

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday January 22nd 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

**Today Diana is leading, and Ron will preach from Exodus 21:2-6, 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2
"To be a good servant"**

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.

Sydney House Service today at 3.30pm. All welcome.

What's on this week?

Monday	23 rd	Church Open for Prayer	10.00am - 12 noon	Church
Tuesday	24 th	Coffee and Chat	9.30am - 11.30am	Stables
Wednesday	25 th	Over 60's Table Tennis Study Group	9.30am - 12 noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Thursday	26 th	Lunch Club Pop Up Café	12.15pm 2.30pm - 4.30pm	Stables Schoolroom
Saturday	28 th	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	29 th	Sunday Morning Service	10.45am	Church

For your Prayers:

"Prayer with a Purpose (from Drop in Meetings). To stand together and pray for God's vision, plans, ideas and inspiration for SBC.

Feedback both written and verbal from looking at the plans highlighted the need for prayer regarding the proposed refurbishment of the schoolroom and anti-rooms. With this in mind Frank and Monica have offered to hold a prayer meeting at their home 50 Brumstead Road this Friday 27th January between 10.00am to 11.00am. You are most welcome to drop in.

There will also be a prayer meeting at my home in East Ruston (a few doors away from Gregg and Diana's) on Tuesday 24th January at 7pm. Please phone Maggie for directions 01692 583121. If anyone else from the fellowship would like to open their homes for prayer please would you let David have details for the Bulletin?

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 at the back of the Church.

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

Jerry on His Way: Jerry is now starting the process of completing all the paperwork to join us. Please pray that this will be a smooth journey for Gerry and his family.

Great Yarmouth Park Baptist Church; we continue to thank God for all the blessings received during 2016. We give thanks for Pastor Leda Schofield, who left us at the end of the year, and for her work here with the Portuguese speaking community. We thank God that He has found us a replacement minister in Pastor Jorge Damasceno who begins ministry here in January.

*We are about to embark on new mission through becoming a **CAP Centre**. God has truly opened doors and blessed us throughout this process. We have had **4 Baptisms this year**, run an Alpha course in the Summer and continue to forge Christian links to the playgroup parents recently providing Advent Calendars with the Christmas story to every child.*

*We thank God for the new people coming through the doors, 6 new members this year and the continued support from all the church congregations for the support that enables **God to move in Great Yarmouth**. Pastor Peter Timothy moves into his third year with us lift him in prayer that his ministry continues to challenge, and his leadership strengthens as he plans the third away day for the church leaders.*

Dates for your diary:

January 28th Burns Night Supper 7.00pm.
" 29th Church Meeting after the service at 12.30pm.
February 9th Lunch Club AGM will be at 2.00pm.

Project Schoolroom: Next Focus morning will be 11th February 10-12. As prayer is a vital component in finding the way forward that will be part of the morning along with discussion around the suggestions people have made.

Bereavement Care: The *Bereavement Care Awareness* course has been produced as part of Care for the Family's bereavement training for churches. It is useful for clergy, church leaders, pastoral care leaders or any volunteer interested in supporting bereaved people – whether they are already engaged in bereavement support or are considering the possibility of developing it.

Geoff has put up a poster at the back of the Church with details of a course coming up in Norwich on 11th February.

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.

Get Your Walking Boots On: Our walk starts at Catfield Church on Saturday 21st 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.

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.

Christianity Explored: We are going to run an 8 week "Christianity Explored" course starting on Tues Jan 31st at 7.30pm at Three Windows, Brumstead Rd, Stalham. We will be looking at the book of Philipians and a DVD and thinking about what it means to follow Jesus. If you are interested please come along. For more information speak to Janet Nicholson.

Happy Birthday Joyce: It is Joyce Caddicks (Janet's mother) 90th birthday today. She's having a little celebration with family and friends in the Library of the Manor Care Home, North Walsham at 2.30 today, you are all welcome.

JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Daniel 3 vs.18 “But if not” + 1 Samuel 14 vs.6 “May be” [NIV “Perhaps”]. God's superabundant grace, His best intention, even in our doubt or uncertainty, that Divine, unmerited favour. John 1 vs. 14-18.

Quotes of the Week

I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first.

Sir Thomas More, venerated by Roman Catholics as Saint Thomas More, was an English lawyer, social philosopher, author, statesman and noted Renaissance humanist. Born February 7, 1478 died July 6, 1535.

“God, of your goodness, give me yourself; you are enough for me, and anything less that I could ask for would not do you full honour. And if I ask anything that is less, I shall always lack something, but in you alone I have everything'.”

“Prayer is a new, gracious, lasting will of the soul united and fast-bound to the will of God by the precious and mysterious working of the Holy Ghost.”

“...the goodness of God is the highest object of prayer and it reaches down to our lowest need.”

Julian of Norwich 1342 – 1416 was an English anchoress and an important Christian mystic and theologian. Her Revelations of Divine Love, written around 1395, is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman. For more information go to <http://juliancentre.org/about/about-julian-of-norwich.html> well worth a look. Or <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/may/05/revelations-of-divine-love-julian-of-norwich-review-religious-visions>

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Next Week's Service Sunday 29th January

Flowers: Barbara Reynolds

Welcome: Henry and Jan

Refreshments: Alan and Sheena