



Sunday 23 January

...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:

10.30am Tea and coffee served

11.00am Live in church and Live Streaming on Facebook

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

This service includes Communion.

Active Discipleship

Acts 2:13-21; Acts 5:12-16

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade....more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

Acts 5:12,13b,14 (NIVUK)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

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Sunday 23rd January 2022!

Meet at Ebenezer!

**Come along at 10.30am for giant-slaying practise
and a sing song with Auntie Margaret!**

11am: Songs of worship, prayers + our story video

**11.20am (ish): We are going out and about. Grab
your coats and get ready for a battle - fighting
those Philistines and slaying the giant!**

You can read the story before you come.

Find it in 1 Samuel 17:1-58

(spoiler alert - it's a bit gruesome towards the end!)



Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:40



You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 1 Samuel 17:45

Don't forget to bring your catapult from last week if you made one.

If you have a waterproof backed rug please bring it.

Please bring your own drinks.

Our out and about route this week is pushchair friendly.

COME HOLY SPIRIT
NOW IS THE TIME



“AWAKENING”

Join us This Sunday 6pm, 23rd January at Holy
Nativity Church, Eastfield.

Special guest speaker
Jonathan Couper
&
worship from Rob Parker

Seeking a fresh encounter of His presence,
revelation, renewal, and revival.

CTiS Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: today

The annual C.T.I.S. Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday 23. January at Westborough at 6.30 p.m. The service will basically be that prepared by the Churches of the Middle East and provided by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland with the theme of “We saw His Star in the East ...”. The preacher will be the Chair of C.T.I.S., the Reverend John Hartley. An offering will be taken for the charitable organisations supported by C.T.I.S. Please come and share in this act of worship as we unite as Christians in Scarborough and beyond.

Sunday 30 January

10.30am Tea and coffee served

11.00am Live in church and Live Streaming on Facebook

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A Hard Road

John 6:60-71

...and for FamilyLights...

The Big Breakfast!



Dates!

Sun 30th Jan
Sun 27th Feb
Sun 27th March
Sun 24th April

Time!

9:30am - 11am

Place!

The Carousel
Brewers Fayre
Falconer Road
YO11 2EN

Useful info:

- ☕ It's an all you can eat breakfast.
- 🔍 Cost is between £7.50 and £9.50. Children eat for free.
- 🚶 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 😊

Yorkshire Baptist Association Prayer Diary 2022

enews editor says:

Please pray this week for:

-  Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane, Bradford
<http://www.bethelbaptistchurch.co.uk/>
-  Beverley Baptist Church
<https://www.beverleybaptist.com/>

Missions Updates

<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/> under the Resources tab,

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-  BMS Weekly Update 20 January
-  BMS Weekly Update 13 January
-  YBA Excellence in Safeguarding Training Spring 2022
-  News from The Rainbow Centre January 2022

Once again, Christmas at the Rainbow Centre has been what can only be described as epic. Almost a third more food parcels were ordered this year than last year and gift requests for children almost doubled. We are so grateful to all the volunteers and staff who packed two weeks worth of groceries for each family tirelessly into endless bags and sorted through mountains of gifts to make sure each child got something lovely. We are grateful too, to all those who donated in order to make this possible. Local companies provided large donations and thousands of tins of food. Many community groups, schools and churches also came forward with donations, as did many individuals. We even had children donating their pocket money which was incredibly moving. Every one of those people made a huge difference to other members of our community who would otherwise not have had any sort of Christmas at all. The figures were daunting. Almost 2000 mouths to feed and 925 children who, without the effort of all concerned, would not receive a gift. Together, we achieved an awesome outcome. Thank you, from all the team at The Rainbow.

The full newsletter can be read in Missions Updates

Happy Anniversary Ebenezer Baptist Church!!

January 2022 is the 251st Anniversary of the founding of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The book "Ebenezer - Hitherto Hath The Lord Helped Us" which explores the 250 year history of Ebenezer Baptist Church was published last year and copies are still available to purchase.

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

Pictures, words, interpretations

During the Church Meeting on Wednesday 18 January Consultant Pastor Jim Purves invited David Stride to describe a picture that had been shared with Jim previously.

David reminded us of the old analogy of coals in a fire: they may be hot underneath, but not burning properly, not bursting into life; pushing a poker into the bottom and lifting the coals introduces oxygen, and the coals burst into flame; oxygen is like the Holy Spirit, and Jim, David thought, will be used to enable us to seek the Holy Spirit.

Jim then shared how he had later been prayed for over the phone by a prayer partner, who 'saw' a stick that was hot at one end, and that stick was Jim who would be used to 'stir things up'.

Jim added that the fires are already here, the coals are here: let the oxygen of the Holy Spirit come and release the presence of Jesus!

Jim summed all this up for enews: The Lord is reviving the fire that is at the heart of Ebenezer, encouraging the glowing coals and embers to breathe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, igniting the flames of His presence, purposefulness and power, breathing His life into and upon this community of disciples. To the praise of His glorious name.





Sunday 16th January - Samuel anoints David!

We started out by playing 'What time is it Mr Wolf?'



We thought about the usual qualities of a king and we compared this to David's circumstances. Then we thought about the verse... ..



We reminded ourselves of David's family line from Abraham



**MAN LOOKS ON THE
OUTWARD APPEARANCE,
BUT THE LORD LOOKS
ON THE HEART
1 SAMUEL 16:7**



We made catapults (from sticks we collected together on Saturday afternoon)!



We practised our catapult skills ready for slaying the giant....

Ways forward for the days ahead: Plan B

The Leadership Team says:

There are more *spaced-out seating areas* in parts of the church.

Taking a *lateral flow test* is another option to consider ahead of coming to Church.

Face coverings are now *compulsory* (unless exempt) in Places of Worship. They may be removed when singing, leading or reading.