

Newsletter

25th July 2021

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

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The next step for our four village churches

CHANGES TO HOW WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

One person's Freedom Day is another's Fear Day. As we entered a period of hugely reduced restrictions on 19th July, 3.8 million people in this country remained clinically extremely vulnerable. As communities of hope, our churches must ensure that our approach is inclusive. The Church of England guidance comments that everyone is known and loved individually by God, and we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor. 12:12-27). Jesus was especially concerned with those who are marginalised in society. Now more than ever, we should be striving to create places of worship where those who have been made vulnerable to Covid and pushed to the margin of our national discourse know themselves to be the most honoured guests at God's banquet. Our churches must prioritise justice, hospitality, and inclusion for all, especially when the rest of society is being encouraged to do exactly the opposite.

The decision regarding what to do rests with me as incumbent, but I have consulted churchwardens and invited comments from the wider community via the Newsletter.

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WHAT WILL STAY THE SAME:

- We shall keep the Serco Track and Trace poster in place for those who use the app. and ask others to sign in. We shall keep hand sanitizer available and encourage people to use it on entry.
- We shall continue to share bread only at Communion, and to distribute this as we have been doing recently, saying the words of distribution (*The body of Christ / blood of Christ*) communally. The Peace will continue to be shared through contactless means (eye contact, nods & gestures).
- We shall ask people to wear face coverings as they enter, exit, and move around the church.
- We will still only sit in alternate pews and observe physical distancing from other households.
- Services will continue to be shorter than usual (up to 45 minutes).
- An online service will be offered every Sunday via our Facebook page.
- Refreshments after services will not resume until September.

WHAT WILL CHANGE:

- The full choir at St Mary's will return.
- Once seated, members of the congregation will be permitted to remove their masks. Congregations will be permitted to sing hymns, **but behind masks for the time being.**
- Shortish hymns will be chosen (or verses cut). Congregations will not sing the Mass Setting.
- Those who are less comfortable about the resumption of singing will be invited to seat themselves towards the rear of the church so that people are not singing directly behind them.

CONCLUSION:

We are the Body of Christ. We want to gather joyfully, safely and responsibly, and for the most vulnerable in our communities to know that they are valued and welcome. I hope that people feel safe as they join us in worship, but do not take it amiss if they wish to join our worship online instead. May our worship bless us as we bless the Lord, and may we take that blessing out with us into our villages and beyond, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Reverend Nick Morgan, Priest in Charge. 18th July 2021

Services across the Benefice

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

10.00am WEDNESDAYS - Communion Service at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

8am SUNDAYS - Communion Service

1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

2nd Sunday of the month at All Saints', Thorp Arch

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

25.07.21 **9.30am** Parish Worship
 01.08.21 See Bramham
 08.08.21 See Walton
 15.08.21 See Boston Spa

St. Peter's Church, Walton

25.07.21 **9.30am** Holy Communion
 01.08.21 See Bramham
 08.08.21 **10.00am** Holy Communion
 Benefice Service
 15.08.21 See Boston Spa

All Saints' Church, Bramham

25.07.21 **10.00am** Parish Worship
 01.08.21 **10.00am** Holy Communion
 Benefice Service
 08.08.21 See Walton
 15.08.21 See Boston Spa

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

25.07.21 **10.00am** Holy Communion
 including Live Streaming
 01.08.21 **10.00am** See Bramham
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 Benefice Service

Sunday Readings

27th July

Jeremiah 45.21-5 or
 Acts 11.27-12.2
 2 Corinthians 4.7-15
 Matthew 20.20-28

1st August

Exodus 16.2-4,9-15
 Ephesians 4.1-16
 John 6.24-35

8th August

1Kings 19.4-8
 Ephesians 4.25-5.2
 John 6.35, 41-51

15th August

Isaiah 61.10-end or
 Revelation 11.19-12.6,10
 Galatians 4.4-7
 Luke 1.46-55

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:

Muriel Wells and Arnold Dickinson

OCCASIONAL OFFICES:

BAPTISM:

WEDDINGS:

James Hill and Paula Clayton
13th August 2021
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Michael Robson and Emma Bainbridge
15th August 2021
St. Peter's Church, Walton

Abraham Bwalya and Clare Pugh
18th August 2021
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

FUNERALS:

Due to ongoing restrictions, attendance at services is limited to those specifically invited.

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:

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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.

BRAMHAM BENEFICE
FOOD COLLECTION
SUPPORT WETHERBY
FOOD BANK

foodbank foodbank

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 Benefice



All Saints' Church, Bramham

Sunday 1st August 2021
Yorkshire Day

10am **Benefice Communion Service**

11am—1pm **Open Bell Tower**

Come along and listen to All Saints' wonderful bells.
Take a trip up the bell tower.
Tea and Coffee will be served

Each 4th Saturday of the month, 6pm at St Mary's, Boston Spa

Worship for post-lockdown times, led by The Reverend Nick Morgan, lasting less than an hour.
A less formal service using videos, contemporary worship music, and an extended time of teaching.
No previous experience of coming to church necessary - all are welcome.



PROGRAMME 2021: Faith let loose

June 26th

Freed... but to do what?

July 24th

Who's in charge?

no Unlocked service in August

September 25th

Creation, culture, and the common good

October 23rd

Citizens, confession, and character

November 27th

Seeking God's Kingdom



unlocked

The Bramham Benefice is a group of four Church of England churches who work together to love & serve the village communities of Boston Spa, Bramham, Thorp Arch and Walton
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Bramham Benefice

invites you to an

End of Term Picnic

Saturday 24th July

4pm

Churchfields, Boston Spa

(by kind permission of Boston Spa Parish Council)

**Bring your own picnic, mat, chair
and friends**



Ice Cream Cart

Face Painting



Concluding with our new 'Unlocked' Service
at 6pm in St. Mary's Church.



[The Trussell Trust](#) has worked with nutritionists to ensure food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least three days worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families.

Wish List

- HOT CHOCOLATE
 - COFFEE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
 - TINNED FISH
 - COOKING OIL
- TINNED TOMATOES
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
 - POT NOODLES
- POTS OF PORRIDGE
- LONG LIFE MILK
- WASHING UP LIQUID
 - TOOTHPASTE
 - TOOTH BRUSHES
 - SHAMPOO
 - SHAVING CREAM
 - PLASTIC RAZORS

WHAT'S IN A FOOD PARCEL?

Breakfast cereals
Soup
Pasta
Rice
Pasta sauce
Tinned beans
Tinned meat
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit
Tea or coffee
Milk
Biscuits
Snacks

*RING 0808 2082138
FOR ADVICE AND A
VOUCHER.*





TRAIDCRAFT

at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa



Our Traidcraft stall is back every 1st Sunday of the month and every 3rd Saturday of the month starting with Sunday September 5th!

Stock up on your favourite Fair Trade goodies to support both the Church and Fair Trade with all the important work they do worldwide.

Here is a link to the website <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/> if there is anything specific you would like us to order on your behalf just come and let us know and we will add it to our next order. Catalogues are also available to flick through on the day! We look forward to seeing you.

Sunday 5th September

Saturday 18th September

Sunday 3rd October

Saturday 16th October



A Prayer for Summer

Oh Lord, the creator of all things. We pray that during this summer holiday, You will guide us so that each day we can demonstrate Your love, joy, peace, goodness, gentleness and kindness. Teach us self-control, so that we will say no to temptations that may come our way. We pray that during this summer period, the spirit of frustration, anger and arguments will be destroyed in Jesus Name. We pray that siblings will love and not hate each other, this we ask in Your Name, Amen.