

Newsletter

12th April 2020

Due to it being Easter this Newsletter covers two weeks. The next newsletter will be issued for 26th April 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

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS!

“It wasn’t supposed to be like this.” is a phrase for our times. It’s said by those whose businesses have lost their income; by those whose school year came to an abrupt end without taking the exams they’d worked hard towards or their leavers’ ball; by those unable to visit dying loved ones in hospital; by those unable to take up new jobs; by families, friends and lovers unable to meet; by a Prime Minister in Intensive Care rather than in 10 Downing Street; by dairy farmers pouring their loss-making milk down the drain; by the vulnerable, or their carers, being asked to sign Do Not Resuscitate forms; by people of faith unable to attend their places of worship;

by the symbolic light of the risen Christ not being brought into our church buildings at dawn on Easter Day.

“It wasn’t supposed to be like this.” is also a phrase for the followers of Jesus in Holy Week.

The liberating Messiah didn’t enter Jerusalem as a conqueror on a war horse but on a donkey. Not the entrance we were expecting.

Jesus is sold out by a close friend and arrested. A sudden plot twist.

Simon of Cyrene, minding his own business in Jerusalem is hoiked out of the crowd and made to carry the cross of Jesus. Not what he had planned.

Peter, the rock, crumbles and denies Jesus three times. Not so much “rock” as “decidedly rocky”.

Jesus on the cross: humiliated, tortured, the victim of injustice – this is not how things were supposed to turn out. This, surely, is not the scene of triumph we expected from the one Peter declared to be God’s Anointed, the Messiah?

We all have our own ‘tales of the unexpected’ borne of the past few weeks. Whatever your own reason for saying “It wasn’t supposed to be like this.” that is your cross this Holy Week.

Jesus says “Take up your cross and follow me.” which means carry on, persevere in faith, even if you have no clear idea where following Jesus will take you. Pray. Listen to what the Spirit is putting on your heart and bear your cross, putting one step in front of the



other towards the unexpected in company with Christ.

As Christians, this year we are caught up in the story of Holy Week and Easter in a way we did not expect, perhaps don't feel equipped for, and almost certainly did not welcome. This is how the disciples must have felt, surely? The Passover party they'd expected when they arrived in Jerusalem swiftly turned to tragedy and their world being turned upside down and inside out. But this formative experience was part of their story of faith, part of how they learned what it truly means to "take up your cross and follow me" in response to the call of Jesus. Remember that crumbling Peter later found his voice and brought healing and a message of salvation to thousands. Simon of Cyrene's sons clearly went on to become leaders of the early church. The disciples' cry of "It wasn't supposed to be like this." was not their last word on the subject of the Kingdom of God, and nor will it be ours.

It might feel like we're living through a long Good Friday. But Sunday's on the way: we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song, not because we're deluded into thinking that things are as they are supposed to be in the world. It's because the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on Easter Day is a vindication of the love of God, evidence that we are right to hope. Evidence that taking up the cross of Jesus, walking in faith with whatever it is we are called to deal with is the path of eternal flourishing, healing, hope and peace.

Happy Easter to you all.

The Reverend Nick Morgan

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



Dear Readers,

I hope you are keeping safe and well. I am sitting in the sunshine and thinking we live in a beautiful part of the world. A plus to this situation is the extra time we have to find the good things around us.

As we journey through Holy Week our readings share the bleak times with Jesus and his followers. Not knowing what the future held for this band of disciples and their teacher must have been a very disquieting time.

We have some of the same feelings—our future is uncertain in a lesser way. When can we go and visit our families, when can we go shopping for plants for the garden, when can we hug someone other than those in our own house?

I read an article about students who were asked to write an essay on what they saw on a piece of paper. It was a blank paper with a black dot in the middle. They all wrote on the way they saw the dot and what it reminded them of. Not one of them commented on the large expanse of white paper.

Perhaps we are all concentrating too hard on the negatives in our restricted lives and need to look out for the positives. We have blossom emerging on the trees, we have birdsong in the neighbourhood, we pass people (at the regulation distance) and smile, nod or pass the time of day and we have time to consider the season in our Christian calendar.

This week is Holy Week and we can travel with the disciples through the dark days and, because we have insight into their future we can rejoice in the joy of Easter day and the glorious resurrection. However you spend the day, I hope it is a happy one and you have time to reflect on the good things we have been given.

Revd Trish

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 Lockie**



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).



The churches of the Bramham Benefice,
helping you stay connected while we are apart.
The Church of England in Boston Spa, Bramham, Thorp Arch & Walton.

Village Worship for Holy Week & Easter online

Sung Services at facebook.com/BramhamBenefice
7am and 9pm daily through Holy Week as follows:

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday at 7am

Compline (Night Prayer) Monday to Wednesday at 9pm

Tenebrae Maundy Thursday at 9pm

Liturgy of Good Friday at 9pm

These will all be Livestreamed from the vicarage on Facebook and then available to replay at any time should you miss it live.

