



## 'BEING CHURCH' in BOSTON SPA

Sunday 14th February 2021  
Sunday before Lent



### Love is in the air!

### A prayer for Valentine's Day

*Dear God, in my thankfulness this day may I not overlook how frequently your remarkable gift of love is found in actions that are small and commonplace.*

*May I receive love in a welcoming smile, and return it that way too;*

*May moments of patient waiting give time to hold others, fondly in my thoughts;*

*May necessary journeys and routine tasks be seen as space and time to think, pray and give;*

*May I learn afresh that love in practice need not be always worthy and purposeful but sometimes may be frivolous and fun!*

Ian Fosten

Lectionary Bible readings for this week:

2 Kings 2, 1—12; Psalm 50, 1—6; 2 Corinthians 4, 3—6; Mark 9, 2—9

Help us every day to discover something new about God's ways, about what God wants of us, and change the way we see the world, and the way we act. **Amen.**

**Look out for the Lent Prayer Booklet which will be sent out this weekend.**

### CHURCH COUNCIL:

Reminder for all members of Church Council, the next meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd February at 7.00pm** (via zoom)

### From Barbara Hudson:

Can I thank everyone for their calls and best wishes after my wrist happening. They were much appreciated. I also have some family news. **Olivia**, our grand daughter has been appointed to her first proper job in a law firm. Working from home of course. She passed her Master's last year and got her law degree 3 years ago.

Any family news you wish included in 'Being Church' can be emailed to Jim Murison  
[[james.murison@outlook.com](mailto:james.murison@outlook.com)].

Thanks to Jo Vernon for this snowy scene—  
January 2021





At Christmas, working with Kathryn and Alison at Clifford Chapel's 'Tots'nToys', we held a Zoom

Christmas Party and that went down so well that we've started a series of online sessions, giving the kids half an hour of songs, crafts and storytime, and the Mums a chance for a chat afterwards. It's not the same as the real thing but it's a way to keep in touch.

## 22 February to 7 March 2021

**CLIMATE,  
FAIRTRADE  
AND YOU**

**CHOOSE THE WORLD  
YOU WANT**

 **FAIRTRADE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message. Many churches like ours are part of the Fairtrade movement and we can influence change, not only with your shopping choices but by continuing to spread the message.

Buy Fairtrade products to support the right for farmers to be paid fairly for their work, meaning they have the chance to fight the challenges of the climate crisis right now.

*[Editor: Fairtrade, keep up the good work!]*



## 'Phone Church

## MORNING PRAYERS—MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

**Please join us for a short time of worship (around 20 minutes), at 8.00am, using the Morning Prayer service from the Methodist Worship Book (see Prayer Booklet issued to all last week).**

**Quote from Barbara Hudson:** "I joined the telephone Church this am. It was so easy. I would like to spread the word"

(please join us a couple of minutes before 8am)

**Contact Rev. Steve Jakeman if you require further assistance**