

...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: Pentecost Sunday

10:30am Morning Worship

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8 (NIVUK)*

**6.30pm Encourage Churches Together in Scarborough
Pentecost Service at South Cliff Methodist Church
Filey Road, YO11 2SF**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. *Acts 2: 1-4 (NIVUK)*

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 empowerment - training, discipling, and releasing people in their gifts



Godly leadership submitted to the authority of Christ is vital within God's church and we commit to developing, training and releasing those that God calls into leadership amongst us. We recognise the need for spiritually mature Christians to lead, who can be a role model and who are accountable, not rushing to put people into positions of responsibility but ensuring they are ready in character, understanding and experience.

Life long discipleship is fundamental training for all Christians, and we will encourage places of intentional discipleship for everybody to focus on character and skills development. We each recognise the need to be in relationships of accountability with others, to offer to disciple others, and to be open to being disciplined by others.

The apostle Paul wrote "Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever."



We will lovingly watch over each other, striving always to help each other to run the race and win the prize. We will encourage and support each other as spiritual gifts are developed and released amongst us, and we will spur each other on to fulness in Christ

Sunday 16th June

10.30 am Morning Worship Psalm 140

**I know that you, GOD, are on the side of victims,
that you care for the rights of the poor.**

**And I know that the righteous personally thank you,
that good people are secure in your presence. *Psalm 140:12,13(MSG)***

6.30pm Encourage

**Spring Tide Prayer for Scarborough
St Mary's Church, Castle Road
Lord, Cleanse Your People**

Sunday 30th June Baptism at the Beach

Who is going to be baptized by immersion in the North Sea?

Keagan Jones, because he wants to witness to his faith in Jesus Christ, his Saviour and Lord.

When and where do we meet?

10.30am, at **Ebenezer**, for a short time of worship and prayer.

What happens next?

We will **walk** to **North Bay** as quickly as possible, following the instructions we will be given! AND following a **banner** someone will be carrying!

What happens if I can't walk all that way?

A couple of **cars** will be available to take you: please let David Grassam know beforehand, so he can ensure that there are enough cars.

Where on North Bay do we aim for?

On the beach **beyond the double decker chalets outside Kingfisher**. You will spot it easily because an advance party will have set up **deckchairs** and sound equipment.

What time will the baptism service start?

11.15am

What will happen next?

We will **worship** the Lord, then we will **pray**.

Keagan will share his **personal story** of his faith.

There will be more **singing**, then the **good news** will be preached, including an explanation of baptism.

THEN Kegan will be **baptised in the sea!!**

Can I invite my friends, neighbours, family, colleagues?

Absolutely!! This is a wonderful **opportunity** for people, and passersby, to watch and listen to our **Christian faith in action**.

If it makes it easier to get people there, meet us on the beach.

What if someone asks me a question about what's happening?

We will be **stewarding** the event, and there will be helpful **leaflets** about Jesus and the good news to share with anyone we get into conversation with.

Will we stay together afterwards?

Some people will stay...**high tide** is at about 3pm!!

What about my children?

We are sure they will love it....but your **children** and their **safety** remain **your responsibility** on the walk down *and* throughout your time at the beach. There will be space in front of the deckchairs for children to sit.

What if the weather is too awful to go down to the beach?

We will **stay** at Ebenezer: the baptistry will be ready and arrangements will be made for the children BUT in living memory this has **never** been needed!! So don't forget your sunscreen and hat!!

How can I pray?

for Keagan: that the Lord will give him **peace** and **joy** as he shares his faith in obedience to his Lord and Saviour.

for the preacher: for clear, joyful **communication** of the truth with everyone and anyone who hears.

for all present: that all who watch and listen will respond to the love of Jesus with joyful and **obedient** hearts.

for the technical aspects: that all the sound and recording equipment are **100% effective**.

for the weather and for safety: that it will be a **glorious** day, with no mishaps whatsoever.

Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved

Mark 16:16

Morning Communion

The dates for the next three Morning Communion are:

23rd June 28th July 18th August

Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

Steve Seeley says:

I am now collecting your sponsorship moneys for the **Kitchen Refurbishment**. Find out how I got on as I tackled Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough on Saturday 1st June.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP FIRST SUMMER EVENT



RAY BEADLE SAYS:

**ON YOUR BIKES FOR OUR FIRST CYCLE
TRIP TO HAYBURN WYKE,**

FRIDAY EVENING 14TH JUNE



FOR FURTHER DETAILS SPEAK TO:

RAY BEADLE, JOHN GAMES OR BILL HOLMES

The Cleveland Way and the Tabular Hills Walk!!

John Games says:

2019, and Ray Beadle and I are at about the half way mark of our aim to walk **1000 miles**...again: we did it last year!

So far I have walked 428 miles and we will both boost our walking total in June, as together we are going to tackle the inland stretch of the Cleveland Way. This beautiful national trail marked its half century on 24th May.

On successive Fridays we will cover the sections starting inland at Helmsley and walking west, then north and roughly north-east to finish at Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Totalling 57 miles, the walk includes lots of ups and downs, the highest point being 454m (1490ft).

As if that is not a big enough challenge, through July I am hoping to complete the 50 miles of the Tabular Hills Walk from Scalby Mills to Helmsley.

This year I am walking my 1000 miles to raise money for the **Church Hall Kitchen Refurbishment Fund**. I would be very grateful to those of you who are able to sponsor me for this cause that will benefit not just Ebenezer but also the wider community.

Thank you.

Job Vacancy at BMS World Mission: Director for World Mission

BMS World Mission is seeking to appoint a Director for World Mission who will think, act and lead innovatively. They will lead a team of around 100 ex-pat overseas workers and 300 international workers relating to 70 partner organisations globally.

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<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/jobs/director-world-mission/>

Persecution of Christians in China

China marks Tiananmen Square anniversary with church closures and censorship.

As the world's attention turned to Beijing to mark the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre last week, Chinese officials continued their assault on religious freedom.

In recent weeks, churches across China have been told to close and

the Government has censored all mention of the anniversary.

Please pray that our brothers and sisters in China will stand strong in their faith.

Release International partner, China Aid, reported that Xunsiding Church in Xiamen city, in southern Fujian province, was banned last month. Government agents claimed that Pastor Yang Xibo and his congregation were meeting illegally under China's 2018 Regulations on Religious Affairs.

In Zhengzhou, central Henan province, the authorities have claimed ownership of a huge state-run church (un-named in reports), valued at more than £1 million, and say they plan to turn it into a hotel. Meanwhile, a 100-year-old Xigu Church in the north-eastern city of Tianjin is threatened with demolition.

Last month, officials raided a church in Bijie, a mountainous area of Guizhou, southern China, removing its cross and confiscating all its belongings. Cross removals were also reported in Shandong and Henan provinces in April.

Praise God for the courage and faithfulness of our church family in China, who are standing strong against persecution.

Ask Him to continue to strengthen and encourage them. Pray that the congregations facing closure will be allowed to worship in freedom.

Thank God that our partners report rapid church growth in rural areas of China in recent years.

(Sources: China Aid, CNN)

