

Stalham Baptist Church

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**Today Ron is leading and will be preaching from Mark 1:14 -17, 8:34 -38. "I am the way" [take 2]
This Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.**

During Lent we will look briefly at events leading to Easter, this morning it's John 14:15-18 Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.
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 **Jane and Cynthia** in the prayer tent at the back of the Church.

Prayer for the Day

Lord, as around us the threat of illness grows, help me to think beyond my own needs. Maybe survival dictates that we centre in on ourselves and our close family and take more than our fair share. Lord it is in times of crisis that your example shines in the people that love You.

Help me only to take from the supermarket shelves what I need, leaving commodities for others. Give me the grace to pray in a holistic way. To be able to see that in times of difficulty it's the weakest and most vulnerable that will go hungry, be unable to access their required care and medical needs.

I pray for those in unprotected employment of zero hours, the gig economy and self-employment whose income will plummet if illness strikes and self-confinement becomes necessary.

Lord I pray that the lessons of a world that is governed by greed, where the 26 richest billionaires own as many assets as the 3.8 billion people who make up the poorest half of the planet's population, will be learnt. That wealth will be spread, enabling those in poverty to live in conditions that would reduce the possibility of animal viruses being transmitted to human hosts resulting in our current situation. Amen

WhatsApp Virtual Prayer Room

On Tuesday 10th prayers were sort by David for Marc Child who had been admitted to James Padget Hospital with pancreatitis. Later David posted "Thank you for your prayers Marc is in a lot of pain and is likely to be in hospital for some days."

On Wednesday Diana posted "Hi all. Just got back from the clinic. Everything is good. Bloods as expected and my specialist was surprised that when he examined my tummy, he could no longer feel anything abnormal. So now its 3 more treatments then a scan and if it is in remission, I would expect to do 2 more treatments. Otherwise another 4. I can also report that so far the side effects have been minimal. God is good. Thanks be to Him for His mercies and thank you all for your continued prayers and support."

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

Daffodils

Edna has bunches of daffodils outside her house in St Johns Road to raise money for SBC and John could do with a few more volunteers to pick them.

Next Week at SBC

Tuesday

Coffee and Chat

9.30 to 11.30am In the Stables

Prayer for Revival

9.30am Three Windows Brumstead Rd

Potter Heigham Study Group

7.30pm St Nicholas Way

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

Friday

Food Bank and Citizens Advice Service

1.30 to 3.00pm In the Stables

Youth Pop Up Café

7.00pm In schoolroom

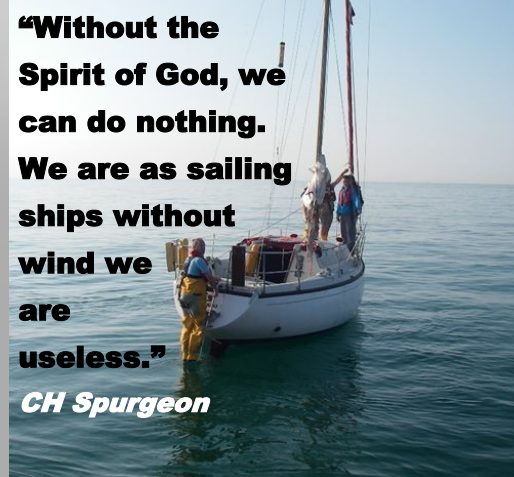
Saturday

Getting together to PRAY!

8.00 to 9.00am In the Church

Sunday

Service 10.45am



"Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as sailing ships without wind we are useless."

CH Spurgeon

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.

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.

More "Forum" Information from Greg

Those who have attempted to download it in the normal way will have discovered that their web browser will report that the site is unsafe. As a result, most browsers will refuse you access to the part of the site that holds the church's forum.

The reason for this is that the company that hosts the church web site is currently having significant problems and they have failed to renew the "certificate" that browsers rely on to verify that the encryption on the data transfer between the church's forum and your browser has been put in place by the hosts of the church's forum and not some imposter site.

Given that this is just a certification issue and all the evidence I have is that the site you reach is genuine, I am happy to advise you that if your browser does allow you to over-ride the warning then it remains safe to access the forum.

News Stand

Prayers for the Persecuted Church at the home of David and Eileen on Wednesday 25th March from 10.30-11.30 am.

As a precaution relating to the Coronavirus viruses the electric hand dryers have been switched off in the toilets. Please use the paper hand towels.

February Cromer Food Bank Information

During February SBC contributed 11.3kg of food which helped towards a monthly total of 2947.79kg. We rely on donations, both food and financial, to operate and we are extremely grateful when people choose to support us. So, thank you for thinking of us and enabling us to serve the people in crisis across our district.

Thank you for your support and generosity without which the foodbank work would not be possible. During March the following items would be very welcome: Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fish, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tea, Long Life Milk – Semi skimmed or Full fat, Instant Snacks – just add hot water, Sponge Pudding, Custard, Jam, Fruit Juice/Squash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toilet Rolls, Children's Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Easter Eggs. Please note that we cannot accept any fresh food or items that contain alcohol.

World Day of Prayer

On 6 March, Christian women from 170 countries observed a World Day of Prayer, drawing millions of people together for a healing message in a divisive world. The 2020 theme was "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," based on John 5:2-9a, and has been crafted by the World Day of Prayer Zimbabwe Committee.

SBC hosted a local World Day of Prayer brilliantly organised by Magda Nichols. Around 50 people attended and they created a very positive atmosphere. Three local people who had spent many years living in Zimbabwe attended and chatted to those joining in from many local churches. After the service people enjoyed tea, coffee and cakes. Magda said "We were encouraged to reflect on the conditions and unrest that have plague Zimbabwe over many years and to pray for peace and reconciliation thanks to everyone who participated helping to make it such a meaningful service as we joined with people in countries around the world. £200.10 was raised going to World Day of Prayer in Kent."

Commenting on the World Council of Churches web site about the day of prayer Rev. Nicole Ashwood, WCC programme executive for Just Community of Women and Men stated, "As we pause and pray for others, we resist the notion that women cannot overcome the hurdles of abuse or inequalities we face. Let's work together to improve the lives of women and their families, one gift, one prayer at a time."

Sunday Service March 22nd

Flowers: Mothering Sunday

Welcome: Maureen B and Rita

Refreshments: Alan and Sheena

For Your Diary

Monday March 23rd

Monday Club

3.00 to 4.30pm In schoolroom

Wednesday March 25th

Prayers for the Persecuted Church

10.30 to 11.30am at David and Eileen's home

Sunday March 29th

Connect Service

5.00pm In schoolroom

Monday March 30th

Prayer Meeting

7.00 to 8.00pm In the Church

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

**Psalms 1, John 1:35f,
Matthew 4:1-11, 19-34**

Quotes of the Week

Hard times are only the other side of good times, but have you ever wished hard times were gone?

You know what it's like to wish good times would come.

Seems like a long time, seems like a long time. Seems like a long, long time.

Rod Stewart "Seems like a long time"

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

A long way from home, a long way from home

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost done

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost done

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost done

And a long, long way from home, a long way from home" *Traditional spiritual song*

God didn't send Jesus to praise the perfect.

He didn't place him on the cross for those who had it all together. He gave his son so

that those of us who were lost could return home. We would have had no other

way. This broke God's heart so much that he came for us. He is the same God today

who fought for you then. When we find ourselves lost once again, we can turn to

the cross and remember that Jesus points the way home. *Christian Crier*

Luke 19:10 (ERV) "The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."