

Newsletter

19th July 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

This Sunday we combine online and "in the flesh" worship as Worship Where You Are - the service devised for use during lockdown - comes live from St Mary's this Sunday at 10am. This means that up to 30 of us can attend the service, while any number of us can join in live on the internet, or even tune in later and worship in a "catch up" manner. To watch the service and join in online, go to www.Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice - it will not be possible to livestream it to our website at the same time, unfortunately.

It is hoped that the words to the service will be visible onscreen (technology permitting) but just in case, you are advised to print out a service sheet to use at home from the website (there is a link at the top of <http://bramhambenefice.org/online-services/> for this order of service).

Over the summer, worship in church is provided at 10am every Wednesday for Holy Communion at St Mary's, Boston Spa, while online worship is available on Sundays via the website and Facebook.

We are being cautious in how we resume public worship, so I hope that this phased return suits most people, in that it mixes online and physical forms of worship. We live in difficult times, but God goes with us and it truly is possible to worship God wherever we are. More about that at Sunday's service!

God bless,

Revd Nick



To some of you it will feel like 'Same old/ same old'. These weeks since March 23rd feel like a great deal of repeating days with the only variation being the hours of daylight and the leaves on the trees. Do you lie in bed in the mornings and try to work out what day it is?

Life's rich pattern has just expanded! Not only do we have two of our four churches open for private prayer, we have a weekly communion service back in St. Mary's church. Because we have your health and safety in mind, and not all of us are in the same place as far as our own safety goes, there is going to be the best of all worlds for everyone. On Sundays through the summer there will still be the Worship Where You Are online, to share wherever you are and then we will have the 'live' Communion service on a Wednesday in St. Mary's.

I am hoping that even the most vulnerable of you are managing to expand your little 'bubble'. Have you managed to meet up with other members of your family? There *will* be a time when we don't have to think of anything except travel arrangements when we want to see our friends and family!

One thing I have seen and appreciated over these months has been the coming together of our Christian/ church family. There have been faces in our online services that belong to folk from each of our churches, not necessarily known to you. There have been talents in singing and reading and praying that we have all delighted in. Our church family has become our benefice family!

As the opportunity comes, in the autumn, to go to worship in our *own* village churches I hope you will now appreciate that God can be found and worshipped in so many other places that just 'my church'. It is going to be a long, slow recovery for us all, but recovery does not mean that we have to go back to the old ways. We have survived in the new ways we had to find, and we discovered that God walks with us wherever we are and talks with us, whether we are in our pyjamas in front of the computer or our Sunday best at church!

On this long climb back to some sort of normality I trust that you will find more and more people who can share your lives, in person, and you will be glad to know that God is walking alongside you all the way. When you stumble or run out of steam, reach out and he will help you. The journey will not seem quite such a struggle.

Keep safe and strong!

Rev Trish





The Church of England's village churches in
Boston Spa, Bramham, Thorp Arch and Walton

SUMMER WORSHIP

July and August 2020

Prayer and worship
online and in our church buildings
over the summer months.



See www.BramhamBenefice.org and
[Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice)
for updates and amendments
and to access our online worship.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sunday 5th July - Worship Where You Are

An online service which you can watch live at 10am at
www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services or at a time of your own
choosing later, both on the website, or our Facebook page.
ONLINE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday 12th July - The Light of Christ

The Easter flame has been kept alight in the vicarage since it was lit
on Easter Day. Keeping that flame alive in a home rather than in a
church building has reminded us of the abiding presence of the risen
Christ in our homes and in our daily lives.

To celebrate the resumption of public worship in our church
buildings, this flame will be brought into all four village churches in a
simple service. Limited numbers of people may attend each church,
others may join The Reverend Nick Morgan in his walk, carrying the
Easter flame between the churches throughout the morning, and you
can follow the progress of the service live on Facebook.
IN ALL FOUR CHURCHES AND ON FACEBOOK

Itinerary:

- 9am - St Peter's, Walton
- 9.45am - All Saints', Thorp Arch
- 10.30am - St Mary's, Boston Spa
- 11.30am - All Saints', Bramham

HOLY COMMUNION - Wednesdays 10am,
St Mary's Church, Boston Spa (commencing 8th July)

Holy Communion is offered for the Benefice on Wednesdays at 10am
in St Mary's Church, Boston Spa. Restrictions based on the current
public health and national Church of England guidance will apply.

