

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 2nd February 2020



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Today Pat is leading and Ron will be preaching from John 9:41 -10:10 .
“I AM the door”

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 those in the fellowship who are unwell or currently receiving hospital treatment or awaiting hospital appointments. Also pray in February for the residents of **The Staithe, Mill Road and Chapelfield**. February business prayer cards have been given to **Lords (opticians) and Murrell Cork** .

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Alan and Sheena Jarman**.

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.

Prayers For Today

Father, my heart is heavy. I feel like I have to carry the burden alone. Words like overwhelmed, distraught, exhausted seem to describe where I am. I am not sure how to let you carry my heavy load, so please show me how. Take it from me. Let me rest and be refreshed so that my heart won't be so heavy in the morning. In Jesus' name. Amen. - Ron Moore

God, help me love the life I live right now. Show me the good things I often overlook and help me be content with what I have. Forgive me when I compare myself to others, forgive me for longing for things outside of You and Your kingdom. Thank you for loving me right where I am, right as I am. Help me keep my eyes on you. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Nicki Koziarz

World Day of Prayer

SBC is hosting the World day of Prayer 2020 (Re branded from Women's World Day of Prayer) on Friday 6th March at 2pm. The service has been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe and the theme is "Rise up! Take your mat and walk." Everyone is welcome for further details speak to Magda.

WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Saturday 25th Diana posted "Hi all. They have allowed me out so just arrived home. My clinic appointment letter was waiting. Will be sent for a PET scan before the appointment. So they will have all my tests results to hand. Thank you for your continuing prayers. Trusting in God what ever the outcome."

On Tuesday Jerry posted. An update on Evelyn's great nephew Robert. Evelyn has been informed that an MRI scan showed that Robert (aged 37) had no brain function after the massive heart attack. They have turned off all the machines so it is just a matter of time now. Please pray for Evelyn and her family because the whole thing must have come as such a shock.

On Wednesday Susie English requested "Please pray for John Prosser's family, especially his wife Carol, who have his funeral tomorrow at 12.00pm. A thanksgiving service for all is in March."

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

Next Week at SBC

Monday

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Deacons Meeting

7.30pm in the Stables

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

Study Group

7.30pm in the Stables

Thursday

Pop Up Café

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Filling Station Prayers

7.30pm in the Stables

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



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 then and if you have some ideas but can't make the meeting have a chat with Jane.

Finance

If you were unable to attend the members meeting on Sunday 26th January and would like a copy of the finance report for 2019 (monthly income and expenditure and balance sheet) please speak to me and I will supply you with them writes SBC Treasurer Stewart Marsh. We were very blessed in 2019 to have an excess of income over expenditure which was in some way due to exceptional special donations throughout the year.

We need to think and pray about the finances for 2020. We need a monthly income of £8384. For 11 months of last year we were averaging £958 short of that figure.

Mission - BMS

Just to let everyone know this is a summary of my report to last Sundays church meeting on MISSION - BMS. Writes Geoff Reynolds

First to inform you that the diaconate have decided our new partners to replace Annet and Damien Miller are Bethan and Gareth Shrubsole. I have requested this new partnership to BMS.

A colour copy of their January '20 prayer letter which will be an introduction to them, will be posted at the back of church on the board and black and white copies will be available on the table.

Annet and Damien are completing their BMS service with Home Assignment visits in the coming weeks. Their last visit will be to us here at SBC on Sunday 1st March.

Paul and Sarah Brown will be visiting us on Wednesday 15th July.

I would encouraged folk to sign up for "Engage" the BMS quarterly magazine which brings up to date with things around the world and includes a copy of the Prayer Diary for the quarter.

"Open Doors" The Secret Churches

AROUND THE WORLD MILLIONS OF
CHRISTIANS HAVE TO KEEP THEIR FAITH HIDDEN...

Secret Church organised in the UK for young Christian is an interesting, unusual, even exciting event. It may be different, but it's not dangerous. It's not illegal. We didn't have to worry about being followed, having our names taken, or being arrested for gathering in this way. But the reality is that for many people this is exactly how they have to meet for church. Secret Christians don't want to worship in this way. Their dearest wish is to be allowed to worship freely. But they can't. In places where Christianity is forbidden, most Christians meet secretly in homes. In countries like Somalia or Bhutan, Christians arrive quietly and carefully, one at a time, so as not to draw attention to themselves. And the location might change from week to week. They can find themselves meeting in the most extraordinary places. In a North Korean prison camp, a Christian lady called Hea Woo used to hold ultra-secret church meetings in the toilets. She described her 'toilet church': "I taught them Bible verses and some songs, which we sang almost inaudibly."

The amazing thing is that the church is growing in these places. Slowly, but steadily, people are coming to faith.

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Sunday Service February 9th

Flowers: Gillian Meale
Welcome: Maureen B and Maggie
Refreshments: Dan and Sue

For Your Diary

Monday February 10th
Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barn

Wednesday February 19th

Fund Raising Meeting

10am at the Manse

Saturday February 22nd

Ladies Breakfast

8.30am in the Stables

Sunday 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

Friday March 6th

World Day of Prayer

2.00pm in the Church

Ron's Extra Reads

**Psalms 23, 95, Isaiah 56:9f,
Jeremiah 23:1f, Ezekiel 34**

Quotes of the Week

"Time is precious, so use it wisely in every area of your life including having a relationship with God through "The Door", Jesus Christ! No one knows how much time that they have to live, so don't allow time to run out on you!"

Anita R. Sneed-Carter

"To create a beginning is to fashion an ending. And to experience an ending is to create space for a beginning. And in this choreographed cycle I can always have confidence that any wall is a door waiting to happen."

Craig D. Lounsbrough

"Every man is a door; when the door is closed, just search for the key gently! Remember that every door has a key!"

Mehmet Murat ildan

"Why it's simply impassable!

Alice: Why, don't you mean impossible?

Door: No, I do mean

impassable. *(chuckles)* Nothing's impossible!"

Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in

Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass