

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday January 15th 2017

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



**Today Pat is leading and Ron is preaching from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30
"If the Son sets you free, You are free indeed!"**

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.

This Sunday is Prayer and Praise at 7.00pm in the Church.

What's on this week?

Monday	16 th	Church Open for Prayer Deacons Meeting	10.00am -12 noon 7.30pm	Church Stables
Tuesday	17 th	Coffee and Chat	9.30am - 11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	18 th	Over 60's Table Tennis Prayers for Persecuted Church	9.30am -12 noon 10.30am - 11.30am	Schoolroom 6 St Johns Road
Thursday	19 th	Pop Up Cafe	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Schoolroom
Saturday	21 st	Prayer Powerhouse Men's Breakfast Church Walk	8.00am - 9.00am 8.30am 10.30am	Church (Side Door) Stables Start Catfield Church
Sunday	22 nd	Sunday Morning Service Sydney House Service	10.45am 3.30pm	Church Sydney House

For your Prayers:

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Linda and Stewart Marsh**. In January pray for the residents of **Strawberry Fields and Chapel Court**.

TWAM. The Centre of Hope Zambia is training young people and older women using TWAM sewing and knitting machines in the Pastor's home, whilst planning to build a church and training center.

Praise Give thanks for Pastor David and his willingness to use his own home for training members of the community.

Thank the Lord that they have been able to acquire a field in readiness for building the church and training center. Praise God for the witness of the church ladies who invite others from their community to come and join their knitting group.



Please pray that young people will be better equipped to earn a living in their rural community after training at the Centre of Hope.

Pray for the older ladies who learn knitting, that they will be able to support their families by making and selling knitted items.

Please pray for Mavis, that she will fulfil her ambition to open a tailoring shop and be able to learn knitting. Pray that she will earn enough for her children to get a good education. <http://www.twam.uk/zambia>

Gorleston Baptist Church; we have an ending and a beginning. Our pastor Paul Smith is leaving us at the end of December after nearly ten years. We say goodbye to him and to Jan, his wife, who was our worship leader. We wish them God's blessing in their future and thank them for their years of service to us as a fellowship. Now the new beginnings! We have no idea of what God has in store for us in the coming months, but look forward to it. He is good, and blesses us as His children, won for Him by the death of His Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, so we place into His hands our future. We ask you to pray for unity for us as His church, and that we will always be open to the leading of The Holy Spirit

Dates for your diary:

- January 22nd Sydney House Service 3.30pm. All welcome.
- " 28th Burns Night Supper 7.00pm.
- 29th Church Meeting after the service at 12.30pm.

Men's Breakfast: The next men's breakfast is on Saturday 21st January at 8 - 30am in the Stables with bacon butties cereals etc. and **Steve English** is giving a short talk. Cost is £3 and any money left over goes into missionary funds. Please give your name to Alan Jarman by today Sunday 15th January.

The Persecuted Church: Prayers for Persecuted Church 10.30 to 11.30am Wednesday 18th January at 6, St Johns Road Stalham. For further details speak to Eileen or David Neil.



Peters Cat by Steve English

Church Walk: On Saturday 21st. Walk starts at Catfield Church at 10.30am easy walking for our first 2017 walk. We would love to see old and new walkers; any questions see or ring Barbara or Ben on 01692-597075.

Rhoda Norton: is home and visitors are welcome please speak to Ron if you would like to go.

Town Hall Stall: We are having a stall in town hall Tuesday 31st January from 9am. These have been a great success in "reaching out." If anyone is able to help give out free materials and talk to people speak to Ron.

Burns Night: This year's Burns Night Supper will be on January 28th at 7.00pm in the Stables. Don't miss this fun packed evening with a choice of food including some traditional Scottish fayre. The meal will be followed by some activities in the schoolroom including a quiz and some fun games. Kilts, bagpipes and sgian dubh optional. Please book with either Jane or Lorraine for an evening of food and fun. All monies raised will go to the Building Fund.

Volunteers Needed: Would you be able to help clear up after the Burns meal so all those who have worked hard cooking and preparing and serving up can join in with the great activities planned in the schoolroom. Speak to Jane or Lorraine.

Food Bank: This December Stalham Baptist Church contributed 40.45KG of food which helped towards a total of 23105.3KG. Thank you once again for your generosity. **This month we are desperately short of;**

Cuppa Soup >Tinned Fruit > Tinned Meat.

Thank you all for a very abundant Christmas! As you can tell from our new list of needed items our food stocks are looking very healthy! If you would like to make a financial donation it would be most welcome. You can donate using cash, cheques, bank transfer or standing order. Cash can be dropped off at any of our distribution centres see our website for locations <https://cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/locations/> Cheques are to be made payable to Cromer & District Foodbank and can also be dropped off or posted to us at - *Cromer District Foodbank, Corner of West Street & Hall Road Cromer NR27 9DT*

JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Resuscitate'; one good lady had tattooed on her person 'Do not resuscitate'. Ezekiel 37, Israel resuscitated bones, flesh and BREATH! John 20 vs.22, for a later day i.e. Pentecost. [*Breath on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,.....*]

Quote of the Week

For too many of us, it's become safer to retreat into our own bubbles, whether in our neighbourhoods or college campuses or places of worship or our social media feeds, surrounded by people who look like us and share the same political outlook and never challenge our assumptions. The rise of naked partisanship, increasing economic and regional stratification, the splintering of our media into a channel for every taste – all this makes this great sorting seem natural, even inevitable. And increasingly, we become so secure in our bubbles that we accept only information, whether true or not, that fits our opinions, instead of basing our opinions on the evidence that's out there. *President Barak Obama 10th January 2017*

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 22nd January

Flowers: Jane Skivington

Welcome: Robert and Jenny

Refreshments: Steve and Suzie

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