

# Newsletter

26th November 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

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

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## Announcing our next curate

Rev'd Nick Morgan writes, "I am delighted to announce that Hannah Moore has been invited by The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York to serve the Bramham Benefice as our curate from next summer. Having met and chatted with Hannah a few times now, I am confident that she will be a blessing to us, our worship and ministry, and that we in our five churches will be a blessing to her as she begins ordained ministry. Hannah's ordination will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 29th June 2024 at York Minster, and to welcome Hannah, we shall have a Benefice service of Holy Communion with a formal welcome on behalf of all our churches and the communities we serve on Sunday 30th June followed by a light lunch at St Mary's, Boston Spa. More details on that will follow nearer the time."



Hello!

My name is **Hannah Moore**. I'm currently training for Ordination at Westcott House in Cambridge. I'm really looking forward to joining you at the end of June 2024 as the assistant curate following my Ordination to the diaconate.

Before training for ordination, I studied Music at the University of York and went to **St Lawrence Parish Church**. I've always been in and around churches and I was a chorister at Beverley Minster as a child.

I'm particularly interested in prayer and spirituality in the life of the church and how we teach and share our faith with others.

In my spare time I can usually be found reading but I also enjoy baking (and eating) cake. I'm also looking forward to playing in a brass band again.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Hannah

# 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

**Alex Hetherington  
and**

**Eleanor Murray**

Saturday 16th December  
St Mary's Church  
Boston Spa

### FUNERALS:

**Joyce Gresty**

Wednesday 29th November  
St. Luke's Church, Clifford  
1.00pm

**Graham Walker**

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

**Alan Rayner**

Tuesday 5th December 2023  
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa  
1.00pm

## 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, Ronald  
Dobson and Alan Rayner

All Saints' Church,  
Bramham

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>
17th Dec	<b>10am</b> <b>4pm</b>	<b>Communion Service</b> <b>Carols and Lessons</b>

All Saints' Church,  
Thorp Arch

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>
17th Dec	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Worship—Lessons and Carols</b>

St. Luke's Church,  
Clifford

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>
17th Dec	<b>11am</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>

St. Mary's Church,  
Boston Spa

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>
17th Dec	<b>10am</b> <b>4pm</b>	<b>Communion Service</b> <b>Carol Service</b>

St. Peter's Church,  
Walton

26th Nov	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
3rd Dec		
10th Dec	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
17th Dec	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Worship—Lessons and Carols</b>

## Readings

### 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

### 17th December

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-end  
1 Thessalonians 5.16-  
24  
John 1.6-8,19-28

# 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



## 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.



## 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.

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

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 Mothers UNION  
Christian care for families

## 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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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.

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



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
THORP ARCH

# Carol Service

on  
Sunday 17th December  
at  
9.30 am

ALL WELCOME

The Bramham  
Benefice 



**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



# *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