

Newsletter

22nd October 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice

www.bramhambenefice.org

Parish Office: 01937 844402

Mon-Thurs 8.30am-2.30pm

Emma Hunter, Parish Administrator
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St Mary's Church



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Join our
Christmas Choir!

Be part of our annual
Community Carol
Service

Rehearsals will begin on 9th November
at 7pm until 8.30pm
(every Thursday until the Carol Service)

The Carol Service will be on
December 17th at 4pm

Register your interest now by calling The Parish Office
on 01937 844402



Services across the Benefice

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

10.00am Wednesday - 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

6pm Sunday—Compline Service at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

9.15am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Church, Boston Spa

OCCASIONAL OFFICES:

BAPTISM:

Harry Wardman

Sunday 22nd October
St Mary's Church
Boston Spa

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS:

Bonnie Ewen

Sunday 19th November
St Mary's Church
Boston Spa

Jude Ellison

Sunday 26th November
St Mary's Church
Boston Spa

All Saints' Church,
Bramham

22nd Oct	10am	Parish Worship
29th Oct	10am	Benefice HC at Clifford
5th Nov	10am	Celtic Communion Service
12th Nov	10am	Remembrance Service

All Saints' Church,
Thorp Arch

22nd Oct	9.30am	Parish Worship
29th Oct	10am	Benefice HC at Clifford
5th Nov	9.30am	Communion Service
12th Nov	10.50am	Short Service at the War Memorial, Thorp Arch village

St. Luke's Church,
Clifford

22nd Oct	11am	Parish Mass
29th Oct	10am	Benefice Holy Communion
5th Nov	11am	Parish Mass
12th Nov	11am	Remembrance Service

St. Mary's Church,
Boston Spa

22nd Oct	10am	Communion Service
29th Oct	10am	Benefice HC at Clifford
5th Nov	10am	All Together Service
12th Nov	9.45am	Remembrance Service

St. Peter's Church,
Walton

22nd Oct	9.30am	Communion Service
29th Oct	10am	Benefice HC at Clifford
5th Nov		See other church services
12th Nov	9.30am	Remembrance Service

Readings

22nd October

Proper 24
Isaiah 45.1-7
1Thessalonians 1.1-10
Mathew 22.15-22

29th October

Nehemiah 8.1-4a
Colossians 3.12-17
Matthew 24.30-35

5th November

Micah 3.5-end
1Thessalonians 2.9-13
Matthew 24.1-14

12th November

See church notice board / ask your churchwarden



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:

Beric Reed and Peter Clayton

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6.30pm
in the Parish Room at St Mary's, Boston Spa.



Flourish is an oasis of calm reflection
in which we explore a rhythm of life which enables us
to flourish and become more like Christ.

This is an act of Christian worship lasting around an hour. It includes Bible readings, guided meditation, music, videos, stories, prayers, and teaching about aspects of life as a follower of Jesus. Tea, coffee, biscuits (and very possibly cake!) will be available from 6pm.

Led by Rev'd Nick Morgan and Jo Davies from Connections Café.

AUTUMN 2023 PROGRAMME:

SEPTEMBER 10 th	THE BIBLE
OCTOBER 8 th	LOVING ONE ANOTHER
NOVEMBER 12 th	ADOPTING PATTERNS OF REST
DECEMBER 10 th	A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



You've Got This

*A network for families and carers with
children who have additional needs.
A safe space to share experiences and
advice.*



Tuesday 12th Sept 10.30am & 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm
Tuesday 21st Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th Dec 10.30am & 7.30pm

@ The Parish room, St Mary's Church, Boston Spa
free refreshments

Contact Cassie: cassiechp@hotmail.co.uk or Jo 07783336436
jo.davies@communitymatters.org.uk for further information.

