

# 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**



Pray. Learn. Pray again. Act.

A response to the death of George Floyd

Black Lives Matter. “Surely all lives matter?”

To read the full article go to:

Bramham Benefice Website: <http://bramhambenefice.org/>

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I am an avid *Countryfile* watcher and often plan my week (and my laundry) round the weekly weather forecast that is on the programme. On Sunday I looked at the days ahead and realised we were in for some cool and damp days! Goodness gracious me! What will I do when it comes to my lunch hour, which I normally spend outside in the sun? I sit there because my garden is at the front of the house and all sorts of people walk past on their way down towards the river and I get to chat and pass the time of day with many folk.

I watch the young families on their bikes, the friends who are keeping their distance, the elderly couples on their daily exercise and the dog walkers. The whole scene gives me a feeling of being included in life. With the prospect of being indoors in inclement weather it made me think of all those people who have been stuck indoors without a front garden to sit in and chat as the world goes by. My phone will have to take up the slack!

I urge you to think along the same lines. We have been blessed with many days of sunshine, birdsong, blossoms and so much more of God's Spring delights; maybe we are able to chat about them with others on the phone. Be sure you do not turn the conversation into a gloomy and damp moan -those you speak to may be gardeners who rejoice in a shower or two!

The news from the government give us hope that we can go out and meet others soon, but if, like me you are over 70, there doesn't seem to be an end date to this isolating. Our job is to 'meet' with others over the internet or the phone and to keep up the spirits of those who long to be part of our communities. If the rain starts to limit what little freedom we have to be out of doors then we have to change our routines once again and meet and greet all sorts of people from indoors. Good luck with the new conversations!. *Rev Trish*

## Readings for Sunday 7th June 2020

### Isaiah Chapter 40, 12-17, & 27-end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### Matthew 28.16-20

#### The Commissioning of the Disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'



## 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.

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# 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: stmarysprayer1B@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).



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# Online Pilgrim Course



**FRI JUNE 5TH**  
STARTS @ 10am  
FOR 6 WEEKS

YOUR HOST:  
**PENNY STABLES**

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

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



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

**Len Shooter, Angelika  
Ware and Nigel Kitchen**



God has a plan for everyone and everything. That includes you, and it includes The Bramham Benefice. None of us can fully know God's plan—the best we can do is pray and listen for clarity. As a Benefice we are excited to announce our online donation tool. Whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or just attend on occasion, we're asking you to consider contributing. It's something we need our entire church community's help with, to support ongoing costs and events. Even if you can't make a large gift, know that every little bit helps. It's more about coming together as a community united behind a common cause. We hope that you'll consider making a donation towards The Bramham Benefice. Thank you for your continued support. By clicking on the link below, you will be able to follow the online instructions and donate, £5, £10 £20 or choose your own amount. There are no minimum or maximum amounts, just give what you can.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a404b921-2632-412c-a2e3-5cbaec4795ed>



Once you click the link you will see this page, just follow the instructions.





Ladies of the Benefice Retreat

I will be booking our 2020 Wydale retreat for the end of September. I will need to know the numbers who wish to go **BY THE END OF JUNE**. Please let Trish know by then. Tell all those you know who might want to go, in case they haven't seen this article.

Rev Trish



" Jill and David Coates are delighted to announce the birth of identical twins to Nicky and Mikey Hall. On the 11th May, Indie Elle Iris and Ivy Matilda Imogen were born weighing 6lb 1oz and 5lb 2oz respectively. Both are well and putting on weight and Nicky is making good progress after a rather difficult time immediately following the birth. We can't wait to hold Indie and Ivy and to give their parents a huge hug! "



**SWIFT WATCH IN BOSTON SPA:** In Otley for the last four years they have been logging the locations of swift nests and advising homeowners - this is to reduce the risk of home improvements sealing up their nesting sites. They have had great success, with homeowners happy to help. If you are aware of local nesting sites or would like to be involved please let me know. I have identified one location – above Boston Tea Party. Useful website <https://www.startbirding.co.uk/leeds-swifts/>. They are wonderful birds and are an important feature in the village as they careen and chase 100s of feet up above our village.

On your marks...Get set... **MAKE!**

your **SPORTING LEGENDS**  
**Scarecrow**



**Boston Spa  
Clifford  
Thorp Arch**

Proud to support  
**Martin House**  
MUSIC CARE FOR THE ELDERLY  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Download your entry form now at:  
[www.bostonspapc.org.uk/Events](http://www.bostonspapc.org.uk/Events)  
Entries close on 21st June

**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 3780957 or email: first name last name @leeds.gov.uk

**HAREWOOD WARD**  
Gordon Park  
Markus Robinson  
Nigel Robinson

**WETHERBY WARD**  
Helen Harrington  
Alan Lamb  
Linda Roberts



**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://twitter.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/)

Just a little something to celebrate on Sunday 7th June

Sun Jun 7th, 2020

**Chocolate Ice Cream Day**



Vanilla is considered the most popular flavor of ice cream, but ever since the Italians froze hot chocolate in 1692, chocolate has been a close contender. The celebratory day itself was likely started by an ice cream manufacturer to encourage greater sales of the delightful dessert, but the question remains whether there was really any need to encourage people to eat more chocolate ice cream.

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