

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 21st July 2019

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**Ron is leading and is preaching from Amos 9: 11 - 15**

**"There is light ahead"**

**Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper**

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.

### Alarming Information

This morning as part of the service we will be holding a fire drill. When the alarm goes off please make your way to the pavement area outside Trett Phillips.

We will then come back and carry on with the service.

### For Your Prayers

During July 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.

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember David Child.

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.

"God gave you a gift of 84,600 seconds today. Have you used any of them yet in prayer to say thank you?" William Arthur Ward

### Blessing and Honour Unto The Lord

*How blessed is everyone that trusts in You – to You and You alone be all blessing and honour, glory, might, majesty and power – for Your loving-kindness is better than life itself.*

*How blessed I am Father to be Your child. How blessed I am to have all my sins forgiven and to be imputed with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus. How blessed I am that You are my Shepherd and You my Provider – You are my Defender; You are my Healer and You are my all in all. How blessed that I have been given eternal life as a free gift of grace and that You have crowned me with Your steadfast love and mercy – satisfying me with all good things and renewing my strength like that of an eagle. May I come to know You better with every passing day and I pray that Your abundant blessings will pour down on all that trust Your name and abide in Your love, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who has indeed blessed us with EVERY spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me BLESS His holy name. AMEN*

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Church Directory is now available to download from the Church Forum: <https://forum.stalhambaptist.org.uk> To gain access to the file you must register on the forum using the address the church has in its records. The registration process includes clicking a link in an email which will be sent to you. Some will find that email is treated as spam. Be prepared to check your spam folder if it does not arrive in a few minutes.

**A printed copy will be available in the next couple of weeks.**

### The Week at SBC

#### Monday

**Church Open for Prayer**

10.00 to 12noon

#### 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

**Study Group**

7.30pm in the Stables

#### Thursday

**Church Meeting**

7.30pm in the Church

Prayers beforehand 7.00pm

#### Friday

**Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service**

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

**Norfolk Day Celebration**

2.30 to 4.30pm in the Schoolroom

#### Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!**

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

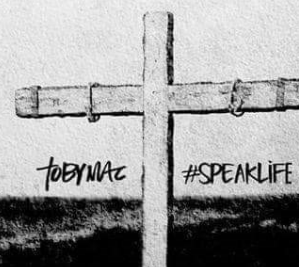
**Eric's 80th Birthday Party**

3.00 to 6.00pm Osprey Gardens Hoveton

**Sunday Service**

10.45am

don't allow what  
has been done  
to you to  
become bigger  
than what  
Jesus did for you.



## Norfolk Day Cream Tea Afternoon and Quiz

Jane Skivington is organising a Norfolk Day celebration on Friday 26th July featuring cream teas and a Norfolk quiz in the schoolroom from 2.30 to 4.30pm. All welcome, please let Jane know if you wish to come for catering purposes. Donations will be going to Click Sargent a young people's cancer charity.

## News Stand

**Next Sunday** we will be having a visit from our link missionaries Nathan and Rose.

**Happy Birthday to Eric**, who celebrates his 80th on 25th. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you.

**The Holiday Club** registration form can be found on the SBC website. We still need bottle tops (plastic) of all sizes and colours, and face paints, Hama beads and loom bands. If you have a Holiday Club T shirt (blue with church logo) and won't be at HC this year, please give it to Barbara R.

## Reminders

**Eric's 80th Birthday Party** - Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon tea to be held at Osprey Close Hoveton, between 3pm and 6 pm. No gifts: donations to Cancer research. To help with catering please let Christine Emerson know you are attending on 01692-407629.

## Church Meeting

**The Church Meeting** Thursday 25th July at 7.30pm with prayers at 7.00pm.

## Vintage and Collectors Street Market

Rosina is organising a stall in the Street Market on Sunday 18th August 10am to 4.00pm. To raise money for SBC. She urgently requires baskets, tins, pasta, packets of food, any unwanted presents, anything new etc. and cuddly toys. There is a box at the back of the church for items. Please talk to Rosina 01692 581597.

## Foreign Office Report Into Christian Persecution

The Bishop of Truro's report into the UK Government's response to Christian persecution worldwide was published last week and formally launched on 15 July. Henrietta Blyth, CEO of Open Doors UK and Ireland, was among those who attended the launch, at which speakers included Lord Tariq Ahmad, the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, and the Bishop of Truro, Bishop Mountstephen. Lord Ahmad pointed out in his speech that the situation has significantly worsened for Christians in some countries in recent years: there were 35,000 Christians in Mosul, Iraq before the so-called Islamic State invaded, and now there are only 40.

The Bishop of Truro was keen to emphasise that this persecution was a global phenomenon with multiple causes, "even though there are many who would like to attribute it to one cause alone – and to do that is to seriously underestimate and undervalue the nature of the problem".

A welcome step is the dedication of £12 million from the Department for International Development budget to address the problem in key countries.

"We can no longer say that this is a sidebar issue for a special interest group," Bishop Mountstephen added. "The time for inaction and indifference is over." We certainly agree. Now that the report has been launched, it's important to maintain the momentum. Open Doors has highlighted three key recommendations that we're asking of the UK Government.

**1) PURSUE PROGRESS Identify key priority countries**

**2) KEEP FOCUSED Make Special Envoy on FoRB a permanent role.**

**3) INVOLVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES Local faith leaders are key players.**

Go to <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/uk-190708/>  
For more details and video interviews.

## Sunday Service July 28th

**Flowers:** Eileen Neale

**Welcome:** Maureen B and Rita

**Refreshments:** Alan and Sheena

## For Your Diary

### Monday 29th July

#### Prayer Meeting

7.00 to 8.00pm in the Church

### Tuesday 30th July

#### Town Hall Table

9.00 to 12noon

Help needed please

### Monday August 5th

#### Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

### Monday August 12th

**Holiday Club Starts 9.30am**

## Ron's Extra Reads

Genesis 12:1f, 15:1-21, 17:1-14,  
26:24f, 35:9f

Numbers 22-24, 2 Samuel 7:12-16  
Deuteronomy 29:14f

## Quotes of the Week

"Have you heard God's blessing in your inmost being? Are the words, 'You are my beloved child, in whom I delight' an endless source of joy and strength? Have you sensed, through the Holy Spirit, God speaking to you? That blessing – the blessing through the Spirit that is ours through Christ – is what Jacob received and it is the only remedy against idolatry.

Only that blessing makes idols unnecessary. As with Jacob, we usually discover this only after a life of 'looking for blessings in all the wrong places.' It often takes an experience of crippling weakness for us to finally discover it. That is why so many of the most God-blessed people limp as they dance for joy."

*Tim Keller*

"We begin life with the natural, next we come into the spiritual; but then, when we have truly received the kingdom of God and His righteousness, the natural is added to the spiritual, and we are able to receive the gifts of His providence and the blessings of life without becoming centred in them or allowing them to separate us from Him." A. B. Simpson

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