

Sermon Notes - Sunday 4th May 2025

The preparation of worship - Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

How should we prepare to participate in public worship? It is not always easy but we can:

Guard our preparation (v.1)

We are to “guard our steps” as we prepare for public worship. We...

“Go near to listen” to encounter God’s glory.

We do not offer the sacrifice of fools - simply going through the motions

We understand what is evil and delude ourselves we are better than we are.

Guard our praying (vv.2-3)

We are concerned about what goes in our mouths but are we as concerned about what exits them?

We are not to be “hasty in your heart” being rushed and rash.

We “let our words be few” rather than babel on.

We don’t dream but pray faithfully

Guard our promising (vv.4-7)

From worship we expect a response. We approach worship expecting to be changed but guard against making rash promises. We respond with a fear of the Lord.

- ❖ *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?*
 - ❖ *What do we do or what one thing might we do to help us prepare for public worship?*
 - ❖ *How can we guard against prattling in prayer? What challenges do we face and how might we become more self-aware without dampening the joy of prayer?*
- ❖ *Should we expect “change” every week? How might we be more faithful in keeping our promises to God?*

Welcome to

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Sunday 4th May

To mark 80 years since
V.E. Day



You are warmly invited to a

Community Street Party

Monday 5th May 2025

2pm to 4pm



★ Food ★ Games ★ Craft ★ Music ★ Fun ★

Bring your family, friends & neighbours

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Columbus Ravine, YO12 7QZ

Enquiries: events@rockofhelp.org.uk

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY STREET PARTY

- God's favour to rest on it.
- Significant contact made with our neighbours.
- It changes the spiritual atmosphere down Columbus Ravine
- Our heart for outreach would intensify.

Prayer walking the surrounding streets

On Tuesday 13th May we will have our next opportunity to prayer walk the streets surrounding the church, blessing household, speaking freedom in Jesus' name and seeking God's revelation to unlock our immediate mission field. We meet in the Car Park at 10:00 before we go our praying.

Faith on Fridays - Friday 2nd May @ 7:00pm

FAITH



Thinking

This is an opportunity to reflect on and be shaped in our thinking by what the Bible has to say about contemporary issues. If you were not able to come to the first

session but want to come to subsequent sessions, please speak to John so he can pass on the notes to you. If there are issues you would like us to cover, email suggestions to: secretary@rockofhelp.org.uk

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast

Speaker: Stephen Redman

Venue: North Cliff Golf Club

Date: 10th May

Time: 8:30 am

Cost: £8:00



Please sign up at the back of church

Ladies Breakfast

So the ladies don't feel left out... a full English (not a smashed avocado in sight!) and time of fellowship.

When: Saturday 7th June

Where: 8:30-9:30 am in the Church Hall

Cost: Donation

Please sign up at the back of church

Diary for the week

Day	Activity	Contact
Mon 5 th	2:00 Community Street Party	Anita Hill
Tue 6 th	7:30 Junior Church Leaders Prayer	John Gleghorn
Wed 7 th	10:30 Small Group – Northside A 2:00 Small Group – Southside	Denise Grassam John and Gill Payne
Thur 8 th	10:00 Pastoral Care Meeting 10:30 – Men's Fellowship Coffee 7:30 Small Group – Tea and Cake 7:30 Small Group – Northside B 8:30 – Small Group - Zoom	John Gleghorn Ray Beadle John and Hilary John and Viv Andy and Ali
Fri 9 th	11:00 – Ladies at the Hub 2:00 Elders Meeting	Viv Games John Gleghorn
Sat 10 th	8:30 – Men's Breakfast	John Games
Sun 11 th	9:30 – Prayer 10:30 – Morning service 12:30 Welcome Meal for those new to the church 6:30 – A time to pray	The Elders



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