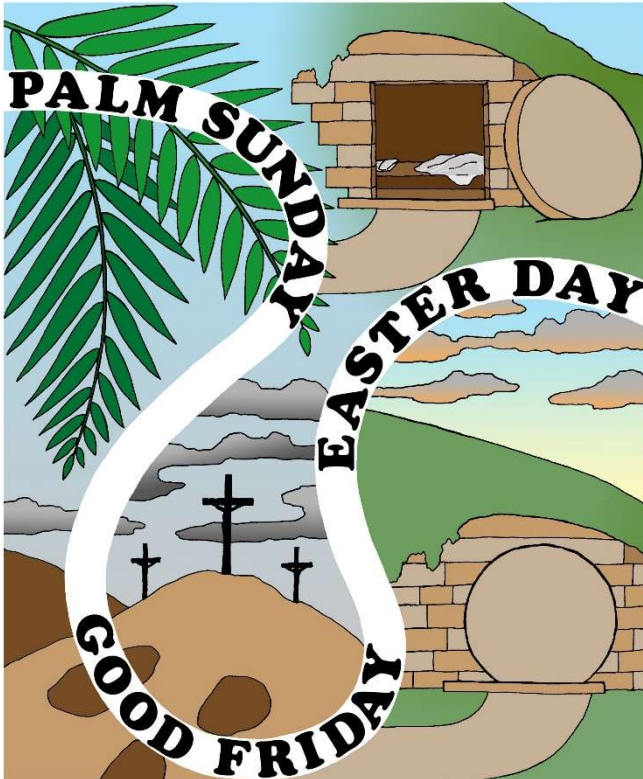




St Mary the Virgin

Boston Spa



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Services at St Mary's

For full details of our Sunday and Weekday Services and current announcements please refer to the latest Newsletter, available at the back of Church.

This information is also regularly updated on our website.

Our usual pattern of Services is:

Morning Prayer 9.15am – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Wednesdays
Holy Communion 10.00am

Sundays
Holy Communion 8.00am (Book of Common Prayer)

Holy Communion 10.00am (Modern, Order One)

Compline 6.00pm

1st Sunday each month **10.00am Parish Worship**
Family friendly service for all ages.
Generally no Holy Communion, except on major festivals.

Baptisms. Baptism Preparation Meetings are evening meetings held in St Mary's Room. Please enquire through the Office for current details.

Home Communion. Arrangements can be made through the Office. The Blessed Sacrament is permanently reserved in St Mary's for the sick and dying. Our Clergy are grateful to receive the names of those who are sick or those needing a special visit. They are also readily available after any service, or by appointment, for counsel and advice.

Marriage or other matters. Please contact the Office in the first instance. The Vicar is available at an Open Session on most Saturdays from 10.45am to 11.30am in the Office which is accessed through St. Mary's Room.

St Mary's Room

For just £12.50 per hour St Mary's Room can be hired for meetings, etc. Please contact our Administrator for further details.

Clergy Letter March

Dear Friends,

Some of you may be aware that recently I was acting in the Clifford Drama Group pantomime. Oh yes I did!

It was my first foray onto the stage in speaking roles; I have before played a dog with one woof and a page who delivered something on a cushion, other than that my usual role has been to portray an angel in school nativities. This time I had three characters to play, three sets of lines to learn and many stage instructions to remember in the correct order. But I really enjoyed myself.

It struck me during rehearsals how like church the panto was. Oh yes it is!

All the performers had their parts to play and each relied on the others to get their lines correct in order to know when to either speak or come on stage. There was little room for maneuver as we rehearsed under the keen eyes of our directors. We listened to them and they listened to us when we made suggestions about movement or song or costume. It was a team effort.

In our villages Rev Nick would not be able to do what he does without his team, Emma in the office (we would all be lost without her! Oh yes we would!), Jo working with 20-40s and Trish and myself.

But the cast list doesn't stop there. Without the skills and commitment of other people we would not be able to do what we do – churchwardens, organists, sacristans, servers, readers, intercessors, flower arrangers, cleaners, vergers, singers, musicians . . . the list goes on.





In every good production, and there have been studies produced which equate church services with theatrical performances, there needs to be a team of people to make the performance work. Oh yes there does!

