

# Newsletter

## 10th May 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 weekend, we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day. There will be a short service to mark this which will be live online at 11am on Friday 8th May (and available to join in with any time after this). It will appear both on the Bramham Benefice website [www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services](http://www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services) and on our Facebook page [facebook.com/bramhambenefice](https://www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice)

As our communities work together for the common good in response to the coronavirus, this is a chance to reflect on a time many decades ago when our nation had worked together, and had emerged from at least the European field of conflict and was ready to look forward with hope. This service is not a celebration: rather it looks back with thanks, reflects on the intervening decades of peace and co-operation among European nations, and looks forward in the hope of peace to come. I hope you will be able to join us in this short time of prayer, thanksgiving and reflection. The whole service will be uploaded to the Dial A Sermon line 01937 228825 on the Friday morning.

This Sunday's worship is an ecumenical service marking the start of Christian Aid week. Christian Aid has played an important role in issues of justice, peace and human flourishing in the decades since the second world war, and this year's service challenges us to continue to play our part in setting our hands to the plough and working to pursue God's ways. A timely challenge that the work of peace is never finished, but with God's help, we can indeed walk in God's ways and reveal God's love in the world, echoing the prayers of 1945 which longed for a better future for the world.

Rev'd Nick

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Another weird week! It is a Bank Holiday on Friday and normally the working public would be counting down the hours to a long weekend. They would be dusting off the garden tools and looking long and hard at the weather forecast.

Things are so different this year; for a start all our garden waste bins are full already so gardening is not really feasible, *and* it is not the usual first Monday of May. We were all set to celebrate the change to Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, and again, our plans are thwarted, street parties are off, singalongs are by zoom, and we can't go to the coast for a fly past.

So, what can we do? We can spare a thought for those who were part of the war and gave us the chance to celebrate, 75years on. We can pray for all those people around the world who are caught up in modern day wars; those who live in the same fear of bombs and fighting as our friends and relatives of 75years ago.

As Christians we pray in hope of peace in our world. We offer each other the peace of the Lord, a calmness that comes from knowing we are loved. In this beautiful corner of God's creation, we perhaps this weekend can look at the beauty, be inspired, and pray that the world will learn not to go to war.

In the words of Micah, the Old Testament prophet, *the people* 'will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks' (Micah 4 verse 3). So, perhaps there is time for a little gardening this weekend.

Rev'd Trish





## 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.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

### St Mary's Email Prayer Group

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](mailto:stmarysprayer18@gmail.com) for prayer requests or for an information sheet about joining the group.

Niki Hampson

### **THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**



**Gladys Irene Shaw,  
Donald Johnson  
and Len Shooter**



## Readings for Sunday 10th May 2020

### Psalm 31

#### Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;

you have taken heed of my adversities, and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;

you have set my feet in a broad place.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;

my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.'

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame;

let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt

O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you,

and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone!

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots;

you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.

I had said in my alarm, 'I am driven far from your sight.'

But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

### John 14.1-14

#### Jesus the Way to the Father

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

## Streaming services from home



The recent guidance preventing clergy from entering their own churches, even to just livestream an act of worship, has prompted a series of imaginative alternatives.

“Not being able to use our church buildings is, of course, a huge loss to us all,” one says, but on the other hand, “streaming worship from home shows that we are alongside those who are having to self-isolate and those who are forgoing so many other things in their lives that they used to rely on. “It also shows that we are facing up to the same restrictions as them and doing all that we can to take a lead in encouraging people to **stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives**.

“Moreover, to pray from and in the home may help us to show that the Church is, as we all know, *us*, the people of God, not our buildings.”

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](http://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>)

Sunday services will be posted at [www.bramhambenefice.org/online-services](http://www.bramhambenefice.org/online-services)  
and also at [www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice](https://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/>

## Apps

Our user-friendly apps - now all available on Android as well as iOS - aim to make worship and liturgy easier than ever before.



Time to Pray

Create space in your day for prayer, praise and Bible reading with this simple daily service. As of March 2020, Time to Pray is now completely free to use.



Daily Prayer

Join the Church of England in prayer with daily services for Morning, Evening and Night Prayer.



Common Worship Lectionary

The official Church of England Bible readings for every day of the Church year.



Easter Pilgrim

Take a journey through the Lord's Prayer this Easter season.



Reflections for Daily Prayer

Make Bible study part of your daily routine with these reflections from leading Anglican writers, ministers and theologians.



Reflections on the Psalms

Explore all 150 Psalms with thoughtful commentaries from leading writers, including John Sentamu, John Pritchard and Paula Gooder.



Sunday Worship

Get instant access to each Sunday's Bible readings, Collects and post Communion prayers.



