

Newsletter

21st June 2020

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The Office is now closed but messages left on the answer phone will be answered to as soon as possible

Private Prayer in Churches

Having conducted risk assessments and put measures in place to make it safe to do so, we are making the village churches of Boston Spa and Bramham available on a number of occasions each week. We are not resuming any form of public worship or church services, but these two churches will be open for individuals to visit for a few minutes of stillness, calm and prayer.

Physical distancing and the typical public health precautions seen in places such as shops will be observed, and a cleaning regime has been put in place. There will be someone from our church community available to welcome and assist you during your visit.

St Mary's, Boston Spa will be open for individuals to visit for a few minutes of stillness, calm and prayer for an hour each morning from Monday to Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30am. It will also be open 10am - 12noon on Saturday mornings, commencing Saturday 20th June. Please note that our toilet facilities will not be available.

All Saints', Bramham will be open for individuals to visit for a few minutes of stillness, calm and prayer between the hours of 10am and 1pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week commencing Monday 22nd June.

As time goes on, and lockdown is further eased, it is hoped that these two churches will revert to their custom of being open throughout the week. This will not be rushed into, but we shall review these initial arrangements for opening after a couple of weeks to see how it is working. Opening our church buildings is a symbol of hope for our villages, though. They are special places for our wider community, and a tangible reminder that God is with us wherever we are: in our homes, our work and our daily lives. They are places where we bring our personal faith into a communal place and remember that God has been at work in our village communities over many generations. Our church buildings are witnesses to this. In opening these buildings, it is our hope that they will remind us that God is not confined to them, nor can we only encounter God there, but in fellowship with our neighbours and those who have lived here before us, God's love is at large among us. By coming into our shared sacred space, we affirm the sacredness of our homes and daily lives.

You can join us for daily Morning Prayer from 7am on the Bramham Benefice Facebook page and on Sundays for our Worship Where You Are service also available via our website

www.BramhamBenefice.org

Sunday services will be posted at www.bramhambenefice.org/online-services
and also at www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice

You can download an order of service at

<http://bramhambenefice.org/download-our-new-sunday-order-of-service-worship-where-you-are/>

Streaming services from home

We hope you have enjoyed our online services if you have been able to watch them.

Please keep checking our website for all our online services: www.bramhambenefice.org

And also check out the Church of England resources here:

Time to Pray app (<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>) which is free and has an accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes.

Mental health reflections (<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>)

The link to our facebook page is, [facebook.com/bramhambenefice](https://www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice) from here you can watch Services led by Revd Nick, Revd Trish, and other worship leaders from our Benefice churches.

Things are on the move! I can hear and see slight changes in our daily lives; the High Street in Boston Spa is definitely busier, some of our children are back at school and the shopaholics are out doing their thing!

The old and the vulnerable are still wary, we can meet up in bigger 'bubbles' and have a chance to meet up with and touch (hugs!) family but the statistics still tell us that the old and vulnerable are at greater risk. I wonder when this will all ease.

As I have written before, I look to find comfort in the things that don't change, the seasons, the birds, the weather and the changelessness of God. These things bring us the baseline in our lives, the unchanging delights that keep us rooted in our world.

God is our rock, he provides our leaning post when times get tough or we get 'wobbly'. The knowledge that he is with us through all these strange times will give us some sort of strength to meet whatever we are asked to do or to be.

It could be that you recognise him in the kindness of volunteers, the phone calls from friends, these newsletters, or simply the joy of your garden. He is everywhere and we learn to see his hand in all things around us. So stay safe, happy and thankful.



Rev Trish

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St Mary's Email PRAYER GROUP

Why not join our group (if you have online access).
Contact Niki if you know of anyone who needs our prayers
at any time.

Permission must be sought before adding names to the list.

For prayer requests or for an information sheet about joining the group
please contact: Niki Hampson: stmarysprayer18@gmail.com

Dial-A-Sermon

01937 228 825

To listen to this week's sermon
from Rev'd Nick or Rev'd Trish,
just call this number
(it costs the same as a normal call
and is less than 10 mins long).

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Daily Prayer

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Available on the
App Store

DAILY PRAYER
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0800 804 8044

DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Readings for Sunday 21st June 2020

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Jeremiah Denounces His Persecutors

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:

'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Matthew 10.24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Angelika Ware, Nigel Kitchen and Hilda Fairless



Ladies of the Benefice Retreat

I will be booking our 2020 Wydale retreat for the end of September. I will need to know the numbers who wish to go **BY THE END OF JUNE**. Please let Trish know by then. Tell all those you know who might want to go, in case they haven't seen this article.

Rev Trish

God has a plan for everyone and everything. That includes you, and it includes The Bramham Benefice. None of us can fully know God's plan—the best we can do is pray and listen for clarity.

As a Benefice we are excited to announce our online donation tool.

Whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or just attend on occasion, we're asking you to consider contributing. It's something we need our entire church community's help with, to support ongoing costs and events.

Even if you can't make a large gift, know that every little bit helps. It's more about coming together as a community united behind a common cause. We hope that you'll consider making a donation towards The Bramham Benefice.

Thank you for your continued support.

By clicking on the link below, you will be able to follow the online instructions and donate, £5, £10 £20 or choose your own amount. There are no minimum or maximum amounts, just give what you can or simply go to the homepage of our website www.BramhamBenefice.org and click the "Online giving" button at the top right hand corner.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a404b921-2632-412c-a2e3-5cbaec4795ed>



BRAMHAM BENEFICE & CLIFFORD METHODIST CHURCH

FOOD COLLECTION

SUPPORT WETHERBY FOOD BANK
ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD
AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS
COLLECTION POINTS
SOCIAL DISTANCING APPLIES

Saturday 10am - 11am	Bramham Surgery Carpark and St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa
Wednesday 2pm - 4pm	Clifford Methodist Church

Items required
Pasta and rice
Tinned potatoes
Tinned Spaghetti
Nappies size 5 and 6
Cooking sauces (not pasta)
Dog and cat food
Baby products



Leeds CITY COUNCIL

For COVID-19 council advice or requests for volunteer support:

0113 3781877

LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS

For your local Councilors, call 0113 3786957 or email: first.name.last.name@leeds.gov.uk

HAREWOOD WARD Gordon Park Matthew Robinson Ryan Pughmore		WETHERBY WARD Stacey Harrington Alan Lupton Linda Roberts	
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Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) is a registered charity organisation part funded by Leeds City Council. Our aim is to improve quality of life for the over 60's by providing community based activities, information, help and support.

BE A FRIEND: Friends can become scarce as we get older. WiSE are looking for volunteers to befriend an elderly person. If you can spare an hour a week and would like to help or receive more information call Carole McLelland 588994; remember we all need friends.

Next Friday we will be starting a 6 week Pilgrim course on The Creeds and we wondered if you would like to join us? (see advert below)
We meet each Friday 1.30pm to 3pm (latest).
This has recently been on Zoom, which we could continue to do, or if the weather is dry up to 6 people could meet outside, so in a garden.
Please let me know if you are interested in joining us and if you would prefer to meet outside or on Zoom. If you would like any information about the course content just ask and I will get back to you.

Or give me a call.
Penny 07941 797902 / 01937 841240



The **Bramham** Benefice

PRESENTS

Online Pilgrim Course

FRI JUNE 19TH
STARTS @ 1.30pm
FOR 6 WEEKS

If you would like to take part in an informal bible discussion agroup using the Pilgrim Series, please contact Penny Stables:
pennystables@gmail.com
07941797902

YOUR HOST:
PENNY STABLES



WALKS AROUND BOSTON SPA:

You can pick up a map at Yeadons or the Library 20p or The most popular links on the PC website are the village walks, the Parish Council has developed 6 walking routes around the village ranging from 2 miles to 7 miles, you can download the walks from the PC website www.bostonpapc.org.uk

CYCLING IN THE AREA

New to cycling? Boston Spa Green Group have some ideal safe rides listed on their website

bostongreengroup.co.uk/cycling/cycle-routes/



Join us for our Holiday Club



THE
HOPE
CLUB

Online Opening Service Sunday 26th July

**Pick up a Resource Pack each week
Complete the activities provided in your own time at home.**

Join us online each week

For a fun 30 minute session
Find out how Jesus gives us all Hope
Stories, drama, crafts, songs and prayer

*Sign up so that we can make your pack up to collect each week and send you
links to the online stuff*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-hope-club-boston-spa-holiday-club-2020-tickets-108976282996>

**Collect your Resource Pack every Monday
27th Jul – 24th Aug 10-11am from St Marys Church**



**BOSTON SPA 2020 FESTIVAL
SCARECROW TRAIL ENTRY - CLOSE DATE
EXTENDED TO SUNDAY 21 JUNE:**

The Boston Spa's 4th Scarecrow Trail takes place on 4 - 12th July, and this year it will include Thorp Arch & Clifford. The theme is Sporting Legends. There will be local organisers for the 2 new villages: Gaby Morrison for Thorp Arch, and Jenny Burton for Clifford, who will contact you once your entry has been received. Winning scarecrow builders in each village will receive prizes, with separate prizes for private and business/community entries; winners determined by public vote. There will also be a special prize for the most environmentally friendly entry - best use of rubbish and recycling materials. If you would like to take part you will need to download an entry form from the Boston Spa Parish website, or email me. Once completed put it in an envelope together with your entry fee, mark your envelope Scarecrow Entry and post in the Village Hall letter box (note we are not, as in previous years, using Douglas Yeadons due to social distancing). All entries to be in by Sunday 21st June. Any questions please call / email: David Watts 01937 845592 info@fourgables.co.uk



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