

# Newsletter

15th November 2020

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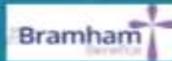
## BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

### MIDNIGHT MASS

24TH DECEMBER 2020

11.30pm St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

11.30pm St. Peter's Church, Walton



### CHRISTMAS DAY

25TH DECEMBER 2020

9.30am All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

10.00am St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

10.00am All Saints' Church, Bramham

**As space is limited for public health reasons, booking ahead is essential.**

**Please phone 01937 844402**

# Services across the Benefice

Join us at:

[bramhambenefice.org](http://bramhambenefice.org)

or

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

## 10.00am WEDNESDAYS

### Online

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

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**15th November**

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11  
Matthew 25.14-30

**22nd November**

Ezekiel 31.11-16, 20.24  
Ephesians 1.15-end  
Matthew 25.31-end

**29th November**

Isaiah 64.1-9  
1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
Mark 13.24-end

**6th December**

TBC



# *Christingle* Online Service



[www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice/](http://www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice/)

Sunday 6th December

10.00am





**BENEFICE**  
**NATIVITY**  
*Christmas Eve*  
*4pm*

This year the Nativity will be via Zoom.  
More details to follow.

## PLEASE HELP US PRAY FOR:

St. Mary's Email Prayer Group  
If you would like to include someone  
on the Prayer list please contact Niki on:  
[stmarysprayer18@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprayer18@gmail.com)

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Peter Churchill  
Jillian Richardson  
George Benson

## OCCASIONAL OFFICES:

### WEDDINGS:

### BAPTISMS:

### FUNERALS:

## CHILDREN & YOUTH:

We offer various activities for families,  
children and young people. For more  
information contact The Parish Office:  
[bramhambenefice@outlook.com](mailto:bramhambenefice@outlook.com)

Visit our website for more details.

**Most of our children and youth  
groups are suspended.**

**Young Life will go ahead via  
Zoom,  
please contact Revd. Nick for  
more information.**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME  
AS SOON AS IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

**MON** 12.00-1.00pm Yoga

**MON** 3.45-4.45 Meditation in the  
Christian Tradition held at 197 High  
Street, Boston Spa

**2nd & 4th TUES** 7.30pm Bell Ringing  
at All Saints' Bramham

**All held at St Mary's Church, unless  
otherwise stated.**

### **Lost Property at St. Mary's Church**

### **No items to report**

Please collect before  
the end of the month.  
Any items left will be taken to  
Martin House Charity shop



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**BOSTON SPA  
VOLUNTEER  
ACTION  
GROUP**

**WE ARE HERE TO  
HELP!**

**IF YOU ARE SELF ISOLATING AND  
NEED SUPPORT ?**

**WE CAN  
COLLECT PRESCRIPTIONS, PICK UP  
SHOPPING OR JUST BE A FRIENDLY  
VOICE ON THE END OF THE PHONE**

**PLEASE CONTACT PENNY STABLES IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER  
OR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

**penny\_stables@gmail.com  
07941979802**

**Bramham**  
**foodbank**

**GIFT  
COLLECTION**

**HELPING FAMILIES LOCALLY**

There are so many families in need of support this year over the Christmas period. All gifts collected will be distributed by The Food Bank and The Salvation Army.

**Gifts must be new and unwrapped**

Who are the gifts for? Babies. Children. Teenagers. Parents. The Elderly

**Example of gifts - games, toys, books, colouring sets, craft sets, vouchers, toiletry sets, slippers, luxury chocolates and biscuits, wrapping paper and sellotape etc.....**

**COLLECTION POINTS**  
**BRAMHAM SURGERY CAR PARK**  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BOSTON SPA**  
**NOVEMBER 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th 9.30am - 11.30am**  
**Contact Emma for more details - 0774298706**

**Online services can be found at:**

**[www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice/](https://www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice/)  
or  
[bramhambenefice.org](http://bramhambenefice.org)**



What Happened on November 15

1492 Christopher Columbus notes 1st recorded reference to tobacco

1904 King C. Gillette patents the Gillette razor blade

2001 Microsoft released Xbox, a video game console system.



**IN THESE  
CHALLENGING  
TIMES**

**REMEMBER TO**

**KEEP IN TOUCH**

**IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES TO PICK UP THE PHONE.**

**SAY HELLO. HOW ARE YOU?**

**LISTEN AND CHAT**

**YOU MIGHT MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY**

BRAMHAM BENEFICE

## FOOD COLLECTION



**SUPPORT WETHERBY  
FOOD BANK**



**Collection point 1**

**Bramham Church Porch  
10am - 4pm 7 days a week**

**Collection point 2**

**St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa  
9am - 3pm 7 days a week**

### ITEMS REQUIRED

**RICE PUDDING - CUSTARD**

**SPONGE PUDDINGS**

**BISCUITS**

**TINNED MEAT - TINNED FISH**

**TOILETRIES - CLEANING PRODUCTS**

**THE FOOD BANK CAN NOW  
ACCEPT FRESH FRUIT AND  
VEGETABLES. THE  
COLLECTIONS ARE TAKEN TO  
THE FOOD BANK ON A  
MONDAY MORNING**