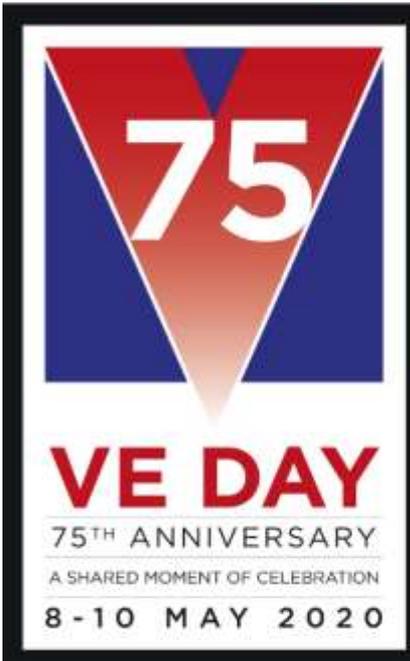
Thy Kingdom Come

Join in the exciting global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost and build a rhythm of daily prayer.



# VE DAY

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY



A short service to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day.

This will be streamed on the Bramham Benefice Facebook page and at [www.bramhambenefice.org](http://www.bramhambenefice.org)

**BRAMHAM COMMUNITY**  
**LET'S REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**



As our village celebrations have been cancelled due to Covid-19 we are planning something different, which adheres to social distancing

**SCARECROW TRAIL**  
DOWNLOAD LOCATIONS FROM FACEBOOK (WE ARE BRAMHAM)  
WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE ADMIRING ALL THE COMMEMORATIVE SCARECROWS, LOCKDOWN SCARECROWS AND MANY MORE, WHILST KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE.  
REV. NICK MORGAN WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER ON FRIDAY.

COLLECT A COMMEMORATIVE VE DAY PINBADGE FROM  
16 FIRBECK ROAD.  
Limited number of badges, only 100. Purchased for us by Wetherby Lions

**FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020**  
**SATURDAY 9TH 2020**  
**SUNDAY 10TH 2020**



### Pentecost is coming!

We are getting ready for Pentecost (which is celebrated on Sunday 31st May).

Visit our website <http://bramhambenefice.org/children-young-people/> for a Windmill Craft activity to do with your children.

Please send us your photos of any completed windmills and we will include them in our Pentecost service.



## Christian Aid Week 2020

Christian Aid week is 10th to 16th May and all activities will now be online. The Christian Aid Service for the Benefice, together with the Methodists, will be available on line through [www.bramhambenefice.org](http://www.bramhambenefice.org) as is now usual.

We would still like to do as much fund-raising as we can for Christian Aid, particularly because as an international organisation it is highly experienced in infection control in many countries.

To donate please visit: [www.justgiving.com/team/bostonspachristianaid](http://www.justgiving.com/team/bostonspachristianaid)

At this stage we can only say look out for what we manage to implement to support Christian Aid to help other countries in the face of this pandemic.



Terry and Emily Gausсен



<https://www.justgiving.com/team/bostonspachristianaid>



**Christian Aid Week**  
**10-16 May 2020**

Christian Aid has been supporting the world's poorest people for 75 years, working with people of all faiths and none. This Christian Aid Week we're taking our events online!

Our Christian Aid community service with a special Guest Speaker will be available to watch here:

<http://bramhambenefice.org/online-services/>

We won't be able to do our usual envelope collections, but you can donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/bostonspachristianaid>





**Christian Aid Week**  
**10-16 May 2020**

## **Building a vibrant, virtual Christian Aid Week**

In the space of just a few months, the coronavirus pandemic has caused a seismic shift in society.

The outbreak has affected all spheres of life. It has brought suffering and uncertainty for so many, both here and overseas, taking centre stage in our thoughts, conversations and prayers.

As individuals, families, communities and organisations, this crisis continues to have a significant impact on how we go about our daily business. We have all had to adapt to new ways of living.

In these challenging times, many churches have already made bold steps, streaming services online and harnessing technology and social media to reach out to communities.

In the same way, Christian Aid has also been thinking creatively about how best to ensure we can continue to stand together with the most vulnerable and marginalised people during this time of global crisis. This is particularly important as Christian Aid Week 2020 approaches.

## **Christian Aid Week is going online!**

Each year, Christian Aid Week brings together tens of thousands of committed volunteers across Britain and Ireland to raise millions of pounds in support of people living in poverty, injustice and inequality across the world.

Now, more so than ever, Christian Aid Week provides an important opportunity to celebrate and share the life-saving work that brings hope to people the world over.

In 2019 Christian Aid Week raised over £7.5m through a combination of church collections, house-to-house, delivery-only 563 fundraising and events such as Big Brekkies.

This year, many Christian Aid supporters will have already dedicated a significant amount of their time and energy planning these initiatives.

Not surprisingly, the coronavirus situation has meant that much of this usual fundraising cannot go ahead for Christian Aid Week 2020 (10-16 May). We value our volunteers enormously and want to ensure people's safety when fundraising.

