

Newsletter

28th March 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

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OUR CLERGY:



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www.bramhambenefice.org

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bramhambenefice@outlook.com

Priest in Charge—Rev. Nick Morgan

revnjmorgan@gmail.com

Rev. Trish Anslow, Assistant Priest

Parish Office: 01937 844402

Mon-Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Fr. Ken Gabbadon Priest in Charge

St Luke's, Clifford e-mail: kqabba7036@aol.com

Palm Sunday Service - 28th March 2021

10.00am

Communion from All Saints' and Live streamed

Maundy Thursday Service - 1st April 2021

6.00pm

Livestreamed Service from The Vicarage

Good Friday Service - 2nd April 2021

10.00am

Livestreamed Service from St. Mary's Church

6.00pm

Livestreamed Tenebrae from St. Mary's Church

Easter Day Sunday Services - Sunday 4th April 2021

6.00am

Dawn Service—ONLINE ONLY

9.30am

Parish Worship at All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

9.30am

Parish Worship at St. Peter's Church, Walton

10.00am

Communion at All Saints' Church, Bramham

10.00am

All Together Communion St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Pray about your own approach to worship in Church.

We will continue to live stream from St. Mary's on a weekly basis if you are not ready to visit one of our church buildings.

Services across the Benefice

Join us at:
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 or
www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services

**10.00am WEDNESDAYS - Communion Service resumes on
 7th April at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa**

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

28.03.21 10am **Livestreamed HC for
 Palm Sunday**

04.04.21 9.30am **Parish Worship**

11.04.21 **See Walton, Bramham
 or Boston Spa**

18.04.21 9.30am **Holy Communion**

St. Peter's Church, Walton

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 Bramham or Boston Spa**

All Saints' Church, Bramham

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St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

28.03.21 **See Thorp Arch**

04.04.21 10.00am **All Together HC Service
 including Live Streaming**

11.04.21 10.00am **Holy Communion
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Sunday Readings

28th March

Isaiah 50.4-9a

4th April

Acts 10.34-43
 Mark 16.1-8

11th April

Acts 4.32-35
 1John 1.1-2.2
 John 20.19-end

18th April

Acts 3.12-19
 1John 3.1-7
 Luke 24.36b-48

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:

Chris Bye
Bob Dibben
Frank Mann
Valerie Williams

OCCASIONAL OFFICES:

WEDDINGS:

Sunday 2nd May
Daniel Henzell and Ann-Marie Sharp
2pm at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

BAPTISMS:

FUNERALS:



We are informed that Bob Dibben,
husband of Cathy died on Sunday
21st March 2021. Our thoughts
are with the family.

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.**



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A message from Revd. Nick Morgan

It is now a year since our churches first closed their doors on 23rd March 2020. Since then, our worship pattern has evolved and responded to the national situation in many ways. We first had edited video services which enabled contributions from all four of our churches, and for faces both familiar from our own congregation, and less familiar from other churches to appear on our screens and help lead us in worship. Since then, innovations have included Dial a Sermon, Phone Church, livestreaming and Zoom groups.

Our return to "in church" worship remains cautious. Please do not feel any pressure to come back into the church building on a Sunday if you remain doubtful of the wisdom of meeting like this. We don't want packed churches at this stage, but we do want to be there as a physical, praying, worshipping community as well as continuing to pray and worship in our homes. May the latter long continue! Social distancing, masks and lack of communal singing will remain unchanged in churches until otherwise advised.

So what will be available and when?

Sunday Worship

From Easter Sunday, there will always be at least one Holy Communion service available physically in a church on a Sunday morning, and usually at least one other church service so we do not gather in too large numbers in one place.

The All Together team will livestream a service suitable for people of all ages from St Mary's on the first Sunday of every month. People are welcome to come along to church or join in at home, and the prayer activities.

As time moves on, more services will be introduced. After Easter, from 14th April onwards we aim to reintroduce the Wednesday 10am Midweek Communion service at St Mary's in the chancel area. From June we expect the pattern of Sunday worship to resume roughly as it was prior to lockdown - that is, all churches having a full pattern of regular services.

Other services

Once Step 3 of the national roadmap starts (scheduled for May 17th at the time of writing), we shall look to reintroduce the 8am Book of Common Prayer Sunday service following the previous pattern (Boston Spa every week except the 2nd Sunday of the month when it is in Thorp Arch).

Saturdays

From July we anticipate that our Saturday morning 10am service will return to St Mary's in a slightly different form. This is still under discussion, but there has always been a lovely sense of fellowship around this service, so we are investigating how we might offer Coffee and Cake served at tables (rather than at a hatch), possibly during the early part of the service as well as after it, as a Cafe Style Church Service in the north aisle. This is still very much under discussion and no firm decision has been taken, so if you have any comments or thoughts on this, do let us know, the sooner the better.

New for Saturday evenings

From July, we plan to introduce a monthly Saturday Gathering Service at St Mary's - a less formal act of prayer and worship led by Rev'd Nick at 6pm. This will be a chance to engage with a subject each month in a relaxed atmosphere, sometimes with a guest speaker, but always grounded in the Bible. This service will be livestreamed and available to watch "on catchup", as well as attending in person. This will also take place in the North Aisle - look out for a programme for this which we expect to start advertising in June.

How can you help?

