

# Newsletter

19th November 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

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

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## 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.

# Services across the Benefice

Join us at:

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

or

[www.BramhamBenefice.org/online-services](http://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:

**Jude Ellison**

Sunday 26th November  
St Mary's Church  
Boston Spa

### WEDDINGS

### FUNERALS:

**Margaret Smallwood**

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

**Graham Walker**

Thursday 30th November  
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa  
11am

**Ronald Dobson**

Thursday 7th December  
All Saints' Church, Bramham  
11am

## PLEASE HELP US PRAY

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:**

Joan Haxton, Margaret Smallwood,  
Raymond Brown, Graham Walker  
and Ronald Dobson

All Saints' Church,  
Bramham

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>
10th Dec	<b>10am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

All Saints' Church,  
Thorp Arch

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>
10th Dec	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

St. Luke's Church,  
Clifford

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>
10th Dec	<b>11am</b>	<b>Parish Worship</b>

St. Mary's Church,  
Boston Spa

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>
10th Dec	<b>10am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

St. Peter's Church,  
Walton

19th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Worship</b>
26th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
3rd Dec		
10th Dec	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>

## Readings

### 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

### 10th December

Isaiah 40.1-11  
2 Peter 3.8-15a  
Mark 1.1-8

# 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.

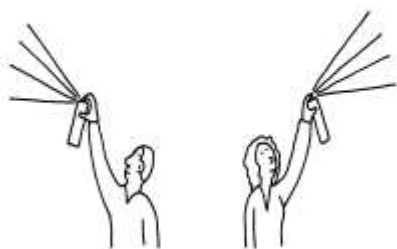
# News from around the Benefice

St. Mary's Church,  
Boston Spa  
Church

## Church tidy and Clean up - St Mary's

### CHURCH CLEANING

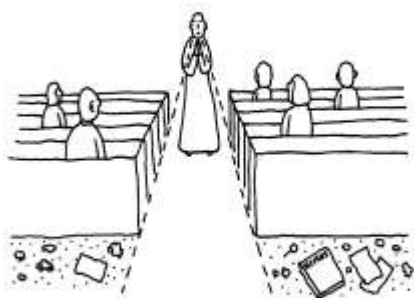
HOW TO MAKE IT SEEM AS IF YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB



SPRAY SOME POLISH IN THE AIR TO  
GIVE THE REQUIRED AROMA.



MAKE FULL USE OF LOOSE CARPETS



DO THE BITS THE VICAR CAN SEE



IF IN DOUBT: PUT IT IN THE VESTRY

CartoonChurch.com

We are giving the church a bit of a 'winter clean' in readiness for the Advent and Christmas Season. This will take place on Saturday 25th November from 9.30 - 11.00am. No experience necessary - just a willing pair of hands to help clean, dust, hoover and sweep! If you have a dustpan and brush or long handled duster do bring it along with you on the day. Many thanks



### **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

# 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."*



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# COMMUNITY CAROLS

AT THE ALBION PUB  
CLIFFORD

LED BY REVD. NICK MORGAN

MONDAY AT 6.30PM  
11TH DEC 2023



## 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



## 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

CONNECTIONS CAFE

Pop-up

# Christmas Cornucopia

10am - 2pm

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOSTON SPA

Are you having a pre-Christmas clearcut?

Would you like to donate any unused items to our pop-up Christmas fundraiser?

We need prizes for hamper, raffle and tombola.

Items may be left with Revd Glenda at any point leading up to the fayre.

For fresh items, please leave with the Parish Office, 9-12 on Thursday 7th December, or in St Mary's church 9-12 or 1-4 on Friday 8th December.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Cornucopia!



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Pop-up

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10am - 2pm

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOSTON SPA

HOT DRINKS AND CAKES  
LOCAL MAKERS MARKET  
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CAROL SINGERS  
FESTIVE CRAFTS

Free Entry

MERRY XMAS

# St Peter's COMMUNION SERVICE

1.45pm

11th October  
15th November  
13th December







# 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

**URGENT!**

- 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

**Thank you!**

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:**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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   |

**UMBRELLA DONATIONS**

Many thanks to all  
who have donated  
umbrella's 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



I have attended many Zoom courses this week as part of York Diocese Safeguarding Week. Below is one of the activities I completed. At first, I was a little resistant to the idea of standing outside in the wind and rain, but I did it, and I'm so glad I did. Have a look at the activity below and give it a go.

## **A Walk of Awareness**

Don't feel you have to follow every suggestion below, it is more important to take your time, experience and be mindful.

On your walk, either stop or walking slowly, take in the whole scene around you.....

Then standing still close your eyes.

**Listen**, attend to the sounds the more you listen the more you will hear. Try not to analyse too much, simply listen and attend.

**Feel** your hands limbs and feet. Feel the ground beneath your feet, if you are walking feel the movement of the muscles and body as you move.

Then **look**.

Look down at the things around your feet, attend to the colours and textures and patterns of light and shade. Then in the same way look up at the sky and tree tops or roof tops ..... and look around you.... Taking your time looking at the big picture then at the detail.

As you walk, pause to **touch** things and explore the feel and texture, smell the **scents** and if appropriate **taste**, perhaps chew a blade of grass or an edible berry.

By using one sense at a time and lingering, you experience more fully and deeply.

Towards the end of the walk you might want to pray thanksgiving or praise, or reflect what image/experience of the walk you take with you, but for most of the walk stay in the present moment and experience.



# *Christmas* in Boston Spa

## St. Mary's Church

3rd December 10am  
All Together  
Christingle Service

17th December 4pm  
Carol Service

24th December 4pm  
Crib Service

24th December 11pm  
Midnight Service

25th December 10am  
Holy Communion  
Service

## King's Church

17th December 4pm  
Carol Service

*Wishing you a  
joyful Christmas  
from all churches  
in Boston Spa*

## Boston Spa Methodist Church

10th December 10.30am  
Festival Christmas for All

10th December 6pm  
Festival carol service

25th December 11am  
Family Christmas Service

7th January 2024 10.30am  
Covenant Service