

Useful Information

Ministry Team:

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| Churchwardens | Graham Palmer | 07710 462535 |
| 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, 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 pandemic restrictions 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/>

Services in churches in April:

| | 9am | 10.30am |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| May 9 th | Stagsden | Bromham |
| May 16 th | Oakley | Bromham |
| May 23 rd | Stagsden | Oakley |

Venues may change at short notice, so do check regularly. Please let us know if you are coming to a service.

Zoom services

Continue every Sunday at 10.30am, and the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 6pm.

Easter 5



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
2nd May 2021

Sunday worship

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

Followed by 'coffee and chat'

See inside for details of how to join our services.

Today's Readings

Acts 8.26- end
1 John 4.7- end
John 15.1- 8

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 96
Isaiah 60.1- 14
Revelation 3.1- 13

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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:

Jesus said 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.' John 15: 5



For Our Prayers

- Sharing of vaccines and resources between countries
- Health services and the struggling people of India
- Aid for St Vincent islanders(linked with our Diocese)
- Children finding school, assessments etc stressful
- Stretched Mental Health Services and those suffering
- Those with no job, financial difficulties, poverty
- The residents of Parsonage Close

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: |
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| Bromham | Freda, Michelle & Sandra, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, the Gill family, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Derek, Jean & Richard, Anne and Sophie |
| Oakley | Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Roberta, Roy, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, and Donna |
| Stagsden | The community – the vulnerable & the supporters |

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Michael Seagrove (02.05.10), Michael Musk (02.05.16) Evelyn Robinson (05.05.07)

OAKLEY Edward Sills (29.04.10), Joyce Goodwin (30.04.17)

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

Martin Sutherland (Oakley) Funeral and burial 6th May

Joyce Brooks (Bromham)

Roy Harrison (Oakley)

Reflection

“God is glorified in that you bear much fruit and become my disciples”. (John 15. 8)

Jesus teaches that following Him involves growth and change. He says “I am the vine”. The metaphor of each plant being pruned to improve yield of fruit echoes the words of Isaiah. God, the gardener must shape the growth and spiritual development of every disciple, and only then will they have fruitful lives. He never forces us, but we have life choices to make, we consider whether that fits with a Christian life. What would Jesus say/do?

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 2nd May 2021

Everyone is welcome to join us at our services this Sunday as we meet on-site and online for worship.

9.00am Holy Communion St Owen’s Bromham

We will follow the hygiene guidance from the C of E regarding Holy Communion, in addition to the usual guidelines. ***It is essential to let us know if you are coming*** so we can plan socially distanced seating - phone: Tessa 340089 for Bromham. Please bring a face mask to wear.

10.30am Zoom Morning Service

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

11.30am Coffee Groups after the morning service.

Use the links you have been sent:

Bromham group ID 895 934 8502 Passcode: StOwens

Oakley group ID 894 2766 7737 Passcode: 277147

New members needed for the Zoom Support Team that works in the background during our online services.

Could you help? Contact Catherine for more information.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) are being

held for each church as below; the Annual Trustees’ Reports and accounts will be sent out to everyone on the Electoral Roll a week before the meeting. Zoom links will be available on the benefice website and will also be sent to all on the ER.

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| Oakley | Tues May 11 th | 7pm via Zoom |
| Bromham | Sun 16 th May | Via Zoom after morning service |
| Stagsden | Mon 17 th May | 2.30pm in church |

Please come and be part of the annual meeting for your church. All 3 PCCs have space for more members – is this something you could offer? Talk to an existing member or a churchwarden for more information.

The Bible Course – starts this Weds at 7.30pm

The course explores the bigger picture of the Bible, and its relevance to us today. We’ll meet on Zoom on eight Weds evenings during May, June and July, and enjoy video content, discussion times, opportunity for personal reflection and encouragement to dip into the Bible individually between sessions. If possible please let Catherine know if you will be joining in; the link will be sent by email in the usual way.



Christian Aid Week is from 10th- 16th May this year is raising money towards earth basins to collect and store rain water. Please consider donating to this cause or organising your own fundraising initiative. Please visit www.christianaid.org.uk to donate on line or leave marked envelopes in church.

St Owen’s Churchyard Can you spare an hour or two on a Weds 10.00am to 12.00? Our weekly gardening sessions resumed at the beginning of April, and we could use more help. Just turn up with some gardening tools and gloves.