

## ...a warm welcome to ebenezer...

### Hello

**Welcome** to you if you are new to our church or visiting. **Please make yourself at home.** If you require help or information, please ask a member of our **Welcome Team.** If you need **prayer** after the service, please feel free to go to the **Prayer Den.** If you have with you **babies, children, young people or those of any age with special needs,** we have groups that cater for their needs – please listen for announcements.

**In the event of a fire or emergency incident, please evacuate the building immediately, under the guidance of the Leadership Team.**

---

### TODAY:

---

**10.30am Morning Worship**

**'Nothing to Hide'** Psalm 139

**6.30pm Uncluttered: Enrich**

**'God is Good'** Psalm 34:8

---

### Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> May

---

**10:30am Morning Worship and Communion**

With the BMS Action Team

(see the article pages 6-7)

**4pm #Gathering**

joining **Hope Whitby** at

**Eastside Community Centre**

Abbotts Road, Whitby YO22 4EA



---

## Morning Communion

---

The dates for the next three Morning Communions are:  
**30<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August**

---

### Thank you!!

---

*Sheena says:*

Life is full of surprises as I discovered last week! One afternoon I am at the Holiday Club with my feet in yellow jelly attempting to lift out a number of marbles into a saucer and win points for my team, and the next day I am in an ambulance being transported to the Stroke Ward in York Hospital!!

I am now back home and I have been greatly encouraged by the prayers, messages and care shown to me by the church family and thank you all for the love and support which is helping me on my road to full recovery.  
God bless you all.

---

### Walk of Witness Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019

---

Check out this link to the website of professional photographers **Emma and Rich**, who followed the Walk and share their thoughts and some of their photos.

<http://www.emmaandrich.co.uk/walk-of-witness/>

Big thanks to them for permission to share, for their insight and for their expertise, and for taking the impact of the event to a different and challenging level for us all.

Thank you to CTiS for organising all the aspects of the Walk and engaging so many people in this reflection on the awe-full and awesome events of that first Good Friday.

\*\*\*

**Luke 24:32 (NIVUK) The Risen Lord**

***They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'***

---

## Pilot Apologetics Group

---

Martin Stevens says:

Do you feel confident when asked questions about your faith? Are you able to give a reasoned defence for what you believe?

1 Peter 3:15 instructs "...in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..." (ESV).

The Greek word for 'defence' used here is 'apologia', which means 'a reasoned defence' (as would be presented in a law court). 'Apologia' gives us the word '**apologetics**' which is a branch of theology. Apologetics aims to provide reasoned arguments for the truth of Christianity.

We intend to start a **Pilot Apologetics Group** for study and discussion, with the goal of equipping the group to defend and share our faith. We intend to meet once a week on a convenient evening. If you are interested, please talk to Martin or Mark Stevens or contact us by email at [eb.ap.soc@gmail.com](mailto:eb.ap.soc@gmail.com), indicating which evenings of the week you would be regularly available. The pilot aims to work through "On Guard" by William Lane Craig, becoming familiar with the arguments he presents and building up an initial foundation. We also intend to create a library of apologetics resources that the group can use.

### Weekly Prayer Meeting

Join us on Saturday mornings

From 8:30 to 9:30 am

in the Prayer Room (enter by back door)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly 9 am at Oliver's Mount)

Everyone welcome

---

## Prayer for Neil and Karen...

---

..as he takes his Sabbatical for three months from the beginning of May to the end of July.

Thank you, Lord, that you have incorporated periods of rest and change of routine into the lives of Your servants.

As Neil changes the rhythm of his work, withdrawing from his normal ministry and having a time apart with God, may both he and Karen come back rested, refreshed, encouraged, and freshly envisioned by God.

Thank you, Lord, for the diligent preparation that Neil has made in the months running up to his Sabbatical.

We pray for wisdom and guidance for our Elders and Deacons, and other leaders, while Neil is away, thanking the Lord for the support of James and David, and we especially pray for Sheena, in the light of her need to completely recover her full health.

May Neil really enjoy his time spent reading and thinking; may he have deeper insight and revelation into the topic of Missional Discipleship and the issue of transgender.

