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Sunday 24 and 31 July
...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 7:12 (NIVUK)
Ebenezer means 'stone of help'



Today:

9.30 – 10.00am Sunday Prayer in The Prayer Room

10.30am Sunday Gathering Tea and coffee served

11.00am Sunday Worship

also live streamed on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/EbsBaptist/>

Testing the spirits

1 John 4:1-6 (NIVUK)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognise the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

The Big Breakfast!



Date!
Sun 24th July 2022

Time!
9:30am - 11am

Place!
The Carousel
Brewers Fayre
Falconer Road
YO11 2EN

Join
us and
bring
friends!

Useful info:

- 🍳 It's an all you can eat breakfast.
- 🔍 Cost is between £7.50 & £9.50. Children eat for free with £9.50 option.
- 🚶 Afterwards we might go for a walk together (pushchair friendly).
- 🗓 There won't be any planned activities at Ebenezer on breakfast days.
- 👋 Nearer each date we will be asking for numbers so we can book.
- 💬 If the cost of the breakfast is tricky for you please do let us know.



Pop the date in your diary - don't miss out on a munchy brunch 🍴

<https://www.facebook.com/FAMILYLights-128013581190887/>

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Not in a Home Group yet....then this is for you!!

Jennifer and Jim say:

We would like to invite folks, not presently part of an Ebenezer Home Group, to get involved in a new group after the summer holidays. The group, through Bible Study and prayer, will focus on deeper participation in the life, ministry and victory of Jesus Christ.



Probably weekly for just 1 hour, with two weeks on Zoom and normally the third week 'in the flesh'.

Should you be interested, please contact Jim and Jennifer on findmorejesus@gmail.com

Yorkshire Baptist Association Prayer Diary 2022

enews editor says:

Please pray this week for:

-  Normanton Baptist Church
<http://www.normantonbaptistchurch.org.uk/>
-  Oakes Baptist Church, Huddersfield
<https://www.oakesbaptist.org.uk/>

Week beginning 31 July

-  Pellon Baptist Church, Halifax
<https://www.facebook.com/PellonBaptist/>
-  Priors Baptist Church, Hull
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1464715933817505/>

enews deadlines over the summer holidays

enews editor says:

There will be **one edition** of enews for the whole of **August**. **Deadline** for items is **mid day Thursday 4 August**.

Missions Updates will be added to the church website throughout August.

Thank you to Ray Beadle who faithfully prints enews each week, and to Richard Grassam who does some technical wizardry to enable the copy I send to actually print!!

The Big Picnic - 17th July 2022!



His story took us to the green grass of the hillside (Albert Park) overlooking our Sea of Galilee (North Bay) where Pete told us the miracle of the feeding of the 5000!



We thought about the disciples, tired and hungry after their recent mission, keen to catch up with Jesus and Jesus offering them quiet and rest, away from the crowds. We imagined Jesus and his disciples getting into a boat at Scalby Beck, rowing across to Albert Gardens only to discover the people had all run along the promenade to get there ahead of them. How did the disciples feel now? What was Jesus' response...? He had compassion on the crowd as they were like sheep without a shepherd. We learned that this is the only miracle (aside from the Resurrection) to be recorded in all four gospels. It's important! What does it mean? We can trust God, giving Him what we have so He can use it and also God meets our needs. The miracle points to who Jesus is and what he has done - the Bread of Life - His body broken for us - an invitation for us all to eat and be satisfied in Him! Ted shouted the Grace - 'Come Lord Jesus be our guest, let this food to us be blessed' and we ate bread, fish, fruit and cheese, chatted and played together!



give a little: A new way to donate

Phillip Gott, Treasurer says:



Use your smartphone to scan the QR Code or download the App



The Rock Drop-in Café Summer Break

Sheena Beadle says:

The Rock Drop-in Café closed after Wednesday, 20 July, for the summer break.

The Drop-in will re-open in September.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the success of the Rock Drop-in, including: putting out and putting away tables and chairs; laying the tables, clearing away and cleaning up; making and serving the drinks; sourcing the delicious biscuits; transporting and escorting those who live too far to walk; engaging with guests and neighbours who have 'dropped in'!!....

May the Lord refresh all those who have served the vision in any way, and we look forward to meeting up again in the Autumn.

Thank you

David Stride says:

My dear brothers and sisters of Ebe:

I expect many of you are aware that I have been receiving treatment for Myeloma which is a cancer of the blood. I started my treatment back in March 2022 and have completed four cycles of what is known as induction therapy. My treatment has the usual chemotherapy side effects of tiredness and fatigue; fluctuating blood pressure; altered taste differences; pins and needles in the hands and fingers.

The blood results which have been reported back to me by my consultant show a vast reduction in abnormal plasma cells and a corresponding reduction in the presence of paraproteins (useless proteins) in the body.

The next phase of the treatment is a stem cell transplant. This involves a different type of chemotherapy and some other drugs to stimulate stem cell growth, to enable stem cells to be harvested and processed, and at a later date transplanted back into my blood. This will require a visit to Leeds St James Hospital for harvesting and later a 2 to 3 week stay in isolation at Castle Hill Hospital (because I will be immunocompromised) for the transplant.

