

Stalham Baptist Church

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Pat is leading, and Jerry is preaching John 14:1-14
With specific focus on 1-6 "Comfort for Troubled Hearts- Jesus is the Way."

Today we will be celebrating 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.

The Structure of Jerry's Sermon

1) Promised Peace v 1 2) Promised Prepared Place v 2-4

3) Promised Path/Way v 5-6

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the residents of **Old Yarmouth Road and Ingham Road**.
Prayer cards have been given to the **Stalham Car Sales and G&M Motors**.
Please pray for all those in the fellowship who are unwell or waiting for medical help.

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Alan and Pat Dabbs**

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 **Sheena and Barbara** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

A prayer for leaders of every kind...

Servant King, You taught us that all who would seek to be first should be last And all who would lead should serve but we often redefine leadership on our own terms and for our own gain. We lift to you today all who have the responsibility of leadership, influence and power. We ask for your strengthening where decisions are tough and Your wisdom to discern the best way forward, Your softening towards those they lead And your courage to balance risk and safety. Bless every selfless act of leadership they display for all that is good comes from you – and every servant leader is a reflection of your best plan. Amen.

A prayer for the media's relationship to political opinion ...

God whose words create beauty, righteousness and faith, we ask you to inspire, challenge and lead all who shape our nation's views with their mouths, pens or computers. We recognise the incredible power of our media to build up or to tear down and ask it to more fully exhibit your values of truth and mercy. Bless the hard work and skill of all who communicate about politics and help their work to result in engagement, vision and strategic insight for the sake of those they communicate about – and our nation as a whole. Amen

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Prayer for the Nation

On Sat 31st August, Christians will be gathering from around the country to pray for our Nation at Wembley Arena. We too can pray in our own localities, so if you wish to participate, please come and pray for an hour as the church will be open from 8am-5pm on Sat 31st August. There is a sheet of paper on the back table in the church on which to write your name for the hour you wish to pray. Let's join our prayers with those at Wembley for this crucial time in our Nation and see what God will do! *Janet Nicholson.*

The Week at SBC

Monday

Holiday Club Starts 9.30 - 11.30am

Tuesday

Holiday Club

9.30 - 11.30am in Church

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Wednesday

Holiday Club with Pop up Cafe

9.30 - 11.30am in Church

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Thursday

Holiday Club

9.30 - 11.30am in Church

Holiday Club BBQ

Stalham Youth Club 5.00 to 7.00pm

Friday

Food Bank

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday

Church Service 10.45am

Vintage and Collectors Fayre

1.00 to 5.00pm

Please support Rosina's Stall in the High Street

**WE can't always see
where the road leads.
But God promises
there's
something
better ahead,
we just have
to trust Him.**

News Stand

Amy English is being baptised today in the sea at Sea Palling at 11 am with her friend Helen Bloomfield. Amy has posted a testimony on YouTube. It is well worth viewing. Find it at <https://youtu.be/sy3C0qlyDOM> Susie English asks "Please could you pray for Amy, our non-Christian friends and close family who are either coming, or watching the youtube testimony."

The Murder Mystery and Meal scheduled for Saturday 21st September is going to be rescheduled. New date to follow.

Monday sees the start of the hugely successful SBC Holiday Club. If you can give a helping hand, have a chat with Barbara Reynolds. Everyone is welcome to attend the Holiday Club BBQ on Thursday 5.00 to 7.00pm. It's a great chance to talk to parents, helpers and the children. Please pray for the Holiday Club, for its success and that the youngsters can absorb some of the joy of being a Christian.

Reminders

Over 60's Table Tennis will be cancelled on August 14th to accommodate the Holiday Club.

There will be no CAB in the Stables on Fridays August 9th and 16th.

The Bible Comes to Life Exhibition

The Bible Comes to Life Exhibition will be held at St Stephens Church, Rampant Horse St, Norwich between 15th-18th Aug from 10am-4pm. The Exhibition which is free is an immense learning experience for people of all ages. It features interactive and multi-sensory displays with large models and fascinating artefacts giving a sense of Jewish culture within the Bible. There will be scheduled tours of the exhibition lasting about an hour at 10.30am and 2.30 pm daily. There's also a café in the church offering refreshments.

ARRESTED WHEN REPORTING AN ATTACK: LIFE FOR IRANIAN CHRISTIANS (OPEN DOORS)

If you go to the police to report a crime, you hope to be taken seriously. You don't expect to be arrested yourself. That's the situation that faced



Iranian Christian Fatemeh Mohammadi recently, when she went to file a complaint about being assaulted on a bus. According to an eyewitness, a woman had insulted Fatemeh for not wearing her headscarf 'properly', then shoved her and hit her in the face.

The assailant was not penalised. She was considered to be acting in accordance with a law that says it's acceptable to stop others committing 'disgraceful acts'. Fatemeh, on the other hand, was

arrested. She was released on bail the following morning.

This isn't the first time that Fatemeh has been targeted. In 2018, she served a six-month sentence for 'Christian activity', 'membership in proselytising groups' and 'acting against national security through propaganda against the regime'.

Bravely, and by God's grace, she continues to run a campaign for Christians in Iran to be allowed to worship in a church – crucially, including believers who have converted from Islam.

IRANIAN CHRISTIANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The situation is getting worse for Iranian Christians. Iran is **number 9** on the Open Doors World Watch List. While Article 23 of the country's constitution says that "No-one may be molested or taken to task simply for holding a certain belief", the current government of Iran is committed to expanding the influence of Shia Islam. Hardliners within the leadership are very anti-Christian, and the Bishop of Truro's **recent review** of Christian persecution for the UK Foreign Office highlighted that the situation had reached an alarming state: "Christians with a Muslim background are most vulnerable and face tougher persecution from all actors and especially from their families and communities."

You can read the entire article at:

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/iran-20190724/>

Sunday Service August 18th

Flowers: Doreen Hollebon

Welcome: Lorraine and Pam

Refreshments: David and Eileen

For Your Diary

Monday August 19th

Prayer Meeting in the Church 7.00pm

Saturday August 31st

Town Hall Table

9.00 to 12 noon

Help needed please speak to Ron or David

Saturday September 14th

Men's Breakfast 8.30am in the Stables

Sunday September 22nd

Harvest Festival 10.45am

Monday September 23rd

Harvest Supper and Auction

7.00pm in the Stables

Saturday October 12th

Out of Egypt Gospel Evening

In the Church 7.00pm

Jerry's Extra Reads

Ephesians 2: 14-22,

Hebrews 9:1-27; 10:19-38,

1 Peter 3:14-17

Quote of the Week

"Jesus Christ does not merely set Himself up by the side of God, nor are we worshippers of two Gods when we bow before Jesus and bow before the Father; but faith in Christ is faith in God, and faith in God which is not faith in Christ is imperfect, incomplete, and will not long last. To trust in Him is to trust in the Father; to trust in the Father is to trust in Him."

Alexander Maclaren

"Christ is everything a man needs. Everything that Adam lost we may regain in Jesus Christ. We can trust His presence, His promises, and His person, for He is the way, the truth, and the life. I know of no greater comfort in all the world than that."

John MacArthur.

"Follow thou me. I am the way and the truth and the life. Without the way there is no going; without the truth there is no knowing; without the life there is no living. I am the way which thou must follow; the truth which thou must believe; the life for which thou must hope. I am the inviolable way; the infallible truth, the never-ending life. I am the straightest way; the sovereign truth; life true, life blessed, life uncreated."

The meditation of Thomas à Kempis

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