Newsletter

15th November 2026

The Bramham Benefice

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Facebook.com/BramhamBenefice

www.bramhambenefice.org

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CHRISTMAS CORNUCOPIA

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 10AM-2PM

Local Makers Market
20 stalls with beautiful hand-made Christmas gifts

Live Music
Just for Fun Theatre Group
Voices of Rock Choir
Organ Recital

Coffee & Cakes
served all day
Raffle & Tombola
Children's Chocolate Tombola
Drop off your donations for the **Clothing Bank Christmas Appeal**



St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Due essential works on local trees and electricity turned off.

November Services:

15th November	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) Boston Spa
	9.30am	Parish Worship, Walton
	10am	Holy Communion, Boston Spa
	10am	Holy Communion, Bramham
	11am	Holy Communion, Clifford
	3.30pm	Evensong, Thorp Arch

Readings

15th November
Zeph 1.7, 12-end
1 Thess 5.1-11
Matt 25. 14-30

22nd November	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) Boston Spa
	9.30am	Parish Worship, Thorp Arch
	9.30am	Holy Communion, Walton
	10am	Holy Communion, Boston Spa
	10am	Parish Worship, Bramham
	11am	Parish Worship, Clifford

22th November
Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24
Eph 1.15-end
Matt 25.31-end

29th November	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) Boston Spa
	10am	Benefice Holy Communion, Boston Spa
	3.30pm	Christians Together Advent Service, Clifford Methodist Church

29th November
Isaiah 64.1-9
1 Cor 1.3-9
Matt 13.24-37

6th December	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) Boston Spa
	9.30am	Holy Communion, Thorp Arch
	10am	Christingle Service, Boston Spa
	10am	Christingle Service, Bramham
	11am	Holy Communion, Clifford

6th December
Isaiah 40.1-11
2 Peter 3.8-15a
Matt 1.1-8

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 (This will not be on, on 18th November 2026)

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)

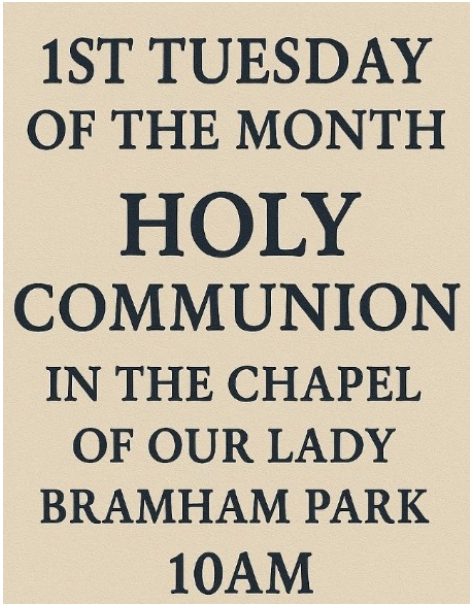
9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa

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

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

www.worshipwhereveryouare.live/joinus

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



OCCASIONAL OFFICES

BAPTISMS	WEDDINGS	FUNERALS
		Lorna Farndale St Mary's Church, Boston Spa 11am on Monday 16th November 2026 **Paul Marshall** All Saints' Church, Bramham 11.30am on Tuesday 17th November 2026 **Ian Hall** All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch 11am on Monday 23rd November 2026 **Pauline Hordern** St Mary's Church, Boston Spa 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th November 2026

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:

Hilary Maun
Ian Hall
Lorna Farndale
Paul Marshall
Pauline Hordern

Stable Cafe

All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch

at the church gates *(if raining indoors)*

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY of the month

9.30am - MIDDAY

Hot and cold drinks, along with cake / biscuits.



For walkers | dog walkers | cyclists | or anyone passing by

You've Got This at Boston Spa

A network for families and carers with children who have additional needs. A safe space to share experiences and information.



At St Mary's Church Parish Room LS23 6DR

Mondays Evenings 7:30pm to 9:00pm	September 21st October 19th November 16th December 14th

Contact Adele 0113 4504866 or email
adele.cooper@communitymatters.org.uk or
cassiechp@hotmail.co.uk



CAFÉ CHURCH

at St Mary's Church, Boston Spa

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

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STEP OUT FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Sponsor Revd. Nick's 15-mile pilgrimage from St Mary's Church, Boston Spa to York Minster on Thursday 10th December.

