# **Stalham Baptist Church**

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# **Harvest Festival**



Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from Colossians 1:15-18
"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!"

Special welcome to Hannah and Nigel Bailey , family and friends joining us today for the presentation of George, Rosanna and Susannah which will take place during our service.

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 **Steve, Susie, Joseph and Amy English. Amy** started with Oddments Theater company who will take evangelical plays to schools etc. on Monday. 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.

Please pray for the new Sunday service "Connect." Starting next week.

# Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday Sue St John posted "Thanks to Sheena for such a lovely Sunday school yesterday. The grandchildren have been playing sheep

and shepherds ever since, this is them being sheep on the beach."

On Wednesday Geci asked "Could you please help me in prayer for my sister. I've just had a call from my mother (in Brazil) saying my sister has been taken to A&E and she is not well at all, I don't yet know what has happened. All prayers welcomed. Later Geci wrote "I have just spoke to my niece and my sister has had a heart attack, which is being treated."

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

## New Church Service "Connect"

Josh Hollebon and Jerry are starting a new church service beginning next 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. Please support this bold new venture. Everyone is welcome.

## The Week at SBC

#### Monday

Church Open for Prayer 10.00 to 12noon

**Monday Club** 

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

**Harvest Supper and Auction** 

6.30 for 7.00pm 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

Study Group

7.30pm in the Stables

**Thursday** 

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Pop Up Cafe

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service

1.30 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Saturday

**Getting together to PRAY!** 

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday

Church Service 10.45am
Connect Evening Service
5.00pm in the Schoolroom

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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 Supper and Auction

Starting at 7.00pm the cost will be £5.00 for a hot meal [please let Jane know if you are coming on 582091] 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 the supper. 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.

## Reminders

Eastern Area Baptist Association joint service this Sunday at 6pm at Gunton Baptist church [see poster at back of church] there are a few places in cars left, let Ron know if you wish to attend this time of Praise and Prayer.

#### **News Stand**

A big thank you to all those who have decorated the church for Harvest. It is much appreciated.

Another big thankyou to Ruth who provided the teas and coffees for the "Getting Connected" event on Thursday that was a big success.

Coffee and Chat have recently given £300 to the work started by HOPE (previously a Hickling based charity) to help continue repair and maintain schools in Ghana.

Help Patients on the day they come out of hospital. Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital is organising an awareness day to learn about how you can volunteer as part of the hospitals "Settle in Service." You can book your space for the event on 1st October 10.00am to 2.30pm by contacting Lucy Smith on 01603-647837 or email Lucinda.smith@nnuh.uk. Further details of the back of the church.

## News from Cromer Food Bank

During August SBC contributed 102.25kg of food which helped towards a monthly total of 2515.21kg. We totally rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So, thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve the people in crisis across our district.

During September, the following items would be particularly welcome: Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fish, Pasta/Rice, Pasta Sauce, Long Life Fruit Juice, Cuppa Soup, Instant Snacks – add hot water, Sponge Puddings, Custard, Jam, Biscuits, Chocolate, Deodorant, Shampoo, Shower Gel, Washing Up Liquid, Washing Powder/Liquid – non bio, Toilet Rolls, Baby Wipes.

Please note that we cannot accept any fresh food or items that contain alcohol.

For more information go to <a href="www.cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk">www.cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk</a>
The Food Bank operates in the SBC Stables every Friday 1.30 to 3.00pm alongside the CAB. There is a collection box at the back of the church.

#### Men's Breakfast

Diana Gordon gave an excellent talk and presentation at Saturday's breakfast, about a Christian group that she has been supporting in Pakistan to whom she supplies Bibles in Urdu. She was recently able to visit them. They are currently building a school which will be used by Christian and Muslim children.

The money donated at the breakfast amounted to 19,148.27 PKR. The leader of the group Attiq always refers to Diana as mum and Greg as papa. Atitq wrote.

Hi Mum

How are you hope you are well? Mum I want to tell you I received money that you sent thank you so much for this great blessing and thank you for your struggles to collect fund for school may the Lord bless you abundantly.

Please say thanks to all who contributed for this. Love you Mum. Your Son Attiq Masih

## Sunday Service September 29th

Flowers: Jane Skivington
Welcome: David and Fran
Refreshments: David and Eileen

For Your Diary
Monday September 30th

Prayer Meeting
7.00pm in the Church

Thursday October 10th
Stalham Infant School Harvest Service

In the Church 8.30am

Saturday October 12th

Out of Egypt Gospel Evening
In the Church 7.00pm

**Sunday October 13th** 

Members Meeting
In the Church 12.30pm

**Monday October 14th** 

**Filling Station** 

6.30 for 7.00pm Hickling Barn

Saturday November 16th

60s Evening

7.00pm in the Church

#### **Ron's Extra Read**

Isaiah 40:18f, Romans 1:20f, Isaiah 40:25, Psalms 139:14, Matthew 10:29f

#### **Quotes of the Week**

"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see," wrote Neil Postman. So, what are the messages we are instilling in them to carry into the future we will not see and what impact on the future will they have?

"Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much."

Lisa Wingate

"The territorialism and desire to possess things comes directly from the ego, which strives to own and control things. Your spirit already knows you own nothing. It is a matter of realizing that your happiness does not depend on your ownership of things. They help you in your journey but they are not the journey itself."

"But here's the thing--no matter how many possessions you have, you never feel secure. As soon as you get one thing, there is always something else you "need"."

Karen Kingston