

Newsletter

10th December 2023

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES:

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



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www.bramhambenefice.org

Parish Office: 01937 844402

Mon-Thurs 8.30am-2.30pm

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St Luke's Church, Clifford

7.30pm, 13th December 2023



Holy Communion
 with Baptism & Confirmation
 and the licensing of
 The Reverend Glenda Webb
 to ministry in the Parish of Clifford



led by The Right Reverend Doctor
 John Thomson, Bishop of Selby

Services across the Benefice

Join us at:

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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:

Cameron Liddiard

Wednesday 27th December

10am

St Mary's Church
Boston Spa

WEDDINGS

**Alex Hetherington
and**

Eleanor Murray

Saturday 16th December

St Mary's Church
Boston Spa

FUNERALS:

Daisy Wray

Friday 15th December 2023

2pm

St. Mary's Church
Boston Spa

Robert Francis

Friday 22nd December 2023

11am

All Saints' Church
Bramham

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Margaret Smallwood, Raymond Brown,
Graham Walker, Ronald Dobson, Alan Rayner,
Daisy Wray and Robert Francis

Readings

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

24th December

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16
Romans 16.25-end
Luke 1.26-38

31st December

Isaiah 61.10-62.3
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

All Saints' Church, Bramham

10th Dec	10am	Communion Service
17th Dec	10am 4pm	Communion Service Carols and Lessons
24th Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Walton
31st Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Thorp Arch

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

10th Dec	8.00am	Communion Service
17th Dec	9.30am	Parish Worship—Lessons and Carols
24th Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Walton
31st Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE

St. Luke's Church, Clifford

10th Dec	11am	Parish Worship
17th Dec	11am	Parish Mass
24th Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Walton
31st Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Thorp Arch

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

10th Dec	10am	Communion Service
17th Dec	10am 4pm	Communion Service Carol Service
24th Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Walton
31st Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Thorp Arch

St. Peter's Church, Walton

10th Dec	9.30am	Communion Service
17th Dec	9.30am	Parish Worship—Lessons and Carols
24th Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE
31st Dec	10am	BENEFICE SERVICE at Thorp Arch





Bramham

Crib Services

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa 4pm
All Saints' Church, Bramham 3pm



Christmas

Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17th December 2023

9.30am

St. Peter's Church
Walton



The Bible Course

Explore the BIG story

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.

News from around the Benefice

St. Mary's Church,
Boston Spa



Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch
6th December 2023 at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

100 Club

Many thanks to all those people who continue to support the 100 Club, plus any new members; we have reached 100! Our first draw will take place soon, good luck to you all.

Freda and Margaret

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: cassiehp@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."



Boston Spa Methodist Church
presents its ninth annual

Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Friday 8th December 10.30am–7.00pm
12 noon Our renowned pre-concert lunches

1pm Lunchtime Concert (tickets £6 on the door)
with John Nancarrow, Bass and David Hammond, Piano

3.00pm Organ Recital – Geoffrey Coffin
on our fabulous Harrison & Harrison organ

5.30pm Father Christmas arrives on his sleigh

Saturday 9th December 10.00am–5.30pm

Watch out for a visit from Santa

From 10.30am (weather permitting) Donkey rides

10.30am Collingham Band

12 noon Organ Recital – David Wilks

3.30pm Christmas performance by Voices of Rock

Sunday 10th December 12 noon–4.30pm

10.30am A Christmas Celebration (a short service for all ages)

6.00pm Festival Carol Service

- A stunning display of beautifully decorated trees
- "Get in the Picture" – Nativity photo opportunity
- Tombola and Cake Stall
- Refreshments available throughout

ENTRY to the FESTIVAL is FREE
(except for the Friday Lunchtime Concert – £6)

In aid of "All We Can" and Church funds.
Please see our website for further details:
www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk
or check out our Facebook page



The Ark



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

Come and Join
us at

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Spring Dates

1:30pm - 3:00pm

January 11th

January 25th

February 8th

February 22nd

March 2nd

March 21st



COST: FREE - DONATIONS WELCOME

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St Peter's COMMUNION SERVICE

1.45pm

11th October
15th November
13th December



FRIDAY
15TH
DECEMBER

FROM 7PM

Join us for

Christmas

CAROLS IN THE
CHURCHYARD

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
BRAMHAM

DON'T FORGET TO
BRING A TORCH

St Mary's Church Christmas Decorations

We appeal for some well-watered pieces of evergreen to decorate the Church window cills for Christmas, please.

