

Newsletter

November 16th 2025

The Bramham Benefice

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Services this week across the Benefice

16th Nov 8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa
9.30am Parish Worship, Walton
10am Communion, Bramham
10am Communion, Boston Spa
11am Communion, Clifford
3.30pm Even Song, Throp Arch

16th November
Malachi 4.1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-10



Join us, light up the first candle...

ADVENT

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 30th November
St Edwards Church, Clifford
3.30pm





Thank you to Woodrow Burton
from Tadcaster Airforce Cadets
who expressed an interest in
playing the last post for us at the
Thorp Arch memorial on
Sunday.

It made such a difference to have
him playing and everyone really
appreciated it.

Thank you

One of our local saints has been called to glory. Dorothy Mullen - known to everyone from time immemorial as Dolly - died last week in Harrogate District Hospital after a relatively short period of ill health. It has felt rather strange to all of us at All Saints' Church in recent weeks not to have Dolly worshipping with us as there has not been a period anyone can remember when she took more than an occasional Sunday off. Hers was often the first face people saw as they were welcomed into the church, whether on Sundays or for weddings and funerals when, in recent years, Dolly has been verger. Her calm, sensible, and unfussy approach to that role has set at ease many an usher at weddings in their task, and clergy have all appreciated Dolly's kind, pastoral and well organised presence as verger. But wider than that, Dolly has been a well-loved member of our congregation and the wider village and farming communities over many years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Led by Rt Revd Dr Flora Winfield, Bishop of Selby

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Sunday 7th December 2025
10am

Refreshments served in the village hall after the service
All Welcome

Christmas

across the Benefice

15th Nov		Christmas Fair at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
21st Nov	6pm	Bramham Lights Switch On in Bramham village
29th Nov		Community Craft activities at All Saints', Bramham
29th Nov	4.30pm	Walton Lights Switch On in Walton village
30th Nov	3.30pm	Christians Together Advent Service at St. Edward's, Clifford
6th Dec	11am	Christmas Fair at All Saints', Bramham
7th Dec	10am	Confirmation Service at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
8th Dec	6.30pm	Community Carols in The Albion pub, Clifford
14th Dec	12.30pm	Harmony 'Advent theme' at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
14th Dec	4pm	Carol Service at All Saints', Bramham
19th Dec	6pm	Carols in the churchyard at All Saints', Bramham
20th Dec	3.30pm	Lessons and Carols at St Luke's, Clifford
21st Dec	9.30am	Lessons and Carols at All Saints', Thorp Arch
21st Dec	9.30am	Lessons and Carols at St. Peter's, Walton
21st Dec	4pm	Carols Service at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
24th Dec	3pm	Crib Service at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
24th Dec	4pm	Crib Service at All Saints', Bramham
24th Dec	9pm	1st Mass of Christmas at St. Luke's, Clifford
24th Dec	11pm	Midnight Mass at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
24th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at All Saints', Bramham
24th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at All Saints', Thorp Arch
25th Dec	8am	BCP at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
25th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Peter's, Walton
25th Dec	10am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Boston Spa
25th Dec	10am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Bramham
25th Dec	11am	Holy Communion at St. Luke's, Clifford
28th Dec	10am	Benefice Communion at St Peter's, Walton



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 9.30am Parish Worship, Walton
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 10am Communion, Boston Spa
 11am Communion, Clifford
 3.30pm Even Song, Throp Arch

23rd Nov 8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa
 9.30am Parish Worship, Throp Arch
 9.30am Communion, Walton
 10am Communion, Bramham
 10am Communion, Boston Spa
 11am Communion, Clifford

30th Nov 8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa
 10am Benefice Service
 at All Saints' Church, Throp Arch

Readings

16th November
Malachi 4.1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-10

23rd November
Jerimiah 23.1-6
Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

30th November
Isaiah 2.1-5
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44



If you are unable to join us for worship on a Sunday in person,
go over to

<https://bramhambenefice.org/>

and watch the Service from St. Mary's Church every Sunday

Sunday services at St Mary's are livestreamed on our YouTube channel:
www.worshipwhereveryouare.live/joinus

Regular weekly services in addition to our main Sunday services

10am, Wednesday - Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

10am - 12noon, Saturdays - Café Church in the St Mary's Room

8am Sundays, - Holy Communion Service according to the Book of Common Prayer

1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa.

