



Sunday 12 September 2021
...a warm welcome to ebenezer...

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’

Sunday Gatherings

We are excited to have resumed our Sunday Gatherings with no restrictions on numbers and the ability to sing our praises to God. We laid out chairs to have a zone for those who need to retain 1metre plus and the rest of the church is laid out as normal.

During the Gathering our FAMILYLights group go out for their activities and as the timings often mean they don't return by the end of the Gathering we now serve tea and coffee **before** we worship rather than after. So from **10:30am we serve tea and coffee**, and then **at 11am the Gathering starts**; it is also live-streamed for those who are isolating or unable to be with us in person.

Masks are no longer a legal requirement however the Prime Minister has asked us to be cautious and masks exist to protect others not ourselves. Please therefore consider wearing a mask in crowded indoor settings, such as home group or church, as an act of love for those around you.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in
love

Ephesians 4:2(NIVUK)

Today

10.30am Tea and coffee served

11.00am Live in church and Live Streaming on Facebook



Featuring the work of **MAF: Mission Aviation Fellowship**
with **Guest Speaker, Ruth Shackleton.**

Mission Aviation Fellowship is a family of organizations led by people in countries around the world who have a similar vision of taking Christ's love into the most remote places on earth to meet spiritual and physical needs in 37 different countries. Collectively, our fleet of 135 airplanes serves some 1,400 non-profit, churches, and humanitarian organizations.

Flying onto desert and jungle airstrips, lakes and rivers, tracks and roads, MAF's light aircraft and their mission pilots go **the extra mile** to provide a lifeline.

Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organizations MAF enables practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet.

For 70 years, MAF has literally been'**Flying for life!**'

Join us and support some of the most unreachable people on earth. Together, we can bring help, hope and healing to isolated people in need.....

Ruth Shackleton (MAF Yorkshire Representative)

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Ruth Shackleton has worked in aviation for over 23 years. Initially as a Flight Attendant for Saudi Arabian Airlines, she then decided to follow her ambition and joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) as a Flight Operations Officer. Ruth has worked both in the UK and overseas on Operation with a variety of aircraft types including BAe146, HS125, CH47 Chinook, Hercules C130, Boeing C-17, VC10, Tristar, Nimrod, Tornado, Euro-fighter Typhoon and Hawk. Ruth's last role in the RAF was as the Team Manager for the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team - 'The Red Arrows'. In 2015, Ruth decided to leave the RAF and became the Head of Terminal 1 at Manchester Airport where she and her team were responsible for processing 13 million passengers per year and supporting operations for 27 airlines. Ruth is now General Manager Crew Development with Jet2.com based in Leeds. Ruth has been blessed with a very privileged career to date and she is intent on using her experience to support the vital work of MAF.



Sunday 19 September

10.30am Tea and coffee served

11.00am Live in church
and Live Streaming on Facebook

Continuing our series: **Peter's First Letter**

Living as the family of God I Peter 3:8-12

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing

1 Peter 3:8,9 (NIVUK)

Farewell to Neil and Karen: 26 September

The Elders say:

26 September will be Neil and Karen's last Sunday with us and so everyone is invited to stay after the service in Church for special refreshments and an opportunity to say personal goodbyes.

Elders' Holiday Dates

The Elders say:

These are the dates when we **will not** be available to deal with Church matters. Please respect these holiday periods.

Sheena

From Saturday September 11 to Saturday September 18 inclusive.

Please contact Neil or Paul when Sheena is on holiday

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Welcome Team

Gillian Blake says:

We are looking for volunteers to join the Welcome Team, at The Morning Service, from 10.15am until 11.05am

- + the Front Door:
please ask 2 people to take up the offering;
or take up the offering yourselves
- + the Side Door;
- + inside the building:
especially look out for, chat to, and make new people welcome

The Evening Service, from 6.10pm until 6.35pm

- + the Front Door

It is really important for both Visitors and our Church Family to feel welcomed.

Initially you could be alongside a regular member of the team to learn the ropes.

Please see me to find out more.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. Psalm 84:10 (NIVUK)



Yorkshire Baptist Association Prayer Diary 2021

enews editor says:

Please pray this week for:

- + Rothwell Baptist Church, Leeds
<https://www.rothwellbaptist.org.uk/>
- + Salendine Nook Baptist Church, Huddersfield
<https://www.snbch.org.uk/>

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The Tower of Babel!