The church doesn't magically prepare itself for a service and we don't come onto the sanctuary stage without preparation. Those we cannot see are as important as those we do. Without backstage support our panto would not have been as successful as it was, it would have been drab to watch and musically bereft. We rely on our friends and family for support but most importantly we trust that God is with us as we prepare to deliver his message. Without the Holy Spirit our services would be dull and lifeless. Oh yes they would!

Last but not least the panto would have not worked without the audience and their engagement. Without people to get involved in the performance the cast and crew would have felt disappointed and

disheartened. As it was the audiences really enjoyed themselves and we had lots of really positive comments post-performance.

We need that too in our churches. Maybe not applause but don't feel shy about telling us if you feel a service has worked well, or the sermon was thoughtful, the music was great, or the servers did a good job. We also like to hear constructive criticism or questions about why we do what we do. Maybe most of all we like to hear the voices that say, 'I wonder if I could help in some way?' 'I wonder if I could do that?' Our churches would not stay alive if it weren't for all of us, so don't hold back, get involved!

Oh yes you can!

With every blessing,

Rev Glenda

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday can be hard if she is no longer around. As part of the Mothering Sunday service at St Mary's on March 10th, Rev'd Nick Morgan will lead a short "Mums Remembered" section. If you would like your mum remembered by name, please phone or email the Parish Office by **Sunday 3rd March** clearly stating the name you wish to be read out.

All Sunday services at St Mary's are livestreamed, so if your family is further flung, they can join the service online and hear the "Mums Remembered" section for themselves at:
worshipwhereveryouare.live/joinus

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 Jo Davies from Connections Café.

SPRING 2024 PROGRAMME:

MARCH 24TH

PRAYER

APRIL 28TH

GENEROSITY



Lesley Durham

Lesley was a very special member of our Mothers' Union.

She served on the committee for many years, was a regular helper at The Ark and a member of the Baptism Team. Lesley helped in so many ways. She loved to provide flowers, make cakes, give members a lift to meetings and visit them at home, her intercession prayers were beautiful. She was so kind and thoughtful in everything she did, always in her quiet and gentle manner.

We have been privileged to have known Lesley, a very dear friend who touched all our hearts. She will be dearly missed, but fondly remembered.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah, Nigel and the family.



Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there's a trail of beautiful memories.

Ruth Boswell
MU Branch Leader

Occasional Offices – January 2024

Baptism

George Frederick Smith 14th January 2024

Arthur Thomas Smith 14th January 2024

Wedding

None

Funerals

Jack Hall 12th January 2024

Joan Greenough 12th January 2024

Ailsa Simpson 15th January 2024

Anne's Cards

I have been making my cards now for several years, and as well as giving me a hobby I enjoy doing, it enables me to raise some funds for the work of St Mary's.

Thanks to your support I have now been able to give a further £100.00 to St Mary's Church Funds.

Anne Gooch

Lent 2024 – Act on Poverty



This year, we are using the Christian Aid resource – Act on Poverty as the focus of our Lent study. The course explores six themes:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Prophetic | 2. Broken |
| 3. Generous | 4. Located |
| 5. Hopeful | 6. Together |

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!

The Real Easter Egg – last chance to order!

80 million Easter Eggs are given in the UK every year, only one is Fairtrade & includes a copy of the Easter story in the box. If you would like to order the Real Easter Egg for Easter this year please email anmarieholdsworth@yahoo.co.uk – with your order by Sunday 3rd March.

ORDER THE 2024 REAL EASTER EGG NOW

Original RRP from £4.50

Special Edition RRP £3.99

Dark RRP £5.50

Fun Pack RRP £5.00

THE REAL EASTER EGG

MORNINGFUL CHOCOLATE

LET'S CELEBRATE!

EASTER IS EARLY SO ACT TODAY

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.

AVAILABLE FROM...

New Design Easter Story
New 24 page Easter story-activity book is included in Original and Dark eggs.

22 March - Mothering Sunday and Mother Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ.

On Mid-Lent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old Covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus, Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The UK seems to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.



What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Books of the Bible: Exodus

This month we are looking at Exodus, the second book of the Old Testament. Its name means departure, reminding us that Israel's flight out of slavery in Egypt is the major focus of the book.

Exodus is a book of two halves! The first part (chapters 1-19 & 32-34) is the story of an oppressed people who are delivered from slavery into a life of freedom. The second half (chapters 20-31 & 35-40) consists of detailed instructions about the life and worship of God's people. The book introduces us to their *salvation* or deliverance, as *story*. God's promises to Abraham are fulfilled as the people journey to the Promised Land. He also renews His covenant with them at Sinai, expressed in the Ten Commandments (20: 1-17).

