

Newsletter

December 7th 2025

The Bramham Benefice

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Services this week across the Benefice

7th Dec

8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa

9.30am Parish Worship, Thorp Arch

10am Celtic Communion, Bramham

10am Confirmation Service, Boston Spa

11am Parish Worship, Clifford

7th December

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Bramham  

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Led by Rt Revd Dr Flora Winfield, Bishop of Selby

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

Sunday 7th December 2025
10am

Refreshments in the Parish Room after the service.
All Welcome

November services:

7th Dec 8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa
 9.30am Parish Worship, Thorp Arch
 10am Celtic Communion, Bramham
 10am Confirmation Service, Boston Spa
 11am Parish Worship, Clifford

14th Dec 8am Communion (BCP), Thorp Arch
 9.30am Communion, Walton
 10am Celtic Communion, Bramham
 10am Communion, Boston Spa
 11am Communion, Clifford
 4.30pm Carol Service, Bramham

21st Dec 8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa
 9.30am Carol Service, Walton
 9.30am Carol Service, Thorp Arch
 10am Communion Service, Bramham
 10am Confirmation Service, Boston Spa
 11am Communion, Clifford
 4pm Carol Service, Boston Spa

28th Dec 8am Communion (BCP), Boston Spa
 10am Benefice Communion, Walton

Readings

7th December
Isaiah 11.1-10
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

14th December
Isaiah 35.1-10
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

14th December
Isaiah 35.1-10
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

28th December
Isaiah 63.7-9
Hebrews 2.10-18
Matthew 2.13-23

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, JANUARY 2026 Holy Communion in the Chapel of Our Lady, Bramham Park, a traditional language service using the Book of Common Prayer.

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

BAPTISMS

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Peter Morgan

8th December 2025

1pm

St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

John Meaden

12th December 2025

11.40am

Bishophthorpe Crematorium

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:

Anne Hall

Dolly Mullen

Peter Morgan

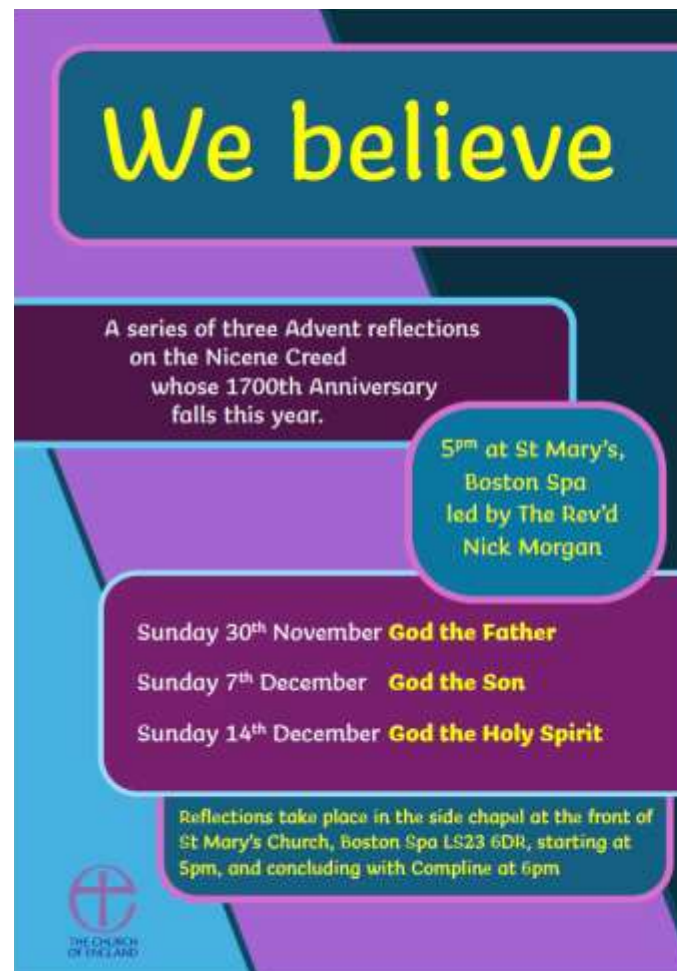
John Meaden

Christmas

across the Benefice

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





St Peters Church, Waltn
would like to thank all those
who supported the tombola,
raffle and silent auction at
the Walton Lights Switch on.
A £417.30 profit was made.





