

## Useful Information

### Ministry Team:

Vicar	Revd. Catherine Wilson	01234 825665
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Stagsden Churchwardens	Vacant	

**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 for the next 2 weeks- for urgent queries please contact the clergy or a church warden**

Office times Mon, Weds & 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](http://www.bromhambenefice.org)  
Info for web site to [administrator@bromhambenefice.org](mailto: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
August 8th	Stagsden	Bromham
Aug 15th	Oakley	No service
Aug 22nd	Stagsden	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

Continue every Sunday at 10.30am, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evenings at 6pm for Evensong.

# Trinity 9



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

## **Sunday worship**

**9.00am Holy Communion- St Owen's**

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

**10.30am Zoom Service**

Followed by 'coffee and chat'

*See inside for details of how to join our services.*

### Today's Readings

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4: 1-16

John 6: 24-35

### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 88

Job 28

Hebrews 11: 17-31

### Collect for Today

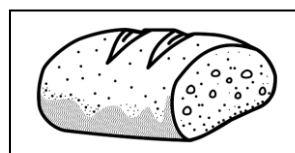
Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Post Communion Prayer for Today

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Verse for this week:

Jesus said 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' John 6: 35



### For Our Prayers

- Earthly food for the hungry and for others to share
- May the sacrament mould us into a church of disciples
- For these summer weeks to revive the weary and exhausted, those who can't afford a holiday.
- Faith, trust and God's love for those near end of life
- God's blessing on couples marrying in the next weeks
- Jack and Charlie Bradsell who are baptised on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Aug and their parents and godparents.
- The residents of Oakcroft, Stagsden

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 and Keith
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Roberta, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Pam and Sue
Stagsden	The community – the vulnerable & the supporters, the Morris family.

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Muriel Johnson (03.08.09), Valerie Ireson (04.08.18), Ivy Coleman (06.08.08)

**OAKLEY** Colin Batholomew (02.08.11), Patricia Graham (05.09.16)

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

**Kevin FitzGerald** (Bromham) Funeral and burial 4<sup>th</sup> August

**Alan Brown** (Oakley) Memorial service 7<sup>th</sup> August

**Judith Ayres** (Oakley) Burial of ashes 10<sup>th</sup> August

**Audrey Carter** (Bromham) Burial of ashes 12<sup>th</sup> August

**Jean Rowe** (Bromham)

**Revd Pat Quint**, former Curate in this Benefice, died on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Fun 5<sup>th</sup> Aug in Stotfold. More info from Amanda Young: [amanda.young@eagletapes.co.uk](mailto:amanda.young@eagletapes.co.uk) or 826699.

### Reflection

Jesus said: "I am the Bread of Life". The miracle of feeding the 5,000 has a deeper significance. The Son sent by God offers to feed our souls, to replenish them with God's grace and the promise of eternal life. It will become evident in what we say, think and do, and it will lead us beyond this life into the joy of eternity. The church is more than just a joyful community, it is a gateway to our relationship with Jesus, where he moulds us with word and sacrament into disciples living out our eternal life every day.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

**9.00am Holy Communion St Owen's Bromham**

**10.30am Holy Communion St Mary's Oakley**

You don't need to let us know you are coming, but we ask you to bring a face mask to wear to protect others and yourselves.

### **Zoom Services**

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 with Communion**

ID number 848 0690 8170

### **11.30am Coffee Group after the morning service**

Use the link you have been sent:

ID Number: 746 1189 7860 Password: iMyEC7

### **St Mary's Teas in Church**

Continue this afternoon 3.30pm – 5pm. Come along and enjoy the delicious cakes and plenty of tea to drink.

### **The BIG CLEAN at St Owen's** Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am- 4pm

With the extension almost finished, the whole building needs a clean and tidy. Come for all or part of the day-jobs for all, big and small! Please bring your own refreshments. More info and to offer to help, please contact Frances 409916.

**Coffee Morning** at 7 Leyside, Bromham, the home of Anne Tombs, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 11am. Please ring Anne on 822949 to book your place.

**St Owen's Vision Morning** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 10-11am. A time to pray around the building and refresh our vision of how we will use this wonderful new facility – more details to follow (and see article in Parish News).

### **Messy Church – helpers needed**

We are looking forward to welcoming young families again in September: at St Owen's on Mondays (11.30am – 1.30pm) and St Mary's on Thursdays (10- 11.30am). The Thursday group needs more helpers on a monthly basis – phone Dorothy if you might be able to help (823959).

### **Easing restrictions in church**

To help everyone feel safe in church, but also recognise the lifting of restrictions, the churchwardens and clergy have agreed the following plan **for August services:**

#### **Staying the same:**

- We'll continue to use alternate rows
- Masks to be worn please – hand sanitiser available
- Sharing the peace remains non-contact
- Communion still received in pews as at present

#### **Changing:**

- Households can sit together by mutual consent
  - Red 'SPACE' cards available for people to show when they are not ready to stop social distancing
  - No need to phone in advance – just turn up
  - We will sing hymns at 10.30am services! But with masks on (except a small choir)
  - Wafers can be dipped in wine by priest if requested
- We hope to ease restrictions further in September.