

...a warm welcome to ebenezer...

Coronavirus update on 24th March

Temporary alteration to service times 11am Live Stream on Facebook

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
every day (except Sunday)

Morning Coffee
(<https://zoom.us/j/469376222>)
at 11am



and

Afternoon Tea
(<https://zoom.us/j/864398978>)
at 3pm

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?

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At **11am** on **Sundays** we will live stream a short service which will include **prayer, bible reading** and a **sermon** - this will be on Ebenezer's Facebook page so that you can interact. 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/>.

Once the government lifts the restrictions on going out why not drop notes through your friends or neighbours' doors offering to help them or to be available for a chat. You might like to use the card below.

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**.

**Zoom: one of the leading video conferencing software apps on the market. It allows you to virtually interact when in-person meetings aren't possible*

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. **#ViralKindness**

Today

11.00 am Sunday Live Stream! on Facebook

Ephesians 3:1-6 Our lives are now in Christ

The mystery is that people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of him all their lives (what I've been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus. The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board.

The Message

Sunday 5th April

11.00am Sunday Live Stream! On Facebook

Palm Sunday

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Blessed is the king of Israel!'

John 12:13 (NIVUK)

Yorkshire Baptist Association 2020 Church Prayer Diary

Please pray this week for:

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

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

Mission Updates

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

-  Ed Preston Covid 19 Update 24th March
-  YBA Priorities in the coming weeks 23rd March
-  YBA Lent Focus week 5 24th March
-  YBA Weekly Update 25th March
-  Release International Prayer Alert Covid19 and oppressed churches
-  MAF News for Prayer March 2020
-  BMS World News 2/20
-  YBA Lent Focus 17th March 2020

Special Church Meeting Today on **zoom** at noon

The Kitchen Refurbishment Team is excited to announce that we are ready to begin work on the new kitchen.

However, our Constitution requires that a **Special Church Meeting** approves major repairs to any part of the property.

We therefore need to have a very brief Special Church Meeting as soon as possible if the work is to start in April. The plan is to start work on 21st April and have the kitchen finished in 2 weeks. The meeting **today** will be on **zoom**, no more than 30 minutes in length.

Specifically, the **Proposal** is:

that having raised 60% of the monies required, the work starts on 21st April recognising that we will continue to fund raise after the refurbishment to cover the outstanding balance (approximately £8,000).

A letter has also been sent to Members with more details.

Jane, Kathie, Roberta and Sue.

Non-Members are welcome but will not be able to vote on matters.

Ordinary Church Meeting Today on **zoom**

There will be an Ordinary Church Meeting today on **zoom**, immediately following the Special Church Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss financial arrangements for Hope Whitby.

A letter has also been sent to Members with more details.

Non-Members are welcome but will not be able to vote on matters.

Events cancelled or postponed

-  Good Friday Walk of Witness 2020 Cancelled
-  ECG Cancelled
-  For further information, go to <https://www.ecgevent.org.uk/>
-  Baptist Assembly Postponed

The Rainbow Centre needs donations



“We are entirely dependent upon your donations right now as our small team are covering every avenue to try and keep the centre open.

For the time being we are unable to accept anything other than food, toiletries and financial donations. You can give on the website via VirginMoney

Thanks again for your kindness and understanding.”

The Apologetics Group

Coronavirus Update - this group is continuing on [zoom](#). Please contact Martin or Mark directly, one of the leaders, or use the contact form on our website if you would like to join. <https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/contact>

Prayer Activity for children and their grown ups

Love > (is bigger than) Fear

Equipment: paper, pens, love-heart shapes or love-heart Post-it notes

Set Up: You could do this activity at a table, maybe with your family.

Instructions: Fear can feel HUGE and overwhelming.

You can write your fears about the coronavirus disease onto a piece of paper. And then, you can stick love-heart shapes on top of those fears, completely covering them, as a prayer to be set free from fear.



1 John 4:18 says **There is no room in love for fear.** *The Message*

Adapted from Prayer Spaces in Schools

Saturday 4th April 7.30pm **zoom** Pub Quiz...yes really!!

Claire and Neil say:

Seeing as we can't go out and television is on endless repeats we thought we would hold a **pub quiz**. Claire is currently devising it and has said **teams can be 1 to 6 people**.

The good news is that you don't have to be in the same house to be in a team with others, we can handle that using technology.

