

# 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**

It was announced (rather curiously on a Saturday teatime) on June 6th that it may soon be permitted to open church buildings for supervised, individual prayer, a few weeks earlier than had been previously indicated. The detail of what may be permitted is not known at the time of writing, and indeed, clergy are not expecting guidance to arrive on this before the current weekend, so do bear with us as we work out how best to respond in our villages.

This announcement will make it possible to consider some limited reopening of our church doors, but is by no means an instruction that this "must" happen on June 15th. Planning and risk assessment will be ongoing for each of our village churches, as well as discussions between clergy, churchwardens and church council members, as we await further clarification and advice from the Church of England nationally, and the Diocese of York more regionally as to how best to respond to this possibility. Each church is different, and so is the availability of our volunteers and staff to do what turns out to be necessary to implement any plans.

Look out for updates in future Newsletter, on our Facebook page [facebook.com/bramhambenefice](https://facebook.com/bramhambenefice) and on our website [www.BramhamBenefice.org](http://www.BramhamBenefice.org), but do not assume that all churches in the country will be open daily from 15th June. This is not going to be the case. We have no desire to contribute to the continuing "long tail" of the initial Covid-19 infection peak, nor contribute to a second peak so this is not something we shall rush into. You are all precious in God's sight, and in ours! However, balanced against that, we do take seriously the heartfelt desire of many parishioners, and especially the recently bereaved, to seek comfort in our communities' sacred spaces and will seek to make them available for individual prayer as soon as we safely can.

I hope you are finding it possible to deepen your faith and learn from these new circumstances. Worshipping at home online is a different experience, and we are deliberately using a different order of service which I devised, our "Worship Where You Are" Sunday service, which focusses on the reality of our situation rather than apologising for what is not possible. And so, we proclaim the peace of the Lord, not in handshakes or gestures to each other, but acknowledging God's blessing upon us and upon one another "Peace be with us all.". The service has all the familiar elements of a Holy Communion service, but rather than the focus being on the inability to share bread and wine, we recall the unfolding story of God's love in the world and of our redemption through Christ, and instead of the priest asking God to send the Holy Spirit upon bread and wine, we have a section in which we invite the Holy Spirit to move among us as God's Church: we are still remembering Christ's death and passion, and we are still expecting to encounter Christ in our worship and to be sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit, and sustained by Jesus' abiding presence with us.

Of course, I am mindful that some of you have not been able to access online services, and for that reason we have been providing a weekly Dial A Sermon telephone line (01937 228825) so that you can at least share our weekly teaching. We have tried our best to keep in phone contact with parishioners, especially those who are in strict isolation, but of course can only do so if we know their phone numbers, so if you have been disappointed not to have heard from one of us, that is the most likely reason! Do get in touch and leave your phone number as we'd love to catch up with you. The Church of England also provides a national phone number to support devotions at home, and the number is 0800 804 8044. It's free and simple. You hear Archbishop Justin give a message (or you can skip the message) and then you can choose a series of options. Press 1 for hymns with reflections; Press 2 for the hymn line on a loop; Press 3 for the prayer line; Press 4 for more options including the Church of England's daily service and much more. We may still have a sense of loss of our worship and fellowship in the flesh, the social and musical life of the church. But God is doing something new with us, as God always does. God is with us wherever we are, and we must learn to do church differently.

So do not grieve too much over what is not. Do not expect that a phased return to our church buildings will turn the clock back to pre-Covid days. God is doing a new thing with us, and will do a new thing in our church buildings as we work out how to love God and love our neighbours in a new season of the life of God's Church, and of our nation's life.

Bless you all,

The Reverend Nick Morgan, Priest in Charge



## Readings for Sunday 14th June 2020

### **Romans 5.1-8**

#### Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### **Matthew 9.35-10.8**

#### The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

#### The Twelve Apostles

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

#### The Mission of the Twelve

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.



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/>

### **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 Revd Nick, Revd Trish, and other worship leaders from our Benefice churches.

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:  
Angelika Ware, Nigel Kitchen  
and Hilda Fairless**



**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



**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](mailto: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).





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 App Store

Daily Prayer

 AIMER

 **0800 804 8044**

**DailyHOPE**

A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

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 or simply go to the homepage of our website [www.BramhamBenefice.org](http://www.BramhamBenefice.org) and click the "Online giving" button at the top right hand corner.

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[givealittle.co/campaigns/a404b921-2632-  
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## **The Month of June Quiz**

1. Trooping the Colour is held in London annually on a Saturday in June, on which parade ground?
2. June has two zodiac signs, name both?
3. What in the UK is celebrated on the third Sunday of June?
4. Which animated cartoon character has three triplet nieces named April, May, and June?
5. What is June's birthstone?
6. 'Seven Days In Sunny June', by Jamiroquai, is the soundtrack when Andrea and Christian meet at James Holt's party in which 2006 American film?
7. In which year did June Brown first play the role of Dot Cotton, in *EastEnders*?
8. Which historical novel begins in 1815 and culminates with the 1832 June Rebellion in Paris?
9. The longest day of the year can occur on one of three dates in June, name any of the three?
10. In its own country it is commonly known as the June Fourth Incident; where did this incident happen?
11. In 1968, June Whitfield began her long television partnership with which actor and comedian?
12. Which 1956 film adaptation of a Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical of the same name features the song 'June Is Bustin' Out All Over'? (Hint: the film revolves around Billy Bigelow)
13. The name June for baby girls in the UK dropped out of the top thousand in 1986, but in which 20th century decade did it peak at 39th?
14. What takes place near Pilton in the last week of June, each year?
15. What historical event happened on Tuesday, 6 June 1944?

Answers on the back page

## Community Green Group Meeting

Tuesday 16th June 7.30pm

On the agenda are: Trees, Wildlife Corridors, Cycling, local walks, No Mow May, reducing pollution, reducing litter and what we have learnt during lockdown.

If you would like to join us on Zoom, and find out about lots of "Green" activity going on in Boston Spa and villages at the moment please do let me know and I will send you the link.

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**The Bramham Benefice**  
PRESENTS  
*Online Pilgrim Course*  
**FRI JUNE 5TH**  
STARTS @ 1.30pm  
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](mailto: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

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

YOUR HOST:  
**PENNY STABLES**

Wetherby & District foodbank

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

# Join us for our Holiday Club



THE  
HOPE  
CLUB

**Online Opening Service Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Pick up a Resource Pack each week  
Complete the activities provided in your own time at home.**

**Join us online each week**

For a fun 30 minute session  
Find out how Jesus gives us all Hope  
*Stories, drama, crafts, songs and prayer*

*Sign up so that we can make your pack up to collect each week and send you  
links to the online stuff*

*<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-hope-club-boston-spa-holiday-club-2020-tickets-108976282996>*

**Collect your Resource Pack every Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> Jul – 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 10-11am from St Marys Church**



## June Quiz Answers:

1. Horse Guards Parade
2. Gemini and Cancer
3. Father's Day
4. Daisy Duck
5. Pearl or alexandrite or moonstone
6. The Devil Wears Prada
7. 1985
8. Les Miserables
9. 20th, or 21st, or 22nd
10. Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China (1989)
11. Terry Scott
12. Carousel
13. 1920s (1925)
14. Glastonbury Festival
15. Normandy beach landings



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