# **Stalham Baptist Church**

## Weekly News Bulletin 26th May 2019

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



## Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from Amos 2: 6-16 "The Lord continues to roar"

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. 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

Liz's funeral will be 11.45 at St Faith's on 31st May (all welcome.) For those who will be unable to attend St Faiths we will open the Church for a time of personal quiet, reflection or to share memories from 11.15am. We will have copies of the order of service available.

Daphne's Thanksgiving Service will be June 3rd at 11.30am at SBC. Daphne's request was that we wear bright colours.

If anyone would like to contribute to the refreshments taking place in the Stables [by way of cakes etc] after Daphne's service please speak to Jane S.

David's Thanksgiving Service will be 10th June at 11.00 at SBC.

Please pray for the bereaved families and friends.

Since the turn of the year the fellowship has seen the passing of people who have been great servants of SBC.

Please pray for Ron as he continues to support their families, the fellowship and prepares to lead services for his passing friends and colleagues.

During June please pray for the residents of Lower Staithe Road, Albion Drive, Old Market Road including Market Mews.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember Edna Woolsey.

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.

## Prayer for the World

This beautiful world can be cruel, destroying life and livelihood in an instant, challenging our faith in a God who cares.

This beautiful world is yours, Lord, created in love, gifted by grace.

Help us understand it, care for it, protect it and when disaster strikes be there, if not in person, then in prayer.

### Virtual Prayer Room

On afternoon of Sunday 19th Barbara and Geoff asked for prayers for their friend Lynette who Barbara had known since their university days. Lynette married Geoff's best friend Peter.

The two couples met up last week when Lynette and Peter were holidaying in Norfolk. On Friday 17th the couple returned home. Pete passed away in his sleep on the Sunday morning.

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

## The Week at SBC

#### Monday

School Holidays Start Church Open for Prayer 10.00 to 12noon

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SBC Open

10.00am Bure Park Pitch and Put

#### Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

**Prayer for Revival** 

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm 30 St Nicholas Way

#### Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

**Prayers for Persecuted Church** 

10.30am St John's Gardens

Study Group

7.30pm in the Stables

#### Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

#### Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

#### **Sunday Service**

10.45am

**Rivermead House Group** 

Shine Lord into the shadows of this world, and by the light of your people dispel the darkness, that this world might glimpse your grace, and seeing it might understand the difference.

John Birch

### **News Stand**

**The SBC Open** is being held at Bure Park Pitch and Putt on Monday 27th at 10.00am. If you are in your Tiger Woods mode then speak to Josh Hollebon for more details 07515798479.

**Prayers for Persecuted Church** on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 – 11.30 at the home of David and Eileen, St Johns Gardens.

**A Coffee Morning** is being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the home of David and Eileen from 10.00 - 11.30 proceeds for the church building fund.

**Coffee and Chat** have recently sent £300 to Disaster Recovery, to assist B.M.S. World Mission in this branch of their work.

## Music For a Summer Evening

On Friday 28th June 7.00pm SBC hosts the Anglian Singers with guest celloist Emma Ship for "Music on a Summer Evening." Refreshments available donations accepted on the evening.

## Stalham Fringe Festival Today

SBC is again supporting Stalham Business forum's Stalham Fringe. From 1.00pm SBC's Out of Egypt will be performing in the Church followed by at 2.00pm the Ludham Ukulele Band and at 3.00pm the Pan Afro group that performed last year Lo and Friends.

In the School room Penny and Cliff will be holding a Longsword workshop like last year which was lots of fun.

While all these events are going on teas, coffee and cakes will be served at the back of the church.

**Fringe Festival stall on behalf of SBC.** At the same time Rosina and Doreen are running a stall in the High Street. Like the Out of Egypt Band they have put a lot of work into the event so please support them all.

## **BMS Disaster Recovery**

BMS works among some of the most marginalised and least evangelised people, in some of the most fragile places on earth. They aim to bring life in all its fullness through seven key ministries: church, development, education, health, justice, leadership and relief.

The Disaster Mission is set up to deal with disasters like the recent cyclone in Mozambique which need a quick response. That's why they value every gift for Disaster recovery and relief.

We all know how it works, don't we? Disasters happen. We don't know why. The poor suffer, we donate money, the West swoops in and fixes everything. Everyone lives happily ever after.



But that's not how it works. There are no quick fixes. Recovery and rebuilding after a war, drought or tsunami can take decades. Psychological scars don't heal when the TV crews move on.

BMS works with local partners. They directly support people who are on-the-ground and understand the situation. They don't send goods manufactured here that threaten local economies there.

Their work is looking forward. They give more grants to long-term recovery than immediate relief – that might mean paying for trauma counselling, rebuilding businesses or replanting crops.

BMS raises money before disasters happen so that we can respond when they do. For more information go to www.bmsworldmission.org/appeal/disaster-recovery/

#### **Sunday Service June 9th**

Flowers: Barbara Reynolds
Welcome: Maureen B and Maggie

Refreshments: Dan and Sue

For Your Diary
Monday 3rd June

Deacons Meeting
7.30pm in the Stables

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Potter Heigham Study Group 7.30pm 30 St Nicholas Way

Thursday 6th June

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Filling Station Prayers
7.30pm in the Stables

Friday 7th June

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Saturday 15th June

Father's Day Quiz

This Week's Ron's Extra Read
2 Samuel 12:1f, Numbers 13:33, Judges 13:1f

## Quotes of the Week By Brennan Manning

"I want neither a terrorist spirituality that keeps me in a perpetual state of fright about being in right relationship with my heavenly Father nor a sappy spirituality that portrays God as such a benign teddy bear that there is no aberrant behaviour or desire of mine that he will not condone. I want a relationship with the Abba of Jesus, who is infinitely compassionate with my brokenness and at the same time an awesome, incomprehensible, and unwieldy Mystery."

"If we maintain the open-mindedness of children, we challenge fixed ideas and established structures, including our own. We listen to people in other denominations and religions. We don't find demons in those with whom we disagree. We don't cosy up to people who mouth our jargon. If we are open, we rarely resort to either-or: either creation or evolution, liberty or law, sacred or secular, Beethoven or Madonna. We focus on both-and, fully aware that God's truth cannot be imprisoned in a small definition."

"Do the truth quietly without display."