With this in mind, we are building a vibrant, virtual Christian Aid Week to help people in Britain and Ireland show love for our neighbours near and far, as a global family, in these challenging times.

We have developed a suite of creative new ideas, guides and resources, to inspire people to fundraise and connect with their community, creatively and virtually, while respecting social distancing measures.

The resources include guides to help people run their own virtual event or fundraiser, organise a virtual quiz evening, and even hold a virtual church service using a range of specially prepared worship resources.

Individuals will be able to sign up for unique events during Christian Aid Week from 10-16 May, such as a daily quiz and live stream worship events. We also have an E-envelope, offering a digital way for people to share the Christian Aid Week story with family and friends, and ask for a donation.

In this way, we hope that our dedicated supporters will be able to continue their support, prayer, engagement and fundraising. Christian Aid Week Programme Manager Sophie Brightwell said: 'In recent weeks, we have been overwhelmed by the messages of solidarity we've received for our sisters and brothers overseas, and also by messages of support from our fundraising community, looking for guidance on how they can support us this Christian Aid Week.

'I very much hope that you feel empowered and supported to join us in celebration of Christian Aid Week this year, and that some of the virtual ideas on offer can strengthen individuals and communities as we pray for all those affected by this new virus.

'Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. It's during crises like these that the vulnerabilities of those living in extreme poverty are even more evident. This Christian Aid Week we can fight against coronavirus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.'

We are inviting people to unite in prayer at this time: a collection of prayers for the current coronavirus situation are available online. These include: prayers of thanksgiving and intercession; a prayer for times of isolation; a prayer for medical workers everywhere; a prayer for the global pandemic; a prayer for the church.

**Please visit [caweek.org/virtualresources](https://caweek.org/virtualresources) for new resources to help you celebrate Christian Aid Week.**

**Find new prayers online at [caid.org.uk/loveneverfails](https://caid.org.uk/loveneverfails)**



BRAMHAM BENEFICE &  
CLIFFORD METHODIST CHURCH

# FOOD COLLECTION

SUPPORT WETHERBY FOOD BANK  
ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD  
AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS

COLLECTION POINTS  
SOCIAL DISTANCING APPLIES

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




A huge thank you to everyone who donated last Saturday, your generosity is amazing.



The collection at Bramham, the back seats were also full!  
Thank you

## ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED

- Tinned Potatoes
- Shower Gel
- Toothpaste / brushes
- Womens sanitary products
- Tinned cat food
- Tinned dog food
- Nappies.



The collection from Boston Spa .  
Thank you

We will be collecting every Saturday and Wednesday until further notice. Thank you again for your kindness and

# BOSTON IN BLOOM

Due to the coronavirus outbreak workers at the Leeds nursery were sent home in March. So Boston in Bloom were looking at a colourful alternative and have come up with the following to mark the crisis we are just coming through:

## A display of flags where the baskets would usually go.

The theme for the designs is very open – they are replacing colourful hanging baskets so ... think colour - flowers, birds, sky, rainbows, grass, butterflies, animals etc. Some may want to make reference or include NHS and support services but bear in mind the flags will hopefully be up from May to October so the theme will need to have a long hanging life.

**Flags** should be 30 cm wide with a 60 cm drop and incorporate a top sleeve to allow a 25mm dowel – the hanging rod to pass through (add about 5 cm at the top to turn down and stitch for the casing). The flag should be made of fabric (cotton, linen or synthetic, fairly sturdy – a tea towel could make a good base), sewn/stitched, with appliqué, embroidery or patchwork, single-thickness, with the design on one side. Can be double-sided if you wish, though according to our local flag expert this is not necessarily the best option. *“It does not really matter if the design is seen in reverse on the back, as the design tends to shine through. The best material is a 110g/m polyester of a knitted construction but acknowledge that few people will have access to that.”*

## AFTER YOU HAVE MADE ONE:

Please wrap it in a sealed plastic bag (in case it rains) and take it to Yeadons, where there will be a box outside for collecting all of the flags from Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please include the following information inside the bag and stapled to the outside.

**Name and a contact Tel number – this will not be on display, but just in-case we need to contact you and to arrange collection of your flag at the end of the season.**

Flags will start going up from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

You can if you wish sign your flag.

A list of flag makers will be displayed in local shops.

Remember to take a photo of your flag and, if you wish, the people who made it, for your records.

Please note: Boston in Bloom reserve the right to decide which flags are displayed. If we have surplus flags, we will look to display these locally.

Please e-mail me if you are thinking of making a flag, so that we can get an idea of numbers.

If you have any questions, please contact me –

Thank you

David

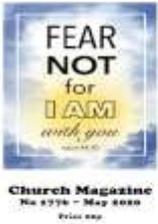
David Watts

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info@fourgables.co.uk

Here are a few examples.





