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Sunday 18th & 25th February 2024

...a warm welcome to ebenezer...

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'

¹ Samuel 7:22 (NIVUK) Ebenezer means 'stone of help'



Sunday: 18th February

9.30 – 10.00am Sunday Prayer in The Prayer Room

10.30am Sunday Gathering: Tea and coffee served

11.00am Sunday Worship

Saul starts his ministry Acts 9:20-32

6pm for 6.30pm 'Springtide24 Prayer' Scarborough Christian Fellowship, Castle Road (led by St Mary's Church).

Sunday: 25th February

9.30 – 10.00am Sunday Prayer in The Prayer Room

10.30am Sunday Gathering: Tea and coffee served

11.00am Sunday Worship

Aeneas & Dorcas Acts 9:33-43

6.30pm – 7.30pm A time of prayer

Sunday services are also livestreamed on facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/EbsBaptist/>

This Newsletter is also available online on the church website www.rockofhelp.org.uk under 'resources'

Spring walk and Afternoon Tea

Saturday 6th April



Join us on a circular walk
(approx. 45minutes)
through
Peasholm Park
and Glen,
followed by



afternoon tea at Park Manor Hotel at
2.30pm Cost **£15**

Please let Anita know if you want to book a place. (The walk is optional)

SINGERS NEEDED

Churches Together in Scarborough

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March 10.30am

Quaker Meeting House, Woodlands Drive YO12 5QZ

SINGERS NEEDED

There will be a rehearsal/read-through on Tuesday February 20th at 10.30am. If you would like to help with the singing please meet at **10.00.**

There will be four hymns: Make me a channel of your peace, The servant song, Put peace into each other's hands (Tune St Columba) and The day Thou gavest.

There are also two simple Palestinian chants which we can rehearse to better lead the congregation during the service

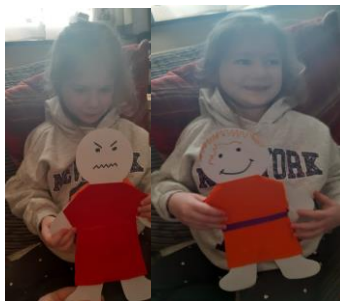
Family Lights New Year update

Sunday 21st January - we explored together what Jesus brought to the world, how we can strengthen ourselves with the armour of God and how our words and actions count as we live our lives for Jesus.



Sunday 28th January - we learnt about the Holy Spirit: that the Holy Spirit is a person not an 'it'; that the Holy Spirit helps us to live out what Jesus has taught us and helps us grow the fruit of the Spirit. We did a craft activity making windmills to help us understand how something we can't see (wind) is actually there and can make something happen.

Sunday 4th February - we stayed in church for Jim & Jennifer's final service and to hear the conclusion of Jim's series on Romans.



Sunday 11th February - we watched an animated film of the story of Saul's conversion and explored how Saul felt, what happened to him and how God can fill us with his Holy Spirit and change us. We did a craft activity making Saul with one side being Saul before and the other side after. We got

brownie ingredients and agreed we wouldn't want to eat the ingredients (oil, egg, powdered cocoa) each on their own but that when we mixed them up and cooked them we ended up with something very tasty - we thought about what we sometimes have to go through and experience to change and become more like Jesus.

United Beach Missions



The dates for Scarborough beach mission have been confirmed for this year as 17-24th and 24th-31st of August.

Every year, UBM has a designated week of prayer, where people will meet in different places to pray for the work of UBM. This year, me and Naomi have decided to host one here in Scarborough. It'll be on **Monday the 26th of February, from 7:30-8:30pm at Ryndle Court Hotel, 47 Northstead Manor Drive, Scarborough YO12 6AF.**

Andy Maxwell

Sole2Sole Walking Group

A group of mainly Christians who walk on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Walks range in distance from 6 to 8 Miles. If anyone is interested, please contact Nick Marshall on 07938 995737



Encouragement and Strengthening

The Apostle Peter wrote: *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience(1 Peter 3:15-16).*

Not everyone is confident when asked to give their testimony. Telling others of Jesus' love may well seem hard for a variety of reasons. Here is one verse and chorus of a song, written by J. Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918), that may help to overcome the nerves. The first verse and chorus is a 30 second testimony which tells of the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