Please reveal more of Your will for the development and organisation of the family of our various communities (Ebenezer, FAMILYLights, Restore Filey and Hope Whitby). May Neil see more of the details of the vision You have given us.

We ask that You keep Karen and Neil safe as they journey, may they find delight in Your wonderful creation and be encouraged and blessed as they share with Christians in other cultures and expressions of Your Body

## Psalm 121 (NIVUK)

### A song of ascents.

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains –  
where does my help come from?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip –  
he who watches over you will not slumber;  
<sup>4</sup> indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over you –  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm –  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and for evermore.

May Neil and Karen take encouragement and strength from these words.

---

### Pray for Scarborough:update

---

In May through July we are switching to the **3rd Sunday** of the month, still at **St. Mary's**, under the theme:

**“Lord cleanse your people”** and **“Restore us”, “Renew us”, “Revive us”**.

Then on the last weekend in **September, 27th to 29th**, we will conclude **the Lord's Prayer** in a conference at Ebenezer Baptist Church: **“Lord reveal your glory”**.

Please put the dates in your diary and come join with us as we seek God for His will for Scarborough.

---

## Arriving Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April!! BMS Action Team Peru (from their Blog)

---



The past few weeks have been a rollercoaster of emotions for us. We've experienced the sadness of leaving our beloved **Peru**, yet the excitement of being reunited with our families. We left Peru at the end of March, and since have spent a week at home and are currently living at **BMS's International Mission Centre** in preparation for tour.

Three weeks before we left, we spent our remaining time being **teaching assistants** in the school kindergarten and first grade class. We found it very tiring, but loved spending time in their classes, as they were all so cute!

Our last day at **school** was very emotional, as we had to say goodbye to all the kids we'd been teaching since October. An assembly was organised for us, where many tears were shed, but it was the perfect opportunity to say goodbye to

each one of the kids and celebrate what we had achieved during our time there

We also had **our last Spanish class**, after which we received certificates! We also said a very emotional goodbye to our wonderful Spanish teacher Raquel and her family, who were a large part of our time in Peru, as they were so welcoming and encouraging.

On our last Saturday, we said goodbye to the kids at the **Pilares kids group** we helped at. We also attended our last **youth group** meeting, which ended in true Team Peru style – embarrassing ourselves with our lack of volleyball skills!

Sunday was our last service at **Bethel Church**, which was definitely one of the hardest goodbyes and a lot of tears were shed, as we feel we are now part of their family. They organised an amazing lunch for us after church and some of the youth girls even wrote a song for us! We feel so blessed to have been part of such a welcoming and loving church during our six months overseas.

Our last goodbyes were at the airport to our wonderful **supervisors and host family**.

After spending just over a week at home, we returned to the BMS International Mission Centre in Birmingham, have started to plan for our **tour**, and visited **Catshill Baptist Church**, our training church. It was a busy weekend involving chatting to members of the church, helping at a coffee morning, doing the Sunday sermon, going bowling (don't ask Bethan about the result!), as well as a radio interview with the minister this Wednesday. We are so grateful to everyone at Catshill for all the support they have given us since September and it was a pleasure to spend time in their community.

## **PRAYER POINTS:**

-  Thank God that we returned home from Peru safely
-  For our projects in Peru, in particular Bethel School and the Pilares kids group
-  For energy, as we begin our eight week church tour

---

## **Ebenezer: Covenant and Vision**

---

*Neil and the Elders say:*

We spent 2017/18 in prayer seeking God for his vision for Ebenezer. We felt he was saying **7** things to us, and each month through 2019 we will publish one of those to remind us of what God said.

**We are called to be a place of growth.**



We are called to encourage those who can pioneer and we understand that we must be willing to go with the pioneers as they take risks for the kingdom of God. As Missional Communities spread we have seen that new congregations form where people live. We recognise that forming these takes vision, clarity and passion.



We commit to praying into the vision of beacons of lights on the east coast. We understand that beacons are not just visible, they are used to communicate to places where they can be seen.

We will attend to our own spiritual growth, worshipping together, fellowshiping, teaching and praying. We will connect relationally as we spread out always remembering that we are recognised by our love for one another.