It is so amazing to keep this tradition going, as it gives the Church a very special sparkle in the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This can be brought to Church at 10.00am on Friday 15th December - we would be very grateful!

If you would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas (and have a coffee and chat, then we would be delighted to also see you at 10.00am on the 15th December.

Many Thanks Sandra

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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



The Campfire

- stories to prepare the heart for Christmas.

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

28th November
The Tooth Fairy is Only the Beginning - a tale of hope

5th December
Ellen: the Girl Made of Edam - a tale of love

12th December
The Girl Who Poked Kittens With a Stick - a tale of joy

19th 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.

Christmas in Boston Spa

<u>St. Mary's Church</u>	<u>King's Church</u>	<u>Boston Spa Methodist Church</u>
3rd December 10am All Together Christingle Service	17th December 4pm Carol Service	10th December 10.30am Festival Christmas for All
17th December 4pm Carol Service	<i>Wishing you a joyful Christmas</i>	10th December 6pm Festival carol service
24th December 4pm Crib Service	<i>from all churches</i>	25th December 11am Family Christmas Service
24th December 11pm Midnight Service	<i>in Boston Spa</i>	7th January 2024 10.30am Covenant Service
25th December 10am Holy Communion Service		

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
THORP ARCH

Carol Service

on
Sunday 17th December
at
9.30 am

ALL WELCOME

Bramham
parish




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



YOU ARE INVITED TO

COMMUNITY CAROLS

AT THE ALBION PUB
CLIFFORD

LED BY REV. NICK MORGAN

MONDAY AT 6.30PM

11TH DEC 2023

Wetherby
& District
foodbank

November 2023
Foodbank Wish List

TOP 3

- Long-life milk - semi-skimmed
- Long-life fruit juice - cartons **URGENT!**
- 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

Thank you!



St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa



Cafe Church

Every Saturday


10am - 12noon


11.15am Short reflection

There will
be no cafe
church on
the
23rd /
30th
December.

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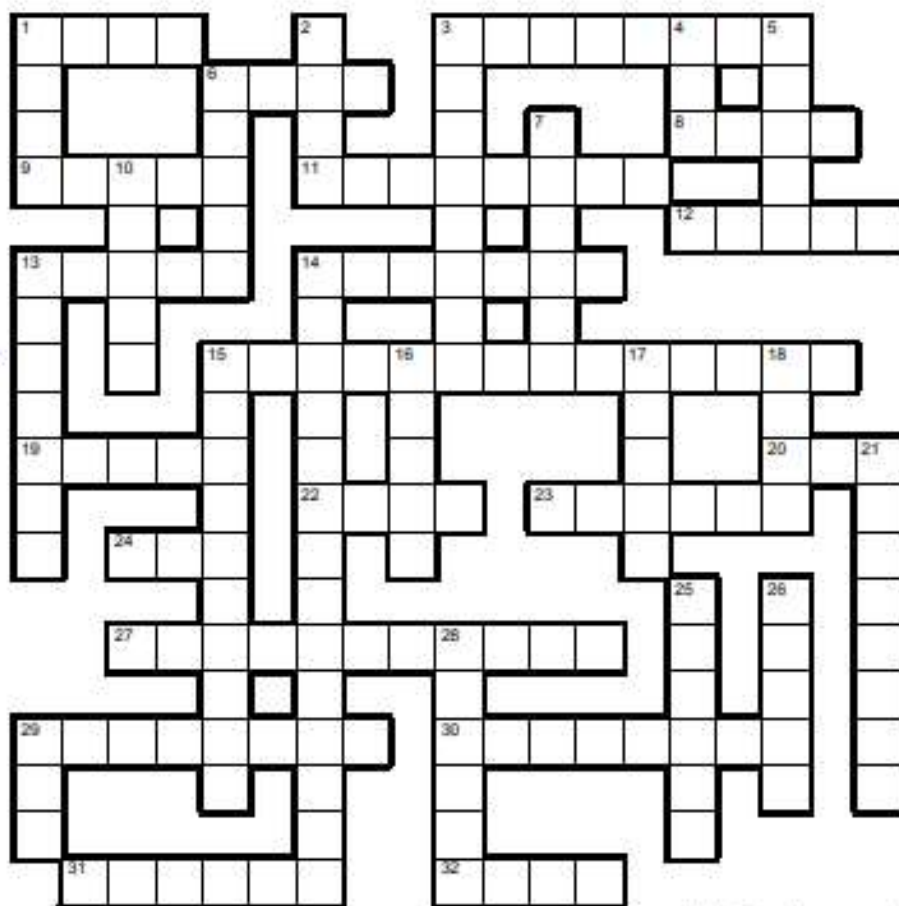
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ___ log; traditonally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)

