

## Useful Information

### Ministry Team:

Vicar	Revd. Catherine Wilson	01234 825665
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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](mailto: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 Harvest Songs of Praise
Sep 26 <sup>th</sup>	Stagsden	Bromham	Stagsden
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bromham	Oakley	

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 16



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **Sunday worship:**

**9.00am Holy Communion- St Mary's**  
**10.30am Holy Communion- 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

Jeremiah 11.18- 20  
James 3.13- 4.3, 7- 8  
Mark 9.30- 37

### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 119.137- 152  
Exodus 19.10- end  
Matthew 8.23- end

### Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

### **Verse for this week:**

Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Mark 9:35

### For Our Prayers

- For Afghanistan, Syria, Haiti, Yemen, African Horn
- Rebuilding where natural disasters brought havoc
- WHO, govts and charities sharing vaccines worldwide
- Teachers, pupils in our schools, especially in poorer areas
- Those with life limiting illness, their carers, the NHS
- Bromham Parish Council

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 and Paul
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** Ron Watts (23.09.08), Violet Wallbridge (24.09.20), Peter Allen (25.09.04)

**OAKLEY** Barbara Galbraith (20.09.20)

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

### Reflection

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all, and the servant of all”. (Mark 9. 35)  
Jesus tackles the misconceptions the disciples hold of the Messiah’s role and mission. They are arguing over status and which of them deserves precedence. They enjoy the kudos of being a follower of this remarkable miracle-working rabbi, but Jesus corrects their mind-set. He is not a warrior king or dazzling leader; his kingdom is centred servant- hood and he serves with love and humility. When we follow Him, we seek His likeness and we re-set our priorities from the worldly to the kingdom values.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**9.00am Holy Communion St Mary’s Oakley**

**10.30am Holy Communion St Owens 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

**St Mary’s ‘Teas in Church’** TODAY Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Sept - final chance to enjoy tea and cake at St Mary’s this summer. A big Thankyou to all who have worked hard preparing and serving teas, and to Diane Alder for organising it.

### Harvest Festival Services

Next weekend – two more Harvest services to enjoy...

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept – 10.30am Harvest Festival and official opening of the new extension** at St Owen’s with Bishop Richard. Lunch to follow – please sign the list in one of the churches to order a lunch.

**26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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** Many thanks to those that came along on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to clean the office. Please watch out for further ways to get involved in decorating over the next week or so.

**Oakley PCC** meet Tues Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm in church.

### 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

**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.

**Stagsden Church Open Door:** Tues afternoons 3.00-4.30pm. Tea, Cake and Chat. All welcome!

**Link Up** for people living on their own: 2.30pm on Thurs Oct 7th at 7 Leyside Bromham when Tessa will be talking about her experiences in Nepal. More information from Anne Tombs 01234 822949.