2nd Sunday of the month at All Saints', Thorp Arch

6pm Sunday, - Compline at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa (a short service of Night Prayer)

9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

10am 1st Tuesday of the month, starting 2nd December Holy Communion in the Chapel of Our Lady, Bramham Park, a traditional language service using the Book of Common Prayer.

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

BAPTISMS

Emilia-Grace Fisher
 16th November 2025
 St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

George Levenston
 16th November 2025
 All Saints' Church, Bramham

WEDDINGS

The recently departed, and those being laid to rest around this time:

Margaret Learmonth
Sheila Bowes
Sheila Morton
Anne Hall
Dolly Mullen

FUNERALS

Margaret Learmonth
 17th November 2025
 11.45am
 St Marys Church, Boston Spa

Sheila Bowes
 18th November 2025
 11.30am
 St Marys Church, Boston Spa

Sheila Morton
 20th November 2025
 12.30pm
 St Marys Church, Boston Spa

Anne Hall
 27th November 2025
 11.45am
 All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

Dolly Mullen
 2nd December 2025
 11am
 All Saints' Church, Bramham

Pastoral

If you hear of a parishioner who is ill or facing challenges who might appreciate a call or visit from one of our pastoral team, please contact Rev'd Trish Anslow to make us aware of their circumstances. Clergy do not automatically know when people are ill or when life throws them a curved ball, and are completely reliant on the church family to tell them.

Christmas Donation Appeal

Put a smile on the face of a child in need this Christmas

For Christmas this year, we want to make sure that **every child we support receives a brand new outfit.**

From newborns, toddlers, teenagers and young adults, we hope to spread festive cheer to as many children as possible – up and down the country – with brand new outfits and pyjamas.

But we need your help.
Perhaps you could pick up an extra item of clothing when you do your Christmas shopping this year?

Or help us spread the word by sharing this poster?

However you can support us, it won't go unnoticed!

Find your local donation drop-off point at theclothingbank.org.uk/locations





We believe

A series of three Advent reflections on the Nicene Creed whose 1700th Anniversary falls this year.

5pm at St Mary's, Boston Spa led by The Rev'd Nick Morgan

Sunday 30th November God the Father

Sunday 7th December God the Son

Sunday 14th December God the Holy Spirit

Reflections take place in the side chapel at the front of St Mary's Church, Boston Spa LS23 6DR, starting at 5pm, and concluding with Compline at 6pm




YOU ARE INVITED TO

COMMUNITY CAROLS

AT THE ALBION PUB CLIFFORD

LED BY REV. NICK MORGAN

MONDAY AT 6.30pm

8th DEC 2025

CHRISTMAS CORNUCOPIA

Local Makers Market
Live Music
Coffee & Cake
Raffle & Tombola



SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

10 - 3

St Mary's Church
Boston Spa

Events around the Benefice



Christmas Crafting Morning

Come along as a family and make three Christmas crafts to start your festive fun!



Saturday 29 November
All Saints' Church, Bramham
 10AM-2PM

Includes light seasonal refreshments. If you're definitely coming please could you let us know by contacting the Rev'd Hannah Moore on hmgm3@cantab.ac.uk, but all are welcome on the day.

Bereavement Cafe

A safe place to meet with others experiencing grief

Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat
 1st Thursday of the month
 10:30am to 12pm

Free to Attend at
 St Mary's Church
 Parish Room
 Boston Spa LS23 6DR

CONTACT JO FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Harmony

A worshipping community where deaf and hearing people gather to eat, pray, and respond to God's Word together.

