

Newsletter

5th 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

PRIEST IN CHARGE'S LETTER - Sunday 5th July 2020

A new phase in our pilgrim journey in the shadow of a pandemic begins.

Many pubs, restaurants and shops will have opened yesterday, and from today it has become possible to resume some limited form of public worship in our churches. There is a wide spectrum of opinion on the wisdom of this, and of the extent to which we should resume our gathering for worship. I have sought to find a way forward which continues to prioritize the needs of our more vulnerable parishioners alongside our duty to share fellowship and worship. There is nothing "virtual" about our online worship: when we meet to Worship Where We Are, we meet in Spirit and in truth, and we truly do gather our hearts and minds together in worshipping God who is with us wherever we are. Our worship continues to be real, not "virtual", even if it takes place through a different medium. But we are moving into a new phase of this pilgrim journey through the pandemic as a nation, and as a worshipping Christian community.

Those who have yearned for Holy Communion will now be able to offer themselves in that sacrament on a weekly basis in St Mary's Church on Wednesdays at 10am, though in limited numbers (see below). I hope that the majority of us will continue to be able to gather in online worship each Sunday. But there will be a couple of occasions in July when limited numbers of us will be able to gather in worship (see below) to worship God in our church buildings, those wonderful, communal sacred spaces in our villages which bear witness to God's saving presence in our community through His people across the generations. Above all, though, we must ensure that our homes and our daily lives continue to ring with God's praises, and our prayers, and live out the truth that our whole lives are acts of worship. We must indeed worship God wherever we are.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Having consulted with the staff team and with churchwardens over the past week or two, and having pondered the emerging national guidelines, it is clear to me that online forms of worship are the most appropriate way to continue to worship for the majority of our parishioners for the time being. However, they are not the whole story, and I intend to take advantage of the relaxation of lockdown and enable some public worship to take place in our church buildings. In July we shall mark this new phase in the life of the Church with two Sunday services in churches (services which will also be broadcast online via Facebook), and by resuming a weekly service of Holy Communion, details of which are below.

Since lockdown began in March, our "congregation" has actually grown, in that far more people engage with our online services (both on Sunday as we "Worship Where You Are" and through the week at Morning Prayer) than do in the flesh, week by week. As we look to the future, an important part of the mission, ministry and worship of our churches will continue to be provided online, even as we plan to resume meeting together in church buildings for worship as well. This is not a case of "either/or" but rather "as well as".

A printable booklet is available on our website front page (and on our Facebook page) giving details of services online and in churches over the coming two months. See <http://bramhambenefice.org/summer-worship-2020/>

During this period, we shall pray and reflect on how worship might resume around all four of our Benefice churches later in the year. Here, then, is a round up of how we shall worship over the next two months.

HOLY COMMUNION

At 10am on Wednesdays at St Mary's, Boston Spa, commencing Wednesday 8th June 2020. Numbers able to attend will be strictly limited such that social distancing is possible. Hygiene and social distancing protocols, as well as a cleaning regime have been put in place to facilitate this and there will be a Welcomer available to assist worshippers. This will be a short, said service and all the ways we are striving to keep worshippers safe will be clearly explained. This has been thoroughly risk assessed in compliance with national and Diocesan guidance. Once the church is at our risk assessed capacity, nobody else will be allowed to enter the building.

MORNING PRAYER

I shall continue to offer Morning Prayer at 7am on Monday to Thursday each week throughout July. This can be joined in with at www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice

either live at 7am or at a time later in the day to suit you. You can follow the order of service and join in at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/> or by using the Daily Prayer app on your phone. This will cease for the month of August as I take some leave, but you are warmly encouraged to say Morning Prayer yourselves daily, or to join the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield as they say this daily on their Facebook page Facebook.com/CoRMirfield

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sunday 5th July - Worship Where You Are

An online service which you can watch live at 10am at www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services or at a time of your own choosing later, both on the website, or our Facebook page.

ONLINE SERVICE ONLY

Sunday 12th July - The Light of Christ

The Easter flame has been kept alight in the vicarage since it was lit on Easter Day. Keeping that flame alive in a home rather than in a church building has reminded us of the abiding presence of the risen Christ in our homes and in our daily lives.

To celebrate the resumption of public worship in our church buildings, this flame will be brought into all four village churches in a simple service. Limited numbers of people may attend each church, others may join The Reverend Nick Morgan in his walk, carrying the Easter flame between the churches throughout the morning, and you can follow the progress of the service live on Facebook.