At the heart of Exodus is the person of God Himself. In chapter 3 God reveals His name as YHWH or '*I am who I am*' (3:14) to Moses. This is the name by which God is known throughout the Old Testament, expressed in the title '*the LORD*'. To know God's name is to know Him, as well as His character ie His justice, truthfulness, mercy, faithfulness and holiness. He is the God who controls history, delivering the people out of Egypt, while the death of the Passover lamb points us to Jesus' death on the cross (1 Corinthians 5:7).

God's promises of help remain true for us today: '*Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today*' Exodus 14:13.

'This Exodus story continues to be a major means that God uses to draw men and women in trouble out of the mess of history into the kingdom of salvation.' (Eugene Peterson).



ST MARY'S BINGO *NIGHT*

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and have some fun!
Our Bingo caller (Rev'd Nick) will guide you through a few rounds of the classic game.

We'll also have a hot supper, bar and hot drinks
Pay as you feel for supper

**FRIDAY
8TH MARCH**

6.30PM START
ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOM
BOSTON SPA

THIS IS A FREE ENTRY TICKETED EVENT
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE AND
CHURCHWARDENS

St Mary's Church Services & Duties

March 2024



3rd March (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am All Together Worship at St Mary's
Sidespeople: Judith Dahlgreen,
Barbara Neale
Coffee: Mr and Mrs Smith

10th March (2nd Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday)

8am Holy Communion at Thorp Arch
10am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sidespeople: Kate Kennedy, Bob Umbers
Reader: Ruth Boswell
Intercessor: Barbara Neale
Coffee: Mr and Mrs Howarth

17th March (5th Sunday of Lent)

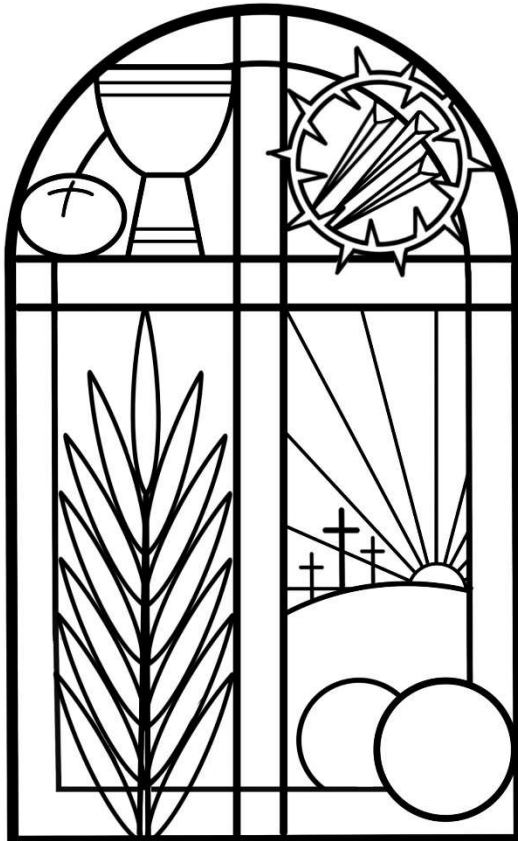
8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sidespeople: Anne Wivell, Janet McBride
Reader: Martin Winbolt-Lewis
Intercessor: Andrew Smith
Coffee: Dahlgreen Family

24th March (Palm Sunday)

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Holy Communion at St Mary's
(9.45am meet Church Fields car park)
Sidespeople: Robert Wivell, Pete Etherington
Reader: to be arranged
Intercessor: Sue Winbolt-Lewis
Coffee: Mrs Barker and Mrs Scarr

31st March (Easter Sunday)

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Sidespeople: Alastair and Louise Bowie
Reader: Rob Howse
Intercessor: Niki Hampson
Coffee: Webb family





March Diary

Friday 1 st March	World Day of Prayer
Wednesday 6 th March 12.30-1pm	AGM and Lunch St Mary's Room
Thursday 7 th March 1.30- 3pm	St Mary's Ark
Saturday 9 th March 10.30am	The assembling of flowers for Mothers' Day Any Volunteers!
Sunday 10 th March	Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 20 th March 10.00am	Corporate Communion Followed by coffee
Thursday 21 st March 1.30 – 3pm	St Mary's Ark

Guests and New Members always welcome

Su Wilkinson, Branch Secretary

2024 Programme



Here's our schedule for 2024
We've picked different days of
the week throughout to try and
get everyone to something!

