

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin 8th March 2020



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**Today Barbara is leading and Ron will be preaching from John 13:36-14:6**

**"I am the Way the Truth and the Life"**

**During Lent we will look briefly at events leading to Easter, this morning it's John 13: 1f "Jesus washes the disciple's feet."**

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 all those in the fellowship who are awaiting, undergoing or recovering from medical treatment.

Please also pray in March for the residents of Bank Street, Dace Terrace and 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 **Gillian Meale**.

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.

### Prayer for the Day

Loving God, you show yourself to us in so many different ways: in times of joy and of sorrow, in experiences of beauty and of challenge, in periods of rest and of activity. In whatever state we find ourselves in, help us to be open to experience Your presence as good news, and help us to respond by sharing that good news in word and action, that others may know the wonder of your love. Amen.

Ian Howarth, Birmingham Methodist District Chair

### WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Monday 2nd Jerry posted "Please remember us in your prayers as we begin our 12-hour journey to Kenya. We'll be departing soon. We will let you know when we arrive." He later said "Thanks a lot for praying for us. We had a long journey. The kids are now getting used to the new everything around them."

On Tuesday Diana posted. "My first round of treatment has gone without a hitch. The nurse tells me that any side effects will kick in over the next few days. I have got anti sickness tablets to take for next three days then also to take as required after that. Thank you for your continued prayers. Love you all X."

On the same day Sue StJohn posted. "Just had dinner with Bishop Graham and maybe 200 local Anglicans at St Mary's. Very inspiring. He encouraged us all to pray the Lord's Prayer daily (or whenever we are washing our hands to take time to do this as an act of worship.

Already recognising that God is already present in every situation." On Wednesday Ruth Hayward asked. "Can you pray for my husband Simon who is having surgery tomorrow due to breaking his collar bone in to four pieces." Ruth later thanked everyone for their 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**

**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

**Prayer for Revival**

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

**Wednesday**

**Over 60s Table Tennis Club**

9.30am to Middyay

**Thursday**

**Lunch Club**

12.00 for 12.30pm in the Stables

**Pop Up Cafe**

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

**Men's Breakfast**

8.30pm in the Stables

**Sunday**

**Service 10.45am**



Gloria and Lorraine visited Julie Gunton at half term. She really enjoys living in the Care home in Oakham Rutland.

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.

## 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.

## Church Meeting

The Church meeting is on Thursday April 23rd at 7.30pm. Diana Gordon, Henry Nicholson and David Child will be standing to be re-elected as Deacons for another three years.

## Moorfields Roll and Soup Lunch

Jane says "A big thank you to everyone who contributed to and came to the soup and bread lunch last Saturday in aid of Moorfields Eye Hospital. It was greatly appreciated; we have raised £339.49 to date. I'm so pleased.

## Financial Information

With the decision of the deacons to place financial information on the forum rather than include it in the Bulletin, it is important to ensure as many people as possible become aware of when it is published. Writes Webmaster Greg Chapman. Therefore, I also plan to "subscribe" all those with an email address to the forum in the coming week, so the Bulletin should include a statement to this effect too: In the coming week all in the church fellowship with an email address known to the church will begin to receive emails announcing all new posts made on the Church Forum. The forum can be accessed directly at: <https://forum.stalhambaptist.org.uk/> (There's also a link to it in the footer of every page on the web site.) If you have not already done so you will need to "register" your email address to access the messages that have been posted. Should the emails become intrusive you'll find they always include a footer with a link for you to stop them coming - to "unsubscribe" in the jargon of the Internet,. It is also possible to refine and filter the types of information you receive. Email [webmaster@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@stalhambaptist.org.uk) to find out more about that. ***If you do not have internet access Stewart will have printed copies of the monthly financial information available on Sunday.***

## Open Doors World Watch List for 2019

- **North Korea (1)** tops the World Watch List for the 18th year in a row. Despite its ranking in the top slot it did free three Korean-American Christians from a North Korean prison.
- Persecution of Christians is getting worse. Five years ago, only one country - North Korea - was ranked in the 'extreme' category for its level of persecution of Christians. This year, 11 countries score enough to fit that category.
- **China (27)** has risen 16 places in the list after new Regulations for Religious Affairs came into force in February 2018.
- In **Myanmar (formerly Burma) (18)** tens of thousands of members of the Karen tribe - a majority-Christian ethnic tribe - have been killed and least 120,000 displaced.
- **India (10)** has entered the top ten for the first time. The BJP-led government continues to promote an extremist militant Hindu agenda.
- In **Turkey (26)** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been stirring up ultra-nationalistic sentiment for some time and this has caused added difficulties for Christians in Turkey, especially Evangelicals.
- As radical Islam has been forced out of the Middle East, it has spread into sub-Saharan Africa. Almost 30 violent Islamic extremist groups are known to be active in the region.
- Islamic militants also have also gained strength in failed states like **Somalia (3)**, **Libya (4)** and **Yemen (8)**, where they continue to recruit, and capture pockets of territory. The two places where Christians suffer the most violence are Nigeria (12) and Pakistan (5).

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## Sunday Service March 15th

**Flowers:** Julia Maile  
**Welcome:** Maureen and Cyril  
**Refreshments:** Elaine and Maggie

### *For Your Diary*

**Wednesday March 18th**

### *Study Group*

7.30pm in the Stables

**Friday March 20th**

### *Youth Pop Up Café*

7.00pm In schoolroom

**Sunday March 29th**

### *Connect Service*

5.00pm In schoolroom

**Thursday April 23rd**

### *Church Meeting*

7.30pm in the Church

**Friday April 24th**

### *St Georges Day Meal and Quiz*

6.30pm In the Stables

## Ron's Extra Reads

**John 17:24, 2 Peter 1:11, 1 Peter 1:4, Hebrews 11:16, Deuteronomy 5:32f, Isaiah 35:8**

## Quotes of the Week

"One thing God has been showing me is that I'm not called to save the world, just to point those He places in my life towards the right way."

*J.R. Rim*

"There was rarely an obvious branching point in a person's life. People changed slowly, over time. You didn't take one step, then find yourself in a completely new location. You first took a little step off the path to avoid some rocks.

For a while, you walked alongside the path, but then you wandered out a little way to step on softer soil. Then you stopped paying attention as you drifted farther and farther away.

Finally, you found yourself in the wrong city, wondering why the signs on the roadway hadn't led you better."

*Brandon Sanderson*

"You push the TRUTH off a cliff, but it will always fly. You can submerge the TRUTH under water, but it will not drown. You can place the TRUTH in the fire, but it will survive. You can bury the TRUTH beneath the ground, but it will arise. TRUTH always prevails!"

*Amaka Imani Nkosazana*