

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 24th November 2019

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**Diana is leading and Ron is preaching from Colossians 3:17-4:1**

**"That's the way to do it"**

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

Prayers please for family of **Stanley Warrell** whose funeral next Friday. Pray for **Jenny Payne** who is undergoing treatment. Pray for **Jan and the Slade family** on the recent death of **Tony**. Also, **Steven Slade** who is in hospital with sepsis. **Jan and Marion** thank everyone for their support and 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 **Station House Dental Practise - Stalham DIY** both to be found in High Street Stalham. As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Hilary Hinton**. 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.

### Weekly Prayer Focus: 24th November 2019

Carleton Rode Baptist Church is situated in rural South Norfolk, standing between the villages of Carleton Rode and Bunwell. The nearest town is Attleborough, which is five miles away, whilst Norwich is 17 miles away. The fellowship at Carleton Rode have been described as a "shining light in rural Norfolk". Drawing its congregation from the surrounding area, Carleton Rode Baptist Church meets twice on a Sunday for worship and during the week for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship. Although the church is currently in interregnum, it is supported by its Moderator, Neil Walker, and the fellowship are grateful for his help and support. Whilst the building may be Grade II listed, the fellowship has a real vision for using its location to share God's love with the rural community. The coffee shop, staffed by volunteers, has become the extended arm of the church and welcomes visitors from the area throughout the three days it is open. The popular monthly community meal has been a real blessing to the local community. The Loft Youth Group provides activities for children and young people twice monthly. The fellowship at Carleton Rode have seen God's blessing recently as they had to undertake major building work. Thanks to the generosity of members, friends, grant making bodies as well as being an EBA Church of the Year, the major part of the work is now complete. **For Prayer:**

- *Please pray for God's guidance as the fellowship seek new ministry*
- *Please pray for the community and that Carleton Rode Baptist Church will continue to make an impact as they share the love of Jesus.*
- *Please join the church in giving thanks to God for all that he has done and will do through this faithful and generous fellowship*

### Virtual Prayer Room

On Tuesday 19th prayers were sought for Cyril who had lost vision in one of his eyes and was waiting for an emergency appointment at N&N. Later that day Maureen posted "Please continue to pray for Cyril's eye, he has a deep infection and an ulcer near the retina. He has been prescribed antibiotic eye drops to be used every hour day and night."

### Connect Evening Service This Sunday - 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Welcome to our monthly Connect Evening Service. Come and connect with Community - God and Purpose. This month cartoonist Steve English will be sharing his story. Snacks and drinks will be available. For more information speak to Jerry or contact him on [assistantpastor@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:assistantpastor@stalhambaptist.org.uk)

**Don't miss this month's prayer service in the Church tomorrow 7.00 to 8.00pm. Each prayer service has been well attended and very successful. In these difficult times it's good to be together to pray. For more details have a chat with Josh or Jerry.**

### A Busy Week at SBC

#### Monday

**Church Open for Prayer**

10.00 to 12noon

#### Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

#### Prayer Meeting

7.00 to 8.00pm in the Church

#### Tuesday

#### Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

#### Christmas Town Hall Table

9.00 to Midday

#### Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

#### 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

#### Hustings

7.00pm in the Church

#### Thursday

#### Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

#### Pop Up Café

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

Service 10.45am

**"Leadership must embody servanthood, for without it leadership will become the embodiment of our selfish agendas. And leadership of that sort will lead us to places that none of us want to go to."**

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.

## Reminders

**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 help with the Christmas Town Hall Table** on Tuesday 26th November 9.00am to midday at the moment we only have one person available. If you can help please speak to Ron or David.

**We have been asked by Open Christmas Great Yarmouth** to see if anyone could donate gifts for the homeless at their Christmas Day Lunch. Things looked-for would -be toiletries/socks etc, wrapped and stating whether for male/female and not more than £5.00. They can be left at the back of the church for Christine Thresh to collect.