To join the Parent peer support WhatsApp group text 07912384723



*"It's great to be amongst other
parents who understand some of
the challenges we face as a
family in a relaxed place."*

St. Mary's Church

FUNCTION ROOM
AVAILABLE TO HIRE

£12 PER HOUR

TOILETS

WI-FI

FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN

PARISH OFFICE
01937 844402

News from around the Benefice

St. Mary's Church,
Boston Spa

100 CLUB 2023/2024

Letters have been distributed for the 100 Club and this is a reminder to please return your completed slip with cheque or cash before the

draws commence in December. Your continued support is ALWAYS appreciated and makes our lives so much easier!!

New members are always greeted with open arms, so if you are thinking of joining the 'Club' PLEASE, PLEASE DO SO

by contacting Freda or Margaret.

Freda Scarr – 01937 842297

Margaret Barker – 01937 844263

This is a really good way to raise funds for St Mary's Church and creates our own little lottery!

All Saints' Church,
Thorp Arch



The congregation at All Saints Church, Thorp Arch, had the privilege of celebrating with Kathleen and Colin Sanderson on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.



The Pet service at All Saints, was enjoyed by owners and their animal friends alike. Children and adults came with their pets and some even joined in with the singing ! We will look forward to the event again next year .

Dear Sisters and Brothers

A Joint Statement on Violence in Israel and Gaza

We watch with grief and horror as the violence in Israel and Gaza intensifies, following the dreadful terrorist attack on Israel by Hamas. We remember that all people are created in the image of God, and therefore deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, to live lives free of fear and violence.

As the archbishops said in their joint statement last week:

“We are grieved and deeply concerned at the violence in Israel and Gaza, and we unequivocally condemn the attacks by Hamas. We pray for those who are mourning, those who are injured, and all those fearing for their safety. We pray for restraint on all sides, and renewed efforts towards a just peace for all. The way forward must be for both sides to build confidence in a secure future through which Israel and its people can live in security within its internationally recognised borders, and Palestinians have their own state and live in their lands in security, and with peace and justice.”

We condemn the acts of violence, particularly those that are targeting innocent civilians – men, women and children who are killed and held hostage while simply trying to live. We ask that leaders seek a way forward that ends the vicious cycles of violence and finds a way to build peace among peoples and nations, in which everyone can flourish and prosper.

We pray that the peace of God will reign; that justice and mercy will bring an end to war and terror. We pray for the freedom of all peoples, that they may live in unity with their neighbours, that their humanity may be respected and that they may live without fear.

We pray too for an end to violence in this country, particularly for an end to antisemitic violence; our Jewish brothers and sisters deserve to live lives free from fear. No school should have to close because of security threats; places of worship should not need security guards to keep worshippers safe. We stand in solidarity with those in our communities who may not feel welcomed and respected. Prejudice has no place in our society, whether anti-Jewish or anti-Muslim, and the war between Hamas and Israel must not be used to demonise whole communities and destabilise the peace that we so value in our cities and towns.

In the words of Archbishop Hosam, with people around the world,
we pray:

O God of all justice and peace
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma
of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days
of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and
Christians and for all people of the land.
While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the
establishment of peace,
we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the
peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom
where all people are treated with dignity and honour as
your children
for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are able, please support the Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association (JMECA) appeal for the Ahli Arab Hospital to continue providing life-saving medical care: www.jmecca.org.uk/get-involved/donate/current-appeals-0/al-ahli-hospital-gaza-appeal

With every blessing -

+ **Stephen, Archbishop of York**
 + **Paul, Bishop of Whitby**
 + **John, Bishop of Selby**
 + **Eleanor, Bishop of Hull**



ST PETER'S CHURCH
WALTON

Christmas Lights

Switch on

In conjunction with Walton Parish Council

**Saturday 25th November
from 5.30pm**

Walton Main Street

- Live Performance Tingley Brass Band
- Mulled Wine
- Mince Pies
- Soft Drinks
- Count down
- Craft Fair




St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Connections

Bramham Benefice

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Cafe Church

Every Saturday

10am - 12noon

11.15am Short reflection



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BRIDGE AFTERNOON

in aid of St. Peter's Church, Walton

You are invited to make up a table of 4

MONDAY	£10 per person
6th	- Afternoon tea
	- Prizes awarded
	- Excellent raffle
NOVEMBER	STARTS AT 2 PM

