, discouragement and attack from the enemy.
- Lift up our pioneers in the EBA and ask the Lord to encourage them this week to keep going! Galatians 6.9 is a good verse to pray over them: 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'
- Chris (EBA Pioneer Networker) alongside fellow Baptist minister Mark Massey, have a vision to see many more of our Baptist churches plant and pioneer new churches! What if over the next 5 years 50 of our 170 churches did just that? Please pray for 'Everyone Everywhere' our national Baptist vision for every Baptist to reach everyone everywhere to impact our EBA and for more pioneers to join our little cohort..

### Jerry is Stalham Community Person of the Year.



On Tuesday 5th May Jerry received the "Stalham Community Person" from the Stalham Town Council it is an annual award by Stalham Town Council recognizing local heroes, volunteers, and champions who enhance the town. Jerry said "I want to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who nominated me for Stalham Community Person of the Year. A big thank you to all who voted — your support truly means so much to me. I'm overjoyed to share that I was announced the winner tonight, and I will treasure this honour for a

long time to come."

### Quotes of the Week

"The doors will be opened to those who are bold enough to knock."

— **Tony Gaskins**

"Knock and it shall be opened.' But does knocking mean hammering and kicking the door like a maniac?"

— **C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed**

"Yet Jesus Christ says He is standing knocking at the door of our lives, waiting. Notice that he is standing at the door, not pushing it; speaking to us, not shouting. This is all the more remarkable when we reflect that the house is his in any case. He is the architect; he designed it. He is the builder; he made it. He is the landlord; he bought it with his own blood. So it is his by right of plan, construction, and purchase. We are only tenants in a house that does not belong to us. He could put his shoulder to the door; He prefers to put his hand on the knocker. He could command us to open to him; instead, he merely invites us to do so. He will not force an entry to anybody's life. He says (verse 18) 'I counsel you.' He could issue orders; he is content to give advice. This is the nature of his humility and the extent of the freedom He has given us." — **John Stott**

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 3, please pray for:

Luke & Maria Marsh, Teresa Ince –Jones Kelly McClenaghan, Ruth Haywood, Magdalena Brooks and Graham & Rebecca Gotts.

During May - please pray for the residents St Johns Road and St Johns Gardens.



### A Prayer of Matthew 7

Heavenly Father, we come together today inspired by Your promise in Matthew 7:7. We believe that when we ask, it will be given; when we seek, we will find; and when we knock, the door will be opened. Open our hearts to Your presence today and help us to seek You with all our hearts."

### Prayer of Unity and Vision

We pray Lord that SBC remains outwardly focused, maintaining a vision where Jesus is at the centre of all they do, and that we remain open to God's guidance.

### Prayer For Comfort & Strength

"God of all comfort, guide your people who are looking for answers to the pain they are feeling. Lord heal their bodies and restore joy unto them"

### Prayers for Peace - Ukraine & Russia

At this time of escalating tension we pray with people around the world for peace to prevail:

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**WISHLIST**  
May 2026

#### Items we're short of:

- Long-Life Milk
- Tinned Veg
- Tinned Meat
- Cuppa Soups
- Instant Snacks
- Jam + Marmalade

#### Items we don't need this time:

- Baked Beans
- Tinned Soup
- Pasta

**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**