

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 27th October 2019



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**Pat is leading and guest speaker David Osbourne is preaching from John 14
"Truth"**

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 November for the residents of **The Green, including Field Road, Hollingdale Court and Moor Lane**. 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 **Maggie Harpur**.

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.

Not all who wander are lost

Recently Ron spoke about the two dogs, good and evil that are scrapping about the way to lead me. He was right at times I am drifting from faith, following the easy pathway. Straying into the darkness of life, losing my way in the challenges of the world, immersed in its cosy comforts and illusions. Apparently lost.

Thank you, Lord, for being there when I wander, but of course I'm never truly lost because you are always there to walk me back whatever the distance to your salvation.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Friday 19th, Susie English posted "Please pray for Amy's theatre group who are going to a prison at the weekend. For the prisoners to respond to the gospel message. Protection and boldness for the theatre team.

On Monday Fran messaged "Finally I've been given good news that all the tests are clear. Thank you for all your prayers which have been a great comfort.

On Wednesday prayers were sought for Cyril. Maureen wrote "Please pray as he is having laser treatment again for Glaucoma as the pressure has become high again in both eyes, he will be having his first treatment this afternoon.

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

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.

Town Hall Table

The Town Hall table is an important part of SBC's outreach work. This month's is on Tuesday 29th 9.00pm to Midday. If you could help please have a chat with David.

Brumstead Road House Group.

Will be meeting at 10.00am on Wednesday October 30th.

A Busy Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Prayer Meeting

7.00 to 8.00pm in the Church

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Town Hall Table

9.00 to Midday in the Town Hall

Speak to David if you can help

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm St Nicholas Way

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

Brumstead Road House Group

10.00am

Thursday

Pop Up Cafe

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

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

"In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act." George Orwell

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.

News Stand

Winter reminder. To preserve heating in the Sanctuary please ensure the inner doors are kept closed.

Upcoming church football team games at home November 2nd, 9th, 23rd, December 7th. Saturday morning kick off 10.30am at Stalham high school Supporters always welcome. For more information talk to Josh.

On Saturday 7th December a Coffee Morning in the Stables for the Leprosy Mission, 10 am – 12 midday. There will also be a cake stall and an opportunity to buy Christmas puddings. Also, there will be an opportunity to browse through the Leprosy Mission catalogue for Christmas gifts. At coffee/tea on Sunday 8th a donation box will be available if you wish to contribute to the Mission. Please see Barbara Mixer if you have any queries.

The Leprosy mission catalogue can also be found 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.)

The extremely enjoyable Out of Egypt concert raised a brilliant £225.50 for church funds. Big thank you to the performers and all that attended.

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.

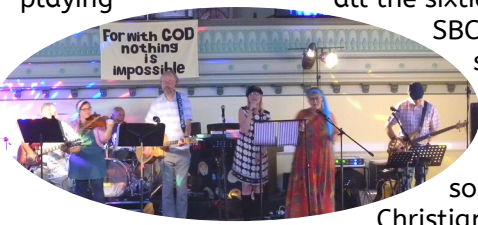


Operation Christmas Child is part of the mission of Samaritan's Purse established in 1970, which is an international development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. After sharing the 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.

Don't Miss the Sixties Evening.

Saturday 16th November at 7.00pm.

The last sixties evening was a great success raising money for Macmillan Cancer Care and SBC Church Funds. Roger and Katie from Century Printing will be playing all the sixties music and the



SBC musicians and singers will be performing "songs from the sixties" including some of the Christian songs that



made the charts.

During the break we will also play some of the charting Christian 60s



songs on the screens. At the last 60s evening Jane Ron and Jerry did a Bill and Ben Sketch. We will have a "bring and share buffet"

Donations will be taken on the night for Macmillan's Nurses and SBC again.

Sunday Service October 27th

Flowers: Gillian Meale
Welcome: Barbara and Jenny
Refreshments: Elinor and Jill

For Your Diary

Saturday November 9th

Men's Breakfast

In the Stables 8.30am

Monday November 11th

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barns

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

Saturday December 7th

Leprosy Coffee Morning

In the Stables 10am to 12 noon

Quotes of the Week

Guide me and teach me your truths.

You are my God, my Saviour.

You are the one I have been waiting for.

Psalms 25:5 ERV

"I have been finding treasures in places I did not want to search. I have been hearing wisdom from tongues I did not want to listen to. I have been finding beauty where I did not want to look. And I have learned so much from journeys I did not want to take. Forgive me, O Gracious One; for I have been closing my ears and eyes for too long. I have learned that miracles are only called miracles because they are often witnessed by only those who can see through all of life's illusions. I am ready to see what really exists on other side, what exists behind the blinds, and taste all the ugly fruit instead of all that looks right, plump and ripe."

Suzy Kassem

"I found goodness in the place that I once believed to be evil; and found evil in the place that I once always knew to be good! The truth is so far separated from where I thought it existed. It can be such a wild, unbound journey: the journey from the illusion into the truth. Some people take that journey, but more people don't."

C. JoyBell C.

"This path was not that of my conscious choosing. But after persistent subconscious confrontation, I have finally embraced what is, 'souly' for me...and I am thankful, when called upon, to be able to share and give to those who seek their own way of the path."

T.F. Hodge

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