To be held at
**St. Mary's Parish Room,
Boston Spa**

Tickets available from
Julia Newman 0770 3565791
The Parish Office 844402



Our Annual Memorial Service

A Chance to reflect and remember our loved ones who have died will take place on

5th November at 4.00pm
All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

If you have a loved one that you would like to be remembered at this service and plan to attend, please either let the Parish Office know their name or add them to the list at the back of any of our churches

(Bramham, Boston Spa, Clifford, Thorp Arch or Walton).

Please make sure the name of your loved one is clearly printed.



The Ark



Come and join us

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

warmly invite you to join us for play, stories, songs,
crafts and fun!

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

1.30pm—3.00pm

Dates for Autumn 2023

7th September

21st September

5th October

19th October

9th November

23rd November

7th December

21st December

Kippax Brass Band

Christmas Concert at Bramham Park



Thursday 14th December 2023

7.30pm

Proceeds for

All Saints' Parish Church, Bramham

Tickets £25 each

Contact Anne Palmer for tickets on: 01937 842850





OCTOBER 2023: WE'RE CURRENTLY LOW ON...

- INSTANT PORRIDGE/READY BREK
 - BREAKFAST/CEREAL BARS
- LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE - CARTONS PLEASE
 - TINNED SOUP
- TINNED HAM/CORNERED BEEF
- TINNED MINCE/CHILLI/MEATBALLS/STEW
 - TINNED SWEETCORN
 - TINNED POTATOES
 - INSTANT MASH
- SPONGE PUDDINGS - LONGLIFE
- CUSTARD - TINNED OR CARTONS
 - TINNED FRUIT - ALL TYPES
 - CRACKERS - ALL TYPES
 - HOT CHOCOLATE
- SWEET SPREADS - JAMS, HONEY ETC

Bramham

Christmas Fair

including 'Fake Cake' Competition

All Saints' Church, Bramham
11am - 3pm

- Refreshments
- Stalls
- Meet Santa
- Craft activities
- Fake Cake Competition

SATURDAY
25th
NOVEMBER

A free event for the entire family to enjoy!

If you would like to display a 'fake cake' please contact Jillian on 07858293980.
If you would like a stall please contact Emma 07740166706

Bramham

Christmas Fair

'Fake Cake' Competition

All Saints' Church, Bramham
11am - 3pm
Saturday 25th November 2023

How to enter the 'Fake Cake' Competition

Make a fake cake from boxes, dummy cake bases, lego etc... Be imaginative!
Decorate to a Christmas Theme
Bring along to Church
from 9am on Saturday 25th November

£5 to enter a cake
(to cover the cost of prizes)

For more information on 'fake cakes' please contact Jillian on 07858293980.

UMBRELLA DONATIONS

Please donate umbrellas to help the asylum seekers who are staying in the Gateway Hotel.

They have a 30 minute walk to the nearest bus stop.

Donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's Church



All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

Friday 27th October

7pm

The Siege of York 1644 Talk

Although a great many will have heard of the Battle of Marston Moor in 1644, many will be less aware of the reason the battle took place – the Siege of York.

In this talk we will cover the events that lead up to the siege, the conduct of the siege, the lifting of the siege by Prince Rupert, and the consequences of the events of 2nd July.



Ticket price £10

includes a glass of wine / soft drink.

Tickets available from Churchwardens
and the Parish Office

The **Bramham**
Benefice 

St. Mary's Email Prayer Group

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer?

We are a group of 20 people in the Bramham Benefice who pray regularly and privately for those who have asked for our prayer support, whatever their needs or beliefs.

To find out more or to request prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact:

Niki Hampson at stmarysprayer18@gmail.com

Please add some details with names. You need to ask permission from those we are praying for.

Details are confidential within the group and names are not read out in church.

**SORRY,
NO TRICK
OR
TREATERS!**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

neighbourhood policing teams
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POLICE**