

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2017



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington

**Secretary:** Geoff Reynolds

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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Today Barbara Reynolds is leading Ron is preaching from Genesis 11:31-12:7 Altar and Alter.**

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	13 <sup>th</sup>	Church Open for Prayer Filling Station with Steve Mawdett	10.00am -12 noon 7.30pm	Church Hickling Barn
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and Chat Valentine Day Tea Christianity Explored	9.00am – 12 noon 2.30 – 4.30pm 7.15pm	Stables Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Over 60's Table Tennis House Group	9.30am -12 noon 7.00pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Pop up Café Fun Afternoon	2.30pm - 4.30pm	School Room
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	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 **Daphne and Barbara** at the back of the Church.

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

Please pray for the families of **Henry Mace and Pat Walker** whose funerals take place this week.

**Hunstanton Union Church.** *We have much to praise and thank God for the blessings of the past year.*

*Little Lights baby and toddler group continues to attract new families. The CAP Debt centre has now opened, being based at Union and funded by the local churches. There has been a small growth in new people attending Sunday services and weekday groups. We feel the Lord is leading us in these activities to serve and take the Gospel out into the local community.*

*Some activities have come to a natural end and we are using the opportunity to seek God's guidance on what He wants us to be doing and ask ourselves what is the aim of the things we do each week. We are also seeking to encourage potential leaders and ways to engage and involve all in the life of the church more fully.*

*There are undoubtedly challenges for us this coming year and would ask for your prayers that we will meet them in the Lord's strength and guidance.*

### Dates for your diary:

February	19 <sup>th</sup>	We will be taking Communion during the service. At 7.00pm there will be Prayer and Praise in the Church.
March	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's World Day of Prayer Hickling Methodist Church 2pm.
"	4 <sup>th</sup>	The Leprosy Mission Coffee morning and Bring & Buy with Cake Stall 9.30 – 12.30pm in the Stables.
May	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mundesley Community Choir at 7pm.

**Worship Group:** If you would like to be a part of the worship group - singing, playing, sound or media please have a chat with Barbara R or Ron. We'll organise a time for you to join a practise and chat with folks.

**Marvellous Monday:** Will not be meeting on the 13th and 20th of February ....Restarts on Monday 27th February.

### **Women's World Day of Prayer:**

Is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The service will be at Hickling Methodist Church starting at 2pm. The theme for this year's 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 01692-580002.



*Peters Cat by Steve English*

**Church Walk:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> a lovely 3 mile walk through Hickling starting in the Hickling Methodist car park at 10.30pm. Our last walk was very successful for more information contact Barbara 01692-597075.

**Pop up Café Fun Afternoon:** Come and join in with all the fun on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> refreshments and cakes great games for all the kids a not to be missed afternoon in half term.

**Daffodils Urgent Request:** 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. Getting urgent now! If you can help please contact Jane. 01692-582091.

**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:** For all the cards, presents and good wishes which made my birthday so special. Fifty pounds in donations were given for the building fund. Thanks again Liz Austrin..

**Open Door:** Thank you for your prayers and support for displaced families in Iraq. Here is a story of one of the many believers who have found hope and dignity again through vocational training courses provided by Open Doors partners, thanks to your support.

**Ghazan the Baker** Father-of-three Ghazan was forced out of his house on the Nineveh plains in 2014 by the so-called Islamic State (IS). "Back in my own town I used to have a successful transportation company," he shares. "We had a good life until IS came and forced us out." Ghazan arrived in Erbil, capital of Kurdistan, empty handed. "The first 15 days were really hard," he recalls. "I couldn't find a job, I had no income, and the rent for our apartment was high." So when the church offered him a managerial position at a bakery established by Open Doors partners, he took the job immediately. "Although I don't earn much here and I have to work much longer hours, at least I can pay my rent so my family doesn't have to live in a camp." He says he has learned patience from his situation. "I am a Christian and Jesus teaches us how to be patient. In this situation there is no other road than to be patient. I have lost everything, but I thank God that my family is still with me."



### **JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

John 6 vs. 21, did you see or read over the under stated miracle?

### **Quotes of the Week**

"I raise up my voice — not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard ... we cannot succeed when half of us are held back." *Malala Yousafzai born 1977 is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate.*

**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 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Flowers:** Gillian Meale

**Welcome:** Barbara W and Annette

**Refreshments:** Gloria and Maureen K