

# Newsletter

## 31st 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**

To the families with whom I said farewell to loved ones, just a handful of us around a grave or in a crematorium; to the parishioners who are braving it out at home week upon week, relying on phone calls for their mental health; to the parishioners with dementia who can't understand why the church is locked and Emma isn't in the office to tell them what day it is; to those who couldn't say goodbye to loved ones as they were dying, those who missed seeing loved ones on significant birthdays, and all the others I've missed from the list (I think you know who you are):

I feel the need to say thank you. Thank you for understanding the need to pull together for the sake of the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your sacrifice and hardship. Thank you for not considering yourself to be so exceptional, so special, that the rules applied differently to you. Thank you all. You may, in the light of recent stories in the news be feeling guilty, that somehow you misunderstood the guidance and could have done things differently; that you had more discretion than you thought you had. You are not misremembering, and you have no need for self-recrimination.

In George Orwell's 'Animal Farm', one day the rules change overnight, and the pigs who are in charge tell people that the rules were always like that. Some of the animals in that story felt stupid. But they weren't. And you weren't stupid, you weren't wrong either. You understood what had been unequivocally asked of you, and you did as you'd been asked. Thank you. Despite your every instinct telling you that your situation was a special case, that it was reasonable for you to break the rules for the sake of a loved one, you have in fact behaved in a sacrificial, loving, dutiful and inspiring way. Thank you. St Paul tells us (*see Galatians 5:22*) that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Thank you for yielding this fruit in your lives. I choose to concentrate on you, rather than on others who have not risen to the challenge. You are the people who inspire me throughout our current situation because when I think about you, it makes me even more determined to persevere, to do my bit, to follow the guidelines and thereby save lives. Thank you.

So today, Lord God, whatever is true, whatever is good, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable: if anything be excellent or praiseworthy, help us in every way to choose to think about such things (*Philippians 4:8*). Let us not get ground down by focusing too much on those who walk the way of darkness; rather let us be inspired by our fellow-children of light as we seek to live the life of the Spirit in this season of Pentecost. Amen.

Revd. Nick Morgan



Thank you to Rev Trish and her Knit and Knatter Group, who have produced some Pentecost bunting which is now up in Millennium Square, Boston Spa, by kind permission of the Parish Council.

Also, thank you to Lynda Goddard who made the Benefice Flag, which hangs proudly outside Yeadons.





# 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).



PRESENTS

# Online Pilgrim Course

**FRI** **JUNE 6TH**  
1.30pm - 3.00pm  
FOR 6 WEEKS

If you would like to take part in an informal  
bible discussion agroup using the  
Pilgrim Series, please contact Penny Stables:  
pennystables@gmail.com  
07941797902

YOUR HOST:  
PENNY STABLES



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Daily Prayer

## Readings for Sunday 31st May 2020

### **Acts 2.1-21**

#### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

#### Peter Addresses the Crowd

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

### **1 Corinthians 12.3b-13**

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

#### One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## 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](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>)

The link to our facebook page is, [facebook.com/bramhambenefice](https://www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice) from here you can watch Services led by Rev Nick, Rev Trish and the AAW team.

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/>

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

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



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



- TOILET ROLLS
- PASTA
- RICE
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- COOKING OIL
- VINEGAR
- 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 & TISSUES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WASHING UP LIQUID, FLOOR CLEANER, BLEACH AND CLOTHS
- LONG LIFE MILK & LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- INSTANT MASH
- TINNED/PACKET CUSTARD



**West Yorkshire Trading Standards SAFER Project** (Scams And Frauds Education for Residents), has been helping older people and vulnerable adults across the five districts of West Yorkshire protect themselves from scams, frauds and doorstep crime over the last six years. During this time, we have actively engaged with vulnerable adults across the region, empowering residents to live in a safer community.

The project has successfully secured funding for a further three years and will now focus on all age groups. The next three years will see the SAFER team reach out to people of all ages and deliver five new and fresh workshops to the residents of West Yorkshire.

### How the SAFER Project works to protect and prevent

The Safer Project delivers FREE informal, interactive and engaging community workshops on a number of topics, including:

#### Scams and Fraud workshop

**Aim:** To make residents aware of the most common types of scams and frauds in circulation, how to avoid them and where to report them to.

**Content:** The session is interactive and informal and encourages participants to share their experiences, focusing on how to **deal with scammers confidently** and what the most common scams in circulation are. At the end of the session participants receive free resources so that they can access the right support and advice if they ever need it.

