

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington

**Secretary:** Geoff Reynolds

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**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Today Ron is leading and preaching 2 Samuel 6:12, 14-18, 1 Chronicles 25:1-8, Psalms 47:7  
During the service Communion will be held.**

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	20 <sup>th</sup>	Church Open for Prayer	10.00am -12 noon	Church
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee and Chat Christianity Explored	9.30 – 11.30am 7.15pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Over 60's Table Tennis Study Group	9.30am -12 noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pop up Café Lunch Club	2.30pm - 4.30pm 12.15pm	School Room Stables
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Morning Service Sydney House Service All Welcome	10.45am 3.30pm	Church Sydney House

### 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 **Jane and Cynthia** at the back of the Church.

Please pray for all those doing the safeguarding course at Witard Road on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

### Dates for your diary:

- 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 Mundesley Community Choir Date to be confirmed.

**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 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 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 01692-580002.

**Valentines Tea:** Thank you to all those who came to and helped with the Valentine's Day tea on Tuesday. £180.00 was raised for the building fund.

**Ministers Conference February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Ministers from across the EBA will be joining together for the annual Ministers Conference during the coming week. Please pray that this will be a blessing for all of our ministers and churches at this time of transition.

**Fund Raising:** If anyone is interested in helping with fund raising in any way please speak to Jane.

## Daffodils More Urgent

**Request:** Last year nearly £500 was raised from the sale of Daffodils. Time is quickly drawing near to the daffodil picking season. 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. It would only take around an hour of your time. Getting really urgent now! If you can help please contact Jane on 01692-582091.



*Peters Cat by Steve English*

### Electronic Updates from Greg

**Church Web Site:** There is a new web site and its address has changed to: [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk)

Please update any bookmarks you have on your computer, phone or tablet as the old address will soon cease to work.

**The Bulletin:** is now available as a download from the church web site, so more people can see it. Will those organising events in future please provide their name and, if the event is open to the public, address (snail mail, email or web site) or telephone number so those not regular church attenders can easily find out more information than there is room for here.

**Online?** When you subscribe to our new "mail list" you'll get an email a little before each Sunday with the latest Bulletin in full colour as an attachment. Go to: [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/bulletin.php](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/bulletin.php) to subscribe.

**Fund Raising Events:** These may be publicised in "Community Scene" our new magazine, and on-line. Organisers, don't forget to mention for what purpose or organisation the funds are being raised, especially if being shared between charities when asking for publicity.

### Sudan: PASTOR'S TRIAL VERDICT - accused receive harsh jail sentences

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In a shock decision, a judge in Khartoum has found Petr Jasek, Abdulmonem Abdumawla and Hassan Kodi guilty in their long-running trial. Czech aid worker, Petr Jašek, 52, was sentenced to 23-and-a-half years after being found guilty of various charges, including spying. He was also fined 100,000 Sudanese pounds (around £12,300) for undertaking NGO work without a permit.

The other two men - a Sudanese church leader, Hassan Taour, and a Darfuri graduate, Abdulmonem Abdumawla - were each sentenced to 12 years, their major 'crime' being 'aiding and abetting' Jašek in his alleged spying. Their sentences include one year for 'spreading rumours that undermine the authority of the state' - even though the legal maximum penalty for this is six months in prison. Lawyers for the three men plan to lodge appeals within 15 days.

This is a heavy blow to all those involved. Sources told Open Doors the verdict was pronounced in the presence of a great number of Christians attending the proceedings who received the verdict with great shock and sadness. Hassan's mother was so shocked; she fainted and needed to be 'escorted from the room.

**Please continue to pray for the men, their families and the many shocked and alarmed Christians in Sudan.**



### JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 149 vs.4 'Gods pleasure comes in differing guises. Ezekiel 18 vs.23 [1 Timothy 2 vs. 3-4]

#### Quote of the Week

The following is quote by Max Lucado is from his book Grace for the Moment.

Leo Tolstoy, the Great Russian writer, tells of the time he was walking down the street and passed a beggar. Tolstoy reached into his pocket to give the beggar some money, but his pocket was empty. Tolstoy turned to the man and said, "I'm sorry, my brother, but I have nothing to give."

The beggar brightened and said, "You have given me more than I asked for—you have called me brother."

Lucado adds; to the loved, a word of affection is a morsel, but to the love-starved, a word of affection can be a feast.

*Max Lucado born 1955 is a best-selling Christian author and writer and preacher.*

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

[bulletin@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@stalhambaptist.org.uk) before 7pm on Wednesday.

Contact Stalham Baptist Church on 01692 582731

**Next Week's Service Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Flowers:** Doreen Hollebon

**Welcome:** Maggie and Maureen B      **Refreshments:** Julia and David

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