

Newsletter

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

Dear Friends,

There was a sense of loss in the air this week, wasn't there? A loss of freedom to roam as we please. Loss of income and work for many. Loss of a sense of security. Loss of our church buildings as places of refuge and refreshment. And perhaps a sense of loss of control over our lives. But our calling as followers of Jesus is to be people of hope and light, and you can hear more about what it might mean to follow Christ in times like these in our worship in the coming weeks

Meanwhile, Daily Prayer continues to be said by our clergy. Holy Communion will continue to be offered by clergy on behalf of the whole parish, though this is likely to take place at the vicarage with my own family - we shall act as surrogates for the whole family of God in these villages for a little while. Foreseeing the national lockdown of churches, Rev'd Trish, Father Ken, and I had already recorded much of this Sunday's "Worship Where You Are" service. Other members of the church family have also helped with contributions. This is a new service for our Benefice and is how we are going to "come together" each week. Do go online and join in with this on Sunday if you are able. You can find it on the website www.BramhamBenefice.org - click on Online Services at the top, and on Sunday it should be the most recent video. Orders of service can also be downloaded from the website (the same place as Newsletters)

It has been said that a week is a long time in politics, but it is even longer in times of a pandemic, apparently. Such a lot has changed, and even as I write, details of how we can best look out for our neighbours are still unclear, but I will include updates from Leeds City Council's community support programme in next week's newsletter. If you need urgent help, do ask for it. There will be a number available soon from the council and I am working with ecumenical colleagues, WiSE and our local councillors to ensure that support for the vulnerable in our villages is joined up, safe for volunteers and those in need alike, and accountable. I would urge you to ring your friends and neighbours to say hello during this time of physical isolation, not with any particular agenda, but just to keep in touch. Now that the clergy and staff team are working from home, email is the best means of communication.

Prayer requests should be sent to Trish. (t.anslow@hotmail.co.uk or 07903262880)

Anyone who cannot access what they urgently need, or find someone under 70 and in good health to help them get what they need, contact me or Emma for now, as we are in touch with those teams who are putting relief efforts in place: Revd. Nick Morgan 07387728009 or 01937 849471.

Emma Hunter 07740166706 or 01937 541013 or email the Office bramhambenefice@outlook.com

Keep checking our website www.BramhamBenefice.org as this is where important updates will first appear. If you have neighbours who are not able to access materials online, perhaps on your daily act of outdoor physical exercise, you might drop off a print out of our newsletter, or an order of service for Worship Where You Are so they can join us on Sunday.

Take care of yourselves. Know that you are loved, you are precious, and you are called to spread hope and light in times of uncertainty.

