

...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: Worldshare Sunday

10:30am Morning Worship

Alan Butler, Chief Executive of Worldshare, will be speaking



Worldshare's Aim is to connect local Christians and churches in the UK with

local Christians and churches in the most difficult, least resourced and least-reached parts of the world, to support their God-given vision to transform their communities



Find out more at <https://worldshare.org.uk/>

6.30pm Worldshare Mission Evening

Worldshare is part of a global alliance network of five independent international organisations who are all working towards the same vision. This enables them to partner with more ministries, support more projects and reach more people. The other four partners are: Worldshare Australia, Partners International Canada, Partners International USA and CNC Singapore.

Worldshare partners with Christian leaders in needy parts of the world, to support their God-given vision to share the Gospel, and restore hope to vulnerable communities. Their ministry partners know the communities they are serving, they understand the culture and speak their language. This enables them to build trust and relationships as they share God's love in practical ways.

Sharing God's love in practical ways:

Church Planting, Community, Health, Education, Injustice, Relief.

<https://worldshare.org.uk/who-we-help/appeals/src/appeal/36/title/cyclone-idai-appeal>



Cyclone Idai Appeal

Your help is still needed as restoration and healing become the focus in the wake of Cyclone Idai



Wanted urgently: Home to Rent: Prayers needed, too

Al Chapman says:

My wife and I have been renting our present home for 5 years and out of the blue the landlord has given us 2 months to leave. They want to sell up.

With relatively short notice we need to find a home to rent. We are on the look out for 2 bedrooms; town area preferably; would love a garden; maximum rent £550 per month; no higher than Council Tax band B. We would be so grateful if you all could keep an eye out for us: you may know of someone who is looking for tenants. Or spot something near you with a rental sign. If so, please contact me on



07960366950.

We would really appreciate your prayers too: it's a short time-frame and very concerning to me and my wife.

Thank you.

Little Rockers Need Help Urgently

Kathie Hick says:

Little Rockers is one of our Missional Communities and an ideal activity for you to get involved and to serve local families. All you need is a love for small children and their carers, a willingness to get involved with playgroup activities, set-up, clean-up, put away, etc. and availability on **Wednesdays** from **8.30am** to **mid-day**. We welcome as helpers men as well as women, and all ages!!



Please see me if you can join us: as our Little Rockers prayer and song says

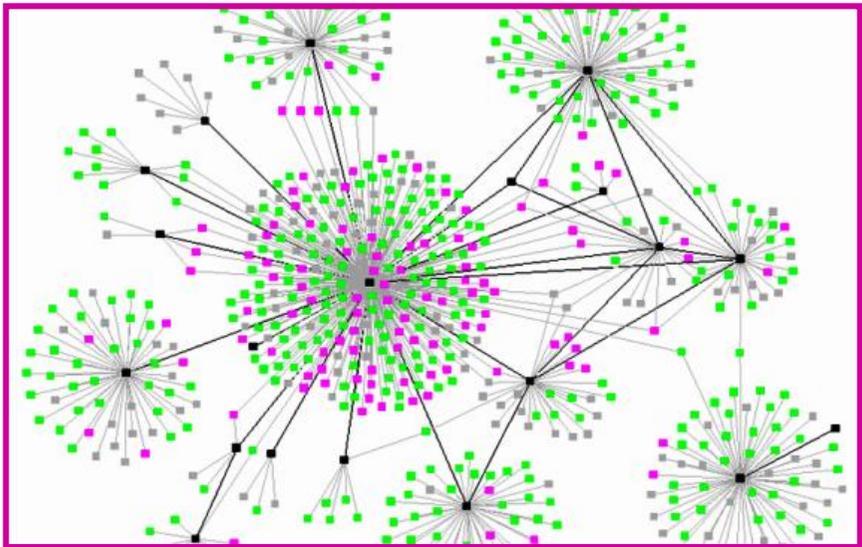
“We are Little Rockers in God's family”.

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 support - a hub supporting the spokes. We are to be a place of spiritual nourishment that provides refreshment and encouragement.



We see that our home groups are hubs that support the spokes, providing prayer cover, finance and practical help to our other groups as they form in Filey, Cayton, Scarborough, Allerston and Whitby, and in other places as God will lead us. We understand the importance of sharing our stories, finding space and time to share them well and to encourage each other through them.

Strong trees grow slowly, plants which grow quickly are often insecure. A healthy tree has a strong trunk, then over time

large mature branches support smaller ones. New growth produces fruit, but fruit requires regular and careful pruning.



