

Newsletter

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

SUMMER WORSHIP

August 2020

HOLY COMMUNION

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Wednesdays 10am,

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 9.00am until 3.00pm, Monday to Sunday

All Saints' Church, Bramham is open
from 10.00am until 4.00pm, Monday to Sunday

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



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

for updates and amendments
and to access our online worship.

Priest in Charge's Summer Message, 2020: God's Love Prevails

As I head off for a summer break, a short reflection about being Priest in Charge of our village churches in these extraordinary times.

Being there for people at critical points of life is always a privilege of ministry. I may not have been able in recent months to hold the hands of the bereaved and the dying, but proclaiming the Christian message of eternal love, hope and grace at funerals and burials continues to be a special honour. In the end, God's love prevails over anything the world can throw at us: we look to the cross. The despair of Good Friday gives way to the eternal joy of Easter. Getting to know couples as they prepare for marriage and talking things through with them so that God's blessing on their marriage and life

together is clearly understood is something I've missed this year, but God's love prevails, even if love expressed through marriage has had to be delayed for so many couples this year.

When our worship had to move online, the character of our community of faith was seen in a new way. As members of our church family rose to the challenge of contributing to *Worship Where You Are* services, as people worked out new ways to support one another, as Bible study and reflection groups online unexpectedly turned out to be particularly intimate experiences of deepening faith, and in so many other ways, we saw evidence that God's love prevails in the hearts of God's people, even in challenging times.

Our faith is centred around knowing ourselves to be a loving community, centred on Jesus, and modelled on the very nature of God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit depend on one other and are united in will and purpose in a way which Jesus told us to mimic. To build a human community which follows its God-given calling to radical, generous, self-sacrificial love is no easy matter. We start, quite simply, by opening our hearts to God and responding to God's love for us. We look to the cross and love one another as Christ has loved us. We pray that the Holy Spirit will transform us, making us more like Jesus, and giving us the gifts we need to get the job done, whatever challenges our times throw our way.

"In this is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:10-12)

My prayer for our communities is that they will continue to be places where God's perfect love thrives. May it be so. Amen.



The Easter light being brought into Thorp Arch church on its journey through our benefice on July 12th: exactly three months after Easter Day.

A Message from Rev. Trish

August brings with it a lot of change as a general rule. Teachers are sighing and looking for somewhere quiet to rest, Grandparents are taking up the slack on childcare, children are getting excited about Holiday Clubs, families are seeking the sun for holidays, our villages have a gentle and calm air about them and Bramham Benefice has joint **Sunday services with the chance to visit each other's churches.**

So, what does August bring for us this year? A lot of change, but *not* as usual! Oh yes, the teachers are looking for that quiet spot having worked hard in a very different way for the last term and a half, Some Grandparents are back **in the 'bubble' and can look after children, but where can they take them? Which sights are open? What places are safe?** There are no physical Holiday Clubs, all online activities require children to have some form of screen time, (a thing we are not supposed to encourage!) Families are looking for holidays in the UK having been warned off the usual warmer climes, and the villages have queues and a wariness about them.

So what can please us in this month of August? Our chance to connect with families, listening to the media telling **us that we do not have to return to some of the 'old ways'; a chance to review our lives and get rid of the selfish and unhealthy pre-covid19 ways. Wouldn't it be good if we brought climate change to the front of our minds as we resume our busy lives?**

August will bring our Benefice together for worship, but not as usual. Our Holy Communion services will continue to be on *Wednesday mornings at 10am at St. Mary's, and on a personal note I will be delighted to preside at the altar for the first time since March.* Our Sunday online reflections with Rev Nick will still connect all those people unable or unwilling to congregate in a physical way. It has become a new and interesting way to worship over these last four months and a great comfort to many.

We have had to find Church in a different way for these past weeks, worship in our hearts from many different places; our gardens, on a woodland or riverside walk, in our own homes, on the phone, on the laptop or the tablet. Have we learnt the lesson that God is with us *everywhere?* Once we know that, we can then rejoice in coming together again in our Christian community. It will feel different because we will be different. August will be a time for recognising the things that are the same, and the things that are different.

May you all find August a good month, one that feels brighter and rather like a new beginning. I hope the weather treats you well and you can continue to find God with you everyday.