Our December meeting will have an Advent Theme

Where: The Parish Room at St Mary's Church, Boston Spa
 When: The 2nd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm - 2.30pm
 What: A light lunch followed by a time of prayer, Bible reading and worship.



First date: July 14th 2024

No charge for lunch – pay as you are able, or simply be our guest.
 St Mary's Church, High St. Boston Spa. LS23 6DR

Refresh Parents Cafe

Thursdays Term time 1pm to 2:30pm

The Parish Room at
 St Mary's Church Boston Spa

Refreshments and childrens activities.
 Donations welcome but not required.



Parents of all aged children come and take a breather.



For more information contact

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Facebook: [bramhambenefice](https://www.facebook.com/bramhambenefice)





St Peter's Church are running a family tombola at the

**Christmas Light Switch On
in Walton
on Saturday November 29th**

If anyone would like to donate a tombola prize please contact

Anne 842561

Doreen 07729812901

Audrey 844906

We can collect.

Alternatively prizes can be dropped off the St. Mary's Church Parish Office

Please donate prizes before 23rd November



Bramham

Christmas Fair

including Christmas
Stocking Competition

All Saints' Church, Bramham

11am - 3pm

- Refreshments
- Stalls
- Meet Santa
- Craft activities

**SATURDAY
6th
DECEMBER**

A free event for the entire family to enjoy!

If you would like to display a stocking please contact Jillian on 07858293980.

If you would like a stall please contact Emma 07740166706
email - allsaintsbramham2020@gmail.com

Kippax Brass Band

Christmas Concert at Bramham Park



Monday 15th December 2025

7.30pm

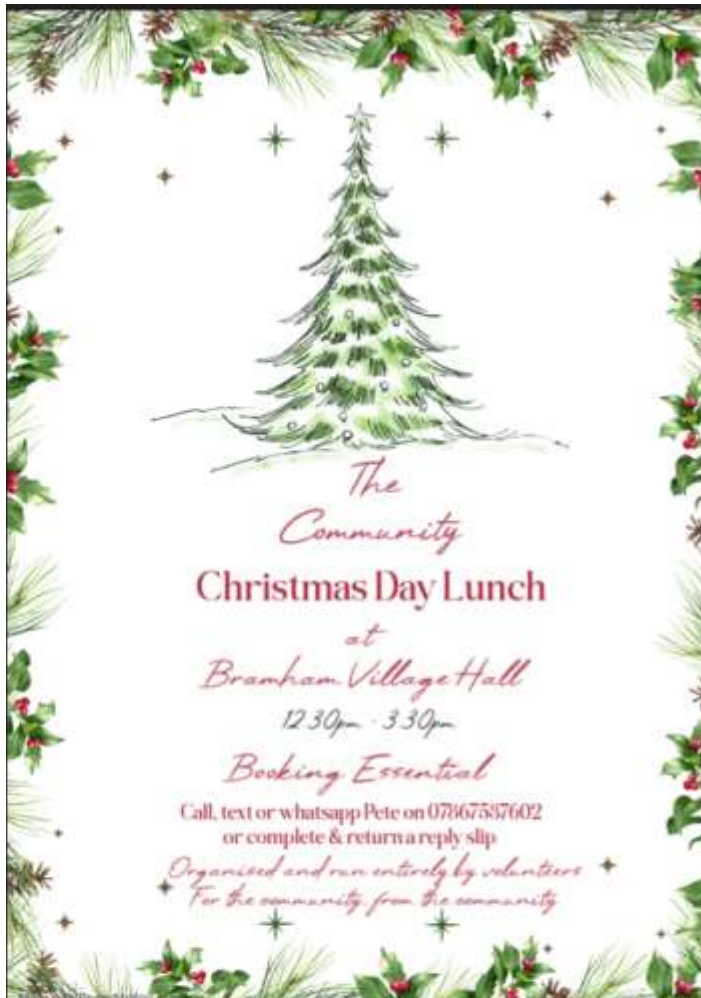
Proceeds for

All Saints' Parish Church, Bramham

Tickets £25 each

Contact Anne Palmer for tickets on: 01937 842850





The Community Christmas Day Lunch in

Bramham Village Hall

(12.30pm – 3.30pm)

Reply Slip

Will you join us for the Christmas Day lunch? You might be single, widowed, mother and daughter, father and son, neighbours, friends, married couple, unmarried couple, or any combination. All welcome!!!

