

Stalham Baptist Church

New Years Day 2016



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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

May you shine
the light of
Christ in the
New Year.

Today's Ron is leading an "All Age Service"

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday.

Please take a "Welcome" booklet and also would you kindly sign our visitor's 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.

What's on this week?

Monday	2 nd	Church Open for Prayer	10am -12 noon	Church
Tuesday	3 rd	Coffee and Chat	9.30am -11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	4 th	Over 60's Table Tennis	9.30am -12 noon	Schoolroom
Thursday	5 th	Filling Station	7.30pm	Stables
Friday	6 th	Prayer For Revival	7.00pm	Church
Sunday	8 th	Sunday Service	10.45am	Church

For your Prayers:

Pray in December for the residents of **Strawberry Fields and Chapel Court.**

Praying through the Church Directory, please remember **Thomas Maile**

TWAM's depot in Penarth is the collecting point for South and West Wales. Volunteers then sort, clean, refurbish and repair the donated items ready for transfer to the Coventry or Ipswich depots.

Praise give thanks for the volunteers who come into Penarth every Tuesday and Thursday, and for the local collectors who help keep them supplied with goods.

Prayer Requests Please pray for more people to be willing to become collectors in Wales, particularly north of the M4 corridor.

Also pray for more volunteers to help with tool refurbishment and sorting haberdashery at Penarth.

Prayers for the New Year

- We pray the year ahead, that we go forward in faith, in **Christ's love and with the desire to make Jesus increasingly the centre of all we are and do.**
- **Almighty God**, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Lord we pray that 2017 will bring greater self-determination to the 4,389,482,400 people in the world who have little or no freedom. We pray that 1 percent of humanity who owns more than the other 99 percent will in your name share their wealth. Enter the hearts of those divorced from the realities of the bulk of mankind. **Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."** Warm their hearts and open their eyes to the impact of their actions on humanity and their own salvation. Lord bless the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that has donated \$35.7 billion to projects throughout the world under the banner **All Lives Have Equal Value.** Help all those of wealth to follow the Bill and Melinda Gates maxim "we are impatient optimists working to reduce inequality." In Jesus name Amen.

Dates for your diary:

January	9 th	Filling Station Hickling Barn 7.30pm.
"	10 th	Potter Heigham House Group 7.30pm.
"	11 th	Study Group Stables 7.30 pm.
"	12 th	Lunch Club restarts.
"	12 th	Pop up Café restarts.
"	14 th	Focus Morning Church 10-12 looking at Schoolroom proposals.
"	16 th	Marvellous Monday restarts.
"	21 st	Men's breakfast Stables 8.30am



Peter and Elaine Thanks To Church Family: We would like to thank Ron and the Church family at Stalham for their love and support throughout the years we've been here. We believe God moved us to Mundesley and that we are here to serve Him in the Baptist Church and Community here in Mundesley.

God bless you all and we do hope you will stay in touch. We will!!!

Candlelight Carol Service: The hugely successful candlelight service raised £454.56. Thanks to all those who work so hard to create a wonderful festive occasion. Picture above Gracie Nicholson singing "Away in a Manger."

Carols at the Swan: The Carol Concert at the Swan Inn was a big success with Church members and the pubs locals joining in the singing. Elaine, the Landlady provided copious amounts of sausage rolls and lovely mince pies. (See picture right)



Update on Isaac Skivington: His treatment finished yesterday. Thank you for all your prayers over the last three and half years, please keep praying as the next few years will bring new challenges to the family.

John White's Thought for the Week

It's said Left handed folk are intelligent! I'm left handed?? Judges 7 vs.20. Left hand and Right hand, one for Light and one for noise. The enemy unwisely are in a valley, 'as numerous as Locusts' vs.12! Gideon and his little army overcame them! Matthew 5 vs.14-15, lights on a hill, not a valley, nor hidden in a basket [pitcher]!

Quotes for the New Year

"Our evolution depends on our memory. If we keep forgetting the mistakes of the past, only to keep repeating them, then we will never change. And if we keep recycling through the exact same kind of leaders—the kind who do not propel us forward, but only hold us back—then perhaps what we really need now is a completely different style of leadership altogether. We need heart-driven leaders, not strictly mind-driven ones. We need compassionate humanitarians, not greedy businessmen. Peacemakers, not war instigators. We need unity, not division. Angels, not devils."

Suzy Kassem, Born 1975 is an American writer, poet, philosopher, and multi-faceted artist of Egyptian origin.

"Only you have the power to determine whether your future mimics your past."
Skip Prichard American writer of Leadership Insights.

"What's potentially the greatest advice of all time? Remain childlike. Be open. Be adventurous. Be curious. Be eager to learn. Be genuine, not least to yourself. Don't judge. Acknowledge the wonder of life and the amazing experience it brings." *Henk Schram Author of the Crack the Egg program.*

**For next week's bulletin please kindly give or send items to David Child 07799262645
bulletin@stalhambaptist.co.uk before 7pm on Wednesday.**

Contact Stalham Baptist Church on 01692 582731

Next Week's Service Sunday 8th January

Flowers: Magda Nicholls

Welcome: Maggie and Cynthia

Refreshments: Anne West and Jane