## **Stalham Baptist Church**

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2017



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### Today Pat is leading Ron is preaching on 2 Chronicles 20 "Sing your way to victory"

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 at 3.30pm all welcome.

Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Church Open for Prayer Marvellous Monday	10.00am -12 noon 3.00 – 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee and Chat Christianity Explored	9.30 – 11.30am 7.15pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Over 60's Table Tennis House Group	9.30am -12 noon 7.00pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pop up Café	2.30pm - 4.30pm	School Room
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's World Day of Prayer Prayer for Revival	2.00pm 7.00pm	Hickling Methodist Church Church
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	5 <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 **Eileen and Janet** at the back of the Church.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember Jean and John Mollett. In March pray for the residents of Wodehouse Close and Lyndford Road.

Also prayer Abby St John in Turkey and Naomi and Flo on Reunion Island and Jerry, Simone and Elsa who will be with us soon and start their work on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Kings Lynn Baptist Church.** We thank God for his glorious provision and care. 2017 will see the start of our long awaited 2nd stage of refurbishment, involving a new kitchen, cafe area, new entrance and welcome area, better heating and opening up bricked up windows to let more light in and for light of Jesus to shine out. We are also looking to employ a new youth and community worker. Please pray for us as we seek Gods will in all these plans.

#### Dates for your diary:

March 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.

<u>Schoolroom Reminder</u>: Maggie Harper has circulated a questionnaire regarding the renovations to the Schoolroom. Please would you return the completed questionnaire in paper form to Maggie or email to <u>maggie.harpur@yahoo.com</u> by **February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

<u>Bulletin Online</u>: If you can't wait to read the SBC Bulletin you can download it in full colour before Sunday on <u>www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/bulletin.php</u>.

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.

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

**Deacon Election:** We are heading towards the Deacon Elections. Please be praying about and considering deacon nominations, all of which have to be with the Secretary by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Henry completes his 3 year term this year and is available for re nomination. This has to be done in same way as for a new nomination. You can find nomination slips at the back of the Church.



**Bulletin Help:** Please keep a regular supply of news thoughts and quotes coming to keep our bulletin fresh. Also on any news that is going on in the community for our soon to be launched Community Scene online magazine. Talk or contact David on 07799262645.

<u>Women's World Day of Prayer</u>: 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.



#### Iranian Christians sentenced to 80 lashes for taking communion and request your prayers ...... 14 February 2017

Yaser Mosibzadeh, Saheb Fadayee and Mohammad Reza Omidi were arrested on 13 May 2016, along with their pastor Yousef Nadarkhani, as they were celebrating communion. They have all been charged with acting against national security and have had two hearings, but a verdict is still pending. Yaser, Saheb and Mohammad Reza were also charged with consumption of alcohol for drinking wine at communion and sentenced on 10 September to receive 80 lashes each.

On 9 February the lawyer representing Yaser, Saheb and Mohammad Reza attended an appeal hearing on behalf of his clients and stressed the point that, as converts to Christianity, it is not illegal for them to drink wine because, although alcohol is prohibited for Muslims in Iran, it is permitted for Christians and other recognised minorities. The judge has said that he will deliver a verdict after 20 days and friends of the three men request prayer that the judge will overturn the sentence. On 11



January MEC reported that the Revolutionary Guard had contacted these men and warned them against meeting together and sharing the gospel with others. They were threatened with immediate arrest and further charges.

#### Hunger strike

On Friday 26 August Amin Nader Afshar and Hadi Askary were arrested at a picnic in Firuzkuh along with Ramiel Bet Tamraz, Mohammad Dehnavy and Amir Sina Dashti. They were detained in Ward 4 of Evin Prison, Tehran.

No charges have been brought against the men despite weeks of interrogation.

In October and November Ramiel, Mohammad and Amir were able to get conditional release by submitting substantial bail payments. Hadi and Amin have been unable to raise the amount of bail demanded for their release (approximately £25,000) and want a hearing as soon as possible. It is reported that Hadi has been suffering from a kidney infection and has not received any medical attention. Last week Hadi and Amin announced that they would go on hunger strike to demand adequate medical care and an end to the delays in their case. After seven days without food, Amin fell very ill as his blood pressure dropped substantially. He was refused medical attention.

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

Psalm 118 vs. 26 – Matthew 21 vs.9 But all was failing in Israel! Matthew 24. Vs.1 Conclusion; Matthew 23 vs.39, is a good reason for us to observe Israel's seeking of the Messiah!

#### QUOTES FOR THE WEEK

Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice and is never the result of selfishness.

#### Napoleon Hill 1883 – 1970 was an American self-help author.

"As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation -- either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course."

Martin Luther King Jr. 1929 - 1968 was an American Baptist minister and activist who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

For next week's bulletin please kindly give or send items to David Child 07799262645 <u>bulletin@stalhambaptist.co.uk</u> Before 7pm on Wednesday. Contact Stalham Baptist Church on 01692 582731

# Next Week's Service Sunday 5th MarchFlowers:Jan SladeWelcome:Alec and ElspethRefreshments:Ben and Barbara M

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