We had fun last week. We started with a game called North, South, East and West - we gathered and scattered and settled! We had a Marshmallow & Spaghetti Tower Family Challenge..... There were some impressive constructions and The Welfords won! 🍌

We read the account in Genesis of how the people tried to make a name for themselves and we read that Jesus is the name above all names (Philippians 2:3-11)

We built a tower with things that represent how we try to make a name for ourselves and then we knocked it down!! In its place we built a Proverbs 18:10 tower - The name of the LORD is a strong tower! We sang and played instruments together - thank you Sophie & Beth for the guitar and cajon! Fab! We finished with prayers for the children and youth as they head back to school and then ate together. It was great to have the youth with us. Thankyou to everyone who joined us. A busy and fun morning 😊!



Nominations for the role of Church Deacon

Bill Holmes, Church Secretary says:

At the Deacons' Meeting on Monday, it was decided that it would be beneficial to have a larger team of Deacons. At present we have only three: Claire Edwards, Sue Stride and Janet Wilson.

We think that **four more** would be ideal and so we are asking Church Members to pray about who may have the qualities needed to serve Ebenezer as a Deacon.

Please seek the agreement of the person you feel led to put forward.

If they agree to be nominated, then pass their name to me at secretary@rockofhelp.org.uk or in person.

The deadline for nominations is Sunday 10 October.

We would then be able to ask Church Members to vote on the nominations at the next Church Meeting, Wednesday 20 October.

So, next time you are at Ebenezer, look at your neighbours and say a prayer!

1000 miles for St Catherine's Hospice

Ray Beadle says:

Some of you will remember that I am walking 1,000 miles throughout this year to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice as the pandemic has inevitably left them short of funds.

I wrote that if 50 people could afford to give me 1p per mile that would be £500 for the hospice.

Some people responded immediately with promises and hard cash and I have already exceeded that amount.

However there may still be some who wish to donate, so I will be in church on Sunday with my sponsor form if you wish to add an amount to that already raised.

I am well on the way to my target mileage and hope to reach it sometime in late October though it may be before then. Thank you to all those who have already responded to my request.

The Rock Drop in Centre Vision

The Leadership Team says:

It was way back in June that eNews contained a description of the Centre with the many possibilities that could become part of its outreach.

However, we learned a lot from the Outdoor Coffee Mornings we held earlier this Summer as we were finally able to gather together again. Simple refreshments and the company of friends made a big difference to those who joined in, so that is how we plan to start our new venture for our Ebenezer family and for those from our surrounding community, who we pray will come and join in.

We already have a small team willing to prepare teas and coffees and put the delicious packets of biscuits on plates. Our new dish washer does all the washing up in a matter of minutes so helping in the kitchen is not a difficult task.

Could You Volunteer To Join That Team?

We already have a few people who have said they would be happy to befriend people who may come on their own but it's always good to have a lot of friendly faces around.

Maybe That Could Be Something You Are Happy To Do?

We also need a small team of people who would be willing to offer lifts to members of our Church family so they can join in too.

Would Being An Ebenezer Taxi Driver Be What You Could Offer?

For the time being we need those who can help set up tables and chairs and we already have a wonderful volunteer in Dale who helped us all through our Coffee Mornings so faithfully.

Perhaps Giving Dale A Hand Would Be Something For You?

We have all been praying for the surrounding streets and now is the time to step out in faith believing that our Lord has prepared hearts to be ready to receive our invitations.

So, when our invitations are printed it would be great if we each delivered invitations to the homes on the particular streets we have been praying for.

Please keep praying for this way of reaching out which God has entrusted to us and how He may be calling you to be part of it.

Missions Updates

Renamed on the church website

<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/> under the Resources tab,

Missions Updates

Missions Coordinator, Viv Games, says:

I have copies of MAF Flying for Life and the MAF Prayer Letter for Oct - Dec

and of the Evangelical Alliance Magazine, **IDEA**, for September/October

and

of **Engage**, the BMS World Mission magazine, August, issue 51.

If you would like to have one or all, please email me at

missions@rockofhelp.org.uk, and I will ensure that you get them.

Find the following Missions Updates on the church website, Resources tab, Missions Updates

-  Release International September 2021 News Update
-  UBM Prayer Letter 3 September 2021
-  MAF Flight Log September 2021

Volunteer needed to host Pray for Scarborough

Kimberlee Waring asks:

A volunteer is needed to host the Zoom Pray for Scarborough on **Saturday 9 October**. Please let me know at writekimberlee@yahoo.com asap if you can do this. It would also be valuable for additional people to volunteer to facilitate a future meeting at Oliver's Mount and on Zoom.

Thank you

enews in a topsy-turvy world!!

enews editor says:

Thank you for your forbearance with last week's edition of enews, that was definitely topsy-turvy, as we get used to the settings on the new printer!!