PRIVATE PRAYER

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa is open
from 9.30 - 10.30am, Monday to Thursday.

All Saints' Church, Bramham is open
on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 1pm.

The above pattern was established in late June, and therefore
guidance on opening may vary in the meantime. In any case our ability
to open up may vary over the summer months so please check our
website and notice boards outside the churches for updated details.

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Reverend Nick Morgan livestreams Morning Prayer on Monday
to Thursday from the vicarage at 7am on Facebook. You can join him
live, or catch up on this daily service on the Bramham Benefice
Facebook page. This will continue throughout July but stops in
August while he is on leave. You can also find Morning Prayer
livestreamed daily from The Community of the Resurrection in
Mirfield on their Facebook page: [Facebook.com/CoRMirfield](https://www.facebook.com/CoRMirfield)

Sunday 19th July - Marking our Pilgrimage

Our Worship Where You Are service at 10am will come live from St
Mary's Church, Boston Spa. We shall reflect on the circumstances of
the past few months and will mark this significant period in our walk
of faith as God's pilgrim people.
This will be livestreamed on Facebook.
AT ST MARY'S, BOSTON SPA AND ON FACEBOOK

Sunday 25th July Holiday Club Launch Service

This service will be held online to launch our annual Holiday Club and
is led by Kate Kennedy, our Children and Young People's Ministry
Co-ordinator and ecumenical colleagues.
Join in online both on our website and on Facebook.
ONLINE ONLY

Sundays in August

Our online Worship Where You Are services resume throughout
August. These are shorter than usual services - around 20 minutes.
Holy Communion will continue to be offered at St Mary's, Boston
Spa at 10am on Wednesdays throughout the summer.
ONLINE ONLY

Find us online, where we worship wherever we are:



www.BramhamBenefice.org
[Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice)



Readings for Sunday 19th July 2020

Genesis 28.10–19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Matthew 13.24–30,36–43

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Online Donations

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>





St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

HOLY COMMUNION
Service

10am | **Every Wednesday**

www.bramhambenefice.org



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

0113 3781877

LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS

For your local Councillor, call 0113 3781877 or email front.ward@leeds.gov.uk

HARDWOOD WARD
David Pitt, Matthew Robinson, Paul Robinson

WETHERBY WARD
Rosie Shepperson, Alan Lane, Linda Roberts

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.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Judd Chambers, Doreen Billingsby and Doreen Crich





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).





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



5K RUN: around Boston Spa. Meet in the car park by the Stew and Oyster
Warm up at 7:45, ready to run at 8:00 each Saturday.
Completely free, bring a friend.

BOSTON SPA WALKING FOR HEALTH:

The Walk takes place every 4th Tuesday of the month. It starts and ends at Boston Spa Methodist Church, High Street Boston Spa. The walks will be 30 to 60 minutes - depending on the weather, walking conditions and participants. The walks will utilize footpaths and quiet roads around Boston Spa. At the end of the walk, refreshments will be available at The Methodist Church, High Street, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 6AA



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



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




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

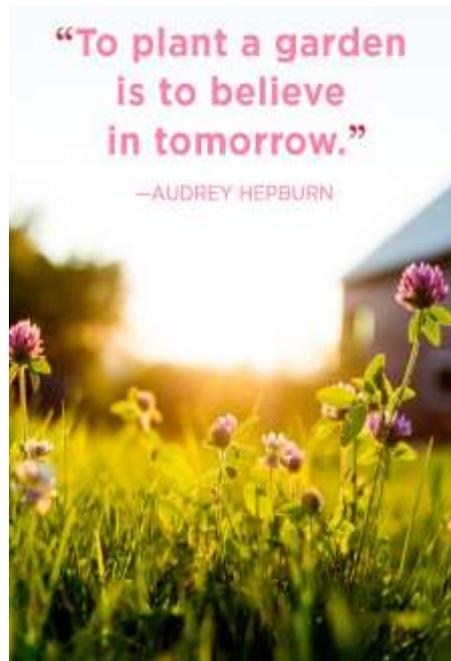


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