

# Newsletter

12th November 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

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

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# Services across the Benefice

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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:

**Jude Ellison**  
Sunday 26th November  
St Mary's Church  
Boston Spa

### WEDDINGS

### FUNERALS:

**Joan Haxton**  
Tuesday 17th November  
St. Peter's Church  
1pm

**Margaret Smallwood**  
Tuesday 21st November  
All Saints' Church, Bramham  
11.30am

## 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:**

Charles Marsh, Joan Haxton, Margaret Smallwood  
and Raymond Brown

All Saints' Church,  
Bramham

12th Nov	<b>10am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
19th Nov	<b>10am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
26th Nov	<b>10am</b>	<b>Parish Worship</b>
3rd Dec	<b>10am</b>	<b>Celtic Communion Service</b>

All Saints' Church,  
Thorp Arch

12th Nov	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Short Service at the War Memorial, Thorp Arch village</b>
19th Nov	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
26th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Worship</b>
3rd Dec	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

St. Luke's Church,  
Clifford

12th Nov	<b>11am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
19th Nov	<b>11am</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>
26th Nov	<b>11am</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>
3rd Dec	<b>11am</b> <b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b> <b>Advent Carol Service</b>

St. Mary's Church,  
Boston Spa

12th Nov	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
19th Nov	<b>10am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
26th Nov	<b>10am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
3rd Dec	<b>10am</b>	<b>All Together Christingle</b>

St. Peter's Church,  
Walton

12th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
19th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Worship</b>
26th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
3rd Dec		

## Readings

### 12th November

See church notice board / ask your churchwarden

### 19th November

Zephaniah 1.7,12-end  
1 Thessalonians 5.11  
Matthew 25.14-30

### 26th November

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24  
Ephesians 1.15-end  
Matthew 25.31-end

### 3rd December

Isaiah 64.1-9  
I Corinthians 1.3-9  
Mark 13.24-end

# 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



### 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](mailto: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.

# 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!



## Guest preacher at St Mary's, Boston Spa Janet Burrows, Sunday 17th December

I'm delighted to be invited to St Mary's morning service on 17 December. I'm currently an Ordinand, studying part-time at St Hild College (the successor to Rev Nick's training college) in Mirfield and in my final year of 3. Rev Nick is my Personal Tutor for this year so is acting as a mentor for me and providing support as I prepare for ordination, including inviting me to preach. All being well, I hope to be ordained in York Minster next June as a self-supporting minister (SSM). My home church is St Peter's in Norton, Malton, an area where I grew up and moved back to about 7 years ago although I now live in a village just outside Malton with my husband and two teenage daughters. My background is tourism marketing and I currently work at Malton School as Marketing & Communications Officer. This will be my first visit to St Mary's and I very much look forward to meeting you.

St. Peter's Church,  
Walton

Many thanks to all those who supported our Bridge afternoon.

We had a fabulous time raising money for St. Peter's Church, and raised just over £700.

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

## Cafe Church

Every Saturday

10am - 12noon

11.15am Short reflection



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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




### NOVEMBER 2023: WE'RE CURRENTLY LOW ON...

- LONG-LIFE MILK - ESPECIALLY SEMI-SKIMMED
- LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE - CARTONS PLEASE
- INSTANT HOT CHOCOLATE
- TINNED HOT MEATS: MINCE, STEW, HOT DOGS
- TINNED COLD MEATS: CORNED BEEF
- TINNED POTATOES
- INSTANT MASH
- SPONGE PUDDINGS - LONGLIFE
- CUSTARD - TINNED OR CARTONS
- TINNED FRUIT - ALL TYPES
- INSTANT COFFEE - SMALL JARS PLEASE
- TINNED FISH - NOT TUNA
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE SACHETS
- POT NOODLES
- INSTANT PORRIDGE

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am & 7.30pm  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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."*

## 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

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

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> THE BIBLE  
 OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> LOVING ONE ANOTHER  
 NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> ADOPTING PATTERNS OF REST  
 DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



# St Peter's COMMUNION SERVICE

1.45pm

11th October  
15th November  
13th December



## The Bible Course



### Welcome to the Bible Course

The Bible Course will help you understand the Bible for yourself. Over eight sessions you will see the big picture of the Bible storyline – from Genesis to Revelation. Along the way you will pick up tools and skills to help you read it for yourself. Each session is interactive, with sections of teaching, discussion time and personal reflection. Between sessions there are daily readings to prepare for the following week. By the end of the course you will have confidence to pick up the Bible, read it for yourself and apply it to your life.

Enjoy the course.  
*Dr Andrew Ollerton*



### Would you like to understand the Bible?

We are offering an eight week course, which will be DVD led with discussions within the group at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa.

These sessions will begin on  
Tuesday 16th January

**7.30pm**

If you are interested please contact:

Parish Office 01937 844402

There will be a small fee of £5 to cover the cost of the course booklet.





# The Campfire

- stories to prepare the heart for Christmas.

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Boston Spa



28<sup>th</sup> November

The Tooth Fairy is Only the Beginning - a tale of hope

5<sup>th</sup> December

Ellen: the Girl Made of Edam - a tale of love



12<sup>th</sup> December

The Girl Who Poked Kittens With a Stick - a tale of joy



19<sup>th</sup> December

The Impossible Self-Transfiguration of Fryer Michael - a tale of peace



A series of short, seemingly secular stories by The Reverend Nick Morgan.

Wrap up warm as we gather around an imaginary campfire in a cold church as a tale is told, truth is pondered, and a pint in a warm pub is anticipated...



Through the season of Advent, we focus on themes including Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In these tales (and a short reflection and prayer after each one) the author ponders these Advent themes. The sessions are short (half an hourish) and conclude with an optional pint with the author in The Crown.

### November 2023 Foodbank Wish List

**TOP 3**

- Long-life milk - semi-skimmed
- Long-life fruit juice - cartons
- Instant hot chocolate
- Tinned 'hot' meats: mince/hot dogs/stew
- Tinned cold meats: corned beef
- Tinned potatoes
- Instant mash
- Sponge puddings
- Custard - tinned or cartons
- Tinned fruit - all types
- Instant coffee
- Tinned fish - NOT tuna
- Pasta'n'sauce sachets
- Pot noodles
- Instant porridge

**URGENT!**

**Thank you!**

## Please remember...

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas

**We need donations of Advent Calendars by mid November!**



## FOODBANK VOUCHERS

Our foodbank works using a voucher referral system. Find out more about how we work.

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons.

In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis.

Our foodbank works with a number of different agencies, such as Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors. To find out more about the agencies that hold our vouchers and how you can get help, please [contact us](#). 07840 455725

When you visit a referral agency they will take some basic details from you to complete the voucher. This will help them to identify the cause of your crisis and offer practical guidance. It also means we are able to prepare suitable emergency food for the right number of people. Vouchers can also be obtained by ringing the Help Through Hardship helpline on 08082 082138.

Once you have been issued with a voucher, you can exchange this for a minimum of three days of [emergency food](#) at your nearest [foodbank centre](#).

In exceptional circumstances, if you cannot get to our Barleyfields Distribution Centre during our opening hours, we can deliver to you. This would be on a Tuesday or Friday and only to addresses in the LS22, LS23, most of LS24 and YO26 postcodes (outside the A1237 York ring road). Please ask if not sure.

If you are a referral agency and would like to become a registered voucher holder for our foodbank, please [contact us](#) to find out more.

If you are in need of support, and would like a food bank voucher, please call down to The Parish Office, and we can help/

# UMBRELLA DONATIONS

Many thanks to all who have donated umbrellas so far.

**We are still collecting!!!!**

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