YOU ARE INVITED TO
**COMMUNITY
CAROLS**

**AT THE ALBION PUB
CLIFFORD**

LED BY REVD. NICK MORGAN

**MONDAY AT 6.30pm
8th DEC 2025**

St Mary's Church
Christmas Decorations
2025

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.

These can be brought to Church at
10.00am on Saturday 13th December -
we would be very grateful!

Many Thanks, Sandra
07940000281

Kippax Brass Band

Christmas Concert at Bramham Park

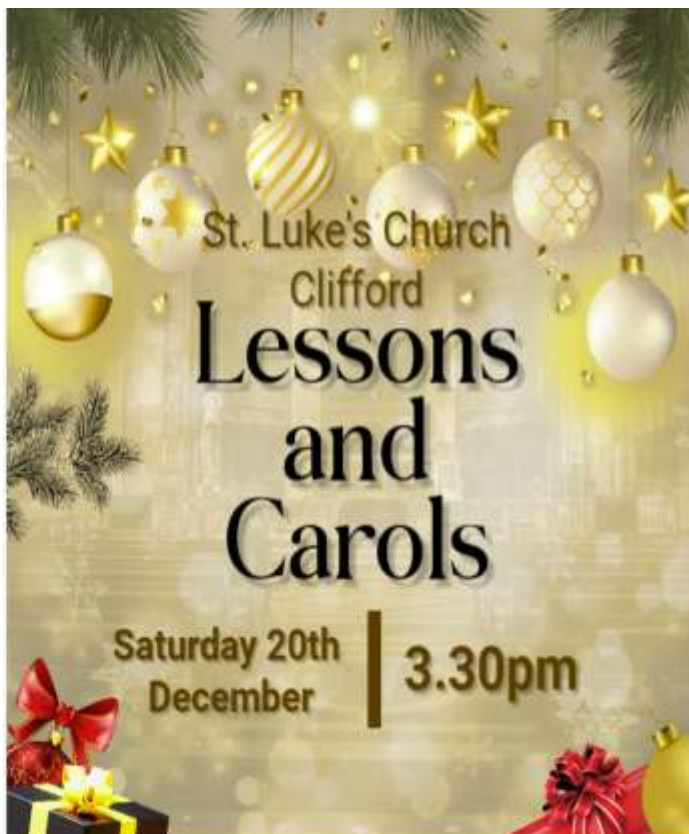


Monday 15th December 2025

7.30pm

Proceeds for
All Saints' Parish Church, Bramham
Tickets £25 each

Contact Anne Palmer for tickets on: 01937 842850



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
THORP ARCH

Lessons and Carols

Sunday 21st December

9.30 am

ALL WELCOME

A colorful illustration of a nativity scene. Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is seated to her left. Three wise men are kneeling on the right, offering gifts. The scene is set in a stable with a large yellow star above the entrance. The background is dark blue with white stars.

Crib Services
WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025

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

A decorative border featuring green pine branches, red holly leaves, gold and silver Christmas lights, and gold and silver stars.

St Mary's Church
JOIN US FOR OUR
Christmas
CAROL SERVICE
21st December at 4pm



The
Children's
Society

Come and join us for our Christingle Celebration

Sunday 4th January 10am

St Mary's Church Boston Spa

Make your own Christingle to take home

All proceeds for The Children's Society



Winter Bird Feeding Tips

Don't put out too much

Stale food can encourage harmful bacteria to develop.

Clean feeders & table regularly

Use a pet safe disinfectant and hot water regularly to help prevent the transfer of infections between birds.

Provide fresh water

Birds need to bathe to keep feathers in good condition and keep them warm, especially in winter. Keep bird baths clear of ice.

Foods to provide

Proprietary seed mixes and fat balls/blocks (remove plastic mesh which can trap bird's feet).

Household scraps such as raw fats, suet and lard, mild grated cheese, cooked potatoes. Fruits such as apples and dried fruits, raisins and sultanas.

Foods to avoid

White bread, milk, salty or spicy food, loose whole peanuts, desiccated coconut. Runny fats from cooking, vegetable oils and margarines can clog feathers and cause birds to lose valuable insulation.



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



Elves and Reindeer

The elves and reindeer are getting
ready for a meeting with Santa.

14 of them have arrived.

If they have 38 legs between them,
how many reindeer are at the meeting
and how many elves are at the
meeting?



1. [Answer to last weeks puzzle -](#)
12 Christmas cards are given out altogether. If 7 friends each
give each other cards, 42 cards would be given out.

 **Bramham**

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

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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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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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

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

