

...a warm welcome to **ebenezer**...

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## **Our buildings and Government Restrictions**

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*Neil says:*

Although the government has announced a relaxation on the restrictions imposed on places of worship the Deacons and Elders have decided that our buildings will remain closed for now. The primary reason is the health & safety requirements and the amount of resource (people and money) that would be required to satisfy them even to open for a simple prayer meeting. Please do not access the building for any reason. Neil is checking the building and the post once a week when he live-streams the service.

Thank you for staying away thereby protecting yourself and also maintaining the building as a safe place for services to be streamed from.

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**Today:**

**11.00 am Live stream! on Facebook**

Continuing our study of Ephesians

**Ephesians 6:18-23 Prayer strengthens our identity**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18 (NIVUK)

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

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**11.00 am Live stream! on Facebook**

**Ephesians 6:10-17 Our struggle is not against flesh and blood**

...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

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## Meeting together in small groups: updated reflection from the Elders

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*Neil, Sheena and Paul say:*

We are aware that all of us have been greatly missing the opportunity to meet together, and that the government guidance to date has particularly impacted our ability to meet indoors. However, the Prime Minister has announced the “rule of 6” that will apply from Monday 14th September. Under this new rule groups of up to 6 can meet (if maintaining social distancing) indoors or outdoors.

This change means that our mid-week small groups can restart provided they organise in a way that means no more than 6 people meet in any one setting (by law multiple groups are not allowed to mingle with each other in any setting, indoors or outdoors, including in church premises).

If you do restart meeting in groups of up to 6 then please be careful to guard against putting pressure on people to meet if they are uncomfortable with doing so, i.e. please try to ensure all are able to participate in the ways they feel are right for them (for example through the use of technology).

Also please don't accidentally break the law; remember to count other members of your household who are at home whilst you are meeting even if they aren't part of your small group.

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## Sermons on our website

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*Rich Grassam says:*

As well as the video of the sermon on our Facebook page, you can **listen** to the sermons (audio only) on our website. There is also a dedicated page for the Ephesians series if you want to catch up or listen again. They are under the Resources tab at [www.rockofhelp.org.uk](http://www.rockofhelp.org.uk)



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## Please collect your Christmas Trees

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Paul Smith says:

Thank you to everyone who loaned their Christmas tree for the 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' event.

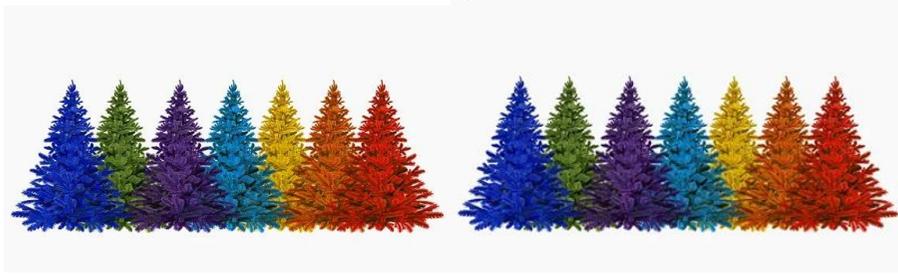
We would ask you to collect your tree and in order to do that we are opening the Church on

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

between **10 – 11.30** in the morning  
and

between **5 and 6.30** in the evening.

In order to allow for social distancing, you will need to book a time slot, so please contact Paul Smith by emailing [pauls@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:pauls@rockofhelp.org.uk) or phoning 01723 500286  
Entry to the church will be through the back door.



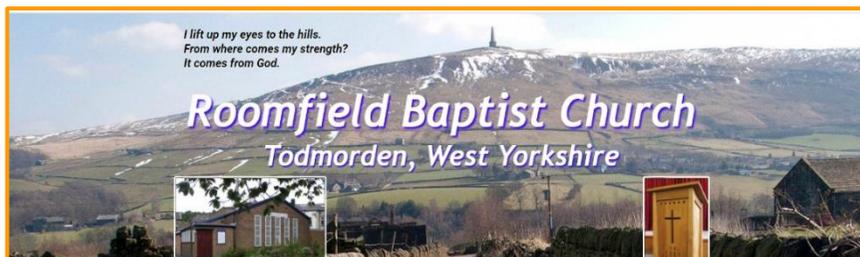
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## Yorkshire Baptist Association 2020 Church Prayer Diary

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Please pray this week for:

- ✚ Roomfield Baptist Church, Todmorden



<https://roomfieldchurch.org/>

- ✚ Rotherham Baptist Church  
<https://www.facebook.com/RotherhamBaptistChurch/>

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## The Hub is open again

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Paul Abell, Senior Leader, Kingdom Faith Yorkshire, says:

The Hub is opened again now, we are Covid-19 secure and have a lot of safe space :-). The space will be welcome to some and being in a Christian Coffee shop will be welcome to others. It is a way for people to meet with each other, with a limit of 6 people in each group, of course.

