

Newsletter

21st January 2024

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
bramhambenefice@outlook.com

OUR CLERGY:

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revnjmorgan@gmail.com

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t.anslow@hotmail.co.uk

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
 Boston Spa - Clifford - Thorp Arch - Bramham - Walton

“AN EVENING
 OF FUN AND LAUGHTER”



**WITH PAUL
 KERENSA**

The 'Stand-Up - Kneel-Down' Comedian
 BBC Radio 2 'Pause for Thought'
 '100 Years of the BBC' - 'Spring Harvest' - 'Flourish'
 Writer/Contributor to:
 'Not Going Out' - 'Miranda' -
 'Spitting Image' -
 'The Now Show' -
 'Dead Ringers'...



Bramham Village Hall
 Saturday 17th February at 7:30pm

TICKETS **£15** TO INCLUDE A BUFFET SUPPER

available from the Boston Spa Parish Office
 01937 844402 – bramhambenefice@outlook.com – 9.30-12.30 Mon-Thurs
 or your local **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER** member church

Raising funds
 in aid of



The Millie Wright
 Children's Charity

*Addressing inequalities in charitable support
 for children with life threatening conditions*

www.millieschildrenscharity.org
 077 1616 2525
hello@millieschildrenscharity.org





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:

Henry Young

Sunday 4th February
11am at St Luke's Church
Clifford

WEDDINGS

**David Lister
and**

Savannah Holden
Saturday 13th April
All Saints' Church
Bramham

FUNERALS:

Norma Rea

Thursday 25th January
1pm
All Saints' Church, Bramham

Paul Kitchen

Friday 26th January
11am
All Saints' Church, Bramham

Tony Robson

Friday 2nd February
11am
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Lesley Durham

Friday 9th February
2pm
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

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:

Jack Hall, Ailsa Simpson, Norma Rea,
Paul Kitchen, Lesley Durham
and Tony Robson

Readings

All Saints' Church, Bramham

21st Jan	10am	Communion Service
28th Jan	10am	Parish Worship
4th Feb	10am	Communion Service
11th Feb	10am	Communion Service

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

21st Jan	4.30pm	Even Song
28th Jan	9.30am	Parish Worship
4th Feb	9.30am	Communion Service
11th Feb	8am	Communion Service

St. Luke's Church, Clifford

21st Jan	11am	Communion Service
28th Jan	11am	Communion Service
4th Feb	11am	Communion Service
11th Feb	11am	Parish Worship

St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

21st Jan	10am	Communion Service
28th Jan	10am	Communion Service
4th Feb	10am	All Together Service
11th Feb	10am	Communion Service

St. Peter's Church, Walton

21st Jan	9.30am	Parish Worship
28th Jan	9.30am	Communion Service
4th Feb		
11th Feb	9.30am	Communion Service

21st January
Genesis 14.17-20
Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

28th January
Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

4th February
Proverbs 8.1, 22-31
Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-14

11th February
2 Kings 2.1-12
2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Mark 9.2-9



14th February 2024

10am - Holy Communion with
Imposition of ashes at
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

6pm - BCP Holy
Communion with
Imposition of ashes at
All Saints' Church, Bramham

7.30pm - Holy
Communion with
Imposition of ashes at
St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

York Minster Digital Parish Pass 2024

York Minster loves to welcome parishioners from across the Diocese of York to the mother church of the diocese, free of charge with the Digital Parish Pass 2024.

Each year, York Minster provides a digital parish pass to each Church in the Diocese of York; this year they have been sent to each PCC Secretary's and churchwardens

These passes can be borrowed if you would like to visit the Minster.

If you would like to borrow a pass, please ask your Churchwarden or contact The Parish Office
01937 844402

Education and Democracy in South Africa Fundraiser

Supporting Children and young people on a small rural Township in Western Cape, South Africa. 

**BRAMHAM VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD 2024
7 PM START**

TICKETS £15

 **STEEL CRAZY STEEL PAN BAND**

 **FOOD INCLUDED**

 **RAFFLE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM BRAMHAM POST OFFICE OR CONTACT:
Lindarichards451@btinternet.com**

EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA.
CHARITY NUMBER 1003795



2024 LENT COURSE

The Lent course will take place in
St. Edwards Church Parish Room, Clifford
at 7.30pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 21st February
Wednesday 28th February
Wednesday 6th March
Wednesday 13th March
Wednesday 20th March
Wednesday 27th March

The Lent series is organised by Christians Together
- and everyone is welcome!



"Loving our neighbours means living out our faith on a local and global scale. This course offers valuable resources to help us make a difference by speaking out and engaging decision makers."

Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
(The Bishop of Chelmsford).

BOSTON SPA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP AND
BOSTON SPA PARISH COUNCIL

AN EVEN BETTER BOSTON SPA?

Another chance to have your say!



What do you think?

- tell us about safety and wellbeing, climate change and green issues, housing and community space, transport, business and employment - and anything else!

**Deepdale Community Centre,
Saturday 27th January, 11.00 -1.00**

Join us on the 4th Sunday of each month at
6.30pm: The Parish Room, 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.

SPRING 2024 PROGRAMME:

FEBRUARY 25TH

SHARING FAITH

MARCH 24TH

PRAYER

APRIL 28TH

GENEROSITY



St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa



Cafe Church

Every Saturday

10am - 12noon

11.15am Short reflection



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PALM CROSSES



What do you do with Yours?