Dates for diaries are....

March

No formal session - allowing people to attend Lent course.
Read book - Women of Holy Week

April - Saturday 13th 10.45am

Meet at café church for book discussion (Women of Holy Week)

May - Tuesday 14th 7pm

Delivering Christian Aid envelopes (then cake at Kate K's house)

June - Saturday 8th

Day trip to Filey to visit AFIA caravan then fish and chips / beach walk

July Wednesday 10th

Evening prayer walk

August - Social/meal TBC

September - Thursday 12th 7.30pm

Crafts with Niki St Mary's room

October - Saturday 19th

MU coffee morning

November - Wednesday 6th

Planning session for 2025(!) 7.30pm @toms

November - Sunday 17th

Evensong York minster then supper in York

December Wreath making - date TBC

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!

1.30pm—3.00pm

Dates for this month's Ark: 7th and 21st March

From the Archives

1973 saw a parish outing to the north-east with a packed day.

PARISH OUTING

Saturday morning, the 8th September, dawned brightly with the promise of a day's settled weather — just what was required for a successful Parish Outing.

We left Boston Spa at 8-30 a.m. and a full coachload settled down to the first part of our journey which was to take us via the A1 and A19 to our initial stop to visit the ruins of Mount Grace Priory, or to give its full title, The House of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin and St. Nicholas of Mount Grace at Ingleby.

The Priory was founded by the Carthusian Order in 1397 where the monks, according to their strict rule, lived in separate cells.

We were greeted by the custodian Harvey Haines who gave us a most interesting talk about the history of the Priory and the Carthusian Order during which we learned how the Prior of the Grand Chartreuse, the Mother house of the Order, had given his assent to the nomination of the first prior at Mount Grace.

After wandering awhile amongst the ruins we re-commenced the journey to our next destination which was to be St. Paul's Church and the Monastery at Jarrow. Our arrival co-incided with lunch time and a short detour to South Shields enabled us to enjoy the hospitality which had been offered by the members of St. Hilda's Church at South Shields when they had learnt earlier of our proposed visit to Jarrow. Here at the Youth Centre we were kindly provided with tea, coffee and fellowship to supplement our packed lunches.

We found the ancient church of St. Paul's standing in a park area close to a modern oil installation and other industrial establishments.

Here we learnt how originally two Saxon Churches had been built on the site about 15 feet apart. After the destruction of the Monastery by the Vikings the two Churches were joined together by a tower and the smaller Saxon Church, Tower and remains of the Norman Monastery are still standing.

Our visit was in the form of a modern day pilgrimage as this year marks the 1,300th anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Bede who in the original monastery at Jarrow did so much to enrich the art of learning and where besides being a Theologian and Biblical Commentator he was a Scientist, Geographer and Historian. A very fine carving of the Venerable Bede, which was produced from a tree trunk, now stands in the church beneath the tower.

Our journey then took us back along the A1 to the City of Durham where after Evensong we enjoyed a conducted tour of this magnificent Cathedral during which we were reminded of our visit to Jarrow when we saw the tomb of the Venerable Bede.

We all joined together to enjoy an excellent meal at the Douglas Restaurant in Durham which rounded off a memorable day finally arriving back in Boston Spa at 9-30 p.m.

Our grateful thanks go to John Townend whose careful planning enabled yet another successful Parish Outing to run so smoothly, also to Brian the coach driver whose co-operation and cheerfulness are becoming part of our outings.

EffTee.

Forthcoming Events



**? CALL
MY ?
BLUFF**

A GAME OF
BLUFF AND
DOUBLE BLUFF

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

Come and Celebrate with us!

