

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday February 5th 2017



Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Ron will be leading and focusing on the missionary links to Stalham Baptist Church.

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.

What's on this week?

Monday	6 th	Church Open for Prayer Deacons Meeting	10.00am -12 noon 7.30pm	Church Stables
Tuesday	7 th	Coffee and Chat Christianity Explored	9.00am – 12 noon 7.15pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	8 th	Over 60's Table Tennis Study Group	9.30am -12 noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Thursday	9 th	Lunch Club Followed by Lunch Club AGM Pop up Café Filling Station Prayers	12.15pm 2.00pm 2.30pm - 4.30pm 7.30pm	Stables Stables School Room Stables
Saturday	11 th	Prayer Powerhouse Focus Group	8.00am - 9.00am 10-12noon	Church (Side Door) School Room
Sunday	12 th	Sunday Morning Service	10.45am	Church

For your Prayers:

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 **Eileen and Janet** at the back of the Church.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Cynthia Meale**. In February pray for the residents of **Bullemer Close and Calthorpe Close**.

Please join in on Monday the Baptist Missionary Society world prayer day. www.bmsworldmission.org/prayerguide

TWAM prayer diary: *Volunteers in the Knitting Department in Ipswich spend their time sorting all kinds of knitting and crochet items. Knitting patterns and books, bags of wool, needles, accessories and sundry items are made into packs which are sent out with every knitting machine or as packs for hand knitting.*

Praise Give thanks for the ladies who come in regularly to sort knitting and crochet items in a relatively small working area of the Ipswich warehouse.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9.

Dates for your diary:

February	13 th	Filling Station Hickling Barn 7.30pm
"	14 th	Valentine Day tea Stables at 2.30 – 4.30pm
March	3 rd	Women's World Day of Prayer Hickling Methodist Church 2pm
"	4 th	The Leprosy Mission Coffee morning and Bring and Buy with Cake Stall 9.30 – 12.30pm in the Stables

Project Schoolroom: Next Focus morning will be 11th February 10-12noon. This a session to help collate everyone's ideas and move the project forward your contribution is important please help us create a school room that will serve SBC and the wider community well into the future. Please pray that God will grant us the wisdom to have a vision of our future needs.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Is on Friday 3rd March. The service will be at Hickling Methodist Church starting at 2pm. The theme for this years' service is "Am I being unfair to you" and has been prepared by Christian women in the Philippines. If you would like to know more please see Magda Nicholls.

Town Hall Stall: Tuesday saw another successful "outreach" session at the Town Hall.

Daffodils: Time is quickly drawing near to the daffodil picking season. For the past few years we have made lots of money for SBC from picking and selling the daffodils. The bunching and selling is all in hand but we are in desperate need for folk to help with harvesting the flowers during the very short window of opportunity. If you can help please contact Jane. 01692-582091.



Peters Cat by Steve English

Pop up Cafe: In the past SBC have run fun mornings for children. As pop up cafe is attracting families with children we thought it may be a nice idea to do a fun afternoon alongside pop up cafe...We plan to do this at half term Thursday 16th February. We are looking for volunteers to do fun activities with the children. Please speak to Ron if you can help in anyway.

Valentines Tea: Tuesday 14th Feb 2.30-4.30pm Stables treat yourself or a friend to anything from a cuppa to an afternoon tea. In aid of the Building fund.

Big Thank You: Sandra and Mike Feek wish to thank everyone in their church family for the prayers, gifts and cards during these recent weeks.

Christianity Explored: We are running a "Christianity Explored" course every Tuesday for the next seven weeks starting at 7.15pm at Three Windows, Brumstead Road Stalham. We will be looking at the book of Philippians 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.

Burns Night: This year's Burns Night was a huge success with brilliant food produced by a great team of lady's. Followed by fun quizzes and games in the Schoolroom. The winning team was Toms Team. Tom the captain with the prize of a box of choc's pictured right. The evening raised £333 for the building Fund.



JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Exodus 31 vs. 1-17 [stick with it]. Who and how to build and make the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. The instruction however makes clear that a **HOLY TIME** is of more importance than a **HOLY PLACE**. [Jewish Study Bible]

Quotes of the Week

Julian of Norwich talking of a hazel nut. "In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it." *Her Revelations of Divine Love, written around 1395, is the first book in the English language known to have been written by a woman.*

John O'Keefe (astronomer at NASA): "We are, by astronomical standards, a pampered, cosseted, cherished group of creatures... If the Universe had not been made with the most exacting precision we could never have come into existence. It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was created for man to live in."

Paul Davies (British astrophysicist): "There is for me powerful evidence that there is something going on behind it all....It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature's numbers to make the Universe....The impression of design is overwhelming".

Arno Penzias (Nobel Prize in physics): "Astronomy leads us to a unique event, a universe which was created out of nothing, one with the very delicate balance needed to provide exactly the conditions required to permit life, and one which has an underlying (one might say 'supernatural') plan."

For next week's bulletin please kindly give or send items to David Child 07799262645

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Contact Stalham Baptist Church on 01692 582731

Next Week's Service Sunday 12th February

Flowers: Barbara Mixer

Welcome: David and Eileen

Refreshments: Rita and Iris

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