*One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He!
Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely, forever;
One day He's coming: O glorious day!*

The opening verse and chorus contains the Gospel message of Salvation while the remainder gives more detail to these glorious events

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain, (John 19:17)

One day they nailed Him to die on the tree; (Luke 23:33)

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, (Isaiah 53:3)

Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He! (1 Peter 2:24)

One day they left Him alone in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46)

One day He rested, from suffering free; (John 10:17-18)

Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil; (John 20:12)

Hope of the hopeless, my Saviour is He! (Philippians 4:6-7)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, (Acts 2:27)

One day the stone rolled away from the door; (Matthew 28:2-4)

Then He arose, over death He had conquered, (Revelations 1:18)

Now is ascended, my Lord ever more! (Acts 1:6-10)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

One day the skies with His glory will shine; (Revelation 1:7)

Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing; (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

Open Door Watch List

The World Watch List is **Open Doors'** annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. Every year, Open Doors research teams create the **World Watch List**: a list of the countries where Christians face the most severe persecution, ranked from the most extreme. It's a unique, in-depth record of the places where Christians are following Jesus no matter the cost, and research has been gathered and analysed annually since 1993

World Watch List methodology has opted for a theological rather than a sociological definition: ***“Any hostility experienced as a result of one’s identification with Christ. This can include hostile attitudes, words and actions towards Christians”.***

This broad definition includes (but is not limited to) **restrictions, pressure, discrimination, opposition, disinformation, injustice, intimidation, mistreatment, marginalisation, oppression, intolerance, infringement, violation, ostracism, hostilities, harassment, abuse, violence, ethnic cleansing and genocide.** Christian experience is thus considered in five different areas of life – which can be considered 'squeeze' – as well as the final category being the 'smash' of violence:

Private life. What freedom does a Christian have to worship and own religious material? Is conversion to Christianity allowed? Is freedom of thought permitted?

Family life. How free are Christians to express their faith within their family? Is it possible to hold Christian family milestones, such as Christian marriages and funerals?

Community life. Can Christians live without harassment and discrimination in their local communities? How does their faith affect their education or employment?

National life. Does the government allow Christians to express their faith? Can converts call themselves Christians on official documents? Do the police target Christians?

Church life. Are Christians allowed to meet together? Can they build churches? And if they can, are they heavily monitored? Are Bibles freely available?

Violence. Are Christians attacked mentally or physically? Do they face sexual harassment? Are they arrested, abducted, tortured, imprisoned or even killed?

The Top 10 countries where levels of persecution are extreme:

1. North Korea
2. Somalia
3. Libya
4. Eritrea
5. Yemen
6. Nigeria
7. Pakistan
8. Sudan
9. Iran
10. Afghanistan

Source: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. *Philippians 3:8 (NIVUK)*

Closure of Church Hall reminder



The Church Hall will be closed from Monday 19th February for work on the toilet renovations. The plan is for it to reopen for use on 18th March.

Streaming Update



In a few weeks we will move the church live stream from Facebook to YouTube, We will keep you updated with a go-live date. In the meantime, you can find the page on YouTube by searching for @ebcscarborough.

Regards Rich

Regular Events

Weekly

Day	Time	Event	Venue
Mondays	8pm	Men's Fellowship & Prayer Meeting	Church
Fridays	11-12.30am	Ladies at the Hub; Café social event	The Summit, St Nicholas Street
Fridays	7pm	Youth Night	Underground/ Church Hall
Saturdays	8.30-9.30am	"Prayers for our congregation" via Zoom.	Please contact John Boulby for details @ 07815010214 or 01723 583566"

Monthly

Day	Time	Event	Venue
2 nd Saturday of each month	9-10am	Churches together in Scarborough: Prayer for the town and surrounding area	War Memorial Oliver's Mount
3 rd Saturday of each month	12-2pm	Mustard Seed for those with special needs: Lunch and bible teaching through drama, craft, film & fun	Church Hall
Last Thursday of each month	7.30pm	Dwelling Place: A time of worship and prayer to seek God's presence	Church

Next Enews

The next ENews will cover 18th & 25th February. Please send any items for the next issue to email address enews@rockofhelp.org.uk before 12md on Thursday 15th February. Thank you, Janet



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