Firstly, pray. Pray about how you will continue your worshipping life as part of your church community. If you carry on joining in online, you are no less part of our fellowship - but please do make sure we have your contact details so we can keep in touch with you. We know there are a number of our "regulars" for whom we have no up to date contact information as they have not given us permission to hold their personal data. If you're not sure, please ring the office and give us this permission - Emma will talk you through it!

Secondly, is there a new challenge for you in the life of your church?

At St. Mary's we will need a team to operate the livestreaming equipment shortly to be installed. It is being designed to be easy to operate rather than a dazzling array of switches, knobs, lights and faders and age is no barrier! Please contact the office if you want to know more.

Can you sing? St Mary's Choir, once they are able to do so, would love to welcome new members, as would the All Together worship group (who would also welcome instrumental players).

Around the Benefice

Are you interested in leading prayers, or reading at services? We can put you in touch with those who organise this at your church,

and training will be offered for those interested in leading intercessions.

Can you offer practical help? Churchyard maintenance, helping with practical maintenance and cleaning projects, offering financial or marketing expertise, developing our online and social media presence and maybe something we haven't yet thought of - could you help? Please get in touch and we'll help you to help us.

Are you interested in welcoming people to your church, to inviting people to services online and in church? Can you help the outreach of our church by distributing Newsletters, or using social media?

Are you a good listener? Could you help visit families preparing for baptism? Do you want to join the email prayer group? Would you be able to regularly phone someone who lives on their own and would welcome word from the world outside?

So pray, and consider not what the "new normal" will be for you; rather consider what "new life in Christ" which we shall celebrate at Easter looks like for you. How will you be part of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus as part of God's family in these villages of ours?

Yours in Christ,
Rev'd Nick



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

**SUNDAY
4th APRIL
Phone Church
CANCELLED
due to
Easter Sunday**

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

Easter
All Saints' Church, Bramham
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Easter Trail in the Churchyard

Join the Easter Trail around the Churchyard and complete the challenges.

Saturday 27th March to Sunday 18th April

Good Friday

Decorated Egg Competition

Please bring a decorated hard boiled egg to church between 11am and 3pm and exchange your entry for a goodie bag. You could win an Easter egg.

Decorated eggs and their containers must be no bigger than A4 due to space. A minimum donation of £1 entry would be gratefully accepted. This helps towards the financial cost of the goodie bags and future events.



Easter Sunday

Come along to the Easter Service at 10am, or watch online at [facebook.com/BramhamBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/BramhamBenefice) and look at all the decorated eggs and see if you have won!

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.

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or you can

Phone Church on a Sunday Moring at 11am



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

Saturday 15th May

**Plant and Cake Sale
for Christian Aid**

We are planning a sale of plants and cakes (Millenium Gardens) – so if you have planted more seeds than you need for your own garden or allotment, please keep us in mind, as we will be looking for plant and cake donations nearer the time.



The clocks go forward

28th March

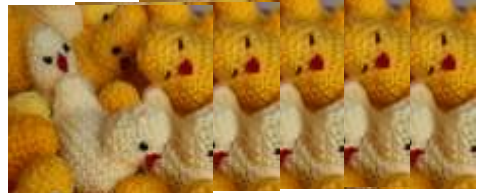
DON'T FORGET
TO  SET
(LOCKS FORWARD!)

Look what has hatched at St. Mary's.

From Saturday 27th March, look out for the appearance of these gorgeous chicks at the back of St. Mary's church.

Each chick contains a Cadburys Cream Egg, all we ask for in return is a **minimum donation of £1.**

All proceeds to St. Mary's Church.
Many thanks to Margaret for making all these chicks



Why not donate an Easter Egg



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



ITEMS REQUIRED

CUSTARD

SPONGE PUDDINGS

DEODORANT

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

COFFEE

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

UHT MILK

PASTA

SOUP

BAKED BEAN

CEREAL



What is happening in Bramham?



Survey & Mapping of Churchyard

All Saints' Church Bramham, commissioned Atlantic Geomatics (A Geospatial Surveying Consultancy) , to supply a web based grave database and churchyard plan showing memorial locations, names of the buried with associated image of the burial register page. The initial above ground memorial scan was undertaken on October 19th 2020 and the initial plan produced a few weeks later. The members of the volunteer group started the transcribing of the names of the buried from images of register pages obtained from The Borthwick museum in York. To date approximately 6000 names have been obtained and these will be uploaded to the database shortly. The group will then be photographing the memorials and adding those to the database. It was decided to also have a below ground radar survey performed as All Saints' Churchyard's has long been the subject of curiosity as to the number of mass graves that may be contained there. The below ground survey took place on the 19th March 2021, the results of which will be added to the master plan shortly. The project is being funded by a grant from Bramham Community Fund.



We'd like to keep in touch with you but we need your permission. Please complete the form below and post it through The Parish Office letterbox. We can then keep you updated on Services, Events and send you a copy of the Newsletter.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Benefice of Bramham



We hope you've enjoyed being with us and we would love to stay in touch with you.

If you would like to be informed of future events and any other church news please tick the box below and let us have your contact details.

Name: _____ Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

If you tick the box, we will add you to our email mailing list.

You can unsubscribe 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



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



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 and follow the online giving link at the top of the page.

If you would like to donate to one particular church please contact
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Thank you for your continued support.

