



Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin



Sunday 28th June 2026

This Sunday, John Vinter is leading and Helen is preaching 1 Thessalonians 5:9-28
“Encourage One Another”

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For Your Diary
Monday 29th June

9.00 am Deacons Prayer Meeting

10.00am Memories Café in the
 schoolroom

10.30-11.30 Prayers for SBC &
 Young People

2.00-4.00pm Warm Space in Stables

7.00pm Bereavement Support Group
 in the Stables

Tuesday 30th June

9.30am -12 Coffee and Chat in the
 Schoolroom

Wednesday 1st July

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

Thursday 2nd July

10.30-11.30 Year 3 visit to the Church
 10.30am Prayers

10 to 12 pm Warm Space in Stables
 7.00pm Zoom Prayers

all welcome for more information
 speak to Diana.

Friday 3rd July

10 -12pm Bible Art in the Schoolroom
 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

Sunday 5th July

10.45 Sunday Service
 Welcome: Jenny & Tom
 Flowers: Sheila Postle

Sunday 12th July

12.00pm Church Meeting
 6.30pm Praise and Prayer

Community Fridge

Open: Monday 2.00pm
 Tues-Fri 10-12.00 pm

We Are Now Recording and Streaming our live Service

The live service is now streaming on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. You can find the SBC Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stalhambaptist/> and the SBC website at www.stalhambaptist.org.uk. Clip on Live to get into the recording or streaming .

Ron's's Podcast

Hebrews 6:19¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

2 Corinthians 4:18¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Ron early in his podcast says “If you watch Songs of Praise you may well have heard Simon Thomas talk about the death of his wife, and how that took him to some very dark places, he was now a single parent with a young son and so somehow had to get through each day.

To listen to Ron's 5 min podcast click www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/

“Our Weekly Bible Commentary” Or go to WhatsApp SBC Prayers

Praise and Prayer Evening Gathering.

We warmly invite you to our first monthly Praise and Prayer Evening Service on 12th July 2026, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm., where we come together to praise, pray, and share with one another what God has done and is doing in our lives. If you would like to help or be involved in any way in this gathering, please get in touch with Jerry.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful time with you.

Virtual WhatsApp Prayer Room

Saturday June 20th Doreen posted “Update on Nicholas Hollebon. He does have a Lymphoma that is pressing on his brain but not a brain tumour. If following tests, he is felt well enough and it hasn't spread he will undergo 3 rounds of strong chemo. Please continue to pray for him. Doreen x”

Sunday June 21st David posted “Alex has asked if we could continue praying for Elspeth who is still in James Paget hospital and may be for at least two weeks.”

EBA Weekly Prayer: Parsons Baptist Church

Parsons Heath is a small church community on the outskirts of Colchester. They have a passion for prayer, and through it a longing for encounter with Jesus. In 2016, they received a specific call to stop their busyness, to be still before the Lord, and to seek the guidance of God for their future and mission. This led to a challenging call to put down all their external activities, as they sought the heart of God for the brokenness around them. This developed into a whole-life discipleship focus and a call to be missional in their everyday lives, in homes, amongst family, at work and with neighbours.

Prayer times are highlights of the week as they surrender before the Lord. They have learned to have meaningful worship in Zoom services, with opportunities for participation for all. Online services have been a particular blessing for those who, for various reasons (age, mobility, hospitalisation etc.) find access to conventional building-based communities difficult. This has enabled the predominantly older congregation not merely to access the church, but to fully participate. It has been a joy for leaders to see individuals in their 70s, 80s and 90s having a renewed sense of value and purpose for the Lord, and to continue to grow spiritually.

Recently, the Church was prompted to sell its building; further releasing them from a financial and practical burden, and to step into their new calling, and continue their specific journey with the Lord.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks that they were able to clear and sell their building quickly and with relative ease – an example of God's continued extraordinary timing and provision.
- Ask God to lead and grow the spiritual growth and active participation of their



fellowship, as they seek to be a blessing for others who struggle to access conventional church.

