

Newsletter

10th January 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



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@ stmarybostonspa

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OUR CLERGY:

Priest in Charge—Rev. Nick Morgan

revnjmorgan@gmail.com

Rev. Trish Anslow, Assistant Priest

Parish Office: 01937 844402

Mon-Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

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A third lockdown is upon us, and while it is permitted for churches to remain open for public worship this time around, the Benefice Standing Committee have decided that the best course of action is to offer worship in ways which do not involve public congregations of people. Overconfidence and exceptionalism have each played their part in the tragedy of our nation's response to this public health crisis, and our churches must be part of the remedy, not contributing to the problem. We have also learned over the past year that there is nothing 'virtual' about worshipping online. Virtual implies that something isn't real, and yet many have found a renewed sense of community and spirituality by joining in with worship in their own homes in this way. Our Sunday services will be livestreamed from a different village church each week, and there is a new Sunday service being offered over the phone.

ONLINE:

Live services of Holy Communion will appear on our Facebook page - www.Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice and also on the main page of our website www.BramhamBenefice.org and you can download an order of service from the Online Services page to join in yourselves. Every Sunday, Holy Communion at 10am is livestreamed from one of our churches. Only those leading worship will be present in the churches and it will not be possible for you to physically attend these services in church. A special prayer of Spiritual Communion is said as part of the service to acknowledge the very real part which the online congregation plays in this form of worship.

Ash Wednesday on 17th February will also be marked with a livestreamed service at 10am.

Starting on **Sunday 17th January, our new Phone Church** will start. We appreciate that not everyone is comfortable with online technology, but most people are used to the phone! So, having learned from churches in the Dales and elsewhere (who have used this system throughout lockdown in areas of poor internet connection), a weekly Sunday service of Mattins from the Book of Common Prayer will be led by the Rev'd Trish Anslow at 11am every week, and joining in is as simple as picking up the phone and dialling in. All you need is a Book of Common Prayer (and if you don't have one, contact the parish office and we will lend you one!). Details of how to join this service are on the poster elsewhere in this newsletter.

As far as we know at the time of writing, we are still able to keep Bramham (10am - 4pm) and Boston Spa (9.00am - 3.00pm) churches open daily for foodbank dropoffs and private prayer. You can still contact the Parish Office and our clergy as before. Church has not closed or gone away, in fact we are busier than ever. Do contact us if you need help accessing our services, or simply are feeling isolated. We are here for you.

The Reverend Nick Morgan

Services across the Benefice

Join us at:
facebook.com/BramhamBenefice
OR
www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services

10.00am WEDNESDAYS - Online Service

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

ONLINE SERVICES

St. Peter's Church, Walton

ONLINE SERVICES

All Saints' Church, Bramham

ONLINE SERVICES

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

ONLINE SERVICES

Sunday Readings

10th January

Genesis 1.1-5
Acts 19.1-7
Mark 1.4-11

17th January

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20)
Revelation 5.1-10
John 1.43-end

24th January

Genesis 14.17-20
Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

31st January

Deuteronomy 18.15-20
Revelation 12.1-5a
Mark 1.21-28

How do you watch our online services?

Facebook? Website?

It is now possible to view our Facebook livestreamed services on the website. On the main page of the website www.BramhamBenefice.org in the middle of the page whenever a live service starts, a window will appear on the screen. You may have to refresh your browser for this window to appear. To make that window bigger on your screen, hover your mouse over it and click the "Full Screen" icon which looks like 4 arrows pointing outwards. If you can't hear the sound, hover your mouse and check the sound is not muted in that window. We hope this means more people can access our live services easily. Please spread the word about this feature, especially to those who are less confident in accessing our services on Facebook - this should make it much easier for them.

Traditional Language (BCP) Service

Join our service on the phone on

Sunday mornings 11.00am

Joining instructions

Using your telephone (landline OR mobile) dial:

0333 0164 757

See if you can put your phone on 'speaker' or 'hands free' so that you can move it away from your ear. This isn't essential but might make it easier for you.

You will hear a woman's voice saying "Welcome to Whypay (and a short marketing message)" then, "Please enter your conference room number followed by the hash key". So using your keypad type in:

66657450 # this is the Room Number

You will then hear the same voice say "Please enter your Guest Pin followed by the hash key" So using your keypad type in:

4086 # this is the Guest Pin

When you are connected if you are the first on the line some music will play, when someone arrives you will hear a tone, just say hello to each other and when everyone is there we will begin.

A lot of people will have a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) at home, if you don't and would like to join in with the Phone Service we will deliver a BCP to anyone who requests it. Please phone the Parish Office 01937 844402 to request a copy of the Book of Common Prayer

PLEASE HELP US PRAY FOR:

St. Mary's Email Prayer Group
If you would like to include someone
on the Prayer list please contact Niki on:
stmarysprayer18@gmail.com

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

OCCASIONAL OFFICES:

WEDDINGS:

BAPTISMS:

FUNERALS:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

We offer various activities for families,
children and young people. For more
information contact The Parish Office:
bramhambenefice@outlook.com

Visit our website for more details.

**Most of our children and youth
groups are suspended.**

**Young Life will go ahead via
Zoom,
please contact Revd. Nick for
more information.**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME
AS SOON AS IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

MON 12.00-1.00pm Yoga

**MON 3.45-4.45 Meditation in the
Christian Tradition held at 197 High
Street, Boston Spa**

**2nd & 4th TUES 7.30pm Bell Ringing
at All Saints' Bramham**

**All held at St Mary's Church, unless
otherwise stated.**



**BOSTON SPA
VOLUNTEER
ACTION
GROUP**

**WE ARE HERE TO
HELP!**

**IF YOU ARE SELF ISOLATING AND
NEED SUPPORT ?**

**WE CAN
COLLECT PRESCRIPTIONS, PICK UP
SHOPPING OR JUST BE A FRIENDLY
VOICE ON THE END OF THE PHONE**

**PLEASE CONTACT PENNY STABLES IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER
OR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

**PENNY STABLES @ GMAIL . COM
0794167902**



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BRAMHAM BENEFICE

FOOD COLLECTION

**SUPPORT WETHERBY
FOOD BANK**

**COLLECTION
POINTS**

**All Saints Church, Bramham 10am - 4pm
St Mary's Church, Boston Spa 9am-3pm**

Your continued support
is vital.

HELP US, HELP OTHERS

Bramham