

...a warm welcome to **ebenezer**...

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## Our buildings and Government Restrictions

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Neil says:

Our buildings are closed in line with the government restrictions imposed on buildings. The only permitted access is for a minister of religion or a worship leader to stream a service without an audience, or for a church employee who has to access the building to do their job. Neil is checking the building and the post once a week when he live-streams the service.

Thank you for staying away thereby protecting yourself and also maintaining the building as a safe place for services to be streamed from.

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## Today Palm Sunday

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11.00 am Live stream! on Facebook

Living intentional lives (following in his footsteps)

**Luke 19:28-48**

...the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! *v37,38 (NIVUK)*

**If you aren't on Facebook then why not sign up now so you can join the services.**

**Ebenezer can be found at**

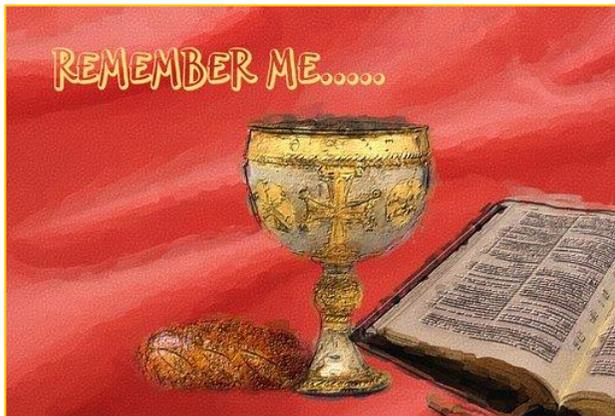
**<https://www.facebook.com/EbsBaptist/>.**



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## Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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Neil says:

Join us on Zoom on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm for a short communion service. Please bring some bread to break and something to drink.

The meeting will be:

<https://zoom.us/j/412648134> For those without internet you can join by phone using one of the following phone numbers:

0131 460 1196; 0208 080 659; 0208 080 6592

**Meeting ID is 412 648 134**

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God.'

Luke 22:14,25 (NIVUK)



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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

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11.00am Live Stream! On Facebook

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## Ebenezer keeping in touch

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Neil says:

We have now given all Group Leaders information on how to keep groups going using video conferencing; it is also possible for people to phone in if they haven't got internet.

To help us stay in touch between times we have scheduled for those who can make it



### Morning Coffee

(<https://zoom.us/j/469376222>)

at 11am

every day (except Sunday)

and

### Afternoon Tea

(<https://zoom.us/j/864398978>)

at 3pm every day



Details of how to join this

meeting are in the **Calendar** on the **home page of the website**

- if you know somebody without internet why not pass on the information to them so they can join in too?

For further updates please keep an eye on our website and on our Facebook page.

We are aware that **not everybody is on the internet** and Sheena and I will discuss (remotely!) **how best we might provide support to those who are isolated.**

For **further updates** please keep an eye on our **website** and on our **Facebook** page as well as here in **enews**.

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## Mission Updates

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

-  Worldshare April Prayer Calendar
-  Ed Preston UCCF Update Furlough Leave
-  YBA Lent Focus week 31st March
-  YBA Newsround 1<sup>st</sup> April

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## Yorkshire Baptist Association 2020 Church Prayer Diary

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Please pray this week for:

-  Doncaster Baptist Church  
<https://doncasterbaptistchurch.com/>
-  Dronfield Baptist Church  
<https://www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk/>

Websites have been included so that you can find out more about the church you are praying for.

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## On-Line Christian Resources for parents

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Check out this website, some good free downloads that might give you mums and dads some fresh ideas when you run out of inspiration!!

<https://ministry-to-children.com/online-ministry-when-church-is-cancelled/>

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## Your stories

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*enews editor says:*

I would be delighted to receive **your** stories of the Lord's help, intervention, blessing, provision, encouragement through these challenging days.

Please email your stories to me at [enews@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:enews@rockofhelp.org.uk) and I will incorporate them into future editions of enews.

Don't worry about spelling, punctuation or composition!! That's what an editor is for!!

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## John and Gill Payne's Emergency Exodus from South Africa

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Gill says:

Our trip to South Africa, which was mainly to see family and a few close friends, was cut short in a dramatic way. We realised listening to the news that airports were closing down and we were booked with KLM for 8th April. In Durban we suddenly felt we should change our flight and come back earlier to fly direct to the UK. What a battle! John tried 5 times to book, filling in forms over the internet. We were praying and praying for the Lord's help. On the 6th time we managed to book and pay for a BA flight on Saturday 28th March.

Then 2 days later came the bombshell that South Africa was going into lockdown and all airports would close on Thursday 26th! We flew back to Johannesburg from Durban looking for the BA office to see if our flight would still be on. We were sent all over the airport only to discover there was no-one in the office, no-one could tell us anything. Meanwhile we had left a suitcase full of stuff and the rest of John's medication at his brother Teigue's house. How good is the Lord! Teigue and his wife were supposed to be away, but because Wendy had been in UK they couldn't go away. Teigue, bless him, brought all our stuff to the airport - a massive journey.

We were told all BA flights for that day, Tuesday and Wednesday were fully booked. Thursday would no longer be possible as there would be no more flights and the airport closed.