Please fill in the details below and either pop it through the Village Hall's letterbox, or leave it at the Church.

Your Name.....

Your Address.....

Your phone no.....

Any Dietary requirements.....

I would like transport

I will be accompanied by.....

**There will be no
Café Church on
Saturday 27th
December**



**Every Saturday
10am - 12 noon
St Mary's Church**

**A warm welcome for all ages
Coffee and refreshments
including home-baked cakes.**

Children's activities

**10 minute "Pause for Thought" at
11.15am**

**Pay as you feel
Everyone Welcome**



Carol Service

at All Saints' Church,
Bramham

Sunday 14th December
4pm



**FRIDAY
19TH
DECEMBER**
FROM 6PM

Join us for
Christmas
**CAROLS IN THE
CHURCHYARD**
**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
BRAMHAM**
**DON'T FORGET TO
BRING A TORCH**

St. Luke's Church
Clifford

Lessons and Carols

Saturday 20th
December | 3.30pm

Christmas
Lessons and Carols
Sunday 21st December 2025
9.30am
**St. Peter's Church
Walton**

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
THORP ARCH

Lessons and Carols

Sunday 21st December

9.30 am

ALL WELCOME




Crib Services

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025

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



St Mary's Church

JOIN US FOR OUR

Christmas

CAROL SERVICE

21st December at 4pm

Children, Families and Community

We have a number of groups to offer support to families, and services which are designed to be especially welcoming to parents who think their children might not be comfortable in more traditional Sunday services. Please note that children are always welcome at any Sunday service - we don't expect them to be still or silent by any means!

Worship and prayer

Café Church - Saturday 10am - 12noon at St Mary's. Light refreshments in our café - pay as you feel! A pause for thought and prayer around 11.15am.

All Together - 1st Sunday of the month, 10am at St Mary's with music from our worship group

St. Mary's Email Prayer Group - if you would like to include someone on the prayer list please contact Niki on: stmarysprayer18@gmail.com

St Mary's School Chapel - an area in St Mary's Church with prayer materials drawn from St Mary's School provides a focus for private prayer

Harmony - 2nd Sunday of the month, 12.30-2.30pm at St Mary's. A light lunch followed by a time of worship and prayer. Deaf, hearing impaired and hearing people worshipping together. Note this service does not run in August. Next service is September 14th.

Support

You've Got This - a group for parents or carers of children with additional needs

Bereavement Café - a monthly support group for those navigating the loss of a loved one
Contact Jo Davies: 07783 336436 beneficeconnectionsminister@gmail.com about either group

Fellowship

Refresh Parents' Café - 1-2.30pm on Thursdays in term time at St Mary's.

Beer and Banter - a men's group, meeting monthly (2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in The Crown, Boston Spa. Contact the Parish Office to be put in touch with the organisers of these groups.

St Mary's Church Choir - a friendly SATB choir who sing every Sunday and rehearse on Thursday evenings. Contact Steve Aston if you want to join us - 01904 625714

4 Lessons on the Words of the Eucharist Course - a 4 session course led by Revd. Hannah. 7pm - 8.30pm at St Mary's Church. 7th and 21st October / 4th and 18th November for more information and to book on this course contact Revd Hannah 07449537241

Confirmation Classes - Sunday 26th October 1pm-6.30pm and November 23rd 4pm-6.30pm

Collection Points for Clothing Bank and Food Bank
St. Mary's, Boston Spa & All Saints', Bramham

