

Stalham Baptist Church

Weekly News Bulletin

Mothering Sunday March 26th 2017

Pastor: Rev. Ron Skivington

Secretary: Geoff Reynolds

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Ministry Team: Whole Fellowship



Today Pat is leading and Ron will preach on Zechariah 8:18-23, Isaiah 58:1-12. A different style of fast.

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 3.30pm All welcome.

Monday	27 th	Church Open for Prayer Marvellous Monday	10.00am -12 noon 3.00pm – 4.30pm	Church Schoolroom
Tuesday	28 th	Coffee and Chat Christianity Explored	9.30am – 11.30am 7.15pm	Stables Three Windows Brumstead Road
Wednesday	29 th	Over 60's Table Tennis House Group	9.30am -12 noon 7.00pm	Schoolroom 50 Brumstead Road
Thursday	30 th	Pop Up Café Fun Afternoon	2.30pm – 4.30pm	Stables
Saturday	1 st	Prayer Powerhouse	8.00am - 9.00am	Church (Side Door)
Sunday	2 nd	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 during April for the residents of **Heron Gardens and Bramblewood**. Can we pray for all those affected by the tragedy in London remembering the bereaved families and the people fighting for their lives in hospitals around the capital and their anxious families.

Please pray that the Community Scene magazine especially the Easter Information will be well received throughout the area.

Neatishead Baptist Church: *We have recently appointed Ian Bloomfield as Pastor; we had been without a Pastor for three years and we have been blessed with good preachers and teachers, some from within our Congregation.*

We take a monthly service in the local residential home as well as an occasional assembly at the school and we are looking for more opportunities to be involved locally, especially joint activities with other churches.

Recently our brilliant Church Secretary of twenty-five years moved away, so we would ask for guidance for our Elder, Deacons, Treasurer, new Secretary and the whole Church as we seek the Lord's will for us.

Dates for your diary:

April 20th Church AGM

" 22nd St Georges Dinner 7.00pm £8.00 per head.

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

Easter Services: Good Friday 7.00pm 14th. Easter Sunday April 16th Howhill service 6.30am (sun rises at 5.54am) followed by a breakfast at 8.30pm held in the Stables bookings to Ron or Edna please. Celebration Christ is Risen 10.45am in the Church. All the details can be found in our magazine Community Scene. Or our online services www.stalhambaptist.org.uk or www.communityscene.com and www.facebook.com/stalhambaptist

House Group: "Brumstead Road house group have thirteen folk attending and it is a bit of a squeeze to fit everyone in. Sadly we are not able to welcome any more folk for the time being."

Deacon Election: Final reminder that next Sunday 2nd April is last date to get nominations to the secretary Geoff Reynolds. The Church AGM date is 20th April prayers at 7.00pm and the meeting starts at 7.30pm. Please could Leaders/Organisers of Groups/Activities let the Secretary have their reports for the AGM by Sunday 16th April.

Advance notice: We are holding a St George's day dinner on Saturday 22nd April at 7.00pm £8.00 per head.

Community Scene: Our online service Community Scene is now up and running it will carry news of SBC activities as well as local news. If your organisation wants to publicise its activities contact David Child on 07799262645 or at editor@communityscene.org.uk.

We would like to thanks to Steve English for his cartoons and Roger Newman of Century print for all their help in producing our printed addition that is destined for 1550 homes.

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East Africa Appeal: Jane is going to organise a coffee morning in aid of the East African Appeal. It will be on Saturday 1st April between 9.30am and 12.00noon in the Stables. All monies raised will go to Tearfund as we have done in the past. All welcome.

Famine threatening 20 million People.

The United Nation's says mankind is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since World War 2 with famine threatening 20 million people in four countries and is issuing a plea for help to avoid "a catastrophe"

Stephen O'Brien the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs told the UN Security Council that an immediate injection of funds for Yemen, South Sudan, Somalia and northeast Nigeria plus safe and unimpeded access for humanitarian aid "to avert a catastrophe". "To be precise," O'Brien said, "we need \$4.4bn by July". Without a major infusion of money, he said, children will be stunted by severe malnutrition and will not be able to go to school, gains in economic development will be reversed and "livelihoods, futures and hope will be lost".



It is difficult to imagine quite what these figures mean and it is understandable that we at times don't want to try to imagine. Turning our gaze away from the graphic media pictures of human suffering until they have moved on to the next advert or news item is one way of dealing with it. But for those desperate millions of mothers trying to feed their malnourished children and watching them die in their arms it isn't an option.

In our Easter magazine Abbey St John wrote about the refugee crises "I realised that each of us have a responsibility of compassion- that one day someone will ask us what we did to help". That's where we all are.

Thought from Maggie A LIVING SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is**—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

JOHN WHITE'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

IS GOD FAIR? He gets overly blamed for the misdemeanour of men. Ezekiel 18 vs. 25-32!

Quote of the Week

Apologies as we used this quote on March 5th recent events give it more significance.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

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

Hate and evil is conquered by love and there is no greater love than Jesus's pure love to be used as a prayer weapon in the battle against darkness.

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

Next Week's Service Mothering Sunday 2nd April

Flowers: Julia Maile

Welcome: Maureen B and Maggie

Refreshments: Gloria and Jane

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