

Date **2012** **Diary**

Mon 30 Jan	11.30 Messy Church – Bromham (2 hours)
Thur 2 Feb	11.30 Messy Church – Oakley (2 hours)
Sat 4 Feb	10.00-15.00 – Marriage Preparation Course at St. Owen's Church
Sun 5 Feb	14.00 – Air Cadets Service at St. Mary's Church, Oakley
Tues 7 Feb	19.30 – Healing Service at St. Owen's Church, Bromham
Sat 11 Feb	Oakley Village History Week-end
Sat 18 Feb	10.00-13.00 – Very Revd. Jeffrey John speaking on "Miracles of the Bible" (see below)
Wed 22 Feb	19.30 Benefice Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at St. Mary's Church, Oakley

News and Notice:

Please note – All parish matters please contact Rev. Di Harpham on 823222 until further notice.

Service Sheet for February: Please take one – available in all our Churches.

Do you wish to be confirmed? contact Di to discuss, even if you have given your name in before on 823222

Pastoral Committee to convene when Lent House Group material arrives.

Food Parcels – emergency rations are given out on a regular basis at Bedford's Salvation Army, often to those whose benefits are late. There is a box in church and through Lent for people wishing to donate tins, non-perishables.

St. Mary's House Oakley (curate's house): There is some final painting work still to be done and the garden to tackle. Has anyone got a few hours to offer, otherwise it falls to just a couple of people. Contact Churchwardens or Di.

Bromham Churchyard: If you are able to offer time and gardening skills we need someone to trim the low box hedge around the Garden of Remembrance in Bromham. Please talk to Churchwardens if you can offer help.

Bromham Coffee Drop-in – Friday, 3rd February at Heather Bottom's, 73 Wingfield Road and will be in aid of the new scanner at Bedford Hospital.

Healing Service on Tuesday, 7th February. This is a gentle reflective service with a Eucharist which everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions/anxieties please speak to/or phone Di or Chris Wisson.

"Miracles in the Bible": Saturday, 18th February – 10.00-1.00pm at St. Andrew's Bedford led by Very Revd. Dr. Jeffrey John, Dean of St. Albans. (flier and form to book in Church) £15 or £12 cost. Please book.

Soup Lunch at St. Mary's Church, Oakley on Sunday, 19th February between 12.30-2.30pm. Cost £5 adult and Children U10 Free. Includes Soup, Bread, Cheese & biscuits, tea or coffee. Raffle.



**Pew Leaflet for Benefice of
St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley and
St. Leonard, Stagsden**

**Sunday, 29th January, 2012
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas**

We welcome you if you are a visitor or new to this village, please make yourself known to us. Parents and children are welcome at the services and may use the toys and play areas if needed. Hearing loop in Bromham and Oakley only.

Ministry Team:	Name	Tel
Vicar	Rev. Linda Bond Day off – Friday	Currently off Sick
Priest	Rev. Di Harpham Day off – Friday	01234-823222
Priest	Rev. Paula Vennells	01234-851594
Benefice Administrator	Suzi Webb	825454
Bromham Churchwardens	Edward Jones David Butler	826551 407351
Oakley Churchwardens	Dorothy Palmer Hilarie Worley	823959 262166
Stagsden Churchwardens	John Brett	824065

Healing Ministry is part of the ministry of this Church. If you would like prayers, laying on of hands or a visit please speak to the Churchwarden or one of the ministry team.

Coffee & biscuits are served after the morning services in Bromham 10.30am and Oakley 9.30am and after the monthly 11.00am Family Service in Stagsden. Please stay and join us

Benefice Welcome Centre and Office: Located above shops in Avoca Centre, Molivers Lane shops

Office times: Suzi Webb in Office – hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 9.30am-11.45am Telephone 825454

Benefice Web Site: www.bromhambenefice.org Information for web site to Suzi Webb at administrator@bromhambenefice.org

In Emergency: To call the emergency services to attend the Church you will need the POSTCODE – on the notice board
St Owen's Church - Bromham MK43 8HH
St. Mary's Church - Oakley MK43 7RU
St. Leonard's Church - Stagsden MK43 8SQ

In Case of Fire: In the unlikely event of a fire during the service you will be asked to leave quietly by the nearest exit and assemble in the Car Park.

**Readings, Psalms and Prayers for
Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-5
New Testament: Acts 9: 1-22
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

Lord, your fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Evensong: (at Stagsden)

Psalm 132
Haggai 2: 1-9
John 2: 18-22

**Readings for next Sunday, 5th February
Third Sunday before Lent**

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 21-end
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

**NO Evensong:
but following readings may be read at home**

Psalm 5
Numbers 13: 1-2, 27-33
Philippians 2: 12-28

For Reflection:

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. A light no darkness can quench.

“A light to lighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel”

Forty days ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. In their old age, Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord. We celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement. We are called to carry his light.

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, and those who have asked for prayer:

Village:	Name:
Bromham	John Crow; Alex Emery; Robin; Mary, Chin Sun, Sandra; Mary, Joan Lundie, Helen, Barry Kenzie, Butler family & extended family of refugees
Oakley	Collette; Hollie; Olive & Lionel Albon, Adele, John Barnes, Hulatt family
Stagsden	Janet Brett; Maureen Pickering; Margaret Knight.

Rev. Linda preparing to return to work
Rev. Derek Draper continuing his recovery

Prayer Intentions:

- Those who carry the Light of Christ into the dark, trouble places in the world
- For peace between the nations, reconciliation where there is enmity
- For all refugees fearful of the future
- Residents of Blue Spruce Close

RIP:

Roy Hulatt formerly of Oakley: Service 11.00am at Methodist Church on 30th January

In Memoriam:

**Services today – Epiphany 4 – 29th January, 2012
Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas**

09.00	Parish Eucharist – Stagsden
10.30	Benefice Eucharist – Oakley
18.00	Benefice Evensong – Stagsden

Our welcome and thanks to Revds. Jackie Buck & ‘Mac’

Services this week – All welcome

Mon	11.30	Messy Church (2 hrs.) – Bromham
Tues	10.00 11.15	Eucharist – Bromham (Baptist Room) Eucharist – Randall Close – Bromham
Wed	09.30	Midweek Eucharist at Oakley
Thurs	11.30	Messy Church (2 hrs) – Oakley
Sat	10.00- 15.00	Marriage Preparation Course at St. Owen’s Church, Bromham

Services next Sunday, 5th February, 2012 – 3rd Before Lent

08.00	Holy Communion - Bromham
09.30	Parish Eucharist – Oakley
10.30	All Age Eucharist – Bromham
11.00	NO Stagsden Family Service
14.00	Air Cadets Service – Oakley
	NO Evensong