

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 30th June 2019

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Dan StJohn is leading and John Applegate is preaching from Matthew 14: 22 - 33 "Stuck in your comfort zone?"

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

Please remember **Jerry** in your prayers as he returns to Kenya for the funeral of his grandmother. Jerry described her as "A very special lady who raised me and two siblings after my parent's death."

During June please pray for the residents of **Upper Staithe Road, Market Row and Rosedale Court.**

Prayer cards have been given to the **Swan Public House** and **Oasis Indian Restaurant.** Please remember them in prayer during the month of July. Sohel from Oasis has asked us to pray for the health of his staff and also for himself as he hasn't felt well for some time,

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Peter Bane.**

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 **Jan and Eileen** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Prayer for Escape by Frankie Dilch

Lord, I have reached my Christian retirement sitting contented in front of Your gentle glowing log fire I bath in the warmth of Your love and Grace. When the world's troubles interrupt my comfort zone, I pray from my armchair, my work done I feel blessed Lord, fulfilled, your servant.

In my Christian youth I was restless in your embrace, energised, constantly trying to feed those whose hunger could only be fed by You.

In Isaiah 43:19 (ERV). You told me "Because I am doing something new! Now you will grow like a new plant. Surely you know this is true. I will even make a road in the desert, and rivers will flow through that dry land." And I grew like a new plant and followed your road into the desert of other's despair and need, the rivers of Your word and love were soaked up by the aridness of people's hearts.

Those days long gone my Christianity matured, wrinkled in the heat of the desert sun. My energy eroded by sandy winds of failure.

Dear Lord, who was tortured to death on the cross, for me, energise me, provide a pin to burst the comfort bubble surrounding my life, let me escape and become again the messenger that boasts of your Love and Salvation, without fear of ridicule, ambivalence and hate. Amen

Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 22nd Sheena posted "Thank you for the prayers for Alan's daughter. Her operation went well and she is making a good recovery."

On Monday Geoff said "Thanks for praying for our friend Ron. Despite further fainting spells and no clear answer to Ron's problem he was discharged at the weekend with a referral to a different hospital for more investigations. Please continue to pray that this problem is solved soon. **To join the ever growing WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room text Jerry on 07733837687.**

The Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In Schoolroom

Holiday Club Meeting

7.00pm in the Church

Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

In the Schoolroom. All Welcome

Brumstead Road House Group

7.00pm

Thursday

Pop Up Café

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Filling Station Prayers

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

7.00pm

**Lord let me go
boldly where I've
never gone
before.**

A Thank You

Thank you to all our friends for their cards and messages of sympathy on the sudden loss of David. Gillian Meale and family

New Prayer Meeting

Last Monday's Prayer Meeting organised by Josh Hollebon was a big success with 16 people attending. Prayers were said for people who are unwell, Jerry, Simone and family and for the current political situation. Please join next month's meeting on July 29th starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 8.00pm. There is so much in our world and lives that need the support of prayer, our collective 60 minutes once a month we pray will be a catalyst of much needed change in so many places. There was no onus on anyone to pray out loud. Prayer is always powerful but there is added power in praying together.

News Stand

Jan Nicholson writes. Thankyou to all who have prayed for Elspeth and myself over the last 2 years as we have followed up the prayer cards and more or less covered all the streets in Stalham. Please continue to pray that the seeds will be watered and bring forth fruit.

There are a couple of Our Daily Bread Bible Study books (each for a different book of the Bible) at the back of the church. They may be useful for individual or group study. Please help yourself if you would find one or both helpful.

Reminders

Pat and Alan's fund-raising summer afternoon BBQ is on Saturday 20th July. The price has been held for another year at £8 for adults, £4 for children aged 5 to 15 and under 5s free. Tickets are available from Pat this Sunday (30 June) and the following two Sundays (7 and 14 July). All the details are on the tickets.

Joint Ladies' and Men's breakfast on Saturday 13th July with Norma Huxter speaking. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church, Men and Women. Tick which breakfast you require by the 7th July. Thank you, Alan Jarman.

Eric's 80th Birthday Party - July 27th. Afternoon tea to be held at Osprey Close Hoveton, between 3pm and 6 pm. No gifts: donations to Cancer research. All welcome. For more information talk to Robert Emerson.

Holiday club 2019 Starts on 12th August and has the title "Superfruit - 9 a day!" There will be stories that focus on the Fruit of the Spirit e.g. kindness (The Good Samaritan) and healthy, yummy fruit snacks. For activities at this year's holiday club we need bottle tops and nail polish. Any and all colours will be very useful. A box will be at the back of the church for these.

Maggie Harpur's Reflections from the new Prayer meeting held on Monday evening in the Sanctuary.

Psalms 133 v 1 - 3 V1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! Part of the Law that Moses received from God at Sinai granted Aaron the **priesthood** for himself and his male descendants, and he became the first **High Priest** of the Israelites. The holy anointing oil that ran down from his beard was made from various components which could never be cohesive until blended together with olive oil.

Each one of us has a unique character and personality which makes it almost impossible to have unity but when we allow the Holy Spirit to make changes in our lives these differences are merged into a cohesive unity which is so pleasing to our Heavenly Father. May we say together "Come Holy Spirit have you way in us so that unity in our fellowship can be maintained and bring honour and glory to God" **PS:** the final verse says "**For there the LORD bestows His blessing, even life forevermore**".

Sunday Service July 7th

Flowers: Cynthia Meale
Welcome: Alex and Elspeth
Refreshments: Christine and Robert

For Your Diary

Monday July 8th

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barn

Friday July 12th

Youth Pop Up Cafe

7.00pm in the Schoolroom

Saturday 13th July

Church Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Guest Speaker Norma Huxter

Thursday 25th July

School Holidays Start

John's Reads

The Hand of Faith by Peter Marshall
God speaks sometimes through our circumstances and guides us, closing doors as well as opening them. He will let you know what you must do, and what you must be. He is waiting for you to touch Him. The hand of faith is enough.

Please also read Isaiah 43: 1 - 2

Quotes of the Week

"To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk being called sentimental. To reach out to another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk showing your true self. To place your ideas and your dreams before the crowd, is to risk being called naïve. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying

To hope is to risk despair. To try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken, because the greatest risk in life is to risk nothing

The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing and becomes nothing. He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow or love. Chained by his certitude, he is a slave, he has forfeited his freedom only the person who truly risks, is truly free"

Risk by Janet Rand

"Life always begins with one step outside of your comfort zone."

Shannon L. Alder

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