

Being available – Acts 8:26-40

Sometimes we make excuses. Sometimes we dare to create opportunities. The difference is being available.

Willing to be interrupted (26)

Philip had a successful ministry (8:5-9) but was willing to be interrupted by the Holy Spirit. He was willing to do something that challenged logic – go somewhere that didn't make sense.

Willing to engage (27-30)

At every level, the Ethiopian Eunuch was so different to Philip... but that was not a barrier to engaging with him. We “Go!” to all people.

Willing to explain (31-34)

Philip begins with the Ethiopian's question (not what you would expect). When God sets up divine appointments it is with humble, teachable hearts. We need to begin with what is on their hearts.

Willing to proclaim (35-38)

Philip explains the Good News of Jesus and we know this proclamation has been received for the man asks for baptism. Philip is confident that his heart is for Jesus and baptizes him.

Willing to move on (39-40)

Philip does not dwell in the comfort and joy of the victory but is moved on. This challenges us to see if we are keeping in step with the Holy Spirit.

- *What one thing did we take away from the service this week?*
- *What are we going to do differently as a result of what we have heard?*
- *How do we know if we are truly available to God? What might be getting in the way?*
- *What are the different ways you might tell someone the Good News of Jesus? How do we understand where people are at, and speak to them where they are? Is it important to encourage people to be baptized?*
- *What might cause us to get stuck? What do we need to get us going?*



WELCOME

Sunday 19th October 2025

9:30 – 10:00 am - Prayer

10:30 am – Morning service

(Please join us for tea and coffee after the service)

6:30 – 7:30 – A Time to Pray



Ebenezer Baptist Church, Scarborough
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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Church Meeting



Our next Church Meeting is on
Wednesday 22nd October at 7:30pm.

Please keep the evening free as we seek God's guidance in the life of the church

Refuel

Wed 28th October at 7:30 pm.

Worship led by Matt.
Join us in the church, to spend time seeking God and enjoying His presence.

All welcome.



Please send any updates or notices for the newsletter by midday on Thursday to enews@rockofhelp.org.uk

Regular weekly events

Day	Time		Activity	Venue	Contact
	a.m.	p.m.			
Mon	open	8:00	Praying for workers Men's prayer meeting	Homes Church	John Gleghorn John Games
Wed	10:30	2:00 7:30 8:30	Small group – Northside A Small group – Southside A Small group - Northside B Small group	Homes Homes Homes Zoom	Denise John & Gill P Paddy & Gwen Andy & Ali
Thu	10:30	2:00 7:30	Men's fellowship coffee (venue depends on numbers) Small group – Southside B Small group – Tea and Cake	TBC wkly Homes Manse	Ray Terry & Sue John & Hilary
Fri	10:30		Ladies fellowship coffee (change of venue until the Hub lift is repaired)	Palm Court	Viv G
Sat	8:30		Prayer for our congregation	Zoom	John Boulby
Sun	9:30 10:30		Prayer Morning service	Church Church	

Dates for your diary

Wed 22 nd Oct @ 7:30pm	Church Members Meeting
Wed 28 th Oct @ 7:30pm	Refuel
Fri 31 st Oct @ 6pm	Friday Supper Club
Tue 11 th Nov @ 10am	Prayer Walking
Fri 28 th Nov Time tbc	Scarborough SPARKLE lantern parade Join the community parade through Peasholm Park
Sun 30 th Nov 1:30 – 2pm	Carol Singing at the Scarborough Sparkle event Open Air Theatre
2026 24 th - 26 th Apr	Spring Tide Conference Weekend  <i>We are hosting Spring Tide next year. Andy Frost is the main speaker.</i>

- [FISS Weekly Update 16th October 2025](#)
- [YBA Newsround including Candy Cane Initiative](#)
- [BMS Weekly Update 9th October 2025](#)
- [Release International : Pastors detained in China](#)
- [Worldshare 14th October 2025](#)
- [Worldshare October Prayer Calendar](#)
- [Worldshare Window Magazine Autumn/Winter 2025](#)
- [FISS Weekly Update 9th October](#)
- [Release International Podcast](#)
- [UBM October Newsletter](#)
- [YBA Prayer Diary 2025](#)
- [BMS Church Prayer Resource Newsletter](#)

Missions Update

News updates and events information from missions that we support, at home and abroad, is available on our website, under resources.

...pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly as I should **Colossians 4:2 (NIV)**

Shoebox appeal

Please pick up a leaflet from the back of church, or speak to Michelle about her shoebox packing parties.



Friday Supper Club

Our last one of the year!

Friday 31st October at 6pm.

Come and enjoy a wonderful meal, fantastic company and a great start to the weekend.

Sign up at the back of church



Prayer Walk

Tuesday 11th November 10-11am

Join as we spend an hour walking the streets around our church, praying for our neighbours.

Meet in the church car park.



Muck & Magic Guest Speaker

Monday 10th November 7-9pm.

Muck & Magic is a local gardening club who meet in our church hall once a month.

Next month they will be hosting a nationally known guest speaker (*name to be confirmed*) and anticipate much interest, so this event will be held in the church building.

Gardeners amongst you might be interested! Bill will try to ascertain the name of the speaker.



Peasholm Lantern Parade

Friday 28th November

Join us on the community parade, shining light in the darkness.

Starting at 5:30pm on Peasholm Drive, walking through Peasholm Park to the Scarborough Sparkle event at the Open Air Theatre.



Mustard Seed



Mustard Seed has been faithfully running in this church for many years through a fabulous group of volunteers. They seek to support those with additional needs to feel valued, supported and fulfil their potential. As well as meeting each Sunday, Mustard Seed meets on the **third Saturday of the month** engaging with a far larger group of people in the community. Sue, with the support of Terry, has taken over the leadership and would love you to consider if this is something you could become involved with.

Scarborough Choral Society

presents

A Winter Concert

To include:

Karl Jenkins

The Armed Man
Choral Suite

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Five Mystical Songs
A Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Saturday 6 December 2025, 7:30 pm

Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough

Baritone: Ben Lindley
Organist: James Webb
Musical Director: PR Dewhurst

Admission by programme at the door – £15
Students and under-16s free