We are raising funds to create fully accessible toilet facilities at St Mary's, helping everyone take part in worship and community life.



Nick's target is £750 — and every donation will bring us closer.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SPONSOR NICK

Help us make St Mary's a church where everyone is welcome.

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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

Jo Davies : 07783336436

beneficeconnectionsminister@gmail.com

Facebook: bramhambenefice

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HARMONY

The Bramham Benefice

d/Deaf and hearing people worshipping together

2nd Sunday of the month

at St Mary's Church, Boston Spa. LS23 6DR

12.30pm – 2.30pm

7 bus (Leeds – Harrogate) stops just outside

12.30pm: light lunch together - pay as you feel
please tell us about any dietary requirements.
1.30pm: worship and prayer time
finishes at 2.30pm

No booking required, but for catering it would be useful if you let us know you're coming.

Our next meetings:

September 13th – Holy habits

October 11th – Harvest

No meeting in November

December 13th – Advent: get ready to welcome Jesus!

All welcome. Contact revnjmorgan@gmail.com or text / WhatsApp him on 07387 728 009 for more information

CHRISTMAS AT WALTON VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Lights & Craft Fair

Saturday 28 November • From 4.30pm



SUPPORTING ST PETER'S CHURCH

FAMILY TOMBOLA

Can you donate a prize?

Any donations for the Family Tombola would be greatly appreciated.

To donate, please contact:

Doreen Lister 07729 812901
Anne Kilby 01937 842561
Audrey Fothergill 01937 844906

Thank you for supporting our village church.

All donations to be received by Monday 23rd November. If you would like for your donation to be collected please contact us, or phone us to arrange drop off.

St Mary's Church



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Join our Christmas Choir!

Be part of our annual Community Carol Service

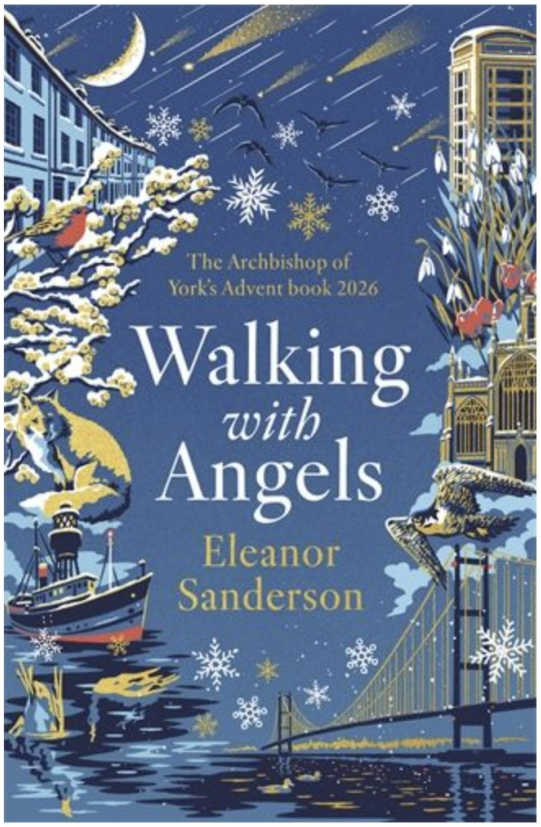
Rehearsals will begin on 12th November at 7pm until 8.30pm

(every Thursday until the Carol Service)

The Carol Service will be on December 20th at 4pm

Register your interest by contacting The Parish Office 01937 844402

ADVENT BOOK CLUB



Join Rev'd Nick through the season of Advent in a book club, using the Archbishop of York's Advent book 2026, "Walking with Angels" by Bishop Eleanor Sanderson.

Listen to the words of angels throughout the Bible and enter Advent with a deeper awareness of the connection between the heavenly and earthly realms. Through the spiritual practice of prayer walking, this reflective guide encourages readers to slow down, step outside, and engage both body and spirit as you journey through the Advent season. Drawing on the words spoken by angels in Scripture, it explores how these messengers of God reveal the good news at the heart of the Christian story.

Each of the four weeks of Advent focuses on a different aspect of that message, helping readers grow in love for God, for their neighbours, and for themselves. Rooted in humility and attentiveness to Christ's authority, this practice grounds prayer in everyday life, inviting us to join our earthly voices with the praise of heaven. With journalling prompts and questions for reflection or group discussion, Walking with Angels offers a meaningful, embodied way to prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent. Includes vivid accounts of the author's own and others' personal experiences of angelic encounters.