**Lost Property.** Lady's brown jacket, with scarf, has been left in the Stables since the Harvest Supper. If unclaimed by the end of the month these items will be given to charity.

## News Stand

**Shoe Box Collection.** A big thank you to all who helped with the Shoe Box collection. At last Sunday's joint service at St Mary's 117 boxes and £200 were donated.

**A big thank you** to all those who took part in the 60s evening and a special thank you to the band that played and sang songs from the period, including a great rendition of the Byds Turn Turn Turn (To Everything There Is A Season) which is taken from Ecclesiastes 3 1-8. A number one hit in 1965. We also watched videos of charting Christian songs of the 60s, during the break. The event raised £141.70 shared between, Macmillan Cancer Care and SBC.

## Hustings

SBC will be hosting a Hustings on Wednesday 27th November 7.00 to 9.00pm. Currently all four candidates for the North Norfolk Constituency will be attending. Like other elections the Husting will be a Question Time style debate. In the past these events have been a great success as SBC creates an opportunity to allow local people to hear from the prospective MPs who wish to serve North Norfolk's constituents.

## Stalham Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is on Sunday December 8th 1.00 to 5.00pm.

The schoolroom will be full of stalls. (Pictured below at last year's event) Fran is running a stall to raise money for SBC and she needs nice items that would make Christmas gifts. In the church teas and coffee will be served. If you can help in the Church have a chat with Ron. If you can help with gifts there will be a box at the back of the Church or have a chat with Fran.

## Cromer Food Bank Winter Fuel Help

Once again, we have been fortunate in obtaining grants which will enable us to help clients who are having problems paying fuel bills. As last year, we will be able to top up keys and cards for clients who present an Energybank voucher at any of our distribution centres. We can assist those who pay by direct debit and also those who have oil, calor gas, coal or wood heating systems.

Please refer all clients needing help with energy payments to the Citizens Advice which is held every Friday in the Stables 1.30 to 3.00pm. The scheme is available in other areas, if you have any questions, please contact the office on 07826376343 or [info@cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

Come and join us for some festive fun in the Schoolroom on Saturday 7th December 2.00 to 4.00pm and make yourself a Christmas wreath, the cost of the workshop will be £10 to cover the cost of materials which will be provided. Any extra decorations/materials you would like to add please bring along, if you could bring your own scissors that would be great. Festive refreshments will also be served to add to the festive cheer! To book your place please contact [efeako@gmail.com](mailto:efeako@gmail.com) as places will be limited. We are asking for payment up front to assist us with the purchase of materials.

## Sunday Service December 1st

**Flowers:** Julia Maile

**Welcome:** Gloria and Pam

**Refreshments:** Rita and Iris

### For Your Diary

## Monday December 2nd

*Deacons Meeting*

7.30 in the Stables

## Saturday December 7th

*Leprosy Coffee Morning*

In the Stables 10am to 12 noon

*Christmas Wreath Workshop*

In the Schoolroom 2.00 to 4.00pm

## Sunday December 8th

*Christmas Street Fayre*

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## Sunday December 15th

*Candle Light Service*

6.00pm

## Monday December 16th

*Christmas Carols*

7.00pm in the Swan Inn

### This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Ephesians 5:18-6:9, 1 Corinthians 13, Exodus 20 :12,

### Quotes of the Week

"Do you often feel like parched ground, unable to produce anything worthwhile? I do. When I am in need of refreshment, it isn't easy to think of the needs of others. But I have found that if, instead of praying for my own comfort and satisfaction, I ask the Lord to enable me to give to others, an amazing thing often happens - I find my own needs wonderfully met. Refreshment comes in ways I would never have thought of, both for others, and then, incidentally, for myself."

*Elisabeth Elliot*

"If God is going to be all that He is, I must reach a point where I am emptied of all that I am. It's only then that the fullness of God has space in the emptiness of me."

*Craig D. Lounsbrough*

"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."

*Mother Teresa*

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