

Stalham Baptist Church

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**Ron is leading and is preaching from Colossians 4:1f
" Final Thoughts"**

Today is the First Sunday in Advent

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 for the family and friends of **Tony Slade** whose funeral is at SBC on Friday 13th at 12.00. Also pray for the family and friends of **Jackie Bones** whose funeral is at SBC on Thursday 19th at 11.30am. Please pray also in December for the residents of **Dunkerley Court, Baker Street, Bakers Court and Sutton Terrace**. Prayer cards have been given to **Nicholson's Stalham Green and Cherry Blossom Café Stalham High Street**. As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Doreen Hollebbon**. 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. Please pray that the Christmas edition of the **Community Scene** now being delivered around the town, will be well received.

A Thank You From Alex

Alex would like to thank all those who have prayed for him in the last few weeks due to his suspected prostate cancer. He said "The results of various tests, scans etc. have now come in and unfortunately the disease is confirmed. Treatment at this stage will be by drugs and possibly radiotherapy. Apparently 60% of men of my age, are likely to have the disease. The consultant has said that I can expect to be eating my Christmas lunches over the coming years."

Virtual Prayer Room

On Tuesday 26th Victoria posted. "Prayers please for Phoebe, this is from her mother Miriam's Facebook. Well the dreaded lurgy hit and Phoebe has got a horrendous cough and high temperature and can't stop vomiting ! She's been admitted to hospital because her bloods are showing she is dehydrated (her kidney function has declined) and she is being given fluids , they have suspended her heart meds that are toxic to her kidneys to try and give them a break and time to recover, we pray this doesn't affect her heart! She is such a trooper and gives the most amazing cuddles even when she is poorly."

Hustings Success

The Hustings on Wednesday was a huge success. The Church and gallery were packed. The four candidates Harry Gwynne Brexit, Duncan Baker Conservative, Emma Corlett Labour and Karen Ward Lib Dems attended and answered a range of questions on their and their party's thoughts and policies.

Look East News covered the event showing several minutes of the Hustings on the 10.30pm news.

A big thank you to all who helped create another Hustings success for SBC.



A Busy Week at SBC

Monday

Church Open for Prayer

10.00 to 12noon

Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Tuesday

Infant School Practice

9.00am in the Church

Little Fishes at Preschool

10.00am

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

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

Leprosy Coffee Morning

In the Stables 10am to 12 noon

Christmas Wreath Workshop

In the Schoolroom 2.00 to 4.pm

Sunday

Service 10.45am

Christmas Street Fayre

1.00pm to 5.00pm

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.

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.

News Stand

Birthday greetings to David Neill who celebrates his 80th today, 1st, and to Alex who celebrates his 80th on 7th December. "May the Lord bless you and keep you, and make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you".

A big thank you to Eileen, Doreen and Maggie who did a great job running the Town Hall Table on Tuesday.

Coffee and Chat have recently given £300 to Baby Bank Norfolk.

Candlelight choir If you are interested in being part of the choir and singing 2 songs at the Candlelight service (15th Dec. 6pm) please see Pat Dabbs today.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020 to everyone from Barbara and Geoff Reynolds. We've decided to "twin our toilet" instead of sending cards to church folk this year - so by not having a card from us you've contributed to improved sanitation in Nokadouo, Bouna, Cote d'Ivoire. THANKS.

Baby Bank Norfolk

Baby Bank Norfolk was established in January 2016 and we started distributing items in May 2016. We are a volunteer-run group started by a local mum who saw the need for somewhere to act as a middle "man" between those wishing to pass on Baby items and those in the area in need of support.

We collect donations of baby equipment, clothes, toys and other baby essentials and check that they are clean and meet current UK safety standards. We receive requests from local professionals (Health Visitors, Midwives, Social Workers, Children's Centres etc) on behalf of families in need in Norfolk.

We then try and meet the request from the items we have in stock or put a call out to our supporters via our Facebook & Twitter pages.

Baby Bank Norfolk supports families experiencing hardship in the Norfolk area. We work in partnership with support services such as children's centres, health visitors and social service agencies. All suitable donations go directly to the families in need locally.

We do not support individuals or families directly. If you are expecting a baby or have young children and need help now, you can ask your health visitor, Midwife, GP or social worker to contact us on your behalf.

If you are a health professional, work for a social service agency or another relevant organisation such as refugee resettlement, Pregnancy Crisis or a domestic violence unit and would like to find out more about our service please go to <https://babybanknorfolk.org.uk/> for contact details.

Stalham Christmas Fayre

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

The schoolroom will be full of stalls. 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.

Carol Services

Don't miss the Candlelight service on Sunday 15th December in the Church at 6.00pm or Carols in the Swan Public house on Monday 16th at 7.00pm.

Sunday Service December 8th

Flowers: Lorraine Stuart

Welcome: Elinor and Jill

Refreshments: Elinor and Jill

For Your Diary

Sunday December 8th

Christmas Street Fayre

1.00pm to 5.00pm

Thursday December 12th

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Friday December 13th

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Sunday December 15th

Candle Light Service

6.00pm

Monday December 16th

Christmas Carols

7.00pm in the Swan Inn

Saturday December 21st

Phoenix Male Voice Choir

7.30pm in the Church

This Week's Ron's Extra Read

Isiah 9: 2 6-7 - Philemon 22

Quotes of the Week

"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

— **Mahatma Gandhi**

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

— **Mother Teresa, *In the Heart of the World: Thoughts, Stories and Prayers***

"I think the reason we sometimes have the false sense that God is so far away is because that is where we have put him. We have kept him at a distance, and then when we are in need and call on him in prayer, we wonder where he is. He is exactly where we left him."

— **Ravi Zacharias, *Has Christianity Failed You?***

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