

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin 1st March 2020



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Today Pat is leading and Annet and Damien Miller will be preaching.

During Lent we will look briefly at events leading to Easter, this morning it's the "anointing in Bethany."

Ron is at Gunton Baptist Church this Sunday

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.

A Big Welcome To Annet, Damien Patience and Conrad

SBC is partnered with three couples working in different countries whose focus is on Justice issues Health, Education and Leadership. Today we will say goodbye to Annet and Damien who have been working for BMS in Mozambique as they move on to new projects. Annet is a Ugandan lawyer who previously worked as Project Director of BMS' partner, the Ugandan Christian Lawyers' Fraternity and has a passion for empowering and inspiring women and girls. In 2012 she moved to Mozambique to work for the Mozambican Association of Christian Lawyers (AMAC) - a BMS partner involved in legal justice work. Damien has been working to increase awareness of the law, legal rights, and the character of justice in scripture within the local context of justice in Mozambique. He has been linking justice ministry with wider development goals such as the eradication of poverty.

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. Please pray for **Annet, Damien, Patience and Conrad**. Please also pray in March for the residents of **Bank Street, Dace Terrace & Recreation Road**. March business prayer cards have been given to **Jimmy Tooley's and Co-op funeral directors**. As we pray through the new Church Directory, please remember **Linda and Stewart Marsh**. 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.

WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Tuesday 25th Sue StJohn posted "Matti has lost his rucksack plus visa and passport on the train at Cambridge."

Please pray it is returned as he is meant to travel to the Congo on March 8th. Victoria posted that Poppy had had a check-up that day and that she has continued to stay in remission despite stopping her treatment 4 months ago because it was becoming toxic to her body. Unfortunately tests on Tuesday showed protein leaking at the highest level but she was hopeful that it was a one off as she has been so well recently. However, they did discuss the treatment she would need if she was to relapse, just in case.

Nephrotic syndrome has no cure and several months ago Victoria and Poppy signed up to 2 research projects to help find one. On Tuesday they both had a blood test to help the research. Victoria was super proud of Poppy as despite having had a lot of blood tests and saying they don't actually hurt she always gets extremely anxious about having them. Obviously, Tuesday's blood test wasn't compulsory but she still agreed to do it.

Victoria posted on Thursday that thankfully Poppy's level of protein leaking had gone down and thanked everyone for their prayers.

Help Needed

Ron needs some helpers to provide the Sunrise Easter Breakfast which will be cereal and filled rolls. The Sunrise service at How Hill start at 6.30am and people return to the Stables for something to eat, tea and coffee. If you can help have a chat with Ron.

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 Cafe

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

World Day of Prayer

2.00pm in the Church

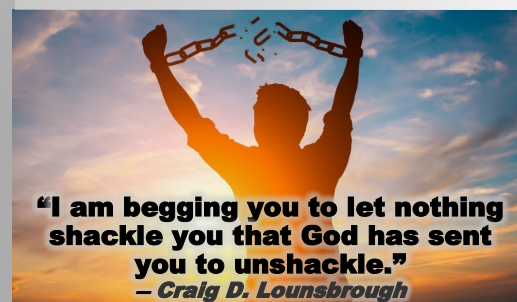
Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday

Service 10.45am



"I am begging you to let nothing shackle you that God has sent you to unshackle."

- Craig D. Lounsbrough

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.

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 sites like Next Door Stalham please flag up this important event at SBC

A Big Thank You From Jane

Thank you to all the ladies who came to the prayer breakfast. I have given £47 to the church funds as you all gave so generously. Many thanks Jane.

Men's Breakfast

Don't miss the men's breakfast on 14th March starting at 8.30am in the stables. The speaker is Ivor Charsley from the Lighthouse, Sheringham. Talking about the Gideons.

Alan will be announcing the speaker for the 9th May VE Celebration Breakfast for Men and Women in the near future.

Filling Station

David Osbourne writes. I just wanted to flag up our next meeting which will be on Monday week, 9th March. Unfortunately our February meeting was hit by a combination of inclement weather conditions and a lot of sickness which meant our numbers were well down but those of us who were able to be there received a powerful blessing when Lenise Hugo spoke to us on 'The Power in the Blood of Jesus'.

Next month we have invited SAM MOONEY from Soul Church in Norwich. For those who are not aware, Soul Church is growing exponentially and planning to move to a purpose built, multi million-pound new church, so it is a privilege to have a member of their ministry team as our speaker. We pray that weather conditions and people's health will allow for a good attendance.

Please pray for Sam as he prepares to come and speak to us and pray that our evening will be a time of rich blessing. As usual, our team will meet in The Stables for prayer next Thursday 5th March at 7.30. Remember all are welcome; just by being there gives us a great sense of strength and unity but we understand this is not possible for everyone although everyone can pray in their own special place. We very much look forward to seeing you all on Monday 9th March at the usual time of 7.00 for 7.30.

Young People Coming To Jesus

Sue StJohn posted information on the WhatsApp prayer room about the work Abi and Matti StJohn were involved in, to bring young people to Jesus. Abi said about the CU event at Lancaster University "All kicks off on Monday please pray. 1 THANK God that he's provided abundant provision. 2 Pray for students to attend (Its during the strikes so may be less students on campus) and Salvation. 3 Pray for the CU members and speakers that we'd rely on God and share Jesus bodily!! And be full of faith to see God move! Mark 11v22. She later said "Monday went well. They loved the Mark's Gospel. God said to them to enjoy everyone who comes along."

Matti StJohn had been involved in a youth event at Letton Hall Sue asked him for some feed-back. He replied "About 20 young people got on their knees at our evening meeting and gave their life to Jesus many where not from Christian homes. I've never seen anything like it. Was absolutely crazy that we all survived. This is only the beginning! God has an amazing plan for the youth in Norwich and we want to join in!

Sunday Service March 8th

Flowers: Janet Nicholson
Welcome: Christine and Robert
Refreshments: Barbara and Ben

For Your Diary

Friday March 6th

World Day of Prayer

2.00pm in the Church

Monday March 9th

Filling Station

7.00 for 7.30pm Hickling Barn

Friday March 20th

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

Sunday March 29th

Connect Service

5.00pm In schoolroom

Quotes of the Week

"I believe that Jesus would have given His life for just one person. Jesus emptied Himself, He humbled Himself and He so yielded Himself to His Father's love that He had no ambition of His own. He was not looking to build an empire, He did not want praise or adulation or to impress people with who or how many followed Him. He stopped over and over again for just one person, for just one life."

Heidi Baker, Learning to Love: Passion, Compassion and the Essence of the Gospel

"If we're going to impact our world in the name of Jesus, it will be because people like you and me took action in the power of the Spirit. Ever since the mission and ministry of Jesus, God has never stopped calling for a movement of "Little Jesuses" to follow him into the world and unleash the remarkable redemptive genius that lies in the very message we carry. Given the situation of the Church in the West, much will now depend on whether we are willing to break out of a stifling herd instinct and find God again in the context of the advancing kingdom of God."

Alan Hirsch, The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church

"Much of religion is about forcing others to become something they are not. God's desire in sending us out into the world to serve, on the other hand, is about enabling us to become something we are: members of the Body of Christ, a community that knows and extends God's shalom to the world."

C. Andrew Doyle, Vocatiō: Imaging a Visible Church