

Stalham Baptist Church

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Today Diana is leading and Ron will be preaching from John 10: 11 - 21.

"I am the Good Shepherd" Today is BMS day of prayer.

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 of **John Symonds** whose funeral is on Monday 10th. Also pray for those in the fellowship who are unwell or currently receiving hospital treatment or awaiting hospital appointments. Please 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**.

Please pray for **Abby StJohn** who is organising a mission week at Lancaster University called 2020 Vision on February 24th to 28th. They are desperately trying to raise £6000. Please pray they are successful. [Vision 2020- FUNDRAISING VIDEO.mp4](#).

Please pray for **Maureen K.** as she is unwell at the moment.

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Jane Jones**.

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.

Prayers For Today by John Birch

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find comfort and healing. We bring to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health. You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find justice. We bring to you the brave voices who cry out for freedom, those prepared to stand up and be heard without counting the cost. We pray for those who have been imprisoned or tortured for their race, colour, caste or faith. For all Christians who have taken up the Cross and know its weight and pain. Come, let us bow down **"Before the LORD our Maker"** Amen.

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." It was back in 2012 – eight years ago – that Zimbabwe was invited to prepare the 2020 World Day of Prayer. At that time, the country was facing many challenges.

Since then, Zimbabwe has gone through many changes notably the ousting of Robert Mugabe. But the new dawn that so many had hoped and prayed for has not happened. In fact, life for ordinary Zimbabweans is harder than ever. Everyone is welcome for further details speak to Magda.

WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Tuesday Jerry asked for prayers for Maureen Booth, saying "She has had long term problems with her bones and currently the bones in her elbow have drifted apart. She is in a lot of pain and is on strong antibiotics for a suspected clot, infection or cellulitis. She is seeing the doctor in two days for blood tests to see if the antibiotics have compromised her liver function. She is in a critical position and may be hospitalised on Thursday if the test reveals she needs more medical attention."

On Wednesday Jerry posted a message from Sheena. "A big thank you for all your prayers for Alan. He has an appointment with his Consultant at a Norwich surgery next week." **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

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barn

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Little Fishes

Stalham Pre School 10.00am

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm St Nicholas Way

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Wednesday

Over 60s Table Tennis Club

9.30am to Midday

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

Half Term School Holidays Start

Returning on Monday 24th February

Sunday

Service 10.45am

The human being is not the lord of beings, but the shepherd of Being.

Martin Heidegger



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.

Filling Station

NBFS will be meeting next Monday, 10th February in Hickling Barn at our usual time of 7.00 for 7.30. This month we have invited back, LENISE HUGO, one of the most inspirational speakers we have had over the past four and a half years.



In 1990 Lenise Hugo, a South African solicitor, had a life changing encounter with the Lord which led her to recommit her life to Jesus and start attending Bible College in Johannesburg with

her husband Jan. Lenise moved to the UK in 2011 and has since been involved in ladies ministry teaching bible studies and speaking at churches and home groups.

Lenise has that capacity to take a single verse from scripture and breathe life into it and we certainly look forward to more of that on Monday. We invite everyone to join us, it does not matter if you've never been before, we can assure you of a warm and friendly welcome. Many thanks, David Osbourne.

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.

News Stand

Sat 29th 11.30-1.30pm a soup and roll lunch in aid of Moorfields Eye Hospital for further details speak to Jane.

Coffee and Chat have recently given £300 to Sightsavers. The charity was previously known as the Royal Commonwealth Society for the blind. They work in more than 30 countries worldwide, focussing on Africa and Asia They seek to eliminate blindness and help people with visual impairments and other disabilities. More than 16 million eye examinations were carried out in 2018 and their aim is to free people of diseases that cause eye problems.

Spring has Sprung OK it's only February but seems like Spring. John Applegate is inspecting the daffodil woods next week. So we may need some daffodil pickers in the coming weeks. Over the years a considerable amount of money has been raised for SBC from the sale of the spring flowers.

If you could spare an hour to pick daffs have a chat with John. We could also do with a few people to sell the daffodil bunches outside their homes. Again, if you can help have a chat with John.

Does This Make You Smile?

Victoria writes. I thought this may make some of you smile. Gracie made friends with a girl in our village when she started school, some years back. She is now her best friend and comes from a non Christian home. The girl's mum said to me the other day that her daughter keeps asking for a bible and could I suggest one.

So I sent her photos of the two Gracie has (which over her school years she has taken to school many times as her reading book.... Despite how heavy they make her bag)

The girl's mum ordered them. A few days later as we walked to school we bumped into the family and Gracie's friend was walking to school proudly holding her bible and couldn't wait to show Gracie.

The excitement from both of them was very sweet.

Sunday Service February 16th

Flowers: Doreen Hollebon

Welcome: Elinor and Jill

Refreshments: Alan and Sheena

For Your Diary

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 Schoolroom

Thursday February 27th

Lunch Club

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

Followed by AGM at 2.00pm

Saturday February 29th

Soup and Roll Lunch

11.30am in the Stables

In aid of Moorfields Eye Hospital

Friday March 6th

World Day of Prayer

2.00pm in the Church

Ron's Extra Reads

**Numbers 26:15f, 1 Samuel 17:34f,
Revelations 9:7-10 Matthew 21:33f
Matthew 17:5, 3:17**

Quotes of the Week

"I am like the sick sheep that strays from the rest of the flock. Unless the Good Shepherd takes me on His shoulders and carries me back to His fold, my steps will falter, and in the very effort of rising, my feet will give way." *St. Jerome*

"July 22, 2009. At times I still feel lost, but I also feel the comfort of my Lord through the physical pain and the mental challenges. I know He's there. I can feel Him in the sun beaming down on my brown skin. It feels like love and comfort. It feels like He's holding me when I suffer and I'm not alone."

Jacquelyn Nicole Davis, Trace The Grace: A Memoir

The seaman tells stories of winds, the ploughman of bulls; the soldier details his wounds, the Shepherd his sheep.
Laurence J. Peter

"Bible study without Bible experience is pointless. Knowing Psalm 23 is different from knowing the Shepherd."

Kingsley Opuwari Manuel