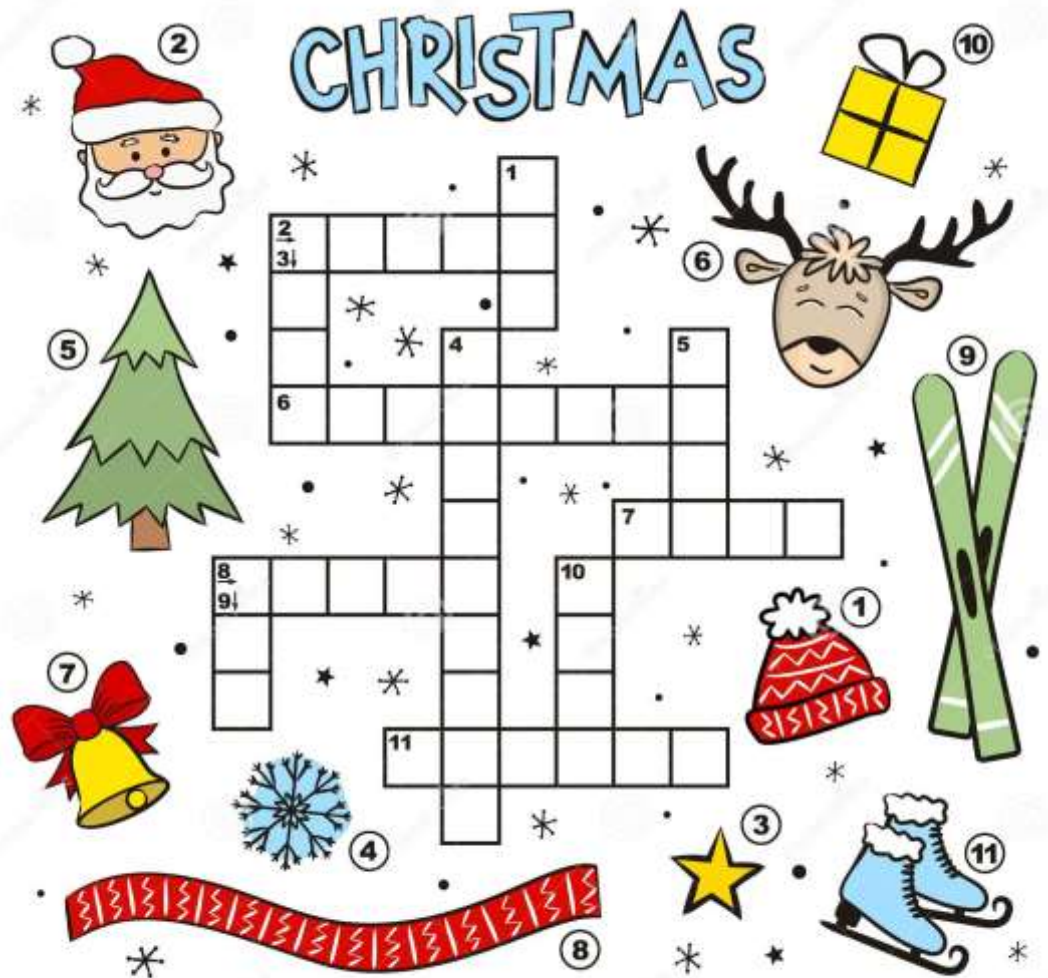


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Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)

Children's Christmas Puzzle Page



Christmas Bauble Maze

Can you work your way through the Christmas bauble to get to the present?

