

Sunday 19 December
...a warm welcome to ebenezer...

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 7:12 (NIVUK)
Ebenezer means 'stone of help'

Today: The Fourth Sunday in Advent



10.30am Tea and coffee served

11.00am Live in church and Live Streaming on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/EbsBaptist/>

FAMILYLights
belong believe become

Come along to
The Inn Dignant Inn
on Sunday 19th December 2021
for our FAMILYLights nativity.

If you've been following the
story on Hark Radio (Facebook)
or in The Herald (enews)
then you'll know that there are
problems with those grumpy
innkeepers at the Inn Dignant!

The inn lacks peace
and goodwill to all
when some troublesome
travellers arrive

Hopefully more than
beds will be changed !

10.30am Refreshments
11am Nativity
@ Ebenezer Baptist Church

The Inn Dignant Inn

Stable facilities available round the back →

There will be further refreshments following the Nativity Service: together we celebrate being part of our Ebenezer Family this Christmas season.

THE HERALD!

Bringing you gospel news from across the Empire!

Competition Time!

Hark Radio and The Herald
have joined together to bring you a
Christmas Competition!

Pick up your bumper copy of The Herald on
19th December down at The Inn Dignant Inn
for competition details and your chance to win!

(you can also get your bumper edition online via the enews mailing list)



Saturday 25 December Christmas Morning Service



10.00am A short service celebrating the birth of our Saviour,
The Lord Jesus Christ



O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to
Bethlehem

Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory
given

Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Sunday 26 December No service



Preparations and Invitations



Sheena Beadle, one of our Elders, says:











Advent is a time not just of *practical* preparation, but also of our *spiritual* journey of preparation. The Coming of Jesus was heralded by the prophets and recorded by Matthew, Luke and John: their words lead us to the Manger as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This year we are *all* encouraged to extend a *personal* invitation to a friend, relative or neighbour to come and join us in our Advent and in our Christmas celebrations!

Thank you for delivering 'Letters from the Manger'



A **BIG 'Thank you'** to all those involved in the excellent presentation of 'Letters from the Manger'.

Thank You to those who

-  devised and developed the concept
-  wrote the script
-  constructed the props and lighting
-  chose and rehearsed the actors
-  were 'living tableaux'
-  managed backstage
-  read the scripts
-  played instruments, sang, and led the worship
-  masterminded the technology and visuals
-  arranged and lit the candle displays

Yorkshire Baptist Association Prayer Diary 2021



enews editor says:

Please pray this week for:

-  York Baptist Church
<http://www.yorkbaptist.org.uk/>
-  Zion Baptist Church, Mirfield
<https://www.facebook.com/zbcmirfield/>

Men's Pre Christmas Conviviality!



Ray Beadle says:

A few of the men of Ebenezer are meeting for an informal breakfast at Taylor's Bar at The Sands on Wednesday 22 December at 10.00am.

Afterwards, we intend to walk around the North and South Bays, then enjoy a convivial pre-Christmas pint at The Hole in the Wall, from 12 noon.

If you can join us for any or all, the breakfast, the walk, and/or the pint, we will be delighted to see you.

**conviviality: a festive quality!*

Missions Updates



<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/> under the Resources tab,

Missions Updates

- + Ed Preston UCCF Prayer Letter December 2021
- + YBA Advent and News 15 December
- + BMS Weekly Update 9 December
- + BMS Weekly Update 16 December

Please nominate Faith In Scarborough Schools for a gift!

Catherine Duffton says:

Hi everyone!

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Co. is giving away £120,000 over the 12 day run-up to Christmas!

Please consider nominating FISS as a possible recipient of a £1,000 gift, and consider asking friends to nominate FISS too?

It's all very simple:

- + Go to <https://movementforgood.com/12days/>
- + Click the orange button: Nominate a charity now
- + Enter the FISS Charity Number: 1064479
- + Select the option: Education and skills
- + Complete the personal details and the options
- + Click: Submit



Dear Ms Games

May the peace of God be with you
this Christmas
and throughout the
year ahead

Your commitment to praying regularly for MAF's life-giving ministry helps us to reach out with the light of Jesus to many people living in isolated communities.

Thank you for supporting us in this way.

Addressed to the Missions Coordinator on behalf of
Ebenezer Baptist Church

FISS Schools Ministry Training Opportunity

Date: Thursday 13 January 2022
Venue: Scarborough Christian Fellowship
Time: 9.45am – 4pm
Trainer: Scripture Union
Booking: fiss.scarborough@gmail.com



Read the information on our website,
<https://www.rockofhelp.org.uk/> under the Resources tab,
Missions Updates; click on
Schools Ministry Training FISS Scripture Union

The next edition of enews

enews editor says:

Sunday 2 January 2022 will our next edition. Items for inclusion to enews@rockofhelp.org.uk by noon 30 December. Thank you.

A Happy New Year to all our readers

The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face towards you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIVUK)



Sunday 2 January 2022

10.30am Tea and coffee served

11.00am Live in church and Live Streaming on Facebook

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Today we welcome Dr Rev'd Jim Purves, our Interim Moderator,
and Mrs Jennifer Purves.



The Leadership Team say:

On Monday 6 December we met and looked at possible ways in which we could help to keep each other safe *and* continue to worship together confidently, especially as we come to some of our very special Christmas services.

These are suggestions which may enable every one of us to feel comfortable, but each person has the freedom to decide what feels appropriate for them.

As we don't have as big a congregation as we had before the pandemic began, we will remove some of the seats and create more *spaced-out seating areas* in parts of the church.

We know that through work, health and other requirements many people undertake *regular lateral flow tests*. This is another option to consider ahead of coming to Church.

We hope these are helpful.

As part of Plan B announced by the Prime Minister on Wednesday 8 December, face coverings are now *compulsory* in Places of Worship.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-confirms-move-to-plan-b-in-england>

Face coverings are now compulsory (unless exempt), in most public indoor venues, such as cinemas, theatres and places of worship. They may be removed when singing.

Wearing masks was the means whereby we were first able to come back into the building in May.

We do all need to continue to pray that our government is given wisdom to know how to proceed in the days ahead and that further restrictions won't be required that would impact our times together, and our personal hopes and plans for this Christmas time.