

Useful Information

Ministry Team:

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Stagsden	Vacant	
Churchwardens		

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 priests.

Benefice Office:

The office is closed at the moment and Sarah is working from home. The temporary office phone number is 07957 126145 but for preference please use Email: administrator@bromhambenefice.org.

Office times Mon & Thurs 9.30 – 12.00;
Tues 9.30 – 1.00

Items for next week's pew leaflet to **Sarah Smale** by Wednesday evening (administrator@bromhambenefice.org).

Benefice Web Site: www.bromhambenefice.org
Info for web site to administrator@bromhambenefice.org

In Emergency: To call the emergency services the POSTCODE is required. See the notice board.

St. Owen's Church - Bromham MK43 8LL
St. Mary's Church - Oakley MK43 7RU
St. Leonard's Church - Stagsden MK43 8SQ

Safeguarding Our designated Benefice Safeguarding Officer is Judith Denyer and she can be reached on safeguarding@bromhambenefice.org or 07981 928522.

Home Communion

If you are unable to come to church for communion and would like to receive it at home, please phone Catherine or Di to consider how this can be done safely and within current pandemic restrictions.

Bedford Foodbank needs our help as much as ever at this time. Please consider donating during your supermarket shop or give cash on line through their website <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

Services in churches:

	9am	10.30am	6pm Evensong
Sep 19 th	Oakley	Bromham	
Sep 26 th	Stagsden	Bromham	Stagsden

Venues may change at short notice, so do check regularly – the Benefice website is kept up-to-date for those with Wifi, or refer to the current Pew Leaflet.

Zoom services The 10.30am services will be streamed via Zoom from now on. Please bear with us as we try out the technology and work out the best way moving forward. Join in in the same way as before.

Trinity 15



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
12th September 2021

Sunday worship:

9.00am Holy Communion- St Leonard's
10.30am Open Air Harvest Festival in
St Mary's churchyard*

6.00pm Evensong- St Owen's

See inside for details of how to join our services.

**We will be streaming this service live via Zoom: please see inside for how to join in*

Today's Readings

Isaiah 50.4- 9

James 3.1- 12

Mark 8.27- end

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 119.73- 88

Exodus 18.13- 26

Matthew 7.1- 14

Collect for Today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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, Amen

Post Communion Prayer for Today

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Verse for this week:

Let people praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
Psalm 67: 5-6



For Our Prayers

- Give thanks for the abundance of nature, the earth
- Greater commitment to protect the planet, resources
- Rebuilding lives in Haiti, Afghanistan, USA, Syria etc
- Wisdom and courage for the work of peacemakers
- Schools and colleges, the new start for staff and pupils
- Hannah and Jonathan marrying next Saturday 18th
- Local Guide, Brownie and Rainbow groups

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	Freda, Michelle & Sandra, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, the Gill family, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Derek, Jean & Richard, Anne, Sophie, Keith, Paul and Chris
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Roberta, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Chris & Donna, Pam, Sue and Matthew and family
Stagsden	The community – the vulnerable & the supporters

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Eileen Williams (12.09.12), Paul Draper (13.09.16), Ernest Rooke (14.09.93), Alexandra Emery (14.09.14), Sylvia Richardson (14.09.16), Michael Davies (14.09.20), Norman Bland (15.09.08), Ivor Tucker (17.09.07)

OAKLEY

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

Reflection

Jesus asks: "Who do people say that I am?"
Peter declares: "You are the Messiah"! Peter has listened to His Master's words, seen the miracles, his interactions, and he is sure of Jesus' identity. Then Jesus explains the nature of His messiahship and turns their understandings upside down. It was not about celebrity status, the glory and power. It was the way of self-giving, a servant role, a change of priorities, and possibly a difficult path through suffering and rejection - but always with the promise of God's steadfast love, and a life saved and blessed.

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

Sunday Services 12th September 2021

9.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's Stagsden

10.30am Harvest Festival St Mary's Oakley churchyard (no facemasks required)

6.00pm Evensong St Owen's Bromham

All services are open for anyone to attend – please bring a facemask to wear when singing indoors.

Streaming of Service via Zoom

This Sunday we hope to stream the 10.30am service again, as it happens, on Zoom. Join in in the same way as before.

Click on the link (sent by email or on the benefice website) or call one of these numbers and when asked enter the appropriate ID number

0131 460 1196

0203 481 5240

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

10.30am Morning Service

ID number 848 0690 8170

Harvest Festival Services

This Autumn there are 3 opportunities to thank God for all his goodness in the Harvest: choose one or two – or come to all three!

11th Sept (this Sunday): Open-air Harvest Festival in St Mary's Churchyard at 10.30am.

26th Sept – 10.30am Harvest Festival at St Owen's with Bishop Richard, which will include the official opening of the new extension. Lunch to follow – please sign the list in one of the churches to order a lunch.

26th Sept – 6pm Harvest Songs of Praise at St Leonard's Stagsden.

Non-perishable Harvest Gifts please for Bedford Foodbank: cash collections will be given to the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal Water is Life www.harvestappeal.org

Harvest Flowers Decorating St Owens Church for Harvest: from 10 am on Sat 25th September, all helpers most welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers also appreciated, to Margaret Parrott 18 Tudor Close.

Benefice Office

We need to clean and redecorate the Benefice Office before leaving it at the end of September. The first session, for cleaning, will be on Tues 14th Sept at 10am, bring your own equipment, all welcome! There will be a weekend session sometime on 18/19th, more details to follow.

Easing Covid restrictions in church – September

- Socially-distanced seating optional, all rows available
- Face masks only required for entry and exit, moving around the building and for singing
- Communion distributed at the chancel step – please follow the guidance of the church wardens, observe a one-way system and wear a mask when moving

St Mary's Teas in Church

Continue this afternoon 3.30pm – 5pm.

Messy Church has restarted – Mondays in St Owen's 11.30am – 1.30pm, and Thursdays in St Mary's 10 – 11.45am. Please pass on the info to any young families you know and encourage them to come along.

Open Door has reopened on Tuesday afternoons in Stagsden Church 3pm - 4.30pm. All welcome to drop in!