

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 26th January 2020



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Today Ron will be leading and be preaching from John 8:12 –19.

“I AM the Light of the World”

Today we have a Church Meeting at 12.30pm Everyone is Welcome. The agenda can be found at the back of Church.

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 **Keith Sprenger** whose funeral is at 2.00pm on Friday 31st. January prayer cards have been given to **Harts to Me [the card shop] and Break**. Also pray in February for the residents of **The Staithe, Mill Road and Chapelfield**. As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Jenny Jackson**.

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.

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.

Prayers For Today

Dear Lord, help me - every single morning - to find faith in the midst of the chaos. Give me the desire and ability to see You, hear You, talk to You, and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You, and that my faith will multiply exponentially as I understand in new, deeper ways that You are everything I ever hoped You would be.

And so much more. Amen. ~ *Kelly O'Dell Stanley*

Lord, help me let go of my fear of failure. I know Satan wants to use my fears to hold me back from living boldly for You. Forgive me for not living in faith, and help me from this moment on to live with bold confidence in You. Lord, help me not compare myself to others around me. I pray instead that I can keep my eye on You and live a life that proclaims Your excellence. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen. ~ *Rick Warren*

WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday 20th Jerry posted "Please pray for Evelyn's great nephew Robert who recently had a massive heart attack and is currently battling for life in a Glasgow hospital . He is 37 years old. On the same day Doreen asked. "Could you continue to pray for Graham, he is at hospital tomorrow. He is feeling shattered at the moment.

SBC Church Secretary Diana posted on Wednesday. "Hello, I would appreciate very much your prayers. I woke up suddenly at 5.00am with tremendous pain around my chest and rib cage. Scared me rigid. Thought I was having a heart attack. Have been at Staithe Surgery for large part of the morning. Had an ECG to rule out any heart problems but Doctor Harris wanted advice from the hospital as he thinks it may be a perforated ulcer. So now on my way to N&N for further tests. Would be grateful if you could hold me in your prayers. Thanks Diana." Later Diana posted "Thank you all. Still at the N&N waiting for some pain relief medication. I was offered an overnight stay as I have to come back for CT scan tomorrow. But I would rather go home. I'm already a bit stir crazy. The blood tests have shown nothing specific so they can't offer an explanation at the moment." On Thursday Diana reported. "I'm being kept in for at least 24 hours. I have an enlarged spleen which has slightly ruptured. They are investigating the cause. Thank you for your prayers."

Later on Thursday Diana updated "I'm being investigated by haematology. More blood tests. X Rays and waiting for bone marrow test and also a PET scan. But as my spleen has settled down the Surgical team will monitor my haemoglobin for a couple of days, if there is no signs of bleeding they will discharge me on Saturday with outpatient follow ups. Thank you for your prayers. It means a lot." On Friday morning Maureen K posted "I was taken to A&E yesterday after chest tightness and breathlessness, diagnosed as angina and a chest infection. I have to return tomorrow for more tests please pray for positive results."

Next Week at SBC

Monday

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

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Middy

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

Keith Sprenger's Funeral

2.00pm In the Church

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am 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.

Ladies' Breakfast

A ladies' breakfast is being held in the stables on Saturday 22nd February at 8.30am. All ladies are welcome for a time of fellowship and prayer. See Jane for further details.

Fund Raising Meeting

Jane is organising a fund-raising meeting at the Manse on Wednesday 19th February at 10.00am. If you have any ideas please join her that morning. If you have some ideas but can't make the meeting have a chat with Jane.

SBC Web Site

Greg Chapman's excellent SBC web site <https://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/> is well worth a regular look. The Church diary has details of events and activities going on at SBC. You can listen to recent sermons, read the weekly bulletin on line and find lots of information about SBC.

Weekly Prayer Focus Norwich Central Baptist Church

Norwich Central Baptist Church (NCBC) is a large and busy church. It is currently led by pastor Revd Mark Fairweather-Tall and has a regular Sunday congregation of over 200 people.

There is a lively programme of activities at the church including two parent and toddler groups, a lunch club, and a Saturday contact centre. The church is a distribution point for the local Foodbank, and is currently working with other churches on a night shelter project for rough sleepers in Norwich. This started last winter and is being run again this year, operating for three nights a week at NCBC. It is the only night shelter in Norwich, so meets a real and growing need.

In the past year NCBC have started a new work – the Mousehold Hub – located in the former Silver Road Baptist Church premises about a mile away. There is a new community café which engages with people in the area who might not come to church. This is a crossing place for the local community. The work is in the early stages, and already has a successful messy church with over 50 attending.

The Mousehold Hub is also home to a Portuguese speaking congregation (one of three in Norfolk). Paulo and Claudia Mussi are missionaries from Brazil who have come to Norwich to serve the Portuguese speaking people and the local community around Mousehold.

For Prayer

- * For pastor Mark as he moves on in February to become a Regional Minister in South Wales.
- * For the church as it enters a time of ministerial vacancy and begins the search for someone new.
- * The new Mousehold Hub and the opportunities for outreach.
- * For Paulo and Claudia Mussi and the Portuguese speaking congregation.
- * That God will remove the barriers that people without any church experience find difficult.

*"People Can Be Like
Shadows. Always with you
in your brightest moments,
but nowhere to be found
at your darkest hours.*

**Jesus is always the
Light in your darkest
hours"**



Sunday Service February 2nd

Flowers: Jane Skivington
Welcome: Magda and Maggie
Refreshments: David and Norma

For Your Diary

Monday February 3rd

Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

Wednesday February 19th

Fund Raising Meeting

10am at the Manse

Saturday February 22nd

Ladies Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Monday February 23rd

Connect Service

5.00pm in the Stables

Thursday February 27th

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Followed by AGM at 2.00pm

Ron's Extra Reads

**Exodus 13:21, Psalms 27:1, Isaiah 49:6,
Revelations 21:3-4**

Quotes of the Week

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

"When a person consistently hurts others it is because they deeply hurt within their self. They disconnect from that side of them that is accountable for their actions. They cast empathy to the darkest part of their soul and choose to live life not in God's light, but the superficial light of significance (compliments, achievements, status, personal gain, other people's approval and ego). This dimmed light will never be greater than the one God gives to those that consistently show compassion, mercy and empathy. These light deprived souls are the ones that will be the hardest to rescue from hell."

— Shannon L. Alder

"Christmas is God lighting a candle; and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things really are."

— **N.T. Wright, For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church**