The apostle Paul wrote "the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

As one body we will watch out for and look after our many parts, providing refreshment and encouragement to each other. We will share the stories of God's goodness and provision with each other, and we commit to give generously to, pray wholeheartedly for, and practically serve God's mission around us.

Next Sunday: 19th May

10:30am Morning Worship Psalm 72

May he defend the afflicted among the people, and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. V4 (NIVUK)

6.30pm Encourage Prayer for Scarborough, St Mary's

[Pray for Scarborough May to July 2019 at St Mary's Church](#)
[Lord, Cleanse Your People](#)
[Springtide Prayer for Scarborough](#)

We have been gathering for prayer each month since our SpringTide Prayer Conference last year. The focus for the first three months was 'Lord, Reveal Your Character'. The second was 'Lord, Equip Your People'. We now begin our closing three Sunday evenings at St Mary's on the theme 'Lord, Cleanse Your People'.

Do please come along and bring others from your church.

3rd Sundays of the month 19th May, 16th June, 21st July

This has been an amazing prayer journey and led by the Holy Spirit. Members of the main church denominations as well as non-denominational churches have shared together in prayer. We are trusting God will continue directing our prayers and empowering us for what He wants to do among us in the coming days.

For more information go to www.prayfor Scarborough.org.uk

...from Rugby Captain to Regional Minister!!



In the early 1980s **Clive Burnard** was the captain of Scarborough Rugby Club. He became a Christian at a mission held at St Mary's at the age of 32. A call to train for ministry led to study at Moorlands College during the early 1990s; his higher degrees were completed through Spurgeon's College. Clive's first pastorate was with Christchurch Baptist Church, Dorset, from 1992, then he was called to Andover

Baptist Church in 2007 before moving to Mutley in 2015. He recently became the **Regional Minister for the South Yorkshire area of the Yorkshire Baptist Association.**

Read more about Clive's appointment at https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/522323/Clive_Burnard_new.aspx

When **Clive** preached at Ebenezer, about 15 years ago, he shared the following word:

"It is a 320 miles drive from Christchurch on the south coast and for the first 200 miles, and I am no spiritual giant, this does not normally happen, I spent most of the time praying and I had to be careful for I was crying some of the time, and on the M1 it's not a good idea to be crying at the same time as you are driving!

*But as I was praying for **this town that I love (Scarborough)**, where I have family and my wife has family who don't yet know Jesus, - I was **praying for all the churches** including this one. And I knew that I wanted to be here to worship this morning and I am really glad that I am here because **God is really amongst you**.*

And I felt the Lord this morning in my prayer time, and again during the worship, lay this word on my heart :

*that I believe although He loves all of the people in this town and it is a delight to be involved in something for all the churches today, I believe **you (Ebenezer) are a significant and strategic church in the whole move of unity within the body of Christ in this town**.*

*I believe God has given you a pastor with a heart of humility and a desire for holiness, a desire for biblical unity, and I believe that He has given you a leadership team and a people with a **heart for unity** but the word is that **you will all need to give all of your hearts to that work** because not just your pastor and leaders but **everyone of you is significant in your fellowship and your worship and prayers with other Christians** so that **God will use this church significantly for his glory in bringing people together**.*

And may God bless you and anoint you to that end".

and David Grassam says:

This is the challenge to all at Ebenezer to bring people together in Scarborough. This is just what these evening prayer sessions at St Mary's aim to do, as will the Conference we are hosting in September.

Email address change alert!! Email address change alert!!

Neil says:

Our email provider **no longer supports** the type of email address that enabled elders@rockofhelp.org.uk or deacons@rockofhelp.org.uk.

Sadly that means **you'll have to address the emails to each member of the group** in future.

All of us have email addresses which are first name, initial of surname.

So for example:

NeilD@rockofhelp.org.uk

BillH@rockofhelp.org.uk

etc.....

Elders are NeilD, SheenaB, JamesC and DavidG.

Deacons are ClaireE, AilsaG, BillH, DaveH, PhillipG.

Warning Joint Edition Deadline Ahead!!

Viv says:

Enews on Sunday **19th May** will be a joint edition covering Sunday **26th May** as well. Please ensure that all items for inclusion are emailed to enews@rockofhelp.org.uk by noon on **Wednesday 15th May**.