- That they will know the Lord's direction from this current moment of transition.
- For wisdom in sharing "the story of their specific calling" through a completely revised website. <http://www.parsons-heath.org.uk>



Unlimited and Boundless are the two Scripture Union holidays for young adults with learning difficulties that we are running this summer. We would really appreciate your help collecting the following items please:

- Large cardboard boxes (to make lighthouses!)
- Christmas trees (please label clearly if you would like it back)
- Christmas lights (please label clearly if you would like them back)
- Christmas decorations
- Large white sheet (to create a seascape backdrop)
- Old sheets (any colour)
- Volunteer to cut old sheets into circles (fish scales!)
- Garden netting (for weaving into)
- Ribbon etc to weave into netting
- A log (about 6" diameter, long enough to cut into about 30x1" slices) or
length of wood that can be cut into similar sized chunks.
- Thin wooden doweling
- Ice cream tubs
- Pringle tubes
- Glass pudding dishes (it's a good excuse to treat yourself!)
- Cakes (some for 2nd August, some for 9th August) (no nuts please)
- Mince meat (for mince pies)
- Pebbles
- Christmas wrapping paper and loan of a Father Christmas outfit to the list please?

If you can help contact Helen or email helenvinter@icloud.com

Quotes of the Week

"Everything from God is good, but not everything good is from God."

— **John Bevere, Good or God?**

"One of the great tragedies of life is that men seldom bridge the gulf between practice and profession, between doing and saying. A persistent schizophrenia leaves so many of us tragically divided against ourselves. On the one hand, we proudly profess certain sublime and noble principles, but on the other hand, we sadly practise the very antithesis of these principles.

How often are our lives characterised by a high blood pressure of creeds and an anaemia of deeds! We talk eloquently about our commitment to the principles of Christianity, and yet our lives are saturated with the practices of paganism. We proclaim our devotion to democracy, but we sadly practise the very opposite of the democratic creed.

We talk passionately about peace, and at the same time we assiduously prepare for war. We make our fervent pleas for the high road of justice, and then we tread unflinchingly the low road of injustice. This strange dichotomy, this agonising gulf between the *ought* and the *is*, represents the tragic theme of man's earthly pilgrimage."

— **Martin Luther King Jr., Strength to Love**

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.

We pray for Church Pastoral Group 2, please pray for: Maggie Harper, Monica Payne, Eileen Neill, Maureen & Cyril Kerrison and Rita Rudrum.

During June - please pray for the residents St Benet's Road and St Benet's Close.

A Prayer for Transitions and New Beginnings

"Almighty God, we lift up the Prime Minister and our government as our nation navigates change. We ask that You bless our leaders with wisdom, courage, and a deep commitment to serving with compassion. Grant them the discernment to make difficult decisions that promote the common good, uphold justice, and protect the vulnerable. In times of uncertainty, please gift our land Your peace, and guide our nation toward unity and hope. In Your name, we pray. Amen."

Prayer for Spirit of unity

God our Father, we bring before you our world - a world filled with divisions among nations, religions and ethnic groups all as a result of the struggle for power, wealth and might. These divisions have caused the destruction of lives and properties. Wars have destroyed homes and separated families.

In all of this your Trinity is a unique symbol of your unity and solidarity for us all. In all these challenges, Lord, you remain united and in solidarity with us; yes Lord we thank you for this.

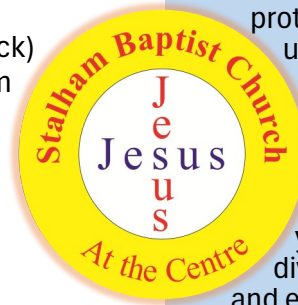
We ask you God our Father to send us your spirit of unity among nations, ethnic groups and among religions to inspire us to be in solidarity with one another.

May we remain united in solidarity as you, Father, Son and Spirit are one. Amen.

Prayers for peace

In a world filled with violence and conflict, we pray for peace. Browse our collection of peace prayers for specific countries and regions where there is conflict. Keep the people of the Middle East, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen and more in your prayers.

Or explore our general peace prayers which can be used or adapted for any situation where peace is needed. Amen



WISHLIST
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Items we're short of:

Tinned Meat
Tinned Fruit
Cuppa Soup
Jam
Long-Life Milk
Squash