

# Newsletter

14th February 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

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@ stmarybostonspa

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OUR CLERGY:

Priest in Charge—Rev. Nick Morgan

[revnjmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:revnjmorgan@gmail.com)

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Parish Office: 01937 844402

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## Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021

Ash Wednesday will be marked with a  
livestreamed service  
at 10am.

After this Service Lent Ash Crosses  
will be available to collect from the back  
of St. Mary's, Boston Spa  
and All Saints', Bramham

**Services can be viewed at:**

[facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://facebook.com/BramhamBenefice)  
[www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services](http://www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services)

**or you can**

**Phone Church on a Sunday Moring at 11am**

# Services across the Benefice

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or  
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**10.00am WEDNESDAYS - Online Service**

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

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St. Peter's Church, Walton

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All Saints' Church, Bramham

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St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

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## Sunday Readings

### 14th February

2 Kings 2.1-12  
2 Corinthians 4.3-6  
Mark 9.2-9

### 21st February

Genesis 9.8-17  
1 Peter 3.18-end  
Mark 1.9-15

### 28th February

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16  
Romans 4.13-end  
Mark 8.31-end

### 7th March

Exodus 20.1-17  
1 Corinthians 1.18-25  
John 2.13-22



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## **In addition to our online worship we are now offering a 'Phone Church' Service**



### **PHONE CHURCH**



## **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.

Please phone the Parish Office 01937 844402 to request a copy of the Book of Common Prayer

# #LIVE LENT



God's Story  
Our Story



LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story invites each of us to reflect on our own story of God and how we might share it through our everyday lives as part of our Christian witness.

It encourages us to take a fresh look at evangelism, exploring how Jesus and his first followers communicated the good news of God's love by inviting, listening and responding creatively to others.

For each of the 40 days of Lent, this booklet includes a short Bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. The daily reflections follow weekly themes - each with an accompanying action - drawn from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021.

**Booklets cost £2.00**  
(large print copy £4.00)

To order your copy contact The Parish Office on 01937 844402 or put a note through the Parish Office letter box, stating your name, number of copies required and a contact number so we can let you know when to collect, and payment.

## 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](http://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.

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## 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](mailto:stmarysprayer18@gmail.com)

## THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Kevin Bullimore  
Brian Hardy  
Terrence Carroll

## OCCASIONAL OFFICES:

### WEDDINGS:

### BAPTISMS:

### FUNERALS:

**Brian Hardy**  
Harrogate Crematorium  
16th February 2021

**Terrence Carroll**  
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa  
23rd February 2021

## CHILDREN & YOUTH:

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



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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM FUN



SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY  
TO  
SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

CAN YOU FIND THE CHURCH MICE?  
THEY HAVE ESCAPED THE CHURCH AND ARE HIDING IN  
THE CHURCHYARD.

WE HAVE LOST 8 IN TOTAL.  
EACH MOUSE HAS RUN AWAY WITH A LETTER.  
WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND EACH MOUSE AND LETTER,  
CAN YOU WORK OUT THE WORDS THE LETTERS SPELL?

Please do not touch the mice and leave the letter for others to find.

Write your answer and contact details (parents)  
on a piece of paper and put in the box inside  
Church, a winner will be drawn from the box on  
Monday 22nd



# Online QUIZ



**Thursday 18th February : 8PM**

**THERE WILL BE A MYSTERY PRIZE  
SENT TO THE WINNING HOUSEHOLD**

We've all missed getting together this past year or so, so here's an invitation to come together for a lighthearted fundraiser for our 4 churches.

Get a team together and get bookings via Eventbrite. Details also on our website.

[HTTP://BRAMHAMBENEFICE.ORG/THE-VICARS-CUNNING-AND-OCCASIONALLY-IMPOSSIBLE-QUIZ/](http://BRAMHAMBENEFICE.ORG/THE-VICARS-CUNNING-AND-OCCASIONALLY-IMPOSSIBLE-QUIZ/)

## St Mary's Churchyard Memorial Grove

You may recall back in January 2020 we asked for sponsorship for trees to implement the start of the St. Mary's Churchyard Memorial Grove development. We are pleased to say ten new mountain Ash (Rowan) trees are now planted alongside reinforced grass paths and the new ashes burial plots. Thank you to all those who have helped to fund this tree planting work.

