

...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 7:22 (NIVUK)

**Ebenezer means 'stone of help'**

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## Our buildings and Government Restrictions

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Neil says:

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

Thank you.

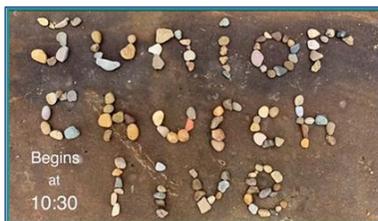
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## Today: 6th Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday

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**1am British Summer Time begins Clocks go forward 1 hour**

**10.30am Live Stream! on Facebook**



**11.00am Live Stream! On Facebook**

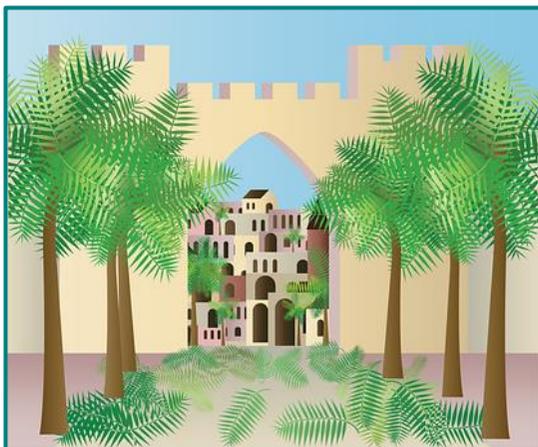
**Which Jesus do you worship? Matthew 21:1-11**

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’

‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’

‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Matthew 21:9 b (NIVUK)



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## Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6.30pm

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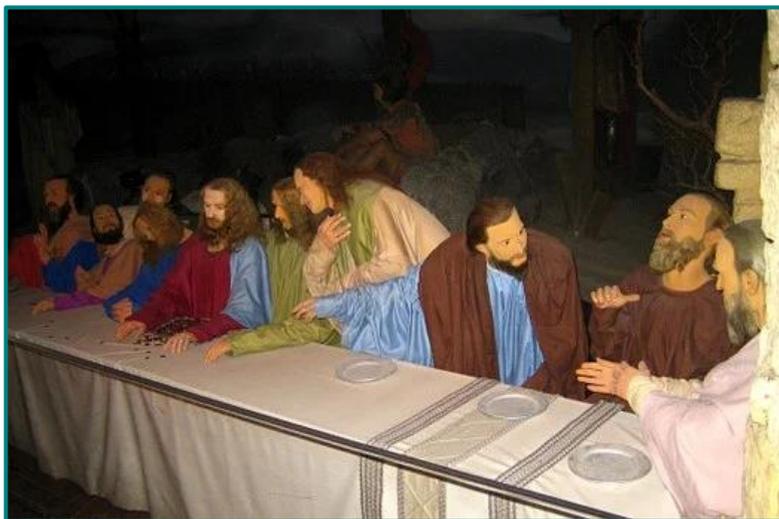
We will be gathering on Zoom to remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples as we break bread together. Please have bread and juice or wine ready and join us for a short service of remembrance on this important day in Holy Week. Details are on our website in the calendar, and also here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87164400076?pwd=TVJqNy9lYzBxMzQ4TGGM4ZlZpRzVNZz09>

Or by telephone +44 203 901 7895 United Kingdom

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A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

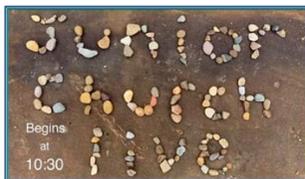
[Luke 22:24-27 (NIVUK)]

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## Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday

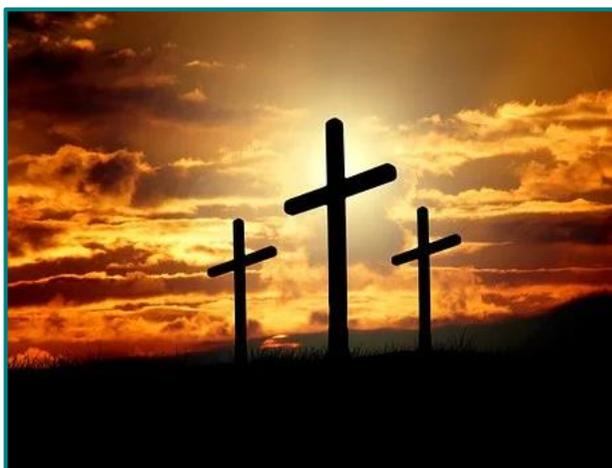
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Confidence in the Resurrection Luke 23:44-46, 23:55-24:12



6.30pm Communion and Prayer

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## Saturday 3 April Easter Quiz

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Claire is organising a quiz for Easter Saturday at 7.30pm.  
Please let Neil or Claire have your Team details.



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## Pray for our Leaders

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Thursday 1 April 9.30am Elders' Meeting

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. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honourably in every way.

Hebrews 13:17-18 (NIVUK)

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## Junior Church Posters feature on the Ebenezer Noticeboard

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*Paul Smith says:*

Junior Church recently had a competition to design posters for our Notice Board outside the Church Building on Columbus Ravine.

We have such a talented bunch of children, dedicated and inspiring Junior Church Leaders, and caring, committed and encouraging parents.

A grand total of ten posters were submitted, and the quality and creativeness of all of these is so brilliant that we have had them professionally reproduced by a local print company.

Every poster will be displayed in rotation on the Noticeboard. It will be worth the walk, or the drive and park, to see these posters *in situ*, so please look out for each new poster as you are passing Church. They are such very unique and original works of art.