Rev Trish



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>



READINGS FOR AUGUST

Locate all readings in full at <https://bible.oremus.org/>

Readings for Sunday 2nd August

Romans 9.1-5

Matthew 14.13-21

Readings for Sunday 9th August

Romans 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33

Readings for Sunday 16th August

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15.21-28

Readings for Sunday 23rd August

Romans 12.1-8

Matthew 16.13-20

Readings for Sunday 30th August

Romans 12.9-21

Matthew 16.21-28

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.



Looking ahead to SEPTEMBER

6th September 2020 - Online Service

13th September 2020

St. Peter's Church, Walton - 9.30am

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa - 10.00am

All Saints' Church, Bramham - 10.00am

20th September 2020

St. Peter's Church, Walton - 9.30am

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch - 9.30am

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa - 10.00am

27th September 2020

Christians Together United Harvest Service

Windmill Hill, Bramham - 1.00pm

Bring a picnic - disabled parking only

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/>

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:




St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa
HOLY COMMUNION
Service
10am | Every Wednesday
www.bramhambenefice.org


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 first name.last name@leeds.gov.uk

HARWOOD WARD
Reverend Peter
Markus Williams
Paul Robinson

WETHERBY WARD
Reverend Stephen
Alan Lewis
Linda Roberts




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).




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.

BRAMHAM BENEFICE

FOOD COLLECTION

foodbank SUPPORT WETHERBY FOOD BANK 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.

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



1:1 Confidential Listening

All Saints' Church Bramham

2nd Monday in the month
10am - 1pm

Contact the Parish Office on
01937 844402

To make an appointment

A prayer for summer

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Parish Office



The Office will be closed from Monday 17th August to Tuesday 1st September

Normal Opening times will resume on Tuesday 1st September

If you need to speak to someone, please contact Revd. Trish or Revd. Nick on the numbers below

Thank you. Emma



“Love is like a butterfly: It goes where it pleases and it pleases wherever it goes.”

~Author Unknown

Revd. Nick Morgan on 07387728009

Revd Trish Anslow on 07903262880

Emma on 07740166706

Emails are checked daily:

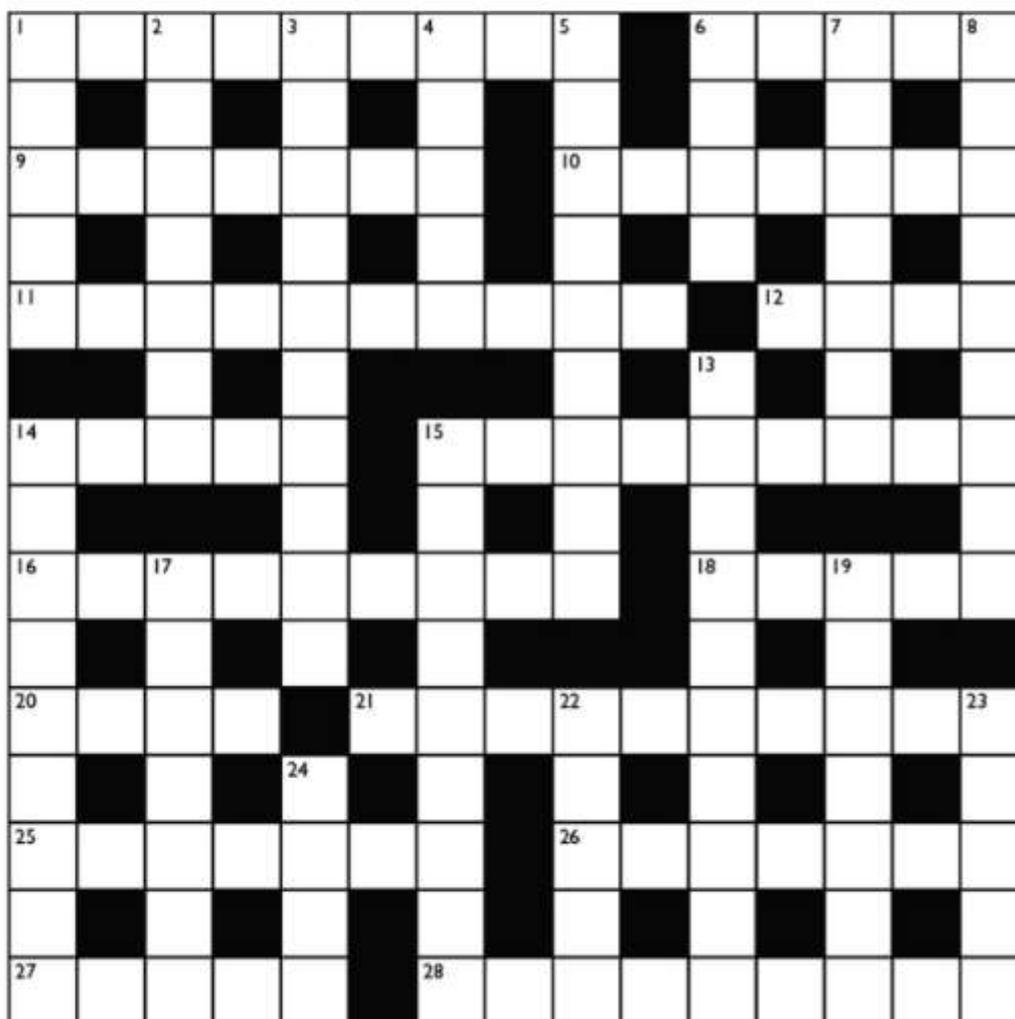


Website: www.bramhambenefice.org



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Church Crossword



Across

- 1 Stone retrieved from detonated blast area (9)
- 6 Pulled along aboard tug (2,3)
- 9 breaks in small school Miss organised (7)
- 10 In the early stages little money follows return of Spanish saint (7)
- 11 Acid-loving girl joins church circle heading to the States (10)
- 12 Parish fundraiser worn out after losing a couple of letters at the outset (4)
- 14 Plate with portion of butter and little space behind (5)
- 15 Macbeth so contrived great sacrifices (9)
- 16 Confirmed as Bishop sat down (9)
- 18 Men at matches denied good accommodation (5)
- 20 Composer and high flyer maybe, by report (4)
- 21 Senior cleric in cunning work, admitting blunder (10)
- 25 After pruning, tree oozed three times as much (7)
- 26 Conceals prizes perhaps (7)
- 27 Tries out forms of religious observances (5)
- 28 The Tablet recording one's death in error (9)

Down

- 1 Passage of drink is being restricted (5)
- 2 Non-believer attending criminal activity (7)
- 3 Sailors take religious composer to heart — they sign the pledge (10)
- 4 Some chipolatas — terrible flavour (5)
- 5 Become torn about cat being given up (9)
- 6 Expel French writer neglecting public relations (4)
- 7 Draw with broad smile member holding things together high in the church? (3,4)
- 8 News sites broadcast people at the scene (9)
- 13 I enter site, working for very long periods (10)
- 14 Church official near French storage unit encountering Resistance (9)
- 15 'Old' hymn tune — the last of the century (9)
- 17 Tease men in the wrong (7)
- 19 Moor in Venice, the lines tied to rings fore and aft (7)
- 22 Water held aloft by a minor prophet (5)
- 23 Stick tip of tongue into mushy peas (5)
- 24 Palm Sunday's benefaction (4)

If you would like the answers please email the Parish Office

The Office is collecting GDPR forms, even if you have completed a form in the past, please do so again.
Completed forms can be put through the Office letter box. Many thanks.



St Mary's Church, Boston Spa



All Saints' Church, Bramham



St Peter's Church, Walton



All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

KEEPING IN TOUCH - The Benefice of Bramham

Your privacy is important to us, and we want to communicate with church members in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with UK law on data protection. As a result of a change in UK law, we now need your consent to how we contact you.

Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

Name _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the Benefice of Bramham holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes (please tick the boxes where you grant consent):-

I consent to the church contacting me by post phone or email.

To keep me informed about news, events, activities and services for the churches within the Benefice of Bramham (*Please note that you can unsubscribe from this at any time*);

To including my details in communications relating to the church as necessary, which are circulated to Church Members.

To share my contact details with the Diocese of York so they can keep me informed about news, events, activities and services that will be occurring in the York Diocese and which are directly relevant to the role I am undertaking or as a church member;

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent, we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming services and events); except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Notice" which is available from our website or from the Parish Office.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time either by replying to our email with UNSUBSCRIBE in the title, or by contacting the Parish Administrator:

The Parish Office, St Mary's Church, High Street, Boston Spa, LS23 6DR, Tel: 01937 844402

Email: bramhambenefice@outlook.com

Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

The Benefice of Bramham consists of 2 parishes.

The Parish of the Lower Wharfe: St Mary's Church, Boston Spa, All Saints' Church, Bramham and St Peter's Church, Walton

The Parish of Thorp Arch: All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

Registered Charity Number Parish of the Lower Wharfe : 1131909