IN ALL FOUR CHURCHES AND ON FACEBOOK

facebook.com/bramhambenefice will go live four times through the Sunday morning.

Itinerary for The Light of Christ:

9am - St Peter's, Walton

9.45am - All Saints', Thorp Arch

10.30am - St Mary's, Boston Spa

11.30am - All Saints', Bramham

Note that numbers in the church buildings will be strictly limited according to the local risk assessment. Please speak to a church warden if you wish to attend. You are encouraged to follow the progress of this service live on Facebook.

Sunday 19th July - Marking our Pilgrimage

Our Worship Where You Are service at 10am will come live from St Mary's Church, Boston Spa. We shall reflect on the circumstances of the past few months and will mark this significant period in our walk of faith as God's pilgrim people.

This will be livestreamed on Facebook.

AT ST MARY'S, BOSTON SPA AND ON FACEBOOK

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 on Sundays throughout August. These are shorter than usual services - around 20-25 minutes and can be accessed via the Benefice website. Holy Communion will continue to be offered at St Mary's, Boston Spa at 10am on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

ONLINE ONLY

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our online worship. So many among us have had to learn all kinds of new skills, or overcome camera-shyness to bring our worship to life. There has been a lovely intimacy about these services, in my experience, as we see people from all four of our churches in their homes and gardens, witnessing to the truth that we do indeed worship wherever we are and that we can worship together, even if we are not physically together. I am proud to be priest in charge of such a wonderful group of churches who have risen to the occasion and borne one another up in prayer and worship in this way. Bless you all as we go on into this new phase of our shared life in Christ.

Rev'd Nick Morgan



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.

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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
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Find us online, where we worship wherever we are:



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Readings for Sunday 5th July 2020

Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-30

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

Jesus Thanks His Father

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Private Prayer in Churches

St Mary's, Boston Spa will be open for individuals to visit for a few minutes of stillness, calm and prayer for an hour each morning from Monday to Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30am. It will also be open 10am - 12noon on Saturday mornings. Please note that our toilet facilities will not be available.

All Saints', Bramham will be open for individuals to visit for a few minutes of stillness, calm and prayer between the hours of 10am and 1pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

You can join us for daily Morning Prayer from 7am on the Bramham Benefice Facebook page and on Sundays for our Worship Where You Are service also available via our website

www.BramhamBenefice.org

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>



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/>

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>) 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:

**Hilda Fairless, Suzanne Townend, Alec Skinner,
Judd Chambers, Doreen Billingsby and Doreen Crich**



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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: stmarysprayer19@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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Daily Prayer

Bramham Benefice **AIDM**

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PRESENTS

Online Pilgrim Course

FRI JUNE 19TH
STARTS @ 1.30pm
FOR 6 WEEKS

If you would like to take part in an informal
bible discussion group using the
Pilgrim Series, please contact Penny Stables:
pennystables@gmail.com
01934 1792932

**YOUR HOST:
PENNY STABLES**

0800 804 8044

Daily HOPE

A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

**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

Items required
Pasta and rice
Tinned potatoes
Tinned Spaghetti
Nappies size 5 and 6
Cooking sauces (not pasta)
Dog and cat food
Baby products

Bramham Benefice **Wetherby & District foodbank**



Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) is a registered charity organisation part funded by Leeds City Council. Our aim is to improve quality of life for the over 60's by providing community based activities, information, help and support.

BE A FRIEND: Friends can become scarce as we get older. WiSE are looking for volunteers to befriend an elderly person. If you can spare an hour a week and would like to help or receive more information call Carole McLelland 588994; remember we all need friends.



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.

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/



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

SCARECROW TRAIL

From Saturday 4 – Sunday 13 July Boston Spa, Clifford & Thorp Arch will welcome visitors to view the 92 scarecrows on display.

The Theme is Sporting Legends.

There are eating and drinking establishments in the villages that will be open to provide refreshments, plus ample parking.

Scarecrow trail maps (£2.00) will be on sale from Friday 3 July in Martin House, Douglas Yeadons and Costcutter.

All profits go to Martin House. In Boston Spa you can also go on the High Street Flag Trail - 63 flags made by local people, which replace the usual hanging baskets, marking their memory of the Covid crisis and how individuals dealt with it.



Join us for our Holiday Club



THE
HOPE
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**





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0113 3781877
LEEDS.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS

For your local Councillors, call 0113 3788957 or email: first name.last name@leeds.gov.uk

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