As we are about to bring the grove into use, we wish to complete the planting scheme with shrub and herbaceous perennial planting to give further structure to the grove. The shrubs will cost approximately £300 and the herbaceous perennials £500.

### Would you like to contribute to help fund the Memorial Grove?

The evergreen shrubs will be planted over the winter and include 8no. Osmanthus x burkwoodii at £9.95 each and 15no. Sarcococca confusa at £14.95 each. Osmanthus has small white flowers in Spring and Sarcococca the same in Winter. The white flowering herbaceous perennials will hopefully be planted in the spring and include approximately 55 plants of the following species: Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert' at £12.95 each, Geranium clarkei 'Kashmir White' at £8.95 each, Gaura lindheimeri at £8.95 each, Helleborus niger at £8.50 each and Ceanothus denudatus at £8.95 each.

They will be planted around each ashes burial plot. Not only will it help us to create a peaceful and attractive Memorial Grove but it will also contribute to the existing natural beauty of the churchyard and surrounding area which is enjoyed, used and appreciated by so many of us in our daily lives.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the shrub and perennial planting please contact the Parish Office on 01937 844402 or email: [bramhambenefice@outlook.com](mailto:bramhambenefice@outlook.com) for more information.

If you would like to make a donation please ensure cheques are made payable to: St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa and the envelope is clearly marked with your name and the words 'Memorial Grove Fund'.



Osmanthus x burkwoodii



Sarcococca confusa



Anemone x hybrida  
'Honorine Jobert'



As part of our Children of Light Festival, we are running an [art competition](#) which is open to all the children and young people in York diocese. This is an opportunity for you to be part of our festival in a creative way. Winners in local competitions will be entered into a Diocesan wide competition - winners of the Diocesan wide competition will have their work exhibited around the Diocese and will be invited to afternoon tea with the Archbishop of York at Bishopthorpe Palace.

#### [Who can enter?](#)

There are 3 age groups for this competition:

Key Stage 1 (school years 1 - 2)

Key Stage 2 (school years 3 - 6)

Key Stage 3&4 (school years 7-11)

#### [What can I do?](#)

We want you to create a piece of art on the theme of 'Being Light in Difficult Times' This can be anything at all - we encourage you to get as creative as you like! It must be no larger than A4.

If you choose to create a sculpture or 3D model, please submit an A4 photograph of this, rather than the sculpture itself.

#### [Where do I send it?](#)

Please send your artwork clearly labelled on the back with your name, year group and school to:

The Parish Office  
St Mary's Church  
High Street  
Boston Spa  
LS23 6DR

#### [When do I need to send it by?](#)

The deadline is: **18th June 2021**

## LCC Local Welfare Support Scheme. 0113 376 0330

This is the first port of call number for all Covid-19 related needs as part of the LCC Local Welfare Support Scheme. It feeds into all the other support networks, including Mark Dobson at WiSe (our local area hub co-ordinators). Anyone needing one of Penny's local volunteers would be referred to Penny, and Citizen's Advice and all sorts of other bodies are in this system too.

So, the number is to give to anyone with needs such as:

- referrals to the foodbank
- help with gas / electricity top ups
- needing white goods
- needing items for babies
- help with shopping
- up to date info for anyone put into the shielding group
- emergency food parcels
- prescription delivery



# Psalms for Life

The Book of Psalms is a wonderful, Divinely-inspired collection of poetry, drawing on honest and heartfelt human experiences of a life of faith. The Psalms lie at the heart of Christian worship and continue to inspire, teach and guide. The Rev'd Nick Morgan offers four online reflections, each centred upon three psalms with a common theme.