Your prayers and support over the previous months have been uplifting and I thank you for all your kind words written in cards.

I miss you all!

The Lord Jesus has me in His everlasting arms and I look forward towards the end of the year when I can be back worshipping with you all again. A big thank you to Matt, for his unwavering support leading worship most Sundays since I have had to take time out from congregational meetings.

May the Lord continue to uphold you all by His Holy Spirit.

*There is none like You, no one else can touch my heart like You do
I could search for all eternity long, and find there is none like You
Your mercy flows like a river wide, and healing comes from Your
hands*

*Suffering children are safe in Your arms, there is none like You**

Love in the name of Jesus, David.

*There is none like you, Lenny Leblanc CCLI Song No 674545

Mission Updates

On the Ebenezer Church website:

<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/noticeboard>

✚ BMS Weekly Update 14 July

✚ UBM Prayer Letter 15 July

✚ MAF News for Prayer 15 July

✚ Phillip and Diane Benstead People International

They will be visiting Scarborough later this year, and want to catch up with people they know, and get to know the rest!! They would love to visit groups and homes to update on their work in Cyprus. Once they have dates, I (Missions Coordinator!) will let you know.

In the meantime, you can contact them yourself on phildiane73@gmail.com

Phillip says, in a recent email:

Though we probably know a lot of the folk in Ebenezer who have been there for a long time, our recent contacts were mainly The Grassams.

As a new believer I had a lot of contact with Matt, Richard and (as she was then) Anna Grassam. Among others, the Brewster and the Taylor families come to mind.

We know, and are still in contact with, a pastor from the past, Michael Glover.

✚ YBA Celebration for a great fisher of men!

'Regional Minister Revd Dr Clive Burnard retires this month'

Missions Coordinator says:

This is a great read and includes a prophetic vision featuring Scarborough!



Missions Updates continued

+ Stepping Stones: Curry and Quiz Night:



Richard Pashby says:

Tracey and I would like to thank you for supporting the Curry and Quiz Night on Saturday 9 July. And special thanks to everyone who helped with food preparation and clearing up afterwards.

Total donations received amounted to £500, which will go towards school uniforms and books for our boys and girls at Bethel and Bethany Homes.

We hope to have another Curry Night later this year to raise funds for outreach. We will let you know the date and venue as soon as possible.

God bless you.

New Wine Women's Day



Ambassadors for Christ



a New Wine day especially for women

Worship: Teaching: Ministry

St Martin's Church Seamer
Saturday 17th September 2022

Registration and coffee 9.30am finish 3.30pm. Relax! Lunch will be provided.



We are delighted to welcome Liz Resch as our speaker. She is an ordained Minister at St Mark's Church Harrogate. Together with her husband, Mike, she has recently become one of the Regional Directors of New Wine North East and Yorkshire.

Booking essential as lunch is being provided. Please contact Chris Birch on 07739419259 or christine.birch1753@gmail.com



Local churches changing nations

For more information, please contact:
Diana Gott Baptist Outreach Pastor

Safeguarding Courses during Autumn

John Boulby (Designated Person for Safeguarding) says:

Below is part of a letter from Debbie Gamble at Yorkshire Baptist Association. If you work with children or vulnerable adults, or you missed the recent courses for Safeguarding and your Safeguarding Certificate is out of date, please get in touch with Debbie: debbie.gamble@yba.org.uk

Debbie Gamble says:

We will soon be turning our attention to arranging some sessions during the Autumn. To help us make good decisions on the geographical location for these, it would be helpful for us to know where there might be pockets of training need in the Association.

If you have people who need to train, please drop me an [email](#) by **July 30th** with numbers for both the Level 2 and Level 3 and confirm which church this is for. We will then collate the responses to inform our training locations.

Please be aware that we cannot offer training specifically for each church in the YBA – we don't have the resources to do this. But we do seek to arrange sessions in a fair and equitable way so that as many people as possible can book on a session. Details of the sessions will be shared through our email newsround in the usual way when bookings open.

enews editor says:

YBA Newsround will be updated on the church website throughout August.

<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/noticeboard>



Books: Part Four!:: Book Aid update

Missions Coordinator says:

In 7 July edition of enews I included an article about **BOOK AID** and out of courtesy, informed the charity. What follows is the response that I received from the Director of Book Aid, Christine Pulsford.

Dear Vivian

What a brilliant article about Book Aid! And such an encouragement for us to read. I love the fact that you have had a long association with us and remember the Grapevine days!

*We just shipped out a container to a partner in Northern Nigeria near Jos last week. That's approx. 100,000 books on their way. Our partner runs an amazing ministry called **Grace and Light** - bringing grace and the light of the gospel into schools and churches to confront the massive HIV/Aids problem. They have opened a Christian bookshop where those they have helped can find work and they now supply Christian books to a very wide area. They are in a largely Muslim part of Nigeria and the work is dangerous at times but they have seen it grow and grow. Book Aid is thrilled to supply them.*

God bless

Christine Pulsford, Director, Book Aid Charitable Trust

When I replied to Christine, asking if it would be OK to include this in enews, I told Christine that John had been on a number of short-term mission trips to the Delta Region of Nigeria, and that I had been on one such trip.