Thank you

Morning Communion



The dates for the next three Morning Communion are:

23rd June

28th July

18th August

Baptist Union Presidency for Yinka Oyekan 2020-2021

Yinka is the senior pastor of The Gate, a Baptist church in Reading, and has spearheaded The Turning, the evangelistic street mission which began in 2016 and has taken place in dozens of UK towns and cities, as well as further afield. He has a long history in equipping and training individuals in evangelism and mission, and a particular interest in the third part of our Union's Declaration of Principle: *That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.*

Responding to his Presidential election, Yinka said, 'I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me to encourage greater Gospel proclamation across our family. 'There has never been a revival in the history of the church without two key elements being present - prayer and a deeper hunger for the Holy Scriptures. I believe a great renewal is coming to our Baptist family because I sense a hunger for both is increasing. 'I am so excited to serve at this time because I believe the waters of renewal are stirring, and because of the Beacons of Prayer initiative. 'I look forward to serving Lynn Green, and Ken Benjamin (current Vice President) in his presidential year. Yinka will now serve as Vice President 2019-20, before assuming the presidency at next year's Baptist Assembly. Our current President is the Revd Dr Dave Gregory, whose theme has been *Divine Windows: Glimpses of God in life, the universe... and everything.* The Revd Ken Benjamin, senior minister at Chichester Baptist Church, will succeed Dave at this year's Baptist Assembly on 18-19 May in Telford. Ken's theme for his presidential year is 'Where do we grow from here?'. Yinka hopes to build on this theme. 'It is with interest that I am following the very excellent question posed by our current Vice-President,' he wrote in his profile. 'If elected, I would love to contribute to the conversation with a follow-up question: **How do we grow from here?**'

(source The Baptist Times

https://baptisttimes.co.uk/Articles/545663/Baptist_Union_Presidency.aspx)

Conferences and Events



DYING MATTERS

SO LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Raising awareness of dying, death and bereavement

Come and join us for our
Dying Matters Awareness Week open day

Saturday 18th May 2019
10:00 - 4:00pm

Woodlands Crematorium, Woodlands Drive,
Scarborough, YO12 6QN

Presentations will take place at 10.30am and repeated at 1.30pm

The following people will be attending:

Colin Nolan will be promoting the work of Dying Matters
St. Catherine's Hospice

Scarborough and District SANDS

Kim Kinsella – Soul Midwife and Complementary Therapist

Rev. Julie Wardman and The Bereavement Journey

Scarborough and District Carers Resource Centre

Friends of Dean Road and Manor Road Cemeteries

Pinkney Grunwell Solicitor's to talk about Wills and Probate

Refreshments will be available throughout the day

For further information or to book a place at one of the
presentations please contact Bereavement Services on
01723 372652 or email michael.broadley@scarborough.gov.uk

www.dyingmatters.org

Launch of the Apologetics Group

Martin Stevens says:

The first meeting is on **Monday 20th May, 7:30pm** in the Prayer Room at the back of church

Lift the Lid



Catherine Duffton

(Faith in Scarborough Schools Worker) says:

This is a project we are set to embark on this Christmas. **Lift the Lid** has fantastic resources which give primary-aged children the opportunity to engage with the Bible in an exciting and interactive way. This Christmas FISS would love to facilitate the delivery of the Christmas Story to at least **2000**

Scarborough school children, at Scarborough Christian Centre (which has successfully delivered this epic venture several times).

Please get in touch if you have a **heart for acting** and **sharing the gospel with children** or would like to be **involved in any other way**.

We are meeting to find out more on **20th June**, at **Scarborough Christian Centre, 6-7pm**. Please join us.

Check out www.liftthelid.org.uk **NOW!!**

Missions Updates

Ed Preston UCCF Team Leader for Yorkshire and North East is on sabbatical leave until late July.

Go to the church website, Resources, Noticeboard to find links to the updates of:

-  **Leo Baan, Swaziland**

-  **Phil Benstead, Cyprus**

-  **Release International**

-  **Worldshare: Cyclone Idai Update**

-  **Yorkshire Baptist Association**

BMS Action Team

What a pleasure to have Becky, Bethan, Katie and Marika with us. Thank you so much for all those who hosted them, provided meals and transport, and made them feel very welcome. It was the first week of their tour and we can pray for them as they travel around the churches and inspire people, young and old, as they share their stories.

May the Lord continue to bless, strengthen and inspire them in their faith and as ambassadors for Jesus, as they take up their university places in the autumn.

For a whistle stop visual of their time in Peru check out this link to Youtube: 1 second Everyday ~ 6 months in Peru

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKiKS4p36co>

The verse they shared should be an inspiration to us all

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:9,10

Two pictures shared on Sunday 5th May

The Lord is raining down 'presents', but you do not have because you do not ask; so ask of the Lord



Just like the sun shines on the sea, and we see 'diamonds', so in this dark world, be encouraged, the 'diamonds' of the Lord are shining...look for them