The reflections are live at 7pm on Tuesdays and may also be watched at any time thereafter on the Bramham Benefice Facebook page.

Join Psalms for Life at [www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice) or  
at [www.BramhamBenefice.org](https://www.BramhamBenefice.org) at 7pm on the following Tuesdays:

23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Psalms in Times of Trouble	Ps. 52, 118 & 20
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Psalms of Trust in God	Ps. 27, 91 & 146
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalms of Penitence	Ps. 32, 51 & 130
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Psalms of Redemption	Ps. 35, 124 & 138

Each reflection begins with an introduction to the theme and some thoughts on how the psalms we shall hear deal with those themes. The Psalms are sung in a traditional language translation, then after a pause, read in a modern translation. A time of silence follows, concluding with a short prayer. It is anticipated that these reflections will each last around 20 minutes.

If you do not have a Facebook account, the sessions are also livestreamed on the homepage of [www.BramhamBenefice.org](https://www.BramhamBenefice.org). All four sessions will remain available for viewing on the Bramham Benefice Facebook page indefinitely after the livestream has finished.





## WHEN & WHERE

Date  
10-14 August, 2021

Location  
Peterborough Arena

### **Are you looking forward to summer yet?**

Well, on the basis that it's good to have things to look forward to, I am offering to take a group of 13 - 18 year olds (plus adult helpers) to a five day youth event called "Satellites" between Tuesday 10th August - Saturday 14th August. Any young folk in that age bracket are very welcome to join this group booking whether they are currently involved with our Young Life group or not (but they will need to register with us in advance for safeguarding and insurance reasons).

#### WHAT IS SATELLITES AND WHO IS IT AIMED AT?

Satellites is a new five-day Christian youth event from the team at Youthscape, it's aimed at 13 - 18 year olds, and will take place during the school summer holidays in Peterborough.

The programme will be very diverse and contains a mix of Christian teaching and worship activities, alongside many opportunities for sport, entertainment, and relaxation. The accommodation is camping, and the cost if you book in advance is £95. Of course, it may be that a physical event can't happen over the summer after all, and I am assured that there is a Plan B involving online and blended participation if that happens, but let's think positively! This looks like an excellent chance for teens to get their heads round life and have a great time.

To find out more about Satellites, visit <https://www.youthscape.co.uk/satellites> and then please contact me via email for instructions as to how to register as part of our group booking.

Rev. Nick Morgan - [revnjmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:revnjmorgan@gmail.com)



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**



## OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily 9am - 3pm St. Mary's, Boston Spa

Daily 10am - 4pm All Saints', Bramham

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES, WEAR A MASK, SIGN IN,  
MARK WHERE YOU HAVE SAT AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS

## ONLINE SERVICES

can be found at:

[www.BramhamBenefice.org](http://www.BramhamBenefice.org)

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

## PHONE CHURCH

see newsletter for more details

If you would like any more information or would like to borrow a Book  
of Common Prayer for the Phone Church Service please contact  
The Parish Office on 01937 844402

### ITEMS REQUIRED

CUSTARD

SPONGE PUDDINGS

DEODORANT

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

COFFEE

### WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

UHT MILK

PASTA

SOUP

BAKED BEAN

CEREAL



## SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY – WISE:

is urging residents to remember  
they are not alone and to  
support those who are shielding,  
vulnerable or needing help.

If you need help or know  
someone who could do with help  
call 0113 3760330.

## THE BIG BIKE FIX

After three weeks we have already received 38 bikes and have 11 fixers working on cleaning them up, servicing them and getting them ready to donate to new homes in Inner City Leeds. The first four bikes were taken by Michael, a community worker in Gipton, on Monday and have been given to a very grateful family in Cross Green.