## St. Mary's Church Magazine

Due to CofE national guidance, we are unable to hand deliver the St Mary's May magazine to your homes. We will deliver them when we are able to do so. In the meantime, a PDF version of the magazine is available on the website.

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### 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/](http://bostongreengroup.co.uk/cycling/cycle-routes/)



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### 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.bostonspapc.org.uk](http://www.bostonspapc.org.uk)

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### LEEDS ACTIVE

Active Leeds are delivering a workout of the day that can be completed at home through the Mywellness app. These workouts just require your motivation, no equipment needed! There will be a new workout every day with 3 options, easy, medium and pro. So choose what suits you every day. Mywellness can be accessed through the Active Leeds app, via the Mywellness tile. Individuals without a Mywellness account, MUST go to [www.mywellness.com/activeleedsvirtual](http://www.mywellness.com/activeleedsvirtual) and then create their account BEFORE then downloading the mywellness app and logging. Active Leeds can also offer one to one support as you received when visiting our facility based gyms. This support will be available through the Mywellness app. They can support and review home workout routines or any other fitness related help you may require. So you can then continue your fitness journey with them.

**HOME WORK OUTS:** There are a number of videos you can watch showing you how to exercise from your home just go to Boston Spa Life – click on the face book page look and see what takes your interest.



**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
Bryn Wilson	Milk deliveries	07809 110568 or email <a href="mailto:bryn-themilkman@yahoo.co.uk">bryn-themilkman@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Douglas Yeadon Hardware	Hardware and pet food	01937 842338
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

## 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 [Thrive@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Thrive@leeds.gov.uk) to request this form.

Please include as much detail as possible and return the form to [hw@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:hw@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



**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY HOME**  
**PROTECT**  
**THE NHS**  
**SAVE LIVES**

To the householder:

### Are you finding it hard to get help and support?

During this Coronavirus pandemic, Leeds City Council is working with Voluntary Action Leeds and local organisations to provide additional support to ensure everyone is able to get the help they need.

#### Am I eligible for help?

You can receive help and support from us if you do not have family or friends that can help and -

- You are an individual or family that is self-isolating due to a member of the household feeling unwell (high temperature and/or new persistent cough).
- You have a health condition and have been advised by the NHS to self-isolate
- You have been advised to stay home in line with national guidelines

- You are finding it difficult to leave your home to shop for food, medicines and other essentials
- If you can afford to pay for your essentials then you should pay. However, we do have arrangements in place for those that cannot afford to pay.

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For all other Coronavirus help and advice please visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus)

#### What help is available?

You may already be receiving help from neighbours that you know and trust or local organisations in your area that meets your needs.

If that's not the case then Leeds City Council has worked with its partner, Voluntary Action Leeds, to set up a volunteering arrangement that can help you.

The help will come from Leeds City Council and from our Community Care Volunteers working alongside a range of Leeds City Council approved volunteer hubs made up from community organisations in your area.

Our volunteers will be registered with us, clearly identifiable with their own Leeds City Council identification badge and a letter from Leeds City Council with a number that you can phone to check their identity. Please be reassured that for their safety and yours, volunteers and LCC staff will be following social distancing guidelines and observing good hygiene standards in accordance with the national guidance.

The sorts of things that our volunteers can help with are -

- Delivering food, essentials and medication to people in the community
- Checking how you are and having a chat on the phone
- Putting bins out for collection
- Walking dogs
- Posting mail

#### How can I get help?

Do not wait until your needs are urgent as it will help us plan the visit of our community care volunteer.

If you want to get help and support from our volunteers then please contact us by calling

**0113 378 1877**

You can also ask someone to call for you if that's easier. *If you have already called this number and arranged help, you do not need to call again.*

#### What happens next?

When you contact us, Leeds City Council will pass your information onto your local volunteer hub. They will contact you and arrange for a community care volunteer to help you.

#### What do I do if I want to register to become a Community Care Volunteer?

Register on the Voluntary Action Leeds website: [www.doinggoodleeds.org.uk](http://www.doinggoodleeds.org.uk)  
Phone: 0113 2977920  
Email: [info@val.org.uk](mailto:info@val.org.uk)



For all other Coronavirus help and advice please visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/coronavirus)


**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 3788887 or email [first name](mailto:first.name@leeds.gov.uk) [last name](mailto:last.name@leeds.gov.uk) @leeds.gov.uk

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**Bugs in Lockdown**  
**Photo Competition**

What Creepy Crawlies can you see in Your Garden?

Winners will be announced at the end of each month during lockdown.  
 For Under 12s & Over,  
 Upload to:  
**#bostonspabugwatch**  
 or go to website:

[www.bostongreengroup.co.uk/events/](http://www.bostongreengroup.co.uk/events/)



**Revd. Nick Morgan** on 07387728009

**Revd Trish Anslow** on 07903262880

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