Yours in Christ,

Nick



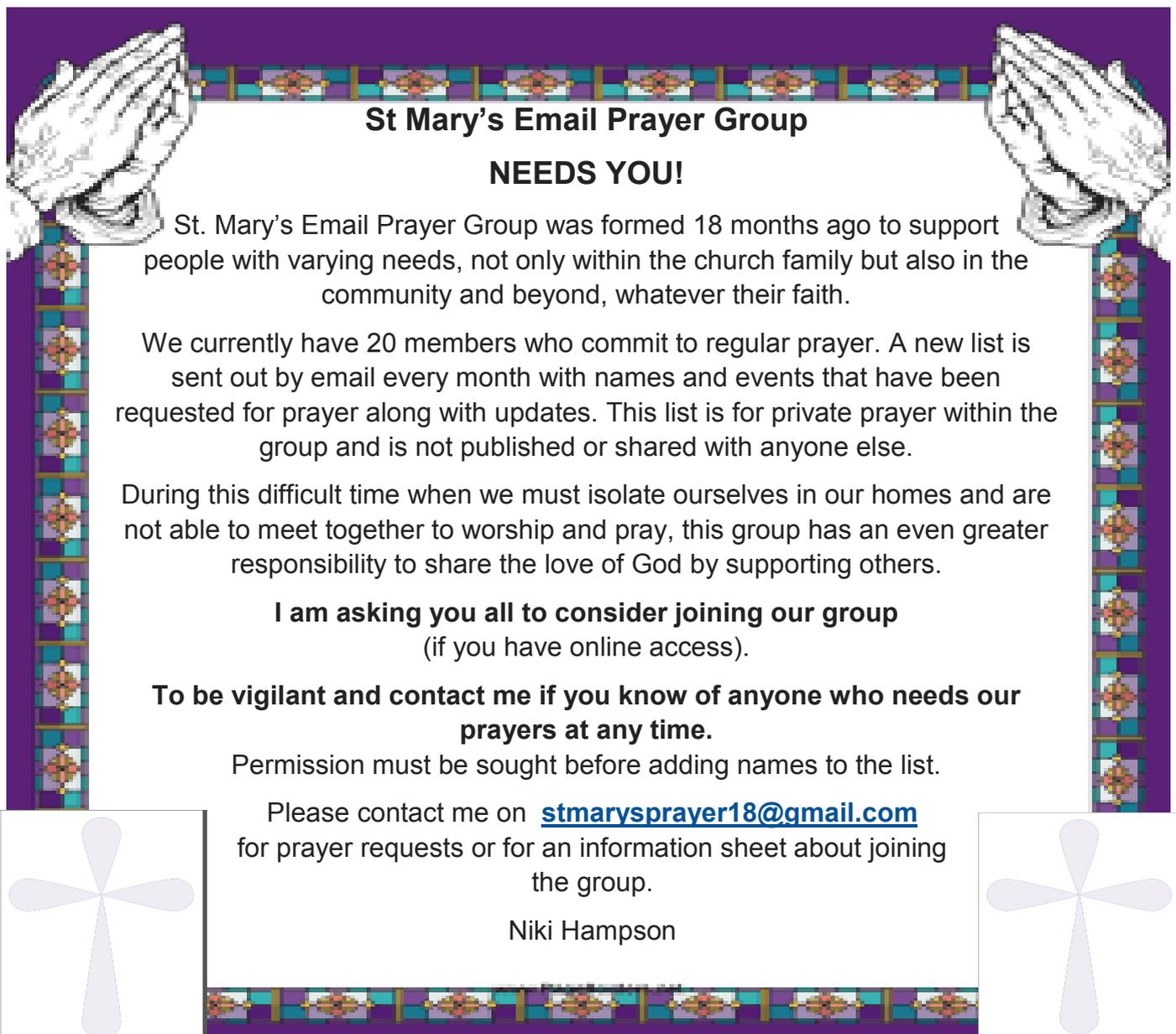
Hello to one and all, I am just adding a few words to the newsletter to reassure you and let you know how we are thinking about you all.

In these sad times whilst our churches are closed Rev Nick and I are praying for you all. You will be in our prayers as we say our Morning Office at home. We will follow up that service with a prayer time to offer to God the names of those you are concerned about.

If you look on this news sheet you will see my contact phone numbers and email address to let me know of those names you would like in our prayers. In these days of social distancing we are joined together by prayer, which connects us all with our Lord. He is the one looking over us all and bearing our cares and troubles.

Blessings to you all

Revd Trish



**St Mary's Email Prayer Group
NEEDS YOU!**

St. Mary's Email Prayer Group was formed 18 months ago to support people with varying needs, not only within the church family but also in the community and beyond, whatever their faith.

We currently have 20 members who commit to regular prayer. A new list is sent out by email every month with names and events that have been requested for prayer along with updates. This list is for private prayer within the group and is not published or shared with anyone else.

During this difficult time when we must isolate ourselves in our homes and are not able to meet together to worship and pray, this group has an even greater responsibility to share the love of God by supporting others.

I am asking you all to consider joining our group
(if you have online access).

To be vigilant and contact me if you know of anyone who needs our prayers at any time.

Permission must be sought before adding names to the list.

Please contact me on stmarysprayer18@gmail.com for prayer requests or for an information sheet about joining the group.

Niki Hampson

Sunday 29th March - Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath ^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath ^[b] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: ^[c] Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, ^[d] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

John 11:1-45 The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ^[a] "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus ^[b] was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.
¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."
¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin,^[c] said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus^[d] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles^[e] away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."
²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.^[f] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[g] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Plot to Kill Jesus

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Sunday Services will be posted on our Website or by clicking the link below.

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

**Alec Marsh
Ian Locky**



The cover of the 'Daily Prayer' app is a solid blue rectangle. At the top left, it says 'Common Worship' and 'Services and Prayers for the Church of England'. In the center, the title 'Daily Prayer' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the 'Church House Publishing' logo, and at the bottom right is the 'AIMER' logo. On the right side, there are two black buttons: the top one says 'GET IT ON Google play' with the Google Play logo, and the bottom one says 'Available on the App Store' with the Apple logo.

For everyone who is self isolating, venerable, key workers, people who still work full time hours and can not do their shopping.

Here is a list of small businesses who deliver food and other goods to your doorstep.