We prayed and asked the Lord to make a way where there seemed to be no way. We prayed and praised, reminding the Lord He was our Father and we were His redeemed children. We even sang together in the airport, one of the songs being:

*"God can make a way where there seems to be no way.*

*He works in ways we cannot see,*

*He can make a way for me..."*

I really sensed Him saying He would make a way.

Eventually we joined a queue at a BA check-in desk, really for information, but the dear lady (God's angel) looked up our booking and then put tags on our suitcases. She told us she couldn't put them through; we must keep them with us as we were on standby and to come back at 7pm to see if we could get on the flight. We arrived back at 6.40pm to find another 25 people all on standby! Faith could have wavered at this but I think the Lord gave us the calm and faith to believe.

At 7.15pm an announcement was made.

Not only did we get on the plane, but everyone (now about 50 people) got on! How merciful is the Lord! There was a great cheer and we were rushed onto the plane.

It felt as though we had been rescued and we couldn't stop thanking the Lord. I know many of you were praying for us and we can only say 'Thank you, thank you from the depths of our heart', and pray that you would all be encouraged that "nothing is impossible with God" Amen.

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## Rainbows in windows

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**If** you have been out at all, essential journeys or exercise only!!, you will have seen rainbows in windows.

Children, especially, have been encouraged to create them. People say the rainbow 'spreads happiness', 'cheers people up', 'makes them smile'.

A rainbow is caused by reflection, refraction and dispersion of light in water droplets resulting in a spectrum of light appearing in the sky. It takes the form of a multicoloured circular arc.

*(Wikipedia).*

God used the rainbow as a sign of His everlasting covenant with the earth and every living creature:

**I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9: 13 NIVUK)**

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## Prayer for Scarborough in a time of pandemic

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Scarborough, we bless you in Jesus' name.

We bless each household, each marriage and each family, especially at this time of being confined in the home; we pray protection for the vulnerable.

We bless the relationships between different generations, and thank you for the way that people are reaching out to help others. We pray for the generations of families separated by the isolation.

We bless your health and pray for protection from the Covid 19 virus.

We bless your wealth, when it is so threatened.

We bless the work of your hands and pray for all employees and employers impacted by the need to isolate, to work from home, or the need to work in activities which risk exposure to infection.

We pray for those who are financially challenged at this time, that they might obtain the provision they need.

We bless every wholesome enterprise in which you are involved. We pray it prospers, that there will be swift recovery when the crisis passes.

We bless the fishing and other industries along our coast, and pray that these industries will endure.

We bless all involved in tourism, at a time when no one should be visiting our area. We pray you will be able to recover and prosper once the restrictions are lifted and people are once again drawn to our beautiful town.

We bless the statutory services: health, police, fire, council and social services. We ask God to protect you and to provide you with all you

need to deliver excellence to the area at this time when resources are so stretched. We bless our MP and local government, that they will make wise choices to tackle these problems.

We bless the voluntary agencies and support networks of faith and friendship; that they may be tangible signs of the Kingdom. Protect those who are continuing to inter-face with the most vulnerable and needy.

We bless the pupils who can no longer attend our schools, asking God to aid learning in their own homes, understanding as they work with their adult carers and siblings, and friendship as they relate over social media.

We bless teachers and ask God to provide abundantly for their needs as they make contributions to their pupils' progress remotely.

We bless all those in Scarborough who find life challenging for any reason, especially those coping with illness, with fear because of the virus, with bereavement, praying you come to know God as your Champion and as your Comfort and Strength.

We bless the lonely, especially at this time of social isolation, that you find comfort in God's presence and through friendship and family by new means and media.

We bless all Christian places of worship in our town, praying that the Word and Spirit of God may flow from you, even though you cannot open for services. We bless the ministries you undertake, praying for their fruitfulness, and for your on-line presence.

We bless each person residing in Scarborough, praying your hearts may be soft and responsive to the voice of God.

*(enews editor's Local adaptation of the Ffald-y-Brenin blessing in The Grace Outpouring)*

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## Christian Missions in a time of pandemic

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*enews editor says:*

The Lord lays on our individual hearts different mission, social action and support organisations, both here and abroad, large and small. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic is going to be enormous, in short and long term, with a great increase in the need for support in the developing and developed world, and reduced income as supporters may have less money available themselves. Check out their websites to see what additional prayer, practical and financial support they will be asking for, and join the world wide church in responding as you are able.

*David Grassam says:*

**10ofThose** is just one example of a small company that, although not a mission itself supports Christian mission through the provision of quality Christian resources. Jonathan Carswell asks for prayer for 10ofThose. With the cancellations of conferences and church gatherings 10ofThose has taken a massive hit. But it is a vital evangelistic ministry and if it is to survive there needs to be good on-line sales over these next few weeks.

If you can order any books over this challenging period it would be greatly appreciated. <https://www.10ofthose.com/uk/>

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...a living example of God's faithfulness. It is an assurance that God has not forgotten us and that he continues to work in this world.' The Christian Institute

Why not email me photos of the rainbow in your window, so we can create a '**Rainbow Gallery**' in enews?