RECYCLE

BE GREEN

Palm crosses can be brought to church and placed in the basket near the notice board
Many thanks.



Can you guess who our 'bluffers' will be?

Tickets

£7.50 each

light bites included

St Peter's Church, Walton

Friday 15th March

6.45pm for a 7pm start

**BAR RAFFLE
HEADS & TAILS**

Tickets available from

Audrey 01937 844906

Doreen 07729812901

The Parish Office 01937 844402

News from around the Benefice

What do we have to look forward to?

All Saints' Church,
Bramham

Plant &
Craft Fair

Saturday 27th April
11am-2pm
Free entry



Come and Join
us at

THE ARK

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa
warmly invite you to join us
for play, stories, songs,
crafts and fun!

Spring Dates
1:30pm - 3:00pm
January 11th
January 25th
February 8th
February 22nd
March 2nd
March 21st



THE ARK

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The Bramham
benefice

COST: FREE - DONATIONS WELCOME

Ahlborn SL227 Organ

If you would like to own this organ,
please contact Margaret Milne on
01937 585887.

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Please ring Margaret with your
sensible donation offer



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 stay-
ing 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



Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Live Lecture 27th January 2024 *Why can't the church talk about sexuality?* Rev Dr Mark Vasey Saunders

A common conceptualisation of the current debate over sexuality is that it is one between traditionalists and revisionists. In this lecture, Mark Vasey-Saunders argues that this is based on a misunderstanding of the degree to which both conservatives and liberals represent a break with earlier tradition. The current sexuality debate is between two different ways of interpreting the tradition of the church in a modern context.

Biography

Mark studied English Literature and History in York at the then University College of Ripon & York St John, and briefly worked for IFES in Ukraine before training for ordination at Cranmer Hall. He has worked in several different dioceses as a University Chaplain, Team Vicar & Pioneer Minister and more recently as Academic Tutor for St Hild College. He completed his PhD from Durham on Evangelical responses to homosexuality in 2013. He oversees the formation of part time and full time Anglican ordinands at St Hild Sheffield, as well as coordinating the College's work with Curates. He leads modules in Postgraduate study skills, Doctrine, Ethics, and Anglicanism. Mark is married to Leah, who is the Vicar of Lancaster Priory Church and Chair of On Fire Mission.



Mark Vasey Saunders's new book *Defusing the Sexuality Debate* was published in June 2023
Reviews of this book:

This book could not be more timely and helpful for those on all sides of the debate. Mark explores the recent history of the evangelical writing on sexuality and deconstructs the idea of an unchanging evangelical consensus on these questions. He opens up an excellent third way for evangelicals to hold diverse views on sexuality questions without scapegoating others or unnecessary division. One of the most helpful books on this debate I've yet read. The Right Revd Steven Croft
Mark Vasey-Saunders has written a timely, wise and essential book, taking current sexuality debates and placing them in a

deeper cultural context. All parties should step back and read this clear and eirenic book with humility and openness.

The Right Revd Nicholas Baines

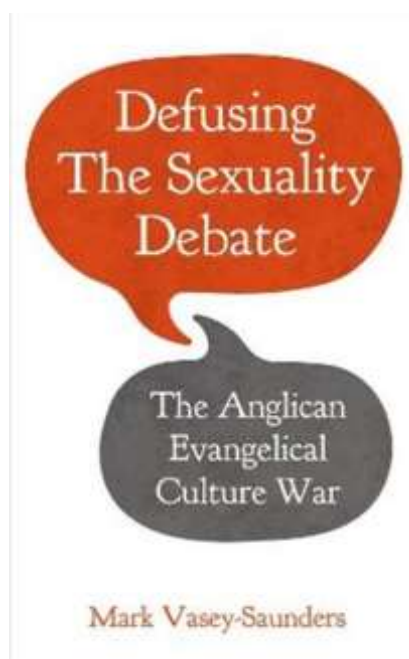
Whatever our perspective on sexuality, Mark Vasey-Saunders is an essential conversation partner who raises crucial questions. Did the earliest Christians teach what is now presented as the traditional view on sexuality? What is really at stake in the current conflict? How can we avoid demonising each other? Defusing the Sexuality Debate approaches this thorniest of contemporary issues with integrity, humility and rigour. The result is a significant and consequential intervention – one of few contributions with the potential to open up genuinely new horizons. Mark’s careful research empowers us to think more deeply, and it won’t leave readers unchanged. At its heart is an eirenic plea: we can understand each other better; we can take a longer view; we can be the community of peace the gospel deserves and our world needs.

Prof Mark Powell

Mark Vasey-Saunders has established himself as one of the sharpest and most insightful commentators now writing on the disputes over sexuality in the Church of England. If the Church is to be delivered from the compulsions that are tearing it apart, then earnestly heeding his call for Christian humility and heart-searching truthfulness may just be its best hope.

Prof Robert Song

To book, please follow this link: <https://hstm.org.uk/event/2024-mark-vasey-saunders/>



Collection Points

St. Mary's, Boston Spa and All Saints', Bramham



WHAT WE ACCEPT



Childrens Clothing from New born Upwards



Adult Clothing & Bras



Shoes & Bags for all Seasons



School Clothing



Smart Work Attire



Outdoor Clothing