

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 8th September 2019

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



Barbara is leading and Ron is preaching from Colossians 1:8 -14

"You already have the best."

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

Wave of Prayer [in our locality] will be held at Martham Baptist Church on Thursday 26th September between 11.00am - 7.00pm. Drop in at any time. Please pray in September for the residents of **Rivermead and Kingfisher Close**. Prayer cards have been given to **Trett Phillips and Forrests News Agents**. 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 **Evelyn Eagling**. 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. Please pray for the people of the **Bahamas** as they begin to reconstruct their lives and that the world will provide the resources.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 31st prayers were asked for John who David and June met at the Town Hall free table. John suffers from severe arthritis in his back and is on crutches. He has also been diagnosed with cancer and is awaiting further tests and treatment.

On Wednesday Victoria sought prayers for her sister Rosanna who was starting a new job and prayers were said for Fran who was having an MRI scan. Fran posted later in the day "Thank you all for your prayers. The results should be through in a week."

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

Prayer Meeting

The last Prayer Meeting on the 19th August organised by Josh Hollebon was another success. The meeting started with Simone playing the guitar for three songs. Josh has created a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere for prayer around the prayer tent. Prayers were said for people in the fellowship who are unwell, awaiting tests, diagnoses and treatment. Also, activities in the Church, things happening in the wider world and the current turmoil in our own country. The next meeting is this Monday September 30th at 7.00pm everyone is welcome.

Joint Service

Eastern Area Baptist Association joint service Sunday 22nd September 6pm at Gunton Baptist church [see poster at back of church] Let Ron know if you wish to attend this time of Praise and Prayer.

New Church Service "Connect"

Josh Hollebon and Jerry are starting a new church service beginning on Sunday September 29th at 5.00pm in the Schoolroom. Called Connect, connecting to God, community and your purpose. The service will have worship led by Dan St John, Jerry will be doing a testimony followed by a quiz linking to his talk. Music from Dan and Simone and tea, coffee and snacks will be available. Josh is creating a relaxed atmosphere for people who are new to worship and those who are regular attenders. Everyone is welcome.

Scaffolding

The scaffolding you would have seen as you entered the Church will be in place until Saturday October 5th enabling the window frames to be painted.

The Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barns

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

Study Group Restarts

7.30pm in the Stables

Thursday

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service

1.15 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Men's Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Sunday

Church Service 10.45am

"May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out."

J.R.R. Tolkien

If you have a T-loop facility on your hearing aid, and wish to use this, you will get the best reception in the church if you sit close to the walls as the 'loop' is transmitted from the conduit around the edge. We hope this will enable you to enjoy our services more.

Harvest Festival, Supper and Auction

If you would like to help decorate the church by doing a specific area in the church please fill in the sheet at the back. Again, this year we will donate all tins and packets to Foodbank and Empanda [local hostel for young people]. All fresh flowers and produce will be auctioned at Monday's supper. Cost will be £5.00 for a hot meal [please let Jane know if you are coming on 582091] All proceeds to BMS's South Sudan's conflict survivors appeal. There is an article in the Community Scene about the plight of the South Sudan Conflict Survivors.

Shoe Box Appeal

Christmas Shoebox Appeal Can you fill an empty shoebox with small items for the Christmas Shoebox Service? It is a combined service at St Mary's Church Sunday 17th November at 3.00pm. Leaflets, which detail items to be put in the boxes, are at the back of the Church. For more information: Contact Magda Nicholls on 01692 580002

News Stand

Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Wednesday 18th September, from 10.30-11.30 am at the home of Eileen and David.

Maggie is looking for volunteers to fill gaps in the **Refreshment Rota** for these dates: 6th October - 3rd November - 1st December - 29th December. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Maggie or phone: 01692 583121 or 07776 046 226.

Email: Maggie.harpur@yahoo.com

On 15th September, Cyril, celebrates his 80th birthday. We wish him a happy day, and may he know God's peace and joy through the year ahead.

Book with Alan Jarman for Saturday's men's breakfast the speaker is Diana Gordon. Speak to Alan or call on 01692-670464

Reminders

The Revelation Christian Book Shop in Norwich is in desperate need for more books to sell. If you can help contact Steve Foyster on 01603-619731 or email enquirey@revelation-norwich.co.uk

Doreen and Josh Hollebon are planning to go to the Spring Harvest 13th to 17th April 2020 in Skegness. If you are interested in going, speak to Doreen so a block booking can be arranged. Or contact her on 07850459677.

Sunday's Match of the Day

The annual Stalham Baptist FC v Stalham Baptist Legends KO this Sunday at 2.00pm at Stalham High School. Last season the current team managed by Josh Hollebon was 2-1 up early in the second half but legends stormed back, late in the game to win 4-2. Your support would be really appreciated by all the players.

An Invitation to "Get Connected" to the Local Community

A project which uses original drama to highlight social issues and bring people together to explore them is coming to Stalham.

A Stage in Your Life is a not for profit initiative set up by Wymondham-based playwright and community activist, Tony Vale.

The topic being explored on this occasion is how to get to know your neighbours and takes the form of an invitation to "Get Connected" to the local community, by attending the event **between 10.00am and 12 noon on Thursday 19 September** in the Schoolroom.

Local community groups will be on hand to explain how you can get involved in the events and activities they arrange, either as a participant or as a volunteer helper.

Entry is free and refreshments will be provided by Tesco. There will also be a free draw for visitors, with a shopping voucher prize supplied by The Original Factory Shop.

Community organisations wishing to have a display at the event can book their free place by contacting Tony Vale on 07851 370666 or via email tony@valemail.eu

Sunday Service September 15th

Flowers: Edna Woolsey
Welcome: Alan and Sheena
Refreshments: Rita and Maggie

For Your Diary

Monday September 16th

Electricity meter being changed in schoolroom. Speak to Maggie or Stewart for more details.

Wednesday September 18th

Prayers for Persecuted Church

10.30am home of Eileen and David.

Thursday September 19th

Get Connected 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Leaflets at the back of the Church

Sunday September 22nd

Harvest Festival 10.45am

Joint Service

Guntton Baptist Church 6.00pm

Monday September 23rd

Harvest Supper and Auction

7.00pm in the Stables

Thursday September 26th

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm 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

Ron's Extra Read

**Mark 12:30, Matthew 6:10,
Galatians 5:16-26**

Quotes of the Week

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

Plato

"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world."

William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice

"If a man is to shed the light of the sun upon other men, he must first of all have it within himself."

Romain Rolland

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