

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 12th January 2020



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**Today Barbara will be leading and Ron will be preaching from John 1:1-5, 14-18**

**“God: has become MAN”**

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 Margaret Bolton whose funeral will be at St Faiths on Wed 22nd at 12.30pm.

January prayer cards have been given to **Harts to Me [the card shop] and Break**. Also pray in January for the residents of **Horse Barns, Wayford Road and Stepping Stone Lane**.

**Please pray for Simone who badly burnt her foot last week.**

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **David and Norma Huxter**.

Please also pray for **Naomi StJohn and Flo** whose letter, sent from Reunion Island is on the board at the back of the church and was published in our Christmas bulletin.

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 **Sheena and Barbara** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

### Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation,  
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:

Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,  
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,  
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,  
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

- Reverend Said

### Father of All Mercies

Father of all mercies, we pray for the families who have fled their homes in fear.

We lift up the mothers and fathers who have escaped with only their children, leaving everything else behind. Their country has changed, their lives will never be the same and they are afraid of the future.

**Lord, you are the God who heals. Please bring your comfort and healing to those who are hurting.**

We lift up the communities who have taken in refugees and displaced people, even though they may be struggling themselves. We thank you for their generosity and compassion towards those in distress.

**Lord, you are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need.**

Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East. We pray for leaders throughout the region and ask you to turn their hearts towards peace. As our leaders and those around the world consider how to respond, please grant them wisdom and insight.

**Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed, and ask you to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East.**

### Next Week at SBC

**Monday**

**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

**Prayer for Revival**

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

**Wednesday**

**Over 60s Table Tennis Club**

9.30am to Midday

**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!**

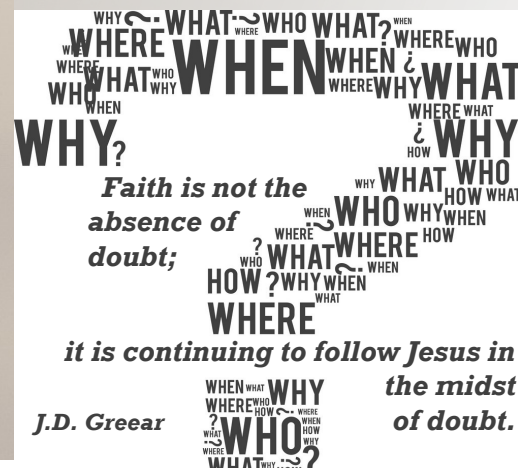
8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

**Sunday**

**Service 10.45am**

**Evening Connect Service**

5.00pm in the Schoolroom



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.

## Next Sundays Connect service

Don't miss the Connect Service that starts in the Schoolroom at 5.00 next week and will finish by 7.00pm. Barbara Reynolds will be sharing her life story including her faith, career and a few old photos to smile/laugh at! There will be music and snacks, tea and coffee will be served.

## Prayers for the Persecuted church

Around the world, many believers are persecuted -- imprisoned, even killed -- for their faith.

Since Jesus laid down His life, it is estimated that **43 million Christians have become martyrs.**

Right now 200 million people face persecution for believing in Jesus and 60% of those people are children, according to Christians in Crisis International Ministry, a prayer advocacy ministry for persecuted believers.

Sara (not her real name) knows first-hand what it is like to be persecuted. The week before Sara and her husband planned to open a Bible School, 4 men attacked their family with metal hatchets.

Because of the attacks, Sara had 3 skull fractures, a punctured eardrum, internal bleeding and needed stitches badly.

"Before the attacks, I considered myself sensitive to the persecuted church," Sara said. "But then I woke up one night and I was one." The experience strengthened Sara's resolve to support those suffering for their faith.

**Praying for the Persecuted Church** on Wednesday 22nd January at the home of Eileen and David, from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

## Filling Station

David Osbourne writes. As we have now gone beyond the New Year, I would like to wish you all a blessed, peaceful and Christ filled 2020. Thank you for your prayerful support over the past years and we all hope God will continue to bless NBFS as we seek to move forward. We meet again next Monday – 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, when our speaker will be Inspector Marie Reavey from the Norfolk Police. Marie is a member of the Christian Police Association and recently joined the Faith and Police Together initiative. Marie will be speaking on God's love for the most broken in our society.

It was with great sadness we learned at the weekend of the sudden and unexpected passing of our dear brother John Prosser. John was a great supporter of NBFS and attended whenever he was able. There is no doubting where John now is, but do please remember Carol and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday evening.

## Vacancy – Regional Development Office (Norfolk)

Linking Lives UK is a national Christian charity which works with churches and Christian organisations to support socially isolated older people.

This is achieved by establishing befriending projects in local communities in which volunteers visit older people on a weekly or fortnightly basis. Linking Lives UK are currently looking for a Regional Development Officer for the county of Norfolk.

The role will include building partnerships with existing local organisations, identifying priority areas which would benefit from befriending projects and piloting inter-generational groups which bring together children and older people.

For more information about the role and for details of how to apply, go to [www.linkinglives.uk/blog/vacancies/](http://www.linkinglives.uk/blog/vacancies/) or contact Jeremy Sharpe on 07970 100131 or [jeremy@linkinglives.uk](mailto:jeremy@linkinglives.uk)

**Application deadline 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Interviews 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

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## Sunday Service January 19th

**Flowers:** Jane Skivington

**Welcome:** Alan and Sheena

**Refreshments:** Eileen and David

### For Your Diary

**Tuesday January 21st**

**Potter Heigham Study Group**

7.30pm St Nicholas Way

**Wednesday January 22nd**

**Study Group**

7.30pm in the Stables

**Sunday January 26th**

**Church Meeting**

12.30pm

**Thursday January 30th**

**Lunch Club**

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

**Friday January 31st**

**Youth Pop Up Café**

7.00pm In schoolroom

### Ron's Extra Reads

Numbers 27:15-18, 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10  
Hebrews 11:1-7, 1 John 1:1-2, 2 Peter 1:16,  
John 20:30-1

### Quotes of the Week

"The wizard [of Oz] says look inside yourself and find self. God says look inside yourself and find [the Holy Spirit]. The first will get you to Kansas.

The latter will get you to heaven. Take your pick."

"God loves you just the way you are, but He *refuses* to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus. "

"Jesus tends to his people individually. He personally sees to our needs. We all receive Jesus' touch. We experience his care."

*Max Lucado, Experiencing the Heart of Jesus: Knowing His Heart, Feeling His Love*

"If repentance were perfection, none of those people repented. Repentance, however, means recognizing Jesus' authority and submitting to it, even though you know your heart is weak, divided, and pulled in conflicting directions. Repentance includes a plea for God to change your inconsistent divided heart. (Psalm 86:11; Mark 9:24)"

"He changes, encourages, and motivates us not by the uncertainty of fear, but by the security of love."

*J.D. Greear, Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart: How to Know for Sure You Are Saved*