Advent Book Club meets in the choir vestry of St Mary's Church, 7.30 - 9pm

(entry via the vestry door)

30th November "Do not be afraid, the Lord is with you."

7th December "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty"

14th December "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth"

21st December "Come, Lord Jesus, come. Your kingdom will never end"

To join the group you will need to purchase your own copy of the book from any good bookshop, or most online suppliers.

ISBN 0281092079

Eleanor Sanderson: Walking with Angels.


Festive
Flower Evening
with
Clair Strike
Wednesday 18th November
at 7pm
All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch
Tickets £15 each
includes a glass of wine
and mince pie
Raffle
For tickets contact
Janette 07952462029
or Gill 07810476539


ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAMHAM
CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026
11AM - 3PM
REFRESHMENTS
STALLS
(NEW AND OLD)
MEET SANTA
CRAFT ACTIVITIES
A free event for the entire family


Made with AI
Top of the Pops
CHRISTMAS
SING-A-LONG!
LED BY
SIMON NOBLE ON ORGAN!
Hear the organ as you've never heard it before.
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAMHAM
SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2026 • 5PM
CLASSICS TO CHART TOPPERS!
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE • FREE EVENT!

Christmas around the Benefice

Saturday 28th November	St Mary's Church Christmas Cornucopia	10am–2pm
Saturday 28th November	Walton Village Christmas Lights Switch on	4.30pm – 10.30pm
Sunday 29th November	Christians Together Advent Service at Clifford Methodist Church	3.30pm
Saturday 5th December	All Saints' Church, Bramham Christmas Fair	11am – 3pm
Sunday 6th December	Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church	10am
Sunday 6th December	Christingle Service at All Saints' Church, Bramham	10am
Tuesday 8th December	Kippax Brass Band in Concert at Bramham Park	7.30pm (ticket required)
Saturday 12th December	All Saints' Church, Bramham Top of the Pops Christmas Sing-a-long	from 5pm (no ticket needed – free event)
Sunday 13th December	St. Peter's Carol Service	9.30am
Sunday 13th December	All Saints' Church, Bramham Carol Service	4pm
Friday 18th December	All Saints' Church, Bramham Carols in the Churchyard	6pm
Friday 18th December	St. Mary's Church Lumos Concert	
Saturday 19th December	St. Luke's Church Carol Service	3.30pm
Sunday 20th December	All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch Carol Service	9.30am
Sunday 20th December	St. Mary's Church Carol Service	4pm
Thursday 24th December	St Mary's Church Crib Service	3pm
Thursday 24th December	All Saints' Church, Bramham Crib Service	4pm
Thursday 24th December	St Luke's Church First Mass of Christmas	9.30pm
Thursday 24th December	St. Peter's Church First Mass of Christmas	11pm
Thursday 24th December	St. Mary's Church First Mass of Christmas	11pm
Thursday 24th December	All Saints Church, Bramham First Mass of Christmas	11.30pm
Friday 25th December	St Mary's Church BCP service	8am
Friday 25th December	All Saints' Church, Thorp Arch Christmas Day Service	9.30am
Friday 25th December	St. Mary's Church Christmas Day Service	10am
Friday 25th December	All Saints' Church, Bramham Christmas Day Service	10am
Friday 25th December	St Luke's Church Christmas Day Service	11am



Join us as we celebrate the joy and hope of Christmas together across our Benefice.

CiCoS

10am Sunday!

Children in Church on Sunday at St Mary's, Boston Spa

Discover Learn

Grow Have fun

Belong

Come and join us on Sundays at our 10am services!

1st Sunday every month:
All Together service

All other Sundays, **CiCoS!**

CiCoS is a fun, friendly time where children can learn about God, make friends, and be part of our growing church community.

We stay in church for most of the service and are given opportunities to join in, but spend time in CiCoS for about 20 mins in the middle.

Whether you're visiting us for the first time, or regularly attend church, we'd love to welcome you. Just turn up to our 10am service (children must be accompanied to church by an adult).

For more information, please contact the vicar, Rev'd Nick Morgan: revnjmorgan@gmail.com

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 - 8Saturday 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.

Take a moment – 1st Wednesday of the month at Bramham Parish Centre, 6pm-7pm. A relaxed evening to pause, reflect and connect

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.

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