To take part in the quiz please do the following:

1. If you haven't already then **install the Zoom Client** from zoom.us
2. **Sign Up** on zoom.us...it's free!!
3. Phone or message your friends and **form a team** - all team members MUST sign up on zoom.us
4. **Send Neil** (minister@rockofhelp.org.uk) **and Claire** (ClaireE@rockofhelp.org.uk) a **list of your team members** and **the email addresses** they used to sign up on zoom - please do this **before Saturday 4th April**
5. **Wait for the email with the link** for the quiz and join the quiz **on the evening**. Bring your favourite refreshments :)

We are really excited at the thought of being able to get together, even if only by video, and doing something fun together.

There is only one fly in the ointment, if you are using a Chromebook/Chrome OS you won't be able to be part of a team and will have to do the quiz on your own (or with whoever is in your house); similarly if you try to use the Zoom web client instead of installing the app.

Any **technical questions get hold of Neil** (in plenty of time, if everybody asks on the 4th somebody will be disappointed); any **quiz related questions get hold of Claire**.

And **no using Google** during the quiz, as if you would....

Scarborough Salvation Army Church and Community Centre

Salvation Army issues SOS for food bank help

The Salvation Army has issued a SOS to the public to help them continue to feed the homeless and vulnerable in Scarborough during the Coronavirus outbreak

As the crisis intensifies, The Scarborough Corps on Tuesday cancelled nearly all of its daily and weekly activities at the Alma Parade Citadel, including its Sunday morning service.

But it has vowed to keep on helping those in the community most in need – with the help of the town's people and businesses.

Corps Commanding officer, Major Stephen Noble, said: 'It is with a heavy heart that the Salvation Army in Scarborough has been forced to cancel most of its activities, in line with Government guidelines.

'We are not cancelling glibly, but we have no alternative to lead and behave responsibly.

'We do realise there is a lot of need out there and we will still be here to support, those in our faith community and the wider community.

'It is our intention to sustain our provision of food for the homeless and while we will not be running our weekly drop-on on a Thursday, we will provide hot food for people to come and takeaway with them.'

The Army however is currently relying on stock from donations made at Christmas and needs to fill its shelves in its food bank to ensure its scaled-down service can run.

Major Noble added: 'Our major concern is that, unless food comes in, we can't give food out and our existing stocks would run-out within a week.

'Therefore, we would like to ask members of the public to be gracious and perhaps consider dropping off food at the Salvation Army on Alma Parade.'

Major Noble said donations can be dropped off during the week between 10-11am.

The Army runs a variety of activities through the week for all age groups, including luncheon clubs for the elderly and children's events.

Said Major Noble: 'We recognise that there are many people who will greatly miss these activities, and for whom the coming weeks will be very challenging, especially those who are vulnerable and/or elderly.

'In order to help these people as much as possible, we are exploring ways in which we can support them practically, emotionally and spiritually.

'We will endeavour to provide for people in critical isolation circumstances and offer food parcels and telephone calls when they are unable to get out of their homes.

'As for our services, we are also looking at ways we can use digital options instead of our face-to-face worship on Sunday mornings.

'In these difficult times, we ask that we practically support each other and lift each other up in prayer as much as possible.'



A Message from North Yorkshire Police

North Yorkshire Police have warned North Yorkshire residents to be wary amid reports of coronavirus scams.

The scams take several forms which include:

- ✚ Messages claiming to be from HMRC offering a tax refund due to changes in the law around Covid-19; recipients have to click a link which takes them to a fraudulent website
- ✚ Messages claiming to be from the Center for Disease Control or from the World Health Organisation. These messages offer the recipient the chance to view a list of confirmed cases within their local area by clicking on a link and making a Bitcoin payment.
- ✚ Emails claiming to be from a virologist sending an attached document with instructions on how to avoid the Coronavirus. The attachment is malicious.
- ✚ Fraudulent online sales of masks and hand sanitiser which never materialise. If an online shopping offer looks too good to be true, then it probably is.

Please do not click on links or open attachments and take time to check that the email is from a legitimate source. Please be aware that fraudsters go to great lengths to make their communications with you look genuine.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51838468>

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/be-alert-opportunist-fraudsters-using-coronavirus-to-target-victims/>

Coming soon...

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, '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 (NIVUK)

