

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 16th February 2020



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**Today Barbara is leading and Ron will be preaching from John 10: 22-39.
“The Shepherd knows his sheep” Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper.**

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 **John Prosser** whose thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 8th March 2.00pm at North Walsham Community Centre
Also pray for those in the fellowship who are unwell or currently receiving hospital treatment or awaiting hospital appointments.

Please thank the Lord that **Annet Ttendo- Miller** has at last received her visa and will be with us 1st March

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 continue to pray for **Abby StJohn** who is organising a mission week at Lancaster University called 2020 Vision from February 24th to 28th. Last year the event was successful in bringing students to Jesus. They are desperately trying to raise £6000.
Please pray they are successful. [Vision 2020- FUNDRAISING VIDEO.mp4](#).

As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Cyril and Maureen Kerrison.**

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 **Jane and Cynthia** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Prayers for Today

Lord, you are our Shepherd who seeks out the lost and the sick.

We pray for those we know who are lost in illness and ask you to reassure them with the knowledge that you are watching over them in their suffering and that many are praying for their recovery.

We also pray for all those who are caring for someone who needs support – whether practically or emotionally.

Give them strength and patience in their role and let them know that they matter too. Amen

WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Wednesday Sheena posted “Thank you for all your prayers for Alan’s appointment. It went well and he is now waiting for a CAT scan on his chest to confirm the diagnoses. Please pray the scan appointment will come soon. Thankyou Sheena.”

On the same day Diana updated her situation. “Hi all. Just finished at the clinic. I have, low grade non– Hodgkin Lymphoma. Treatable (not curable) and they want to treat it as my spleen is so large it is pressing on my kidneys. So, it’s 12 weeks of Chemo in 3 weekly cycles—The consultant was positive expecting that treatment to put me into remission. Depends of course on how my body reacts to the Chemo which will be reviewed.

Hoping the treatment will start on the 25th Feb. Thank you for your continued prayers.”

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

Next Week at SBC

Monday

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

Fund Raising Meeting

10.00am at the Manse

All welcome

Study Group

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

Saturday

Ladies Breakfast

8.30pm in the Stables

Sunday

Service 10.45am

Connect Service

5.00pm in the Schoolroom

Josh will be speaking



“The sheep are often scattered and lost because the Shepherds are often busy with their own self interests.”

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.

Finance Report

Stalham Baptist Church Finance 2020

| | | | | Monthly | Target |
|---------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------|
| | Expenditure | Income | Excess/-Deficit | Target | Short Fall |
| January | 10207.34 | 5251.37 | -4955.97 | 8834 | -3582.63 |

Explanatory notes from SBC Treasurer Stewart Marsh.

Expenditure is simply all our expenses for the month.

Income is all our income including collections standing orders, BACS payments donations and income from hiring out the stables and schoolroom and fund-raising events.

The excess or deficit is simply the income less expenses showing that in January we have an income shortfall of £4955.97

The monthly target is the figure I believe we need to be close to meeting our financial commitments for 2020, divided by twelve.

I hope to publish monthly updates in the bulletin to keep you all informed on our financial position.

Mobility Scooter Going Free

Flika Henwood has a mobility scooter that is no longer used. It is in good condition and has been regularly serviced. She is happy to give the scooter to anyone who is in need of creating some independence by using a mobility scooter. For more details phone Sarah on 07766 513933.

Reminders

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.

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 and let her know if you are attending.

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

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.

If you have access to social media or local community sites please flag up this event.

Has baptism been on your mind?

Believer's baptism is a very special moment on the journey of faith. It is a moment when God's presence and blessing meets us, and when we make our personal commitment of faith in Jesus as Lord.

It signifies the end of our old life and of being born again to new life in Christ. It speaks of repentance and cleansing, of being united with Christ in his death and resurrection, and of witnessing to the call of God upon our lives. Baptism is also about receiving God's Spirit for service in the church and in the world. Please speak to Ron if baptism is on your mind.

Sunday Service February 23rd

Flowers: Jane Dalton

Welcome: Maggie and Barbara W

Refreshments: Diana and Maggie

For Your Diary

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

Friday March 20th

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Ron's Extra Reads

Isaiah 35: 5-6, Deuteronomy 18:15,

Psalms 82:1&6, Exodus 21:1-6, 22:9

Luke 4: 16, Isaiah 61:1-2

Quotes of the Week

And in the naked light I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never share
And no one dare disturb the sound of silence
"Fools" said I, "You do not know
Silence like a cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you"
But my words like silent raindrops fell
And echoed in the wells of silence
And the people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets
Are written on the subway walls
And tenement halls"
And whisper'd in the sounds of silence
Simon and Garfunkel The sound of silence

Yes, the minds of these people are now closed.
They have ears, but they don't listen. They have eyes, but they refuse to see. If their minds were not closed, they might see with their eyes; they might hear with their ears; they might understand with their minds. Then they might turn back to me and be healed.'

Acts 28:27 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)