

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 25th August 2019

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



Diana is leading and Norma will be preaching from King James Version of 23rd Psalm

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 pray for the family and friends of **David Tubby** whose funeral is on Tuesday.

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 **Tanya Diggins**.

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 **Diana and Maggie** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Thursday 15th August Victoria posted an update on Poppy. Saying "Please pray for Poppy as she has a blood test tomorrow in preparation for her check up next week where they want to stop her treatment for her incurable kidney disease because it is becoming toxic to her body. This treatment has kept her in remission for 1 year 3 months where nothing else we have tried did. Stopping her treatment risks relapse. Please also pray for Poppy because she has been struggling with her hearing for ages. She had a hearing test a month ago and has significant hearing loss in both ears. She has Glue Ear and needs an operation to fit grommets again. The operation requires a general anaesthetic. She can only have the procedure if she is in remission as the risks are too high if she is relapsing, which is why we have held off reducing her treatment further."

On Saturday 17th, Jerry said "Please pray for Alan who has had a chest infection for five weeks. He is on his third course of treatment. Please pray for healing."

The same day Diana posted "Please pray for my friend Attiiq from Pakistan and wife Asma. Their baby is due in two weeks and two days ago the baby stopped moving. An operation would have cost £600. Friends and family prayed and 30 minutes before the surgery was due to take place the baby moved so they didn't need to do the caesarean. Please pray Asma has a normal delivery."

On Thursday prayers were sought for Jenny P who is going to undergo tests and meet a specialist at Addenbrookes on Friday 23rd. Prayers were also asked for Fran who is going to have a CT Scan at N&N on Saturday 24th. Prayers were also offered for June White's daughter Charlotte who is attending Addenbrookes.

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

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*.

As in previous years we would like to decorate the church for harvest. If you feel you could help with a display please see the list at the back of the church and add your name to the area you would like to do.

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

Funeral of David Tubby

2.00pm in the Church

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

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

Town Hall Table

9.00 to 12 noon

Help needed please speak to Ron or David

Sunday

Church Service 10.45am

"Bible study without Bible experience is pointless."

Knowing Psalm 23 is different from knowing the Shepherd."

Kingsley Opuwari - Manuel



News Stand

Rosina's stall in the Vintage and Collectors fayre raised £160 for SBC funds. Rosina says "A big thank you to all those from the fellowship that supported her and visited the stall." And a big thank you to Rosina for her second fund raising success, her first in conjunction with Doreen Hollebon at the Fringe Festival in May.

The event was another big success for the Stalham Business Forum that SBC is part of and brilliantly organised by Di Cornell.

Holiday Club (lots of thank yous)

Holiday Club was another huge success. With 58 children signing up for the event. The busiest days were Tuesday and Wednesday when 48 youngsters attended. Eight mums stayed with their under 5s and many parents and carers stayed on Wednesday for the Pop up Café.

We were also blessed with a family from Northampton who attended services and brought their children to the Holiday club. So popular is the Holiday Club that one mum asked Barbara for the date of next year's club as she always works her family holiday around the holiday club dates. The BBQ at the Youth Club on Thursday was another success with parents and children in attendance. A thank you to Paul Meale for the use of the Youth Club. A big thank you to all the helpers. And a really big

thank you to Barbara Reynolds for her enthusiasm and all her hard work to organise the event. Also a thank you to Redoak Primary School in Lowestoft who lent SBC a range of games equipment used in the Schoolroom by Jerry and Jack.



	July	Totals 2019
Income	£6826.82	£69,911.46
Expenditure	£7843.29	£58,856.66
Balance	£-1016.47	£11,054.80

Finance Report

Explanation, it can be seen from the above chart that we spent £1016.47 more than we received in income in July, consequently the balance for the year to date is also lower.

We have received a Gift Aid Refund from HMRC for £4738.35 (in August not included in the table above) THANK YOU to all those who give to the church using gift aid.

We have some expenses for jobs which need doing soon.

The top three windows facing the High Street on the Sanctuary need painting as well as the windows and door on the front of the Schoolroom. This requires scaffolding. Between hiring the scaffolding and the painter the cost around £1350. (These have all been renewed in relatively recent years and need maintaining).

In addition, the Church (Sanctuary, Stables and Schoolroom) buildings and the Manse need a Fixed Circuit Electrical test (£958.80) to ensure the safety of all those who work in and use the premises (test required every 5 years).

This is just to keep you informed of our finances.

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU for all fund raising events that have been staged this year. Pat and Allen's bbq raised £250.00 in July. A BIG THANK YOU to Pat & Allen for all their hard work in laying on the bbq and all who supported the event. Also a thank you to Rosina for raising £160 last Sunday.

Also, a big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Stalham Baptist Church financially, whether it is a large or small amount we very much appreciate it, without your support the church could not continue in its present form. Stewart Marsh.

Sunday Service September 1st

Flowers: Barbara Mixer
Welcome: Cynthia and Jan
Refreshments: Rita and TBC

For Your Diary

Monday September 2nd

Deacons Meeting
 7.30 in the Stables

Saturday September 7th

MP Norman Lamb Surgery
 9.30 to 12noon in the Stables to book an appointment call his office on 01692 403752.

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

Monday September 30th

Prayer Meeting
 7.00pm in the Church

Saturday October 12th

Out of Egypt Gospel Evening
 In the Church 7.00pm

Norma's Extra Read John 10:1-18 - The Good Shepherd.

Quote of the Week

"I was silently reciting to myself the 23rd Psalm, 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want . . .' The man with the tinted spectacles and the man from the police department were looking at me thoughtfully. They mistook my silence as a sign of weakening. I knew I had to show courage. In fact, I felt much better for having recited the words of the psalm. I had not been so free of fear the whole evening as I was in that moment standing beside the black jeep, a symbol of repression. I lifted my head and said in a loud and firm voice, 'I'm not guilty! I have nothing to confess.'"

Nien Cheng, Life and Death in Shanghai

In August 1966 a group of Red Guards ransacked the home of Nien Cheng. Her background made her an obvious target for the Cultural Revolution: educated in London, the widow of an official of Chiang Kai-Shek's regime, and an employee of Shell Oil. When she refused to confess that any of this made her an enemy of the state, she was placed in solitary confinement, where she would remain for more than six years. "Life and Death in Shanghai" is the powerful story of Nien Cheng's imprisonment, of the deprivation she endured, of her heroic resistance, and of her quest for justice.

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