

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 13th October 2019

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Ron is leading and is preaching from Colossians 2: 9 -15

"You can't get fuller than you are now"

All are welcome to today's Church Meeting at 12.30pm

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 also in October for the residents of **Millside, Lawns Loke and Railway Mews**. Prayer cards have been given to **Eden Plants Home - Garden and Café Charlotte** both to be found in High Street Stalham.

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Margaret Fisher**.

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 **Jan and Eileen** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Prayer for Our Nation

"During August our Pastor Ron asked me if I would do intercessory prayers for Sunday 1st September, writes Maggie Harpur. "It was with great relief to find that I was in Sunday School and then on refreshment duty so would not be in the Sanctuary. With that Ron said well the 15th September!" During that week I asked Jesus what I should pray for in fact I never thought about much else for He made it quite clear to me His heart for: **Our Nation, Revival, Our debt to Israel and Our church family**.

On a very early morning walk with Percy and Nellie on 9 October God spoke to me that as His family we pray the following for our nation every day leading up to 31 October.

Praying for our Nation: We have sinned and dared to turn away from Your Holy and irrevocable commandments given to us as an expression of Your will. As a nation we have declared them irrelevant, invalid and no longer binding even within the Church of Jesus Christ and in so doing have opened the floodgates of sin.

We acknowledge that our nation is in crisis and as Christians we are automatically involved in a vast spiritual battle that spans both heaven and earth. It is written that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (by implication spiritual) but mighty to the pulling down of these strongholds. It is these strongholds that frustrate all attempts by politicians and those who rule over us to negotiate real and lasting peace.

In the name of Jesus we plead with You to have mercy upon our nation for we have fallen so short of the Glory of God. We ask in the name of the Lord Jesus to invoke Your sovereign will over the mess we now find ourselves in. Thank you Lord"

Has baptism been on your mind?

Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord. It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. It speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world.

Please speak to Ron if baptism is on your mind.

Church Webb Site www.stalhambaptist.org.uk

By going on the Church Webb site, excellently produced by Greg, you can download the Sunday Bulletin and listen again to the Sunday sermon.

A Busy Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Filling Station

6.30 for 7.00pm Hickling Barn

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Little Fishes

Stalham Pre School 10.00am

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm St Nicholas Way

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Middy

Brumstead Road House Group

7.00pm

Thursday

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

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Church Walking Group

10.30am at Martham

See article overleaf for details.

Sunday

Church Service 10.45am

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.

Monday Club

Monday Club is part of SBC's outreach program engaging with young people with a range of fun activities. But a few more volunteers to help are desperately needed to keep the club going.

If you could spare 90 minutes to help please talk to Jerry.

Church Walking Group Saturday October 19th

The Church walking group is meeting at the large duck pond by the butcher's shop in Martham. We will walk in the Martham area and plan as we go, it can be as long or as short as we like.

For more details phone Jean M. 01493 740937

Reminders

Leprosy Mission catalogues are available at the back of the church. Orders given to Barbara Reynolds will result in profits for our church as well as the Leprosy Mission. Items not in the catalogue, but listed online, can also be ordered this way - and there is no postage to pay! P.S. (Fairtrade chocolate real advent calendars containing the Christmas story book are on page 18.)

Half Term Holiday Club. On Thursday 24th October from 9.30 to 11.30 we are Holiday Clubbing again. If you are free to help - or know children aged 5 to 11 who might like to attend - have a chat to Barbara Reynolds.

Church Meeting

Copies of the agenda for today's Church Meeting can be found at the back of the church.

Toilet Twinning "Flushing Away Poverty"

Last Sunday Barbara spoke about the charity Toilet Twinning. 2.3 billion people in the world do not have access to a toilet. Barbara says "Thanks to your generous donations last Sunday one of our toilets is twinned with a latrine in Kabindi, North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. It cost £60 to twin the toilet and the remaining £13.58 was added as a donation to the cause. Well done folks! The box for donations will be at the back of the church for a couple of weeks." The toilet twinning website is toilettwinning.org



Shoe Box 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.

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift. Operation Christmas Child is part of the mission of Samaritan's Purse established in 1970, which is an international development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Gospel. So let's not pass by on the other side. 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 Go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for more information.

Christmas Is Coming

72 more sleeps to Christmas and SBC will be celebrating the Saviour's birth with services in and out of the Church.

Candle Light Service Sunday 15th December 6.00pm

Swan Inn Carol Service Monday 16th December 7.00pm

Phoenix Male Voice Choir Saturday 21st December 7.30pm

All age service Sunday 22nd December 10.45am

Celebrate Christmas Day Morning 10.00am

New Year is coming Family Service Sunday 29th December 10.45am

Sunday Service October 20th

Flowers: Magda Nicholls

Welcome: Lorraine and Barbara

Refreshments: Alan and Sheena

For Your Diary

Monday October 21st

School Holidays Begin

Thursday October 24th

Holiday Club

9.30 to 11.30am in the Church

Sunday October 27th

Summer Time Ends

Saturday November 9th

Men's Breakfast

In the Stables 8.30am

Saturday November 16th

60s Evening

7.00pm in the Church

Sunday November 17th

Shoe Box Appeal Joint Service

3.00pm at St Mary's Church

Ron's Extra Read

Romans 7:14f, 6:23, 8:31f

1Kings 20:11, Luke 11:21f

Quotes of the Week

"Sitting Bull once described his own inner struggles in this manner: Inside of me there are two dogs. One of the dogs is mean and evil. The other dog is good. The mean dog fights the good dog all the time. When asked which dog wins, he reflected for a moment and replied, The one I feed the most."

George Bernard Shaw

So I have learned this rule: When I want to do good, evil is there with me. In my mind I am happy with God's law. But I see another law working in my body. That law makes war against the law that my mind accepts. That other law working in my body is the law of sin, and that law makes me its prisoner. What a miserable person I am! Who will save me from this body that brings me death? I thank God for his salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So in my mind I am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful self I am a slave to the law of sin.
Romans 7: 21 - 25 ERV

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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