#### Doorstep Crime workshop

**Aim:** To give residents key advice and top tips on dealing with rogue traders, distraction burglary, and bogus callers.

**Content:** The session is fun and interactive, taking the participants through varying **common doorstep scenarios**, to identify what simple key strategies they can use to protect themselves in their own homes. At the end of the session participants receive free resources to help them avoid rogue traders and incidents on the doorstep.

#### Consumer Savvy workshop

**Aim:** To give residents key advice and top tips on how to spot counterfeit and unsafe goods and we explore the risks, dangers and consequences of the fake market.

**Content:** The session is fun and interactive, taking the participants through varying basic consumer rights when purchasing goods. A genuine or Fake challenge where participants are able to examine goods such as bags, cosmetics and toiletries and try to decipher the **genuine** products from the counterfeit

#### Savvy Savings workshop

**Aim:** To enhance residents key skills for budgeting, providing money saving tips and how to avoid high cost credit. We explain APR and compare loans as well as provide information about how to live healthily on a budget.

**Content:** The session is fun and interactive, allowing participants to share their **cost savings tips**, we use the infamous taste test to compare well known brands with cheaper alternative and we also explain **loan shark activity** and **money muling**.

#### Energy Savvy workshop

**Aim:** To encourage residents to think about their energy usage, how to try and reduce their monthly bills and practical tips on how to look for the best **genuine** deals on the market.

**Content:** The session is fun and interactive, a myth busting 'True' or 'False' challenge looking at energy waste, household appliances, how to switch energy providers and information about current **'Energy Saving' scams**.

The SAFER Project also works in partnership with organisations that are able to identify those at risk, as well as volunteers and community champions who can help us spread key messages  
Want to know more?

If you'd like to find out more about the SAFER Project then please call us on 0113 535 0242 or email [safer@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:safer@wyjs.org.uk)



## Boston Spa Festival Scarecrow Trail

### Sporting Legends



Dear Boston Spa Business Owner and Resident,

Unfortunately, the 4<sup>th</sup> Boston Spa Festival has been cancelled, but we are pleased to advise that Boston Spa's 4<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Trail will still take place on 4 - 12<sup>th</sup> July, and this year it will include Thorp Arch & Clifford.

The theme is **Sporting Legends**.

There will be local organisers for the 2 new villages: Gaby Morron for Thorp Arch, and Jenny Burton for Clifford, who will contact you once your entry has been received.

Winning scarecrow builders in each village will receive prizes, with separate prizes for private and business/community entries; winners determined by public vote. There will also be a special prize for the most environmentally friendly entry.

If you would like to take part please complete and cut off the form below, put it in an envelope together with your entry fee, mark your envelope Scarecrow Entry and post in the **Village Hall** letter box (note we are not, as in previous years, using Douglas Yeadons due to social distancing).

All entries to be in by Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. You will receive a phone / email confirmation that your entry has been received.

Thursday 2nd July you will receive your numbered card to display alongside your scarecrow. All Scarecrows to be in position by Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July and left on display until 8pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Once the public votes are in, the winners will be contacted by phone, and a printed list will be on display in Yeadons & Costrutter on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Any questions please call / email:  
David Watts 01937 845592 [info@fourgables.co.uk](mailto:info@fourgables.co.uk)

## Boston Spa Festival Scarecrow Trail

### Sporting Legends

#### SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Name of Scarecrow builder (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address / location of your Scarecrow \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Sporting Legend - (if you know it) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry type - please circle

Business £5.00    Community Group £2.50    Family / Individual £2.50

Fee enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form and entry fee in a sealed envelope marked **Scarecrow Entry** to:

Boston Spa Village Hall letter box (not Yeadons) - by **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**.

# Martin House

hospice care for children  
and young people

If you're having a clear out, please save your donations for when our shops reopen!

We would love to have any donations, but please don't leave them outside of our shops at the moment

thank you!



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

# 0113 3781877

[LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](http://LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS)

For your local Councillors, call 0113 3788897 or email [first.name.last.name@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:first.name.last.name@leeds.gov.uk)

#### HAREWOOD WARD

Sarvesh Tirth  
Matthew Robinson  
Ryan Stephenson



#### WETHERBY WARD

Norma Harrington  
Alan Lamb  
Linda Richards



## 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](https://www.instagram.com/bostonspabugwatch)

or go to website:

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





### **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)

### **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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