

Newsletter

November 9th 2025

The Bramham Benefice

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Services this week across the Benefice

9th Nov	8am	Communion (BCP), Thorp Arch
	9.30am	Communion, Walton
	10am	Remembrance Service, Bramham
	10am	Remembrance Service, Boston Spa
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance Thorp Arch Green
	11am	Village Act of Remembrance, Clifford
	6pm	Compline, Boston Spa

9th November
Job 19.23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2.1 -
5,13-17
Luke 20.27-38



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

The Reverend Glenda Webb has stepped down from her role of Associate Priest in the Bramham Benefice. Glenda has retired from licensed ministry in the Diocese of York but will continue to offer her services as a Spiritual Director in the Diocese.

Rev'd Glenda was licensed to the parishes of Lower Wharfe and Thorp Arch in June 2022 and to Clifford in December 2023. As well as leading weekly, Sunday services, Glenda developed links with Bramham School and had a particular pastoral focus at All Saints' Church in Bramham where she introduced a monthly Celtic Communion service. Rev'd Nick Morgan writes, "Glenda brought a wealth of experience as a Chaplain and Spiritual Director to ministry in our parishes, joining us initially with a particular focus on developing our Children's Ministry. In her time with us Glenda has worked across the whole range of parish ministry in our villages: taking weddings and funerals, pastoral visiting, being involved in baptism preparation, schools' work and much else. Glenda also chaired the local Christians Together group from July 2024 until her sabbatical began this year. Her prayerful approach, pastoral concern for people, and creative approach to ministry has contributed to the vibrancy of the life of our churches in recent years. We shall miss her!"



Join us, light up the first candle...

ADVENT

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 30th November
St Edwards Church, Clifford
3.30pm



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



November services:

Readings

9th Nov 8am Communion (BCP), Thorp Arch
 9.30am Communion, Walton
 10am Remembrance Service, Bramham
 10am Remembrance Service, Boston Spa
 10.50am Act of Remembrance Thorp Arch Green
 11am Village Act of Remembrance, Clifford
 6pm Compline, Boston Spa

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, Thorp Arch

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

9th November
Job 19.23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17
Luke 20.27-38

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



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

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

Valerie Hall

27th November 2025

11.45am

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

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.

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

Margaret Learmonth

Sheila Bowes

Sheila Morton

Valerie Hall

Dolly Mullen

Events around the Benefice

St Mary's Church Boston Spa **100 Club** 2025 / 2026

Letters have been distributed for the 100 Club and this is just a reminder to return your completed slip with a cheque or cash before the draws commence in December.

THANK YOU so much for your continued support towards raising funds for St Mary's Church.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, so if you are thinking of joining the 'Club' PLEASE, PLEASE DO SO by contacting Freda or Margaret

Freda Scarr - 01937 842297
Margaret Barker - 01937 844263

**100
CLUB**



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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:
07783336436

beneficeconnectionsminister@gmail.com



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



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





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





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.

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



YOU ARE INVITED TO

COMMUNITY CAROLS

AT THE ALBION PUB
CLIFFORD

LED BY REV. NICK MORGAN

MONDAY AT 6.30pm
8th DEC 2025

All Saints' Church Bramham Christmas Fair

and
Christmas Tree Competition

Saturday 6th December
11am - 3pm

Tombola Prizes

Please donate tombola prizes before
28th November

Drop Off Points
Church (see box near notice board)
16 Firbeck Road
or The Old School House (opposite the Doctors)

Lady Elizabeth Hastings' CE VA Primary School
Serving Thorp Arch, Walton and surrounding areas.
Dowkell Lane · Thorp Arch · Wetherby · LS25 7AQ · Tel: 01937 842566

Open Day Reception 2026

Thursday 16th October 9.45am - 11.45am
Wednesday 19th November 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 4th December 9.45am - 11.45am

Meet the pupils and staff and find out more about how our vision of living and learning together in the light of God is applied in our daily life at school.

MyBus - P45
Dedicated school bus route servicing Bramham, Clifford, Boston Spa, Thorp Arch and Walton

Forest School
with weekly sessions

Wharfe Valley Learning Partnership
group of schools (WVLP)

Good SIAMS report
October 2022

Website: www.ladyhastings-thorparch.leeds.sch.uk
Email: Office@thorparch-leh.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Katie Barnett

Please call 01937 842566 to book a space

"Early Years provision at the school is exceptional" Ofsted July 2024

OPEN EVENTS FOR 25/26 INTAKE

ST MARY'S
Church of England Primary School
Courage, Compassion, Community

ABOUT US

St Mary's is an inclusive school set within extensive, impressive grounds at the heart of Boston Spa. We warmly welcome children of all faiths and those of none.

- Excellent KS2 results - well above the national average
- Weekly Forest School for all children - all year round
- Before & After School Club providing wraparound care for families
- A nurturing, inspiring environment where every child can flourish

OUR OPEN EVENTS

13th November 2025 - 18:00
20th November 2025 - 10:00
27th November 2025 - 18:00

Please contact the school office to book a place or to organise a private tour.
We look forward to showing you around our wonderful school.

Ofsted (2025)
Good in all areas
"The school is ambitious for all pupils to achieve well."

SIAMS
"A nurturing approach to learning enables pupils to grow academically and spiritually"

St Mary's C.E. School, Clifford Road, Boston Spa, West Yorkshire, LS23 8DH
schooloffice@stmaryscope.org.uk
(01937) 844395



**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**



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

