

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 10th November 2019

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Remembrance Sunday

Ron is leading and is preaching from Hebrews 1: 1 - 12

"The Day Is Coming"

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

Pray for family of **David Clampin** whose funeral is this week at St Faith's. 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 **Station House Dental Practise - Stalham DIY** both to be found in High Street Stalham. As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Ruth Hayward**.

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. Please note we hope to run a hustings during the election campaign. Watch for the date TBA but also please be praying.....

Mon 11th 10.50 at the Memorial by the door of St Mary's Church a short service of Remembrance.

Prayers For The Persecuted Church

Prayer Meeting for persecuted believers at the home of Eileen and David on Wednesday 20th November from 10.30 - 11.30 am.

Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday 4th Jenny posted "Please pray for Bob and myself as we leave early for an appointment at Addenbrookes tomorrow. I will be having a mask made ready for the radiotherapy and also having CAT and MRI scans. Thank you."

On Tuesday Jenny said "Thank you all for your prayers. We are on our way home now, apart from the strain of having to stay very still for 2 hours, I'm fine thank you again Jenny."

Maureen posted on Wednesday "Hi thank you for your prayers, Cyril's eye is settling down well, the treatment for the right eye is this afternoon at 3pm, thank you once again, love Maureen."

She later said "Hi thank you for your prayers, they were certainly answered, praise the Lord. The pressure had gone down so the treatment wasn't necessary."

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

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. We will have a "bring and share buffet". Donations will be taken on the night for Macmillan's Nurses and SBC again.

Media Desk

A few more people would be useful to run the media and sound desk for Sunday services. If you could help occasionally have a chat with Jerry.

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

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barns

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

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 Midday

Brumstead Road House Group

10.00am

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

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

60s Evening

7.00pm in the Church

Sunday

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.

We Shall Remember Them

Reginald Smith was born in Stalham and was the son of James and Laura Smith and husband of Dorothy May Smith.

Reginald joined the 18th Division 4th Battalion Norfolk Regiment as a Private and was shipped to defend Singapore. On the 8th February 1942 the British Lieutenant General Arthur E. Percival surrendered to the Japanese and Reginald was one of 136,000 men who laid down their arms. The surrender of Singapore has been seen as one of the greatest military disasters in British history.

He was held in a prisoner of war camp, where forced labour was the norm. In July 1944 he was placed on a Japanese cargo ship the Hofuku Maru with other POWs, destined for Japan. The POWs were to be used as slave workers, to replace the Japanese men in the armed services. The Hofuku Maru was sailing from Singapore to, Borneo as part of a convoy. The convoy consisted of 10 ships, 5 of which carried, in total, 5,000 POWs, all in appalling conditions.

At Borneo, the Hofuku Maru left the convoy with engine problems, and sailed on to the Philippines, arriving on July 19th. She remained in Manila until mid-September while the engines were repaired. The POWs remained on board, suffering terribly from disease, hunger, and thirst. On September 20th, 1944, the Hofuku Maru and 10 other ships formed Convoy, and sailed from Manila to Japan. The following morning, the convoy was attacked by more than 100 American carrier planes. All eleven ships in the convoy were sunk. Of those on the Hofuku Maru, 1,047 of the 1,289 British and Dutch POWs on board died. One of them was Reginald Smith aged 24.

It is estimated that over 30,000 Japanese held POWs died during WW2 of disease, starvation and mistreatment.

It is estimated 60million people were killed worldwide in World War II.

NORFOLK BROADS FILLING STATION

Next Monday evening 7.00 for 7.30pm, will be our final meeting of 2019. Writes David Osbourne. Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank all who have supported us not only over the past year but over the four years since we first began. Your support encourages us as we try, with God's help to make your Filling Station even better in the future. Our aim is to raise the profile of our faith across this area and to show that knowing Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour is a source of real joy. 'So, to borrow some words from Psalm 100, 'Let us come into his Filling Station with thanksgiving and his Barn with praise.'

Our speaker on Monday will be **GRAHAM WALKER**. Graham works for Open Doors and has visited us once before. Open Doors supports persecuted Christians in all manner of ways, encouraging them and in some cases getting alongside them.

Millions of believers across the world suffer prison, torture and even threat of execution because they follow Jesus Christ. Graham has a host of harrowing anecdotes and accounts of life in persecuted countries. So if you are able, please come along and listen to him.

News Stand

On Saturday 7th December there will be a Coffee Morning in the Stables for the Leprosy Mission, 10 am – 12 midday. This will include 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.

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.

For more information: Contact Magda Nicholls on 01692 580002Go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for more information.

Sunday Service November 17th

Flowers: Maureen and Cyril

Welcome: Henry and Jan

Refreshments: Ben and Barbara

For Your Diary

Sunday November 17th

Shoe Box Appeal Joint Service

3.00pm at St Mary's Church

Tuesday November 26th

Christmas Town Hall Table

9.00 to Midday

Saturday December 7th

Leprosy Coffee Morning

In the Stables 10am to 12 noon

Sunday December 8th

Christmas Street Fayre

1.00pm to 5.00pm

This Week's Ron's Extra Read
Psalms 45:6-7, 102:25-27, Colossians
1:16-17, Gallatins 4:4, Romans 8:18f

Quotes of the Week

I found in you a holy place apart,
sublime endurance, God in man revealed.
Where mending broken bodies slowly
healed my broken heart
Epitaph On My Days in Hospital
Vera Brittain

The grave that they dug him had flowers
Gathered from the hillsides in bright
summer colours
And the brown earth bleached white
At the edge of his gravestone
He's gone
When the wars of our nation did beckon
The man, barely twenty, did answer the
calling
Proud of the trust
That he placed in our nation
He's gone
But eternity knows him
And it knows what we've done
The Grave Don McLean

Poppy bedecked wreathes in hand the
great and the good stand.
The fallen feted to Nimrod marching flags.
Guns fire that silenced so many, silence
those around the one unknown.
The last post sounds!
While their white stones, in soldiers' rows,
obediently to attention stand.
They no older or weary, the sun is going
down.
Graves, long history's shadows, but still
war each year fills the sacrificial ground.
But of course, we remember them and
why?

Franky Dilch Warriors and War

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