Also, online at www.BramhamBenefice.org

Maundy Thursday footwashing will be recorded in the vicarage and uploaded by 2pm – join in at home with a towel and some water!

Good Friday a short service (especially suitable for households including children) uploaded by 9am

Easter Day a Dawn Service will be uploaded to the website by 9am. We also encourage you on Easter Day to join in national services at facebook.com/thechurchofengland



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Sunday 12th April - Readings

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

John 20.1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look ^[a] into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ^[b] “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sunday 19th April - Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,22-32

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

22 'You that are Israelites,^{*} listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth,^{*} a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death,^{*} because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

29 'Fellow Israelites,^{*} I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David^{*} spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,^{*} saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

John 20.19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus and Thomas

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin^{*}), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Purpose of This Book

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe* that Jesus is the Messiah,* the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Online resources

Easter for families and children

<http://bramhambenefice.org/children-young-people/>

Holy Week for children and families with some resources available on our website or from the links below:

A children's activity sheet for Palm Sunday:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/.../05-apr-2020-childrens-sheet...>

A full pack of resources for next week with crafts, stories and ideas to share the Easter story at home:

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/.../4647/holy-week-home-resource...>

The Discoverers Team (Sandra, Kate and Phil) will be posting a daily video telling the Easter Story next week:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUPiqGjfl7a4i_dQHB8I6dQ

Bugs in Lockdown Photo Competition

Your photo can be classic text book, humorous, arty or tell a story. Get creative!

Rules:

- Do not kill any insect and if moved, put it back in its habitat as soon as possible
- Must be your own photo
- Extra marks if you can identify the insect
- Two groups – aged 12 & under and over 12s
- Winners will be announced at the end of each month during lockdown

Submit photos to mike@bostondesign.co.uk



A message from David at Four Gables

From me an idea copied from Radio 4. In this confined times can be quite difficult to find something to talk to grandchildren about, because they will not have been to the park, played with friends or gone anywhere interesting.

I send a daily Quiz to our young granddaughters we then phone later in the day on WhatsApp and go through their answers.

The subjects have ranged from Lent, The Sound of Music, Peppa Pig, Planets, Topsy and Tim, Vegetables, and Wild Animals

There is also a spot the difference picture quiz.

If anyone is interested in receiving a daily quiz – to pass on, to use with their children or grandchildren please advise and I will add you as a b.c.c when I email out.

Email: info@fourgables.co.uk

Stay safe

David

An example: **Spot the difference**





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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



For everyone who is self isolating, vulnerable, 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	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 sup-	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.



ADDITIONAL FOOD SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN LEEDS

In light of COVID-19 we are putting additional support in place to ensure everyone is able to access the food they need. Please see below for the process of making a referral for your service users.



Who is eligible for help?

If someone is finding it difficult to access food due to financial constraints or self-isolation, then they are eligible for help.

Their personal circumstances will determine the type of help they can receive—i.e. whether it is a food delivery, food collection or supermarket vouchers.

How do I make a referral?

To make a referral please fill out a 'Referral for Emergency Food Provision (COVID-19)' form. Please email Thriving@leeds.gov.uk to request this form.

Please include as much detail as possible and return the form to lwss@leeds.gov.uk as soon as possible after completion.

Ensure that you provide a contact name and number for yourself at the bottom of the form so that we are able to get in contact if needed.

What happens next?

Once the Local Welfare Support Team receive your referral they will input this data and share with volunteer and staff coordinators who are working with Voluntary Action Leeds.

They will then work with local based suppliers to coordinate and deliver either food parcels or a supermarket voucher to a provision hub close to the service user. Alternatively, arrangements will be made for a delivery to their home by volunteers.

These provision hubs could be your service, and include schools, children's centres, foodbanks, community hubs and third sector organisations.

There is also space on the form to note if they require any additional support, please use this space to help us ensure individuals and families are referred to further services as needed.

**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

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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	

The Parish Office is now closed for a week, I will be checking emails and messages left on the answer phone, starting Monday 20th April. If you do need to speak to someone urgently please call the numbers below.

You if need a quick response contact:

Revd Trish Anslow on 07903262880

Revd. Nick Morgan on 07387728009

Emma on 07740166706

Emails are normally checked daily:

bramhambenefice@outlook.com

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD
LIKE THIS NEWSLETTER EMAILING TO
THEM, ASK THEM TO EMAIL OR PHONE THE
OFFICE LEAVING THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS
AND I WILL ADD THEM TO THE
DISTRIBUTION LIST.
ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN DIRECT THEM TO
OUR WEBSITE.**