**NO FROZEN OR CHILLED  
GOODS**





## **iWharfe: The River Wharfe Big Health Check**

A ground-breaking citizen science study of the River Wharfe in Yorkshire, published last week, reveals that many of its most popular recreational sites were polluted and unsafe for paddling and swimming on a one-day Big Health Check. Citizen scientists drawn from local communities collected water samples at 60 sites, along the length of the river at the same time on the same day, the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The **Boston Spa, Wetherby and Villages Community Green Group** formed one of the testing teams.

**It was found that none of the popular sites used for recreation along the entire length of the river was "safe to swim in" on the day of sampling.** Although the high concentrations of both *E. coli* and intestinal enterococci below the sewage works in Ilkley (Beanlands Island) were expected and as shown in previous analysis, there were unexpectedly high concentrations also observed at popular recreational sites in Upper Wharfedale, such as Linton Falls and Burnsall. Concentrations were also relatively high from Ilkley downstream to the Ouse confluence at Cawood. The lowest concentrations occurred in Langstrothdale and in the river stretch from the Cavendish Pavilion in Bolton Abbey to the Ilkley Suspension Bridge. Our calculations suggest that even the sites with the lowest concentrations would fail to meet bathing water standards if judged according to EU legislation. The dominant source of faecal bacteria pollution in the river is effluent from Sewage Treatment Works. The high concentrations of faecal bacteria in some tributary streams indicates that cattle and sheep also contribute to the pollution load but this is of lesser importance than sewage effluent in explaining the concentrations in the main river. The report illustrates the need for legislation to be revised.

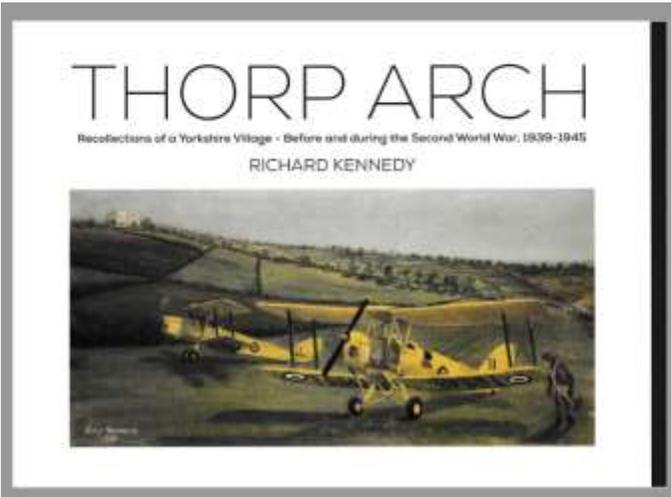
Dr Martin Christmas, Regional Director of the Environment Agency said "Partnerships always seem to bring benefits greater than the sum of their parts. Being part of the iWharfe team has, and will be, a key part of making a real difference to the water environment in Wharfedale". Yorkshire Water Corporate Affairs Director Richard Emmott said "The iWharfe team has done an excellent job with this report and it is really good to see a growing level of public engagement with Yorkshire's rivers. As more people use our rivers for recreation, this strengthens the case for more investment to improve river water quality. Our rivers are in far better condition that they were 30 years ago, but we'll need concerted work from all stakeholders to deliver the further improvements to meet growing public expectations."

**The report can be downloaded [here](http://www.yorkshiredalesrivertrust.com/projects/iwharfe/),** and further information about the project is available here: <http://www.yorkshiredalesrivertrust.com/projects/iwharfe/>

## A Present for Christmas

### 'THORP ARCH – Reflections of a Yorkshire Village before and during the Second World War'

Written by Richard Kennedy. Published by All Saints Church Thorp Arch in aid of church funds.



#### About the author

Richard Kennedy was brought up in Thorp Arch in the 1930s and 1940s, attending Lady Elizabeth Hastings School and later Tadcaster Grammar School. After leaving Leeds University, Richard embarked on a life-long career with the Ministry of Agriculture, serving in Hull, Newcastle and Nottingham, eventually retiring to Cambridge where he now lives. Richard has maintained close and continuing ties with Thorp Arch and its residents throughout.

#### About the book

Richard started writing this beautifully illustrated book in the 1990s, in response to several people over the years remarking 'if only they had written it down!'.  
*"Mystery tours in charabancs were very popular during the summer months as very few people owned a car"*

The book complements 'Thorp Arch – History of a Township' by David Cummings, published for the Millennium, but taking a different approach. Richard and David assisted one another in their writings.