This information may change if business situations change.

TD Goodall	Milk	01132892229
Hebben and Poole Fine Foods	Fruit and vegetables	01937 843085
Andrews Butchers	Meat	01937 582063
Windmill Inn, Linton	Ready meals, bread and eggs	01937 582209
North Street Deli	Daily specials	01937 585113
Sant Angelo's restaurant	Full takeaway service bread and dried pasta	01937 581422
The Oven Door	Bread and savouries	01937 584839
The Red Lion	Hot meals for elderly and self-isolated people. £5 per meal	01937 582136
Touchwood	Hardware	01937 585726
Ace Cards	Greeting cards	01937 582878
Castlegate Stationers	Stationary	01937 582920
Riverside Nurseries	Gardening	01937 582598
Clifford Moor Farm Pet Hotel	Overnight and day care for pets	019837 844929
Discount Feeds	Pet food and supplies	01937 580797
The Country Store, Collingham	Pet foods	01937 572000

Hartley Wood Cattery	Look after your cat	0113 2861251
Sykes House Farm	Butchers	01937 582549
The Bay Horse Pub	Takeaway meals	01937 290163
Spice4U	Indian takeaway	01937 583694
The Yorkshire Meat Company	Butchers	01937 843086
Don't tell the Duke	Takeaway meals	01937 587897
The Barking Lot	Pet food and supplies	01937 588662
Scotts Arms Pub	Frozen ready meals	01937 582100

Please share this information with others.

Take Care

If you are a small business owner or know someone who is, and would like their details adding to this list please contact Emma on bramhambenefice@outlook.com

Website:

www.bramhambenefice.org



@ bramhambenefice

ARE YOU FINDING IT HARD TO ACCESS FOOD?

In light of COVID-19 we are putting additional support in place to ensure everyone is able to access the food they need.



Am I eligible for help?

If you are finding it difficult to access food due to financial constraints, self-isolation or accessibility of food provision, then you are eligible for help.

When making the referral you will be asked questions about your personal situation which will enable us to determine what type of support you require.

How can I access help?

If you think you may be eligible to help from these scheme then you can contact a local keyworker or service who will make a referral for you.

This might be somewhere or someone you already have contact with such as a school, college, social worker, housing officer or it could be a provision in your local area such as a Community Hub.

Ideally a referral should be made through one of these support services, however if you are finding it hard to access these please make a self-referral by calling us on **0113 376 0330**. This is a free number.

What happens next?

Once a referral has been made, we will pass your information on to local volunteer coordinators, and you will be provided with a food parcel or a supermarket voucher.

This will be either delivered to a provision hub near your home for you to collect, such as a community hub, school, foodbank or a charity, or delivered to your home directly.

We want everyone to feel supported and will work with you to see what route is best for you.

For more information and guidance please
contact the Local Welfare Support Team on 0113 376 0330.





Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

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

0113 3781877

LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS

For your local Councillors, call 0113 3788557 or email first name.last name@leeds.gov.uk

HAREWOOD WARD

Samuel Firth
Matthew Robinson
Ryan Stephenson



WETHERBY WARD

Norma Harrington
Alan Lamb
Linda Richards



Due to St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa and All Saints' Church, Bramham being closed, you can drop your donations at the places listed below.

- TOILET ROLLS
- PASTA
- RICE
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- COOKING OIL
- VINEGAR
- CONDENSED MILK
- SUGAR - SMALL BAGS
- ALL SANITARY PRODUCTS
- NAPPIES - ALL SIZES
- TOILETRIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, SOAP, SHOWER GELS, HAND WASH, TOOTHPASTE, TOILET ROLLS AND TISSUES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WASHING UP LIQUID, FLOOR CLEANER, BLEACH AND CLOTHS

LOCATION OF FOOD DONATION POINT	OPENING HOURS	COMMENTS
Sainsburys Local, Crossley Street, Wetherby	0700 – 2300	at front of store
Morrisons, Horsefair, Wetherby	0700- 2200	trolley by checkouts
Wetherby Town Hall	0900-1630	box at front of town hall
Wetherby One Stop Shop	0900-1500	

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You if need a quick response contact:

Emma on 07740166706 during the hours of 9am and 3pm, Monday to Thursday.

Revd. Nick Morgan on 07387728009

Revd Trish Anslow on 07903262880

Emails are checked daily:

bramhambenefice@outlook.com

Thought of the Day

We shall never know all the good a simple smile can do.

Mother Teresa