

Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church Sunday 30th March 2025

Our Vision

To win the people of Scapegoat Hill and the surrounding areas to Christ and to nurture and develop maturing and witnessing Christians within a growing and loving fellowship, which promotes the values of God's kingdom in our area and beyond.

Todays Service is led by

Ken Speake Mothers Day Todays Bible Reading is

Isaiah 40



If you are a visitor and wish to find out more about our church please just ask the person next to you and they will point you in the right direction Please feel free to stay seated during the service if you prefer You are welcome to join us for refreshments which are served downstairs at the end of the service GOD IS ALWAYS LISTENING — KEEP ON PRAYING SUNDAY Residents of Nettleton Hill / Chris Garner MONDAY Brain Tumour Trust / Chris & Val Haigh TUESDAY Kirkwood Hospice / Nicky Hall WEDNESDAY Forget Me Not Children's Hospice / Liz Hardy THURSDAY Welcome Centre Food Bank / Annie Henderson FRIDAY Residents of Golcar / Paul & Gill Hobson

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Prayer Corner

The prayer corner is at the front righthand side of church If you need prayer for any reason please make your way there after the service



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The year is marching ahead – March already! For those of us fortunate enough to be on the Scarborough trip, it was lovely to see the abundance of snowdrops and crocuses as we travelled but especially the little lambs. We went over the eastern edge of the Yorkshire Wolds from Beverley, which despite the winds coming off the North Sea, is a more gentle

climate than up here, on the top of the Pennines. It's all in the altitude!

In all this we see the hope of Spring. Alexander Pope says "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." The question is, I think, what are we basing that hope upon? Is it coming from the hope that when the weather gets a little warmer, life will be easier? Looking forward to a holiday in warmer climes? Or do we trust in ourselves and our own abilities? Or our family? r our own resources? All of these things are precarious, life can be turned upside down in a moment. And here, it's all in the attitude!

The One who longs to be our anchor in life is God. He is the same, yesterday, today and for ever, regardless of how our circumstances may change. He is our hope. Romans 5:5 says "and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit that has been given to us." All the different seasons can be a reflection of our relationship with God. Someone once said of Winter, "this is the season when

 God shows you who's boss", Spring speaks of new life, new hope and the other seasons bring their message too. Nature is

wonderful. The beauty in a flower, the majesty and power in the sea, and of course the rainbow, reminding us of God's faithful promise not to flood the earth again, being a sign of the covenant between God and all mankind Gen 9:12-17. I love the fact that when God sees the rainbow He remembers – and when we see it, we remember too!

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of God's world, but let's recognise
the hand of Almighty God, the Creator of it all, and give Him praise

Liz



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