Christine responded:

Our partner Grace and Light has a great website www.graceandlight.org which gives a great insight into their work and you'll see a picture of Tassie Ghata (International Coordinator) with the Book Aid team in London.



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Are you the next enews Editor?

The Elders say:

For the last four years our fellowship at Ebenezer has been faithfully served by Viv Games as our enews Editor. The weekly publication has been available online and in the printed paper copies too, and has carried such a wide range of information, reports, adverts, and family news, all put together with beautiful illustrations, and often backed by appropriate Bible verses too. For ourselves and the many visitors who join us it has given a clear picture of who we are as a Baptist church within the community, and where we stand, and, of course, how we seek to reach out to the community around us.

FAMILYLights are faithfully forwarding information and photos, so that we and others see clearly that their and our desire is to share the love, light, hope and peace we have in Jesus.

But the time has come for us to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to Viv as she retires from this role, having kept us updated and informed through difficult circumstances recently.

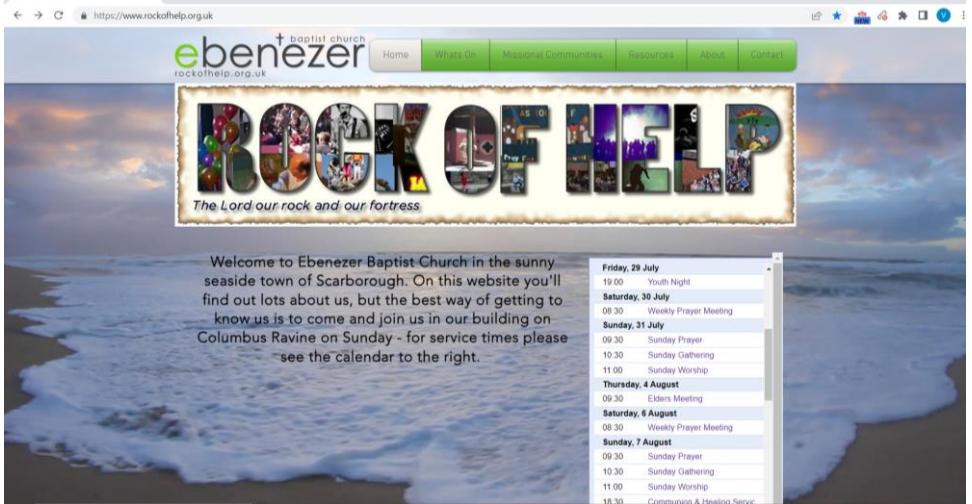
All our past enews Editors have brought their own style to the publications and now we are praying that the Lord would prompt the right person to take over this role.

Vis is more than happy to journey alongside anyone who feels that is what they are being led to offer, but her plan is to step down from the role at the end of September.

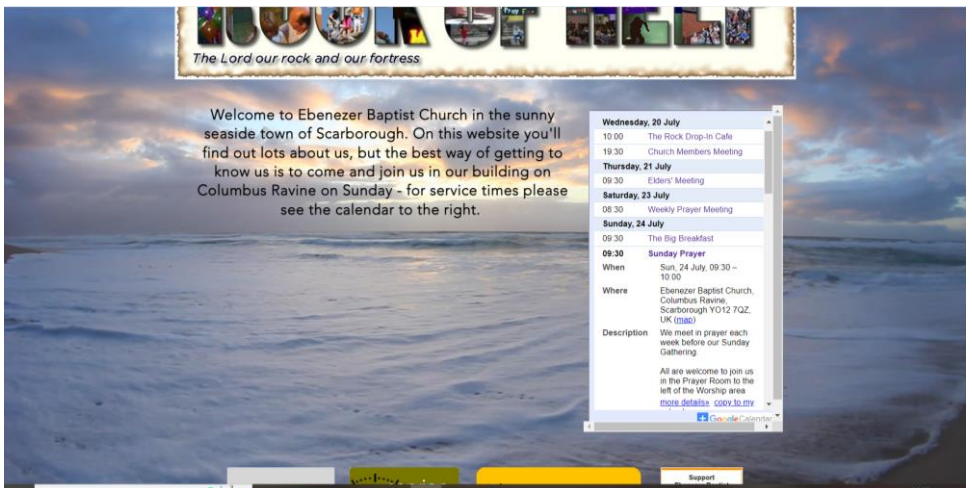
Please take time to reflect on the way forward for this valued resource. Our world is full of so much information, coming at us 24/7, and this is our key way of sending our message of welcome and opportunities to the wider world, as well as keeping up to date ourselves.

enews editor adds:

If you feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit, please contact the Elders or me for a chat!!



<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/> is the church website, and is a great resource. Above is a screen shot of the opening page. Clicking on the tabs at the top gives many drop down menus!! The opening page includes the calendar/diary. Click on an item in the calendar and more detail comes up!! e.g. Sunday Prayer, below



Lots to explore!!