If you have any bikes you would like to donate or you would like to help fixing bikes up, please contact;

[penny.stables@bostongreengroup.co.uk](mailto:penny.stables@bostongreengroup.co.uk)



**Spot the difference—15 to find**





# *Living Generously Through Lent*

## *Ideas for individuals to take a journey of generosity through Lent.*

Traditionally, the season of Lent is a time of spiritual internal examination as we journey through the forty days, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Historically many Christians used this time for fasting, following the example of Jesus who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. Today, some people choose to use the season to commit to a Lenten discipline - giving something up or taking something up - as a tool to reflect on how we can better live Christ's story and grow to become the people God creates us to be.

As generosity is the outpouring of a lived-out faith, we have come up with a few suggestions of Lenten disciplines which you might like to commit to during the season of Lent.

### **1. Take up the 40acts challenge.**

**40acts**, created by Stewardship, presents a different challenge each day to practice generosity in your life. This is a really creative way of doing Lent differently. In 2019, more than 100,000 people took the challenge, creating a wave of over 4 million generous acts in 180 countries around the world. [40acts.org.uk](http://40acts.org.uk)

### **2. Donate something every day.**

Find a charity or a selection of charities which you can donate to each day throughout Lent. You could include giving supplies to a local Food Bank, or put aside clothes and toys to post to a charity shop who are accepting donations.

### **3. Commit to praying for your community.**

You could commit to giving thanks for the generosity of your community each day in Lent, reflecting on the gifts of money, time, hospitality and other means. You could also prayerfully discern what mission your church is being called to use with that resource.

### **4. Sign up to virtual volunteering.**

Commit to giving your time to volunteering with a charity. Due to COVID restrictions this could be done virtually, and there are plenty of opportunities for this, such as the Crisis Text Hotline, Help from Home and Help a Hero.

### **5. Set aside Money for Mission.**

In addition to your regular planned giving commitment to your church, you could set aside an additional gift amount each day or week, in order to resource mission. You might want to have a particular ministry in mind for this, or generally to bring glory to God.

### **6. Practice gratitude.**

Giving springs from the attitude of a grateful heart. Gratitude is a spiritual discipline rooted in the belief that everything good that happens around us is given from God out of love for us, and this discipline will help to recover a Christian theology of thanksgiving. Our giving is the fruit of and an expression of gratitude. Commit to giving thanks each day, either by sending a message to someone or by making a note of three things you are grateful for each day.

# LIVING GENEROUSLY THROUGH LENT

## IDEAS TO HELP US DO LENT DIFFERENTLY

1

### TAKE UP THE 40ACTS CHALLENGE

*40 days, 40 challenges, 40 ways  
to make a difference. A creative  
way of doing Lent differently.*

2

### DONATE SOMETHING EVERY DAY

*Find a charity who would  
benefit from donations - this  
could be clothing, toys or food.*

3

### COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

*You could commit to giving thanks for  
the generosity of your community, and  
discern what mission you are being  
called to use with that resource.*

4

### SIGN UP TO VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

*This could be a spiritual  
discipline in committing your  
time to serving others.*

5

### SET ASIDE MONEY FOR MISSION

*In addition to your regular planned  
giving commitment, set aside an  
additional gift amount each day or  
week for a missional project.*

6

### PRACTICE GRATITUDE

*Commit each day to writing a thank  
you message to someone, or to  
making a note of three things you  
are grateful for.*

*Generous  
Giving*



# Why online donations?



Churches rely on the generosity of their communities to enable their mission and ministry. Whilst our church buildings are closed and we are unable to receive cash offerings, it's important that we offer alternative ways for people to give. Online giving is a good mechanism to enable one-off donations from people and to act as an alternative way to give for those who regularly donate by cash or for occasional and new givers.

To help our Benefice and donate please visit our website.

[BramhamBenefice.org](http://BramhamBenefice.org) and follow the online giving link at the top of the page.

If you would like to donate to one particular church please contact The Parish Office on 01937 844402

Thank you for your continued support.

**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**  
**07941979902**

**Bramham**  
Benefice

**IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES**  
**REMEMBER TO KEEP IN TOUCH**

IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES TO PICK UP THE PHONE.  
SAY HELLO. HOW ARE YOU?  
LISTEN AND CHAT  
YOU MIGHT MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY