

...a warm welcome to ebenezer...

Ebenezer Baptist Church
250 years
1771 – 2021



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’

Our buildings and Government Restrictions

Neil says:

Our buildings are currently closed, please do not enter them without permission from the Deacons.

Thank you.

Today:

10.30am Live Stream! On Facebook



11.00am Live Stream! On Facebook

James Clarke preaches his last message before taking up his new ministry in South Craven Baptist Church.

Find out more at <https://www.southcravenbaptistchurch.com/> and at
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthCravenBaptist/>



A Prayer for James, Joy and the children

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

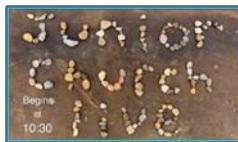
All God's people here send their greetings.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 (NIVUK)

Sunday 6 June

10.30am Live Stream! on Facebook with



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Continuing our series, considering

The Fruit of the Spirit

Kindness

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIVUK)

Tickets for Church Services on 6, 13 and 20 June

Paul Smith says:

If you have difficulty accessing tickets, please contact me.

If you have booked a ticket and are not able to make it to the service, please let me know as we may have a waiting list.

An email has been sent out to those on the church database by Phillip Gott, on behalf of the Leadership Team, with details of how to book the limited number of tickets, and the requirements re covid security:

'Attendance will be by ticket only, and details of how to book are attached. To comply with Government guidelines, masks must be worn and social distancing must be practised at all times.'

The services will continue to be streamed on Facebook, so if you are unable to attend, you can still be with us in spirit.' (excerpt)

enews deadlines

enews editor says:

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for enews articles will be
the Thursday immediately before the Sunday.

Items for inclusion in enews should be emailed to
enews@rockofhelp.org.uk

Pray for our Leaders

Thursday	3 June	9.30am	Elders' Meeting
Thursday	17 June	9.30am	Elders' Meeting

Our Elders meet every two weeks on Thursday morning.

Monday 7 June 7.30pm Deacons' Meeting

I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. *Philemon 1:6 (NIVUK)*

Check out the church website for more information on our Leadership Team, complete with photos!!

<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/leadership-team>

Yorkshire Baptist Association Prayer Diary 2021

enews editor says:

Please pray this week for:

- ✚ Hope Baptist Church, Hebdon Bridge
<http://hope-baptist.blogspot.com/>
- ✚ Hunslet Baptist Church, Leeds
<https://www.hunslet-baptist.org.uk/welcome.htm>

The ROCK Drop in Centre: the Vision

The Elders, Paul and Sheena say:

The ROCK Drop in Centre is a vision to use our Church Hall and refurbished kitchen in a new way:

a way that builds up our Ebenezer family;

a way that offers friendship, fellowship and support to our surrounding community, as we all emerge from the impact of the Pandemic, on our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual lives;

a place where all are welcome.

In the first instance we would offer a place where people from Ebenezer and our surrounding community can just call in for a drink, simple refreshments and a chat: our hope is that we begin to discern how we can best help individuals.

For some it may be just a listening ear and a friendly welcome, but as time goes on, we hope to be able to offer a range of support skills that members at Ebenezer have. We also have Prayer Teams who could journey with those in need.

Some time ago we heard of the work of Renew Wellbeing and a small group of people have continued to meet and pray for the way in which this could be developed. We now believe that Renew Wellbeing could be part of the ROCK Drop in too. (www.renewwellbeing.org.uk)

We continue to pray that if this is God's plan for Ebenezer, starting off in a small way will enable us to discern how we can develop this and allow other new ways of doing things to happen.

To accomplish this vision, we would need help and commitment. Some roles would be on site, some would be as and when needed.

Let's commit individually to pray and ask the Lord how He might be wanting to use us at this time.

Could you be a Prayer Backer, a Leaflet Distributor, a member of the Kitchen Team, a Befriender or a Listener?

Could you be a Driver who is willing to pick up people from our Ebenezer family who would benefit from a lift?

We would need Helpers to set up and to tidy up in the hall and outside, weather permitting.

We can already offer our new RockOfHelpLine, FAMILYLights and other Church based opportunities. Our hopes and prayers are that as we meet together, we will have opportunities to share our faith journeys, when the time is right, and point people to Jesus and His love for them.

Get togethers for our Ebenezer Family: Outdoor Coffee Mornings

Paul and Sheena say:

Last week it was mentioned in our service that as restrictions have been eased, it would be good to create opportunities for our own fellowship to be able to meet up and regain the social contacts we have missed so much through the last 14 months. So, on Wednesdays 9th, 16th and 23rd June, we will be hosting **Outdoor Coffee Mornings** in the church car park from 10 - 11:30 for members and friends.

The Coffee Mornings will be set up adhering to the current guidelines and we hope they will be a time of benefit and encouragement for us all.

We are trusting that the weather will be fine and warm.

If you would like to come and need a lift please get in touch with Paul or Sheena.



Opportunities for Prayer

You can use the Calendar on the Church website, <https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/> to see the various groups meeting to pray regularly, if remotely at the moment. The calendar details how to join each group.

Saturday	Weekly Prayer Meeting	8.30 – 9.30am
Monday	Men's Fellowship Prayer	8.00 – 9.00pm
Tuesday	Prayer for the Nation Post-Brexit	6.30 – 7.30pm

Mission Updates

Find them on the church website, Resources tab, Noticeboard
<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/noticeboard>

- ⊕ BMS The families you helped feed
- ⊕ Phil Benstead, Cyprus: help for Sandra (sent out 24.05.21)
*Stop press: Please continue to pray for Sandra but we praise God He has provided for her so no more funds needed! (sent out 25.05.21!!)
- ⊕ FISS Bang News May 2021 Issue 1

Plants for Christian Aid

Griselda James says:

Once again, I am selling plants to raise funds for Christian Aid.



I have a selection of herbaceous plants, hardy perennials and currant bushes for sale at 50p and £1, displayed outside the Old Post Office, Staintondale, on a self-service system. The sale continues until the last plant finds a new 'bed' to call home!!



*Picture for illustrative purposes only!!

Missions Focus on: Faith In Scarborough Schools: FISS

Missions Coordinator says:



The History of FISS

'Daily collective worship, of a broadly Christian character, should be provided by schools to promote children's spiritual, moral and cultural development.' 1988 Education Reform Act. This is the window of opportunity that was taken by Churches Together in Scarborough to set up **Faith in Scarborough Schools** (aka FISS) in 1998. Bruce Clark was charged with the responsibility of starting and running FISS, initially just two days a week. Thanks to the generosity of local Christians and churches, Bruce was soon employed full time and headed up FISS for around twenty years. He made a lasting impression on many children and young people in and around Scarborough. Bruce was supported by a loyal band of volunteers, running clubs and assemblies in schools.

Catherine Dufton took over from Bruce in September 2018 when he retired and Christina Bramley joined her in September, 2019. FISS continues to appreciate the assistance of its loyal volunteers.

FISS Commission

Faith in Scarborough Schools' commission is to serve and support schools, to help pupils consider, value and respect their own and others' beliefs, and to explore a living, Christian faith. FISS serves schools in a way that reflects the Christian faith and commitment to God.

FISS works out this commission in a way that offers the hope of God's love to *all* whom the workers meet and serve, by being rooted in God's word and grace, and working with kindness and humility.

In Primary Schools

FISS offers Assemblies to all schools, mainly online at the moment. FISS also runs clubs, workshops, events and offers Transition Mentoring (supporting children as they transfer from primary to secondary education). This is run in conjunction with the Sidewalk charity. You can watch some recent assemblies on the website, on the Primary Schools page.

In Secondary Schools

Mentoring continues into September as students transfer to their secondary schools. Please pray (and consider giving) for the resources needed for FISS to be able to offer Christian Unions to secondary schools.

Supporting FISS

Explore how you can support FISS by Donations, Volunteering and Fundraising by checking out the website

<https://www.fiss-scarborough.org.uk/>

FISS Newsletters and Calendar

The new style newsletter, FISS Bang News, previous newsletters, and the monthly calendar showing assemblies and prayer opportunities are found under the New tab on the FISS website

Catherine



Christina



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