God said through the prophet Isaiah "Enlarge the place of your tent". Acts records that every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

***We will be faithful in prayer for the extension of God's kingdom in Scarborough and up and down this eastern coast as far inland as our tent extends. We promise to never give up the habit of meeting together, and we will seek to help each other to grow as disciples of Jesus and to encourage others to accept the offer of salvation that Jesus makes.***

---

## **Check out our Website**

---

Perhaps you haven't browsed our website recently. It is jam-packed full of information about Ebenezer and has links to the websites of Hope Whitby and Restore Filey.

There is so much more going on than *enews* could hope to contain, with a handy calendar and pages devoted to our activities and our varied Missional Communities. If you want to listen again to a sermon, or catch up on one you missed, you can find them here. Need to be sure of our Safeguarding Policy? or be reminded of our Vision? book the Hall? or make contact? this is your go - to place.....

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

and you can read *enews* on line, too!!

*enews* items to: [enews@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:enews@rockofhelp.org.uk) | Registered Charity 1148674 |  
contact us: [ebenezer@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:ebenezer@rockofhelp.org.uk) 9

# LYRA

from St. Petersburg, Russia

**Saturday May 18th 7pm**

Queen Street Central Hall

Queen Street, Scarborough. YO11 1HQ

**Tickets: £10 concessions £8**

Includes programme & refreshments

**Box Office: 01723-361214/ 355429**

A professional vocal ensemble



Lyra: returning to Scarborough with another concert of Russian folk music, Orthodox Church Music and Russian heritage. Each member sings in different churches of St. Petersburg and some are soloists in musical theatres in the city.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7pm Worship Night with Graham Kendrick**

enews items to: [enews@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:enews@rockofhelp.org.uk) | Registered Charity 1148674 |  
contact us: [ebenezer@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:ebenezer@rockofhelp.org.uk) 10

Keep the Banner Flying High! The Citadel Gillygate York  
Tickets: [arkevent.co.uk/gkyork19](http://arkevent.co.uk/gkyork19)

13<sup>th</sup> May Equip Leadership Day The Belfrey York  
<https://www.belfrey.org/equip.html>

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May THIS 19 The Summit, Scarborough  
<https://www.kingdomfaith.com/conferencethis.aspx>

20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July Keswick Convention Week 2  
<https://keswickministries.org/convention/2019>

29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July ELA Conference Life Church Bradford  
<https://presenceministriesinternational.brushfire.com/events/449042>

4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August, United 19, Peterborough Week 2:  
<https://www.new-wine.org/week-2>

**Ladies@TheHub<sup>+</sup>**

Next meets on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

10.30am

And from then EVERY Friday by  
popular request

Ladies...All very welcome!!

Come when you can!!

@ The Hub, The Summit,

St Nicholas Street, YO12 2HF

Floor 1 (lift or stairs)

With coffee, chat,

laughter, support, care,

new friends..

---

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Restore Filey

---

"Come and join us for  
our  
May Gathering!  
Room 21/22  
Evron Centre  
Filey,  
7.30pm  
May 1<sup>st</sup>

Isaac Hick is leading  
the worship and the  
missionary team that  
went to Peru are  
sharing their stories.  
See you there!"



---

### Email address change alert!! Email address change alert!!

---

Neil says:

Our email provider no longer supports the type of email address that enabled [elders@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:elders@rockofhelp.org.uk) or [deacons@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:deacons@rockofhelp.org.uk). Sadly that means you'll have to address the emails to each member of the group in future. All of us have email addresses which are first name, initial of surname. So for example [NeilD@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:NeilD@rockofhelp.org.uk), [BillH@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:BillH@rockofhelp.org.uk) etc. Elders are NeilD, SheenaB, JamesC and DavidG. Deacons are ClaireE, AilsaG, BillH, DaveH, PhillipG.

---

### Thank you

---

Thank you to the Kitchen Refurbishment Fundraising Team for a great Quiz Night at Roscoe's.

It was a very entertaining evening, with fiendishly hard quizzes set by Ray Beadle and Claire Edwards and very lavish prizes.

A brilliant £965 was raised towards the new kitchen for the Hall which will benefit both church and community.