

Newsletter

26th July 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

Thank you to those who have helped with our recent services back in church buildings. It has been good to welcome the Easter light into all four churches, and to take our Worship Where You Are service into church, and also to resume Holy Communion on a weekly basis.

Details of a return to more familiar patterns of worship from September will be published soon, but online worship continues through August on Sundays via our website, and in the flesh on Wednesdays at 10am in St Mary's.

As I take a few weeks leave in August, thank you all for your prayers and support of me in recent months which continue to be appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Nick Morgan



Sunday services will be posted at www.bramhambenefice.org/online-services
and also at 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/>

Online Donations

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 and click the "Online giving" button at the top right hand corner.

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





The Church of England's village churches in
Boston Spa, Bramham, Thorp Arch and Walton

SUMMER WORSHIP

July and August 2020

Prayer and worship
online and in our church buildings
over the summer months.



See www.BramhamBenefice.org and
[Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice)

for updates and amendments
and to access our online worship.

HOLY COMMUNION - Wednesdays 10am,
St Mary's Church, Boston Spa (commencing 8th July)

Holy Communion is offered for the Benefice on Wednesdays at 10am
in St Mary's Church, Boston Spa. Restrictions based on the current
public health and national Church of England guidance will apply.

PRIVATE PRAYER

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa is open
from 9.30 - 10.30am, Monday to Thursday.

All Saints' Church, Bramham is open
on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 1pm.

The above pattern was established in late June, and therefore
guidance on opening may vary in the meantime. In any case our ability
to open up may vary over the summer months so please check our
website and notice boards outside the churches for updated details.

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Reverend Nick Morgan livestreams Morning Prayer on Monday
to Thursday from the vicarage at 7am on Facebook. You can join him
live, or catch up on this daily service on the Bramham Benefice
Facebook page. This will continue throughout July but stops in
August while he is on leave. You can also find Morning Prayer
livestreamed daily from The Community of the Resurrection in
Mirfield on their Facebook page: [Facebook.com/CoRMirfield](https://www.facebook.com/CoRMirfield)

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sunday 25th July Holiday Club Launch Service

This service will be held online to launch our annual Holiday Club and
is led by Kate Kennedy, our Children and Young People's Ministry
Co-ordinator and ecumenical colleagues.

Join in online both on our website and on Facebook.

ONLINE ONLY

Sundays in August

Our online Worship Where You Are services resume throughout
August. These are shorter than usual services - around 20 minutes.
Holy Communion will continue to be offered at St Mary's, Boston
Spa at 10am on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

ONLINE ONLY

Find us online, where we worship wherever we are:



www.BramhamBenefice.org
[Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice)



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
And also check out the Church of England
resources here:

Time to Pray app ([https://
www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray](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](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.

Readings for Sunday 26th July 2020

1 Kings 3

Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem. The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the LORD.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

Solomon's Wisdom in Judgement

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Psalm 16

Song of Trust and Security in God

A Miktam of David. Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:
Doreen Billingsby and Doreen Crich**



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St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

HOLY COMMUNION
Service

10am | Every Wednesday

www.bramhambenefice.org

Leeds CITY COUNCIL

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

0113 3781877

LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS

The your local Councils, call 0113 3781877 or email envi@leeds.gov.uk or leeds@leeds.gov.uk

HARDWOOD WARD				WESTKADY WARD			
<small>Neel Fitt Mark Williams Paul Robinson</small>				<small>Nicola Hargreaves Alan Lamb Linda Roberts</small>			

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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 Harrison: stmarysprayer@btinternet.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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Join us for our Holiday Club



Online Opening Service Sunday 26th July

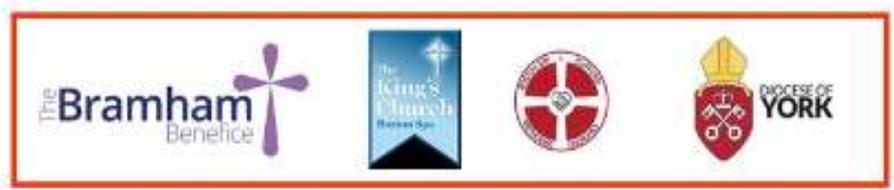
Pick up a Resource Pack each week
Complete the activities provided in your own time at home.

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
27th Jul – 24th Aug 10-11am from St Marys Church



BRAMHAM BENEFICE

FOOD COLLECTION

Wetherby foodbank SUPPORT WETHERBY FOOD BANK Wetherby foodbank

AUGUST COLLECTIONS

Collection point 1
Bramham Church Porch
10am - 4pm 7 days a week

Collection point 2
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa
9am - 3pm 7 days a week

Your continued support during August is vital.

HELP US, HELP OTHERS Bramham

GET HELP FOODBANK VOUCHERS

Our foodbank works using a voucher referral system.

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons.

In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis.

Our foodbank works with a number of different agencies, such as Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors. To find out more about the agencies that hold our vouchers and how you can get help, please contact us on - 07840455725 When you visit a referral agency they will take some basic details from you to complete the voucher. This will help them to identify the cause of your crisis and offer practical guidance. It also means we are able to prepare suitable emergency food for the right number of people.

Once you have been issued with a voucher, you can exchange this for a minimum of three days of emergency food at your nearest foodbank centre.

GIVE HELP

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food can make a real difference.

DONATE MONEY

Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives.



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the life blood of foodbanks. Your skills could be just what we need.



PARTNER WITH US

Your business could help us make a real difference in the local community.



DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.



FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

Vouchers can be obtained from St. Mary's Church, Parish Office.
 Mondays 9.30am—12.30pm

If you can not make this time, please phone the Office to arrange a time. 01937 844402

BOSTON SPA WALKING FOR HEALTH:

The Walk takes place every 4th Tuesday of the month. It starts and ends at Boston Spa Methodist Church, High Street Boston Spa. The walks will be 30 to 60 minutes - depending on the weather, walking conditions and participants. The walks will utilize footpaths and quiet roads around Boston Spa. At the end of the walk, refreshments will be available at The Methodist Church, High Street, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 6AA



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/



5K RUN: around Boston Spa. Meet in the car park by the Stew and Oyster Warm up at 7:45, ready to run at 8:00 each Saturday. Completely free, bring a friend.

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