

Useful Information

Ministry Team:

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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:

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, Weds & 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

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.

Lent 2



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
28th February 2021

10.30am Zoom Morning Service

Followed by 'coffee and chat'

6.00pm Zoom Evensong

See inside for details of how to join our services.

Today's Readings

Genesis 17.1- 7, 15- 16

Romans 4.13- end

Mark 8.31- end

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 135

Genesis 12.1- 9

Hebrews 11.1- 3. 8- 16

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, Amen

A prayer for those affected by Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Verse for this week:

Jesus said, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'
Mark 8: 34

For Our Prayers

- Plans to share Covid vaccines with the world's poorest
- Staff and children preparing for schools to reopen
- God's comfort and consolation for grieving families
- Reassurance for those fearful of the vaccination
- Those providing and receiving care in Mental Health Services
- The residents of Farsands

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 Jim Stephenson (03.03.09), Roger Ashworth (03.03.17), Michael Swannell (04.03.13), Alicia Cox (05.03.16), Oliver Betts (05.03.16), Dennis Garbutt (06.03.10)

OAKLEY Anna Guy (28.02.15), Yvonne Phillips (01.03.07), James Goodyear (03.03.99), John Taylor (04.03.04), Peggy Briggs (05.03.08), Andrew Wilton (05.03.12)

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

Elizabeth Albone (Bromham) Funeral and burial 2nd Mar St Owen's

Betty Sadler Burial of Ashes 3rd March St Mary's

Nicky Young (Oakley) Burial of Ashes 5th Mar St Mary's

Philip Waite (Bromham) Funeral and burial 9th Mar St Owen's

Marian Watson (Bromham) Funeral & burial 11th Mar St Owen's

Christine Barclay (Bromham) Funeral & burial 15th Mar St Owen's

Reflection

Lord, bless all that we do, whether in industry or in the kitchen, in farming or in our garden, in an office or on our home computer, in a hospital ward or with an unwell friend, in holding a spanner, or holding a grandchild. May all we do be offered in love & to your glory. God be in my thinking, my doing, my caring, my loving, in my decisions, and in my growing. God be with me in my joys & sorrows, my disappointments & my fears. Show me your way and fill me with your blessings 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 28th Feb 2021

Everyone is welcome to join us at our services 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 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 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: 828 5019 1124 Passcode: Coffee

Lent 2021

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

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 ID 893 4655 8459

Weds 7.30 – 8.30pm 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/>

Fairtrade Fortnight runs until 7th March. This year the focus is on climate change and how this badly affects farmers in the developing world. Could you buy an extra Fairtrade item this week? Visit their campaign site at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/> for more information.

In memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore bells will be tolling across the county 100 times on Saturday 27th February at 12 noon. Sir Tom's funeral takes place this weekend.

Support the local NHS @ Bedford Hospital Constant hand washing & PPE causes sore hands, rough skin, chapped lips etc. Donations of lip salve, hand cream & facial moisturiser etc welcome.
Bromham Collection boxes at 129 Stagsden Road and 17 Molivers Lane or phone Di (918691)