

Useful Information

Ministry Team:

Vicar	Revd. Catherine Wilson	01234 825665
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Oakley Churchwardens	Hilarie Worley Graham Palmer	01234 262166 07710 462535
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 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:

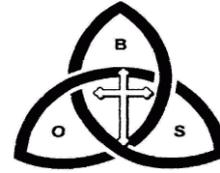
	9am	10.30am
August 1st	Bromham	Oakley
August 8th	Stagsden	Bromham
Aug 15th	Oakley	No service
Aug 22nd	Stagsden	Oakley

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 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 6pm for Evensong.

Trinity 8



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
25th July 2021

Sunday worship

9.00am Holy Communion- St Leonard's
10.30am Holy Communion- St Owen's
10.30am Zoom Service with Communion

Followed by 'coffee and chat'

6pm Zoom Evensong

See inside for details of how to join our services.

Today's Readings

2Kings 4.42-44
Ephesians 3.14- end
John 6.1-14

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 94
Jeremiah 26.1-15
Mark 1.14-20

Collect for Today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Verse for this week:

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Psalm 145: 13b,14

For Our Prayers

- Give thanks for the gift of eternal life, remembering those who have departed into God's care
- Healing and peace for troubled peoples of the world
- For those who will have no food for their family today
- Bedford foodbank and its work in the community
- For those with spiritual hunger to find God's presence
- For all who are suffering extreme weather conditions at the moment, across the world
- The residents of Church Lane, 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 Olive Humphrey (22.07.20), Elizabeth Smith (25.07.07), Linsay Daniels (29.07.16)

OAKLEY

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

Kevin FitzGerald (Bromham) Funeral and burial 4th August

Alan Brown (Oakley) Memorial service 7th August

Judith Ayres (Oakley) Burial of ashes 10th August

Revd Pat Quint, former Curate in this Benefice, sadly died on 10th July. More information from Amanda Young amanda.young@eagletapes.co.uk or 826699.

Reflection

Jesus takes a hungry crowd, a thoughtful young boy with a packed lunch, and tired disciples and creates a community picnic. The miracle points to the future – to the Last Supper and our eucharist celebration. All surplus food is collected up - indicating that the heavenly food, the food of eternal life, is given in abundance to be shared with all. God's wants the bread and the word to be available to every person so that no soul is lost to the kingdom of heaven.

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 18th July 2021

9.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's Stagsden

10.30am Holy Communion St Owen's Bromham

We will follow the usual hygiene guidelines - **please let us know if you are coming** - phone: Revd Di for Stagsden 918691, or Frances for Bromham 409916. Please bring a face mask to wear.

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

6pm Evensong ID Number 824 6595 4367

11.30am Coffee Group after the morning service

Use the link you have been sent:

ID number: 817 5874 0894 password: Coffee

St Mary's Teas in Church

They are back! Starting THIS AFTERNOON 3.30pm – 5pm. Come along and enjoy the delicious cakes and plenty of tea to drink.

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.

Stagsden PCC Meeting Mon 26th Jul 2.30pm in church.

Lunch at the Prince of Wales Bromham Weds 28th July 12.30pm. Orders to Flora on 822094 by Fri 23rd. All welcome!

The BIG CLEAN at St Owen's Fri 6th 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 contact Frances 409916

St Owen's Vision Morning Sat 14th Aug 10-11am. A time to pray around the building – more details to follow.

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).