Wetherby Choral Society's 50th Anniversary Concert

(in partnership with the RNLI)

R Vaughan-Williams - *Sea Symphony*

Mendelssohn - *Hebrides Overture*

Elgar - *Sea Pictures*

Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 7.30pm
St James Church, Wetherby

Tickets are £18 (under 18s free) and available from:

Ticket Manager (07443 466254), by email
tickets@wetherbychoral.org.uk, Nicolla Florist, 1 Bank Street Wetherby
(01937 585233) or any member of the choir

PLANT, CRAFT and GIFT FAIR

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAMHAM

Saturday 27th April - 11am - 2pm

All proceed to All Saints' Church



FREE ENTRY



BEDDING PLANTS

ANNUALS

PERENNIALS

VEGETABLES

HERBS

SHRUBS

CAKES

SCONES

TRAYBAKES

PRESERVES

TEA, COFFEE

JUICE

FUDGE

CANDLES

CARDS

JEWELLERY

FABRIC CRAFTS

AND SO MUCH MORE

If you would like to donate any plants, cakes or preserves please contact Emma on 07740166706 or drop off at the church on 27th April from 9.30am. Thank you.

SUMMER CLUB

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

Can you help?
Do you want to volunteer for 3
mornings?

Summer Club at
St. Mary's Church
Boston Spa

*help with
resourcing
activities*

9.30am for a 10am start
finish 1.00pm
24th - 26th July 2024

*help with
refreshments*

*help with
craft activities*

For more information contact The Parish Office
01937 844402
bramhambenefice@outlook.com



*Tree Works by
Boston Spa
Wetherby & Villages
Green Group*



We started planting trees at Wattle Syke a couple of years ago and this year, we replaced a few trees that died in the summer drought (amazing how little we lost). We've also reinforced the boundary hedge with 160 hawthorn and a few crab apple. To date, we've planted over 350 trees at Wattle Syke.

Along the boundary wall between the Church and the car park at Church Fields, planting was put in about 10 years ago which we've done some work on as otherwise, some of the young trees would grow very large and obscure the view of the Church as you enter Boston Spa. So we cut down, coppiced or layered some of these as part of a new hedge along the wall. With correct cutting, this hedge will be thick and full of wildlife, and grow in height about a metre in 30 years.



The trees around the car park at Church Fields will also be worked on to create short sections of hedge with the aim to enhance the best trees and enrich the habitat of the area. The meadow hedge at Church Fields is also being worked on in sections and has had about 35 new trees planted this year.

Mike Gadd

Offering care to families when they need us most



For 37 years, Martin House Children's Hospice has been proudly part of the Boston Spa community.

The peaceful surroundings of the village have provided a restful backdrop for hundreds of families who have used Martin House throughout those years.

At Martin House, we provide specialist palliative care to babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions. This includes planned respite stays, giving parents a break and a chance to enjoy quality family time together, while our specialist team look after their poorly child.

We also offer emergency stays, or symptom control stays, when a child becomes more unwell, along with end of life care, and care after death, which gives families precious time to say goodbye.

Martin House is open 24/7, 365 days a year, which means help and advice is available to families whenever they need it – we are just a phone call away.

There is so much more to the care we give, and we are delighted to have the opportunity here to share more about the work we do, along with news about our activities and events. You can also find out more about us and how to support us at our website:

www.martinhouse.org.uk.

Boston Spa Surgery, Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Notes from meeting held on 16th January 2024

Alison Briscoe, the Practice Manager, was pleased to report that the alterations at the Surgery are complete with a new 7th clinical room created plus a new meeting room and an improved office for herself. The improved ramp access and automatic doors are much appreciated by patients and an automated door opening device will be fitted to the front door as soon as possible. The new PPG noticeboard provides information relating to matters raised by patients and actions taken in response to these matters. There is now a reserved parking bay for disabled patients holding the appropriate badge which is currently indicated by a blue sign in the carpark even though at present it is also indicated as a reserve space for Doctors. Arrangements are in hand for the usual disabled sign to put in place on the parking bay.

The staffing team has been enhanced by 3 paramedics being appointed to our Primary Care Network (PCN). Leanne and Sarah are our visiting paramedics who look after the 5 practices in our PCN doing home visits. Lewis is our ACP (advanced clinical practitioner) paramedic who holds a clinic in the surgery on a Tuesday. Lewis is qualified to prescribe medication.

In attendance at our meeting were Jo Lee and Steph Morton who are the surgery's Care Coordinators whose role is to focus on those patients who are especially frail or vulnerable. Jo and Steph visit patients in the safety of their homes and listen to their health concerns or care needs and put them in touch with appropriate clinicians when needed. They are also able to help those who are dealing with loneliness or feeling isolated. Jo and Steph will also make sure that these patients have had a structured medication review to ensure they are on the most appropriate medication. Do please contact the reception team if you know of anyone who might benefit from seeing a care coordinator.