Peace and Afterwards

The landing of two RAF Tiger Moths on fields below the Church one Sunday just before the War was later recorded in an oil painting commissioned by the author. The painting is shown here on the front cover of the book.

*"German aircraft flew over quite often and we heard anti-aircraft guns firing but all this activity was at night"*

Most generously, earlier this year Richard donated his text for the book and the Tiger Moth painting to All Saints Church, for fund raising.

#### How to order

Richard Kennedy's new book – a print run of 100 copies - is an ideal Christmas gift for family and friends, and for yourself too of course.

Set by John Pendleton and printed in full colour on high quality A4 stock, the 54 page book fits easily into an A4 envelope for posting.

**The price is £10.00 per copy, which is the cost of production, plus £2.40 p&p if required.** An accompanying voluntary donation to All Saints Church, to help with building maintenance, would be most welcome.

To order, please contact David Bentley, a member of All Saints PCC, to arrange receipt consistent with prevailing virus restrictions - 01937 843069 or davidwbentley@live.co.uk

Payment may be in cash or by cheque made payable to 'All Saints Church Thorp Arch'.

#### And finally ....

A recent letter of appreciation to Richard Kennedy reads :

*"Sincere thanks to you for producing such a fascinating personal account of everyday life in Thorp Arch during such an important period in its history.*

*"We are truly grateful to be able to enjoy and learn from this body of work that significantly enriches our understanding of this village we call home."*

# Christmas Word Quiz

**£1.00 entry**

**Prize: Christmas Hamper**

*All Proceeds to All Saints' Church, Bramham*

**All you have to do is unscramble the letters to make Christmas words. Good Luck!**

Shh Tarmac Refits .....  
Hmm Saints Dig .....  
Him Sweetener .....  
Pa Prawn Rip Peg .....  
Ask Own Elf .....  
Racer Catch Smirks .....  
Caste Indoor .....  
Grail Fit Shy .....  
Omelet Its .....  
East Ion Tip .....  
Nets Light In .....  
Anagram Ya Wine .....  
Richest Stream .....  
Nearby Cars Cure .....  
Name Mi Post .....  
Lava Dance Trend .....  
Snacker n Fine .....  
A Decking Ogles Snow .....  
Italic Tea Firer .....  
Beor Once Geezers .....

**Closing Date SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER**



Name .....

Contact number .....

Completed forms to be sent to 16 Firbeck Road, Bramham or to Emma at St. Mary's Church Parish Office, Boston Spa.

Affix £1 to your entry. If more than 1 correct entry, then a draw will take place to find the winner.

The winner will be contacted by phone. **Thank you for your continued support.**

**With Christmas just around the corner, please remind yourself of our Churchyard Rules.**

## **DIOCESE OF YORK CHURCHYARD MEMORIAL RULES**

Bramham Benefice welcomes all to the peace of our lovely Churchyards and with your co-operation will work to maintain it in the manner that the Rules require. The Churchyards are managed on a conservation basis using the principles of the Diocesan Living Churchyard Scheme, together with The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MATERIALS AND ITEMS WHICH DO NOT CONFORM TO THE RULES WILL BE REMOVED TWO MONTHS AFTER INTERMENT. HOWEVER EASTER, REMEMBRANCE AND CHRISTMAS WREATHS MAY REMAIN FOR ONE MONTH.**

- Each grave may be marked by an agreed headstone, with an integral holder for cut flowers in the base front. The surface of the grave should always be grass.
- No edging is permitted, nor planting of shrubs or flowers except bulbs.
- Please do not place flowers in plastic wrappings and kindly remove dead flowers.
- No containers, pictures or ornaments are to be placed on the grave and only fresh or silk flowers are permitted.
- All Memorials and additional lettering must be applied for using the correct form, obtainable from the Parish Office. Please note that next of kin do not own the grave or cremation plot which always remains the property of the Church.
- Cremated remains may be marked with a flat stone tablet and one simple flower container both of which must be flush with the ground.
- Suitable local stone, slate or hardwood must be used with simple, dignified wording. All other materials are prohibited.

A copy of the full Rules is available in the Church porch. These Rules are intended to keep the Churchyard as a dignified resting place for the departed. They apply to all the Churches in the Diocese of York.

**PLEASE KEEP ALL DOGS ON LEADS  
AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEM  
NO CYCLING  
NO MOTOR VEHICLES**



Cllr Alan Lamb has launched a scheme to help individuals, couples and families who are struggling at this difficult time.

Vouchers can be purchased in either pub, direct from Alan, or from St. Mary's Parish Office.

St. Mary's have had a fantastic donation from a local Trust Fund, whereby any voucher purchased from St. Mary's will be match funded.

So, for every £25 donated the Trust Fund will also donate £25 to purchase a voucher.

Once vouchers have been purchased the vouchers will be sent to The Food Bank and distributed accordingly.

If you would like to purchase a voucher from St. Mary's please contact Emma on 01937 844402 to arrange a time to do this.