Please pray that each and every poster will catch the eye of passers-by, will attract their attention and give them pause for thought about the Christian faith and the perception displayed by children. Many people have reflected on their spiritual lives through the pandemic, and we can pray that these posters will help people to consider exploring more of the Christian faith, and perhaps coming to a service when we are able to resume meeting in the building.

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:2,3 (NIVUK)

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## Update: Prayer for our community: Adopt a Street

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Paul Smith says:

As Neil outlined in last week's service we want **you** to adopt a street from the following list and agree to pray for the residents of that street. You may wish to use the prayer below or use your own and you may actually walk down your chosen street and pray.

Please send your name and the street you have adopted, to [elders@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:elders@rockofhelp.org.uk).

**The following streets are awaiting adoption!!**

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|  Trafalgar Road     |  Peasholm Crescent |
|  Peasholm Drive     |  Langdale Road     |
|  Chatsworth Gardens |  Tennyson Avenue   |
|  Devonshire Drive   |  Elmville Avenue   |
|  Peasholm Gardens   |  Beechville Avenue |
|  Ashville Avenue    |  Oakville Avenue   |

Link to online map, drag to centre on Ebenezer, click to enlarge:

<https://www.maps-streetview.com/United-Kingdom/Scarborough/roadmap.php>

Here is a prayer you may wish to use:

*I bless every home in the name of Jesus. I bless every wholesome enterprise, that it may be fruitful. I bless the hearts of the people in this community in the name of Jesus, that they may be softened and healed and become increasingly receptive to the voice of God.*

*Lord, we bless what you do, we love what you do. We bless it, that it can increase, Lord. Keep doing this Lord. We bless your activity here, Lord. We welcome it even when it appears bizarre. God, we want you to be God; we don't want to limit you, God. You can do whatever you like, even if it offends us. You do what you want to do, God, in the way you want to do it and we'll bless it.*

**Please adopt a street.  
If you don't pray for the people of that street who will?**

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## Yorkshire Baptist Association Prayer Diary 2021

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enews editor says:

Please pray this week for:

-  Denholme Shared Church, Bradford  
<https://www.denholmechurch.org.uk/>
-  Dewsbury Baptist Church  
<http://www.dewsburybaptistchurch.co.uk/>

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## Mission Updates

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



Following the focus on FiSS in Sunday 14 March service, which was entertaining, inspiring and encouraging, *Catherine Duffton* says:

Here's the website address which is being redesigned to include prayer, practical and financial support. Currently it has a 'fundraising whilst you shop' online link but not much else.

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

Here is my email address for any contact about practical support with the website etc.

[cathfiss@gmail.com](mailto:cathfiss@gmail.com)

There is a Direct Debit Mandate form on the Noticeboard (see above) should you wish to financially support FiSS regularly.

-  Release International Lockdown Church Update  
22 March
-  YBA Newsround 24 March
-  BMS Feeding Families Appeal

## News from Stepping Stones

Hello Everyone

We trust you are all well and looking forward to the prospect of reducing restrictions.

We are happy to be able to send you our spring 2021 update. lots of lovely stuff to share!

If you are a sponsor of a child, please would you be kind enough to reply back with a letter/photo's via email so that we can forward them on to your child and as always we shall be collating their replies and will send them on to you in the coming weeks. Please could you reply by **Sunday 28 March**, which will give them opportunity to print out your letters and distribute to all the children in time for Easter. Of course, if you prefer you can send them direct to our home address, (address on request from Missions Coordinator [missions@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:missions@rockofhelp.org.uk)) we will scan them, make them digital and forward them to Bony our Boy's home manager.

If you know of anyone who does not currently receive these updates but would like to, please do give them our email address and ask them to contact us. Likewise, if you are on this mailing list and do not wish to receive any emails please also let us know. We understand that these days there are so many emails being sent and shared, it can be overwhelming.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support, it has been amazing that even in this difficult time, we have been able to continue sending the budget in full. 😊

Blessings and kind regards.

Tracey, Rich and all at Stepping Stones. (UK and India)

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## Help with travel costs to Vaccination Centres

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Phillip Gott says:

Thank you so much to the donor who writes:

"We would like to ensure within reason that finance doesn't stop people having the Jab so would like to offer to support the fuel costs a little. We would be happy to cover up to £500\* and would like to send it for this purpose. If not used, then brilliant, and it could go towards the children's ministry within the church."

If you need help, please contact Phillip Gott in confidence at [treasurer@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@rockofhelp.org.uk), or ring the Rockofhelpline on 07547 359772

\*editor's note: total donated for multiple trips

enews items to: [enews@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:enews@rockofhelp.org.uk)

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## Coming out of Lockdown

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Neil says:

Finally the end is in sight! Praise God for the unbelievable success of the vaccines and the freedoms that are returning. The dates below are subject to review by the government, but with that in mind the announcements mean that with appropriate social distancing etc:

### We are now allowed to

- resume outdoor pastoral visiting (coffee on a park bench or similar)

### From Monday 29 March

- groups can meet outside with 6 people at any one venue including private gardens
- outdoor parent and child groups with up to 15 attendees (children under 5 don't count toward the limit) can restart

### 12 April (earliest)

- indoor parent and child groups with up to 15 attendees (children under 5 don't count toward the limit) can restart

### 17 May (earliest)

- groups can meet inside with 6 people at any one venue
- up to 30 people can meet outdoors at any one venue

### 21 June (earliest) - all legal restrictions removed

- all groups can meet without restriction in any setting

**Sunday 27 June** will allow us to finally fling the doors wide without limits for a 10:30am gathering.

Between sometime in March and Sunday 20th June, if people volunteer to steward, we can open for socially distanced groups of up to 22 households on a Sunday; if you wish to volunteer to steward please contact Neil.

[minister@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:minister@rockofhelp.org.uk)