The current Shingles Campaign entitles everyone aged between 70 and 79 to receive the vaccine as are those who were aged 65 as from the 1st September 2023. Also, those with a weakened immune system and are aged 50 may receive the vaccine. Please enquire at the surgery if you wish to receive this important vaccine.

I know I always end this brief report by saying how fortunate we are in having an excellent GP Surgery in our village but it remains true. We must continue to do what we can to help them to help us. Do let the receptionists have your mobile phone number and email address in order to speed up communications and if you are not already using the online facility, please join up – it's quite easy since even I can use it!

David Coates
PPG Member

Food Bank Donations

Thank you for your ongoing generous donations towards our local foodbank which is part of the Trussell Trust. Below is the list of donations that the Food Bank needs now:



Please drop your donations off at:

- Bramham Church porch 10am – 4pm, 7 days a week
- St Mary's Boston Spa 9am - 3pm, 7 days a week and Wed 2-4pm.

WiSE Cafe

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 3 pm, for Breakfast/Tea/Coffee, & Lunch



The WiSE Owl Cafe in Boston Spa is a friendly local meeting place - come and visit and try our new additions to the menu as well as our hot weekly special.

JAZZ *in the* **Spa**

March 16th 8.00pm The Dixiebeats

The Dixiebeats are a very entertaining six piece Dixieland jazz band. Expect a variety of classic jazz and blues with the odd mainstream number and dip or two into the Great American Songbook, all interspersed with banter. This band play to a high musical standard but with an emphasis on fun. Come and see for yourself, you won't be disappointed.

March 23rd 8.00pm Georgina Jackson

Widely acknowledged as the finest female lead trumpet in the UK and one of the top jazz vocalists we are excited to have our first visit from Georgina backed by Andy Cholerton on piano, Paul Smith on drums, José Canha on bass and the highly regarded Derrick Harris on guitar.

From the BBC Big Band and Concert Orchestra and singing in session with the BBC Band to the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall Georgina's unique talents have captivated and excited audiences of every age!

Nostalgia at the Village Hall

Ken Waller's singalong - singing songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s in a relaxed and easy style.

Meetings held on first Friday of each month

The Jubilee Room at Boston Spa Village Hall from 1.30-3.30pm
£4 includes refreshments

Dates can be found on the Village Hall Website bookings page.
Proceeds towards Village Hall improvements, for more information call
Brenda 07774 125821

Boston Spa Gardening Society

**Meetings held on last Wednesday of
the month September - May at
Deepdale Community Centre
Doors open 7pm
Raffle and refreshments!**



Tracing Boston Spa's history at the Linton Antique Society

We return to Linton Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday 14 March when Leslie Newnham takes us through the history of Boston Spa, from its beginnings as an agricultural hamlet to its flowering as a fashionable Georgian spa only to fall from favour in the mid-19th century. She will look at the personalities involved in its history and the legacy of fine buildings that trace their origins to Boston Spa's Georgian heyday.

You can join the Society at www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk or by contacting the Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815. Membership fees are £25, individual, and £45, joint. Non-members can attend this meeting for a fee of £10.

The Linton Antique Society is proposing a coach trip to Wentworth Woodhouse on Thursday 9 May 2024. Wentworth Woodhouse is one of the grandest stately homes and boasts the longest frontage in the country, 365 rooms and a remarkable story.

The trip will include the Black Diamonds tour, based on the book by Catherine Bailey which gives considerable insight into the history of the house and takes us into parts of the house not ordinarily open to the public.

There is a café, and gardens to walk round. The Wentworth Garden Centre with a large café is a short walk away.

This trip is open to anyone, and if you are interested please contact Alison Smith either by email on: alison44smith@btinternet.com or by phone on 01937 572984

A Prayer for March

Almighty God,

You hold all things in Your hands. You make sense of everything!
So often we only see where we are now, what we feel now, in this moment – but You know the end from the beginning.

In all our troubles, our assurance is in Your sovereignty, in Your mighty act of salvation.

Thank you that, just as after winter comes spring and after night comes morning, so, most gloriously, after death on Good Friday, comes resurrection on Easter Day!

Christ is Risen – and we can know, by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, that He is risen indeed!

We can know, in our real and every-day lives, where our help comes from.

Hallelujah! Thank you, living Lord,
In Jesus name.

Amen.

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