Opening times are:

Wednesday 11am – 2pm

Thursday 11am – 2pm

Friday 11am – 2pm

Saturday 11am – 2pm

All groups and clubs are currently not operating and the Crèche is still closed. We hope shortly to open the Crèche on a booking - only basis (to enable it to be still Covid -19 secure).

**The Hub at the Summit, 12 St Nicholas Street, YO11 2HF**



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## Questions of Faith?

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Find out more about Jesus Christ and the Christian Faith at <https://christianity.org.uk/>

### What is Christianity all about?

Christianity is the world's biggest religion, and yet many people don't know very much about it. If you're one of those, then this is a great place to start!

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## Kitchen Fund Update

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*Phillip Gott says:*

Thanks to an amazing donation of £12,000, the Kitchen Fund deficit has been wiped out.



The fund will be closed at the end of September, so please do not make any further contributions.

Whatever is left in the fund will be used towards purchasing the crockery, cutlery and kitchenware needed, with any shortfall coming out of the General Fund.

One of the speakers at **United Breaks Out** said:

**“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack  
God’s supplies.”**

This is what I have found over the years at Ebenezer. Until now the LORD has helped us – and He continues to do so. Praise His holy name.

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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>

- ✚ MAF Flight Log Founder Stuart King 1922 - 2020
- ✚ Benstead's Prayer Letter August 2020
- ✚ Worldshare September Prayer Calendar
- ✚ YBA Newsround Focus on Young People
- ✚ MAF August Flight Log
- ✚ Fighting the Climate Crisis – BMS World Mission

*Missions Co-ordinator, Viv, says:*

I have a number of copies of

- ✚ Engage, the BMS World Mission magazine, issues 47 and 48;
- ✚ Flying for Life, the Missionary Aviation Fellowship magazine, July – September; and October to December.

If you would like any copies sent to you, please email [missions@rockofhelp.org.uk](mailto:missions@rockofhelp.org.uk) with your address and I will be more than happy to post them out to you.

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## Shoe Box Appeal 2020

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*Sheila Brooksbank says:*

Due to current circumstances I will not be coordinating the Shoe Box appeal for Ebenezer.

However, if anyone wishes to complete a shoebox, Michelle Williams is happy for them to be deposited at her house.

### **National Collection Week is 9th-16<sup>th</sup> November**

Please check out the website for important updates:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

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## New Wine United 2021

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A screenshot of a Facebook post from the 'New Wine' page. The main image shows a large crowd at a concert or event with the text 'SAVE UP TO £50 PER TICKET', 'FLASH SALE', and 'NOW OPEN' overlaid. Below the main image is the URL 'new-wine.org/united21'. The Facebook post interface shows the page name 'New Wine', a post text announcing the flash sale, and a comment from the author providing FAQs and a support link. The post has 41 shares and 7 comments.

SAVE UP TO £50 PER TICKET

**FLASH SALE**

NOW OPEN

[new-wine.org/united21](https://new-wine.org/united21)

New Wine  
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UNITED 2021 flash sale is now open! Gathering together again will be amazing [https://youtu.be/\\_KzallpHSiY](https://youtu.be/_KzallpHSiY)

Get up to £50 off your ticket here [new-wine.org/united21](https://new-wine.org/united21)

#newwine #newwineunited #united #united21

Mary Douglas · Angela Elizabeth Jackie Faerber and 34 others like this

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## Sunday Gatherings at Ebenezer and on Facebook

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To read these two articles that have been in enews over previous weeks, please see enews for 6<sup>th</sup> September on the website.

Neil, Sheena and Paul say:

**We would welcome your prayerful reflections on the situation, so please let us know what you feel God is saying at this time.**

