

### Contact Details

<b>Clergy</b>	
<b>Vicar:</b>	<b>Revd Catherine Wilson:</b> 01234 825665 <a href="mailto:vicar@bromhambenefice.org">vicar@bromhambenefice.org</a>
<b>Associate Minister:</b>	<b>Revd Petra Yates:</b> 07504 118405 <a href="mailto:revpetra@bromhambenefice.org">revpetra@bromhambenefice.org</a>
<b>Priest:</b>	<b>Revd Di Harpham:</b> 01234 417237 <a href="mailto:diharpham@gmail.com">diharpham@gmail.com</a>
<b>Benefice Administrator Office</b>	

Sarah Smale: **07494 069540**  
[administrator@bromhambenefice.org](mailto:administrator@bromhambenefice.org)  
Working hours: Mon Tues & Thurs 9.00 – 12.00

**Benefice Safeguarding Officer**  
Judith Denyer 07981 928522  
[safeguarding@bromhambenefice.org](mailto:safeguarding@bromhambenefice.org)

**Churchwardens**  
Bromham: Tessa Woodcock 07766 118258  
Oakley: Graham Palmer 07710 462535  
Hilarie Worley 01234 262166  
Stagsden: VACANT

**Benefice Website** [www.bromhambenefice.org](http://www.bromhambenefice.org)  
Info for website to [administrator@bromhambenefice.org](mailto:administrator@bromhambenefice.org)  
Follow this link for [Facebook](#)  
Follow this link for [Instagram](#)

### Home Communion

If you are unable to come to church for communion and would like to receive it at home, please phone one of the clergy to make arrangements.

**Healing Ministry** is part of the ministry of this Church. If you would like prayers, or a visit, please speak to a Churchwarden or contact one of the clergy.

### Looking ahead - Sunday Services:

	9am	10.30am	<b>3.30pm</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bromham	Bromham	
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bromham	Oakley	

**Zoom services** Join the services by clicking on the link (sent by email or on the benefice website), or call one of these numbers and enter

10.30am service ID number: No Zoom service today

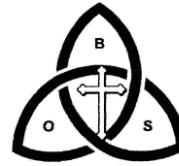
0131 460 1196  
0203 481 5240  
0203 901 7895  
0203 481 5237  
0208 080 6592

Hymns: No Zoom service today

**In Emergency:** When calling the emergency services give the what3words location reference below:  
St. Owen's Church – fencing.sedative.gobbles  
St. Mary's Church – insolvent.correct.grin  
St Leonard's Church – squeezed.mainframe.tanked

Items for next week's pew leaflet to **Sarah Smale** by **Wednesday** lunchtime.

# Baptism of Christ



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**9.00am Holy Communion**  
St Owen's Bromham  
**10.30am Churches Together Covenant Service**  
Oakley Methodist Church  
**3.30pm Plough Sunday Service**  
Stagsden Village Hall  
\* There will be no live streaming today

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 42.1- 9  
Acts 10.34- 43  
Matthew 3.13- end

### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 46, 47  
Joshua 3.1- 8, 14- end  
Hebrews 1.1- 12

### Collect for today

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted  
children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as  
Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Verse for this week:

Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! Matthew 13:8

### For Our Prayers

- God's peace may be felt in places that are broken, dangerous and troubled.
- Those experiencing unexpected loss and tragedy are comforted.
- We are strengthened and encouraged when life, work or faith feel hard.
- International leaders root their policies and decisions in God's wisdom.
- 'Hope Explored' sows seeds of growth- as we share, question and reflect.
- The residents of Berry Drive

Please pray faithfully for those who are sick or in need and those who have asked for our prayers, their families and those who care for them:

Village:	Name:
Bromham	Michelle, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Keith, Terry, John, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, Mary, Linda, Mary, Mike and Frances
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, David & Ann, George, Donna, Margaret, Linda, Dave, Sally and Pat
Stagsden	

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Ted Jeffries (11.01.06), Gillian Butler (11.01.12), Michael Farr (13.01.75), Ken Parker (13.01.09), Dick Simms (14.01.11), Henry Hatton (15.01.82), Esme Tebbutt (15.01.07), Barbara Clarkson (15.01.11), Edith Warren (16.01.88)

**OAKLEY** William Knight (16.01.14), Alma Corby (15.01.17), David Hodgkins (16.01.21), Bonnie McCabe (16.01.25)

### **STAGSDEN**

**We pray for the family & friends of those who have recently died:**

**Richard Worker (snr)** (Oakley) Burial of Ashes Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm St Mary's

**Hilda Brodie** (Bromham) Funeral and burial Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 12 noon St Owen's

**Ann Bates** (Bromham) Funeral Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am Norse Rd Crematorium

**Hannah Heaney** (Bromham)

### Reflection

Plough Sunday looks to the year ahead, we have passed through Twelfth Night, (and the last of the Christmas celebrations), and life returns to a more regular routine. Today we pause to stand alongside our farming communities, and the joys and burdens which they carry. We remember that just as the fields rest and seem barren now that God's purposes are unfolding silently and unseen- in those fields and through our lives.

### The "Living God's Love" Prayer

Living God, draw us deeper into your love: Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.

Stir us, strengthen us,  
teach and inspire us to live your love  
with generosity and joy,  
imagination and courage;  
for the sake of your world  
and in the name of Jesus. Amen

### Notices

**Plough Sunday Service** our evening worship this month will be TODAY Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3.30pm in Stagsden Village Hall as we mark Plough Sunday, the traditional start to the agricultural year and return to work after the Twelve Days of Christmas

**Thankyou** – following the flood at St Owen's last week, to everyone who helped in various ways. The floor is drying, and hopefully we will soon be back to normal.

**Thankyou** to all who donated at Christmas. We raised a Benefice total of £166.70 for SMART Prebend Street Homeless Shelter and £210 for the Women's Refuge.

**Hope Explored** Come and discover the hope, peace and purpose we all want in our lives. A three-session course on Mondays at 7pm in St Owen's on January 12th, 19th and 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Catherine or Emma.

**Messy Church Plus** returns Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30am in St Owen's Bromham

**The Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will open again this February, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom. The garden will open on 14 & 15 Feb; 21 & 22 Feb 2-4pm at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. £5 per adult, all proceeds to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

**Missing Shawl** if you left a shawl behind after Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve in St Owen's, or know who did, please speak to Tessa.

### Regular Events

**Messy Church** St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am.

**Messy Church for all** Next meeting Tues Jan 20th 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

**Morning Prayer on Mondays** 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, link on website

**Prayer Group** Thurs mornings 10.30am in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's.

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 2-4pm. Next 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at Elaine's House; 26 Godwin Way Bromham MK43 8JH Contact: Margaret 824402 or Elaine 826702

**Tuesday Holy Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 20<sup>th</sup> Jan followed by a light lunch.

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham for a talk by Edward Jones on 'His Flying Life'. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

**First Friday Coffee Morning** next meeting on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094

**Our Voice Youth Group**. For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Next meeting Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre MK41 6ER. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for info.

**Fellowship Lunch** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351