

Useful Information

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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 Welcome Centre and Office:

Sarah is not working Mon 15th to Fri 20th Feb so please direct urgent matters to a member of the clergy. The administrator email will not be checked regularly during this time.

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

Items for next week's pew leaflet to **Revd Catherine** by Wednesday evening (vicar@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

During lockdown we are not able to offer Home Communion – we will let you know as soon as we can offer this once more.

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/>

Help is available if you are unwell or self-isolating. Please let one of the church wardens or clergy know if you, or a neighbour or friend, could do with some help.

Keeping in touch The pew leaflet can be emailed or delivered to anyone who would like a copy – please tell Sarah if you know someone who wants to receive it. And do keep in touch with your friends and neighbours too, remembering that you can invite anyone to join us on Sunday mornings, just give them the link.

Sunday Next Before Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
14th February 2021

10.30am Zoom Morning Service 6.00pm Zoom Evensong

Followed by 'coffee and chat'
See inside for details of how to join our services.

Today's Readings

2 Kings 2.1- 12
2 Corinthians 4.6- 6
Mark 9.2- 9

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 2
1 Kings 19.1- 16
2 Peter 1.16- end

Collect for Today

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, Amen

Collect for Ash Wednesday (Zoom service 7.30pm)

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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



Verse for this week:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new
and right spirit within me. Psalm 51: 10

For Our Prayers

- Peace, stability, justice and generosity across the world.
- Protection and strength for NHS Staff and Care workers
- The peoples of Myanmar, Tigray and Yemen, the Uighurs and Rohingya.
- Stability for the USA, President Joe Biden, it's Government and people
- Young people facing stress, uncertainty, isolation
- The residents of Dewlands

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, Steve, Angela, Marian, Bill, Jeffrey, the Gill family, Julie, Annette, Alan, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Derek, Angie, Jean & Richard, Anne, Donna and Sophie
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Katie, Theresa, Maureen, David, Bryn, Alison, Roberta, Roy, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, John, George and Donna.
Stagsden	The community – the vulnerable & the supporters, Beccy

In Memoriam

BROMHAM John Wright (16.02.07), Edith Cole (17.02.07), Peter Huckle (17.02.19), Janet Ayres (18.02.05), Joyce Larter (18.02.16), Rosemary Sargent (19.02.09), Thomas Clifton (19.02.11), Ethel Saunders (19.02.12), Derek Bowler (20.02.88), Kitty Coombes (20.02.13)
OAKLEY Betty Ripley (14.02.18), Kenny Jones (15.02.09)

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

David Hodgkins (Oakley) Funeral 16th Feb Bedford Crematorium
Betty Sadler (Oakley) Funeral 23rd Feb Bedford Crem
Elizabeth Albone (Bromham) Funeral and burial 2nd March St Owen's
Marian Watson (Bromham) Funeral and burial 11th March St Owen's
Philip Wait (Bromham)

Reflection

Before Lent we reflect on the glory of God revealed in His Son Jesus to Peter, James and John. They do not fully understand the meaning of their mountain top experience, but God's voice tells them: "Listen to my Son". Lent is a time to know our frailties and for a closer walk with God. Faith calls us to 'Live Love' and 'Live Differently'.

Loving Lord transform our lives and give us the commitment and courage to show God's glory to others.

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 Service 14th Feb 2021

Everyone is welcome to join us at our service this Sunday as we meet online to worship – and we look forward to the time when we can meet again in person to worship together.

Zoom Morning Service 10.30am

Zoom Evensong 6.00pm

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 ID number 848 0690 8170

(same number every week now)

6.00pm ID number 879 1884 5096

11.30am Coffee Groups after the morning service.

Use the link you have been sent,

Bromham ID: 895 934 8502 Passcode: StOwens

Oakley ID: 810 4659 0755 Passcode: Coffee

Shrove Tuesday

This Tuesday - a Youth Group Pancake Making and Eating party on Zoom 5.30pm.

Lent 2021 begins Weds 17th February

Ash Wednesday 17th Feb

7.30pm Zoom Holy Communion service – Click on the link (sent by email or on the benefice website) or call one of the numbers above and when asked enter the ID number: 826 3392 1903

Daily reflections booklet: 'God's Story – Our Story'

Contact Catherine to ask for your copy to be delivered – or go to www.churchofengland.org/livelent to get the reflections by email – or download the app.

Lent Groups on Zoom:

Join by clicking the link (sent by email or on the website) or by calling one of the numbers above and entering the ID number.

Tues 2.30 – 3.30pm from Feb 23rd ID 893 4655 8459

Weds 7.30 – 8.30pm from Feb 24th ID 835 7197 0365

Our Lent groups will be based on the themes of the booklets and on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Living His Story' by Hannah Steele, which can be bought online (but you can join a Lent group without buying the book).

The Thurs morning prayer group will be sharing in a different way – contact Di (918691) for more info.

If you haven't been part of a Lent group before, why not give it a try this year?

Lent Appeals

Bromham – Water Aid <https://www.wateraid.org/uk>
Oakley- Bedford Foodbank 40p for 40 days. Please donate at <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

National Wave of Prayer The Archbishops have called people to 'pause and pray' for those affected by Covid in our nation and across the world, at 6.00pm every day during February.