

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin Sunday March 19th 2017



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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship

Today Ron is leading and preaching on Sunday Matthew 6:2-5, 16-18 and Matthew 9:14-17

What did Jesus say about fasting?

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 evening Prayer and Praise 7.00pm

Monday	20 th	Church Open for Prayer Marvellous Monday	10.00am -12 noon 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	21 st	Coffee and Chat Christianity Explored	9.30am – 11.30am 7.15pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	22 nd	Over 60's Table Tennis Prayers With A Purpose Study Group Fabric Group meeting	9.30am -12 noon 10.00am – 11.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road Stables Pennygate.
Thursday	23 rd	Lunch Club	12.15pm	Stables
Friday	24 th	Funeral of Wendy Thomas	12.00 noon	Church
Saturday	25 th	Prayer Powerhouse Men's Breakfast	8.00am - 9.00am 8.30am	Church (Side Door) Stables
Sunday	26 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 **Jane and Cynthia** at the back of the Church. Please pray for the family of Wendy Thomas.

As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Magda Nicholls**. Please pray for the residents of **Wodehouse Close and Lyndford Road**.

"Please continue to pray for God's guidance for the refurbishment work of the chapel as we seek to be good stewards of the church building given to Stalham so many years ago.

"Unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain" Psalm 127. We need:

- To be decisive in what we need to do and to move this project forward in unity
- Identify and engage with local builders with the skills and integrity to do the building works
- For the work to be completed in a timely fashion
- To be inspirational in areas of fundraising in ways that are honouring to God
- To seek His provision with thankful hearts.

Dates for your diary:

March 26th Sydney House Service 3.30pm "All Welcome."

May 20th Mundesley Community Choir at 7pm more details to follow.

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 2nd 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 Online: If you can't wait to read the SBC Bulletin you can download it in full colour before Sunday on www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/bulletin.php

Advance notice: We hope to hold a St George's day dinner on Saturday 22nd April, further details to follow.

Recycling: Each week, when the Church waste is ready for collection, I find a number of items e.g. plastic containers, milk containers, glass jars, waste paper, which need not go to landfill.

It would be helpful if all recyclable items could be taken home and put in your own household green bins, if this is not convenient, put them in the box in the play store marked for this purpose. Thankyou Monica.

Prayer for A Purpose: Everyone is welcome to 50 Brumstead Road at 10am on Wednesday 22nd March to pray for Gods Vision and plans for the refurbishment of the Schoolroom and anterrooms.

Breakfast Time: The men's breakfast is on the 25th March at 8-30am in the stables at Stalham Baptist Church. A cooked breakfast and guest speaker Shaun Cushion. Please let Alan Jarman know by Sunday 19th March or email by Wednesday 22nd to alan.jarman10@gmail.com. Any money above the cost of the breakfast donated will go to the Tearfund famine relief fund.

Please See: Thank you letter from Tearfund at back of church.

Pop Up Café: There will be no Pop-up Cafe this week, Thursday 23rd March. Back again on Thursday 30th March, then closed over the Easter holiday. Open as usual from 20th April. We would love to see you there.

Leprosy Coffee Morning: Many thanks to all who came and helped on Saturday. We are very pleased to be sending £310 to the ongoing work of transforming Purulia Hospital. We still have collecting boxes at the back of the church, if you would like one please help yourself. Barbara Mixer will be pleased to employ them and pass the contents to the Leprosy Mission for you.

Help a hospital under strain provide essential medical care for people with leprosy.

Life in rural India can be incredibly hard. Across the country nearly a quarter of people live below the poverty line. Parents struggle to provide for their families and pay for their children's education. Housing and sanitation are basic and many people don't have enough food.

Things only get harder when a person has leprosy. Those living in rural areas often live far from a clinic or hospital - and government hospitals charge fees that the poorest people cannot afford.

Purulia Hospital in West Bengal provides specialist leprosy care at no cost. It's a place where miracles happen and has an excellent reputation: the Outpatients' Department (OPD) at the hospital often has up to 300 people a day queuing to see the doctors there.

But the OPD is woefully under-resourced. Patients queue for hours in the heat outside because the waiting room is too small; the doctor's work in cramped conditions where there is little privacy; the toilets and washing facilities are limited.

If Purulia is to carry on being such a beacon of hope, something has to change. That's why we're asking you to partner with us in building a new OPD at the hospital.

£25 could buy 250 bricks to help construct the new building.

£50 could pay for a comfortable chair in a waiting area for patients.

£75 could pay for a door and doorframe to provide privacy for patients in consulting rooms.

£120 could buy a ceiling fan to keep rooms comfortably cool.

More information www.leprosymission.org.uk/get-involved/worldleprosysunday.aspx



JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Matthew 2 vs.6. A Ruler, the image is that of Authority, A Shepherd one who leads.....Jesus is both.

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk.

Deadline for the Bulletin is Wednesday 7:00pm. Phone David Child 07799262645

Next Week's Service Mothering Sunday 26th March

Welcome: Jill and Elinor

Refreshments: Jill and Elinor

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