

## 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 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 & 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

*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.

# Epiphany 3



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
24<sup>th</sup> January 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 14.17- 20  
Revelation 19.6- 10  
John 2.1- 11

### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 33  
Jeremiah 3.21- 4.2  
Titus 2.1- 8, 11- 14

### Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

### 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:

Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33: 20-21

### For Our Prayers

- President Joe Biden and his team seeking to bring stability and peace.
- Thanks for the vaccine, and swift and efficient organisation of the roll-out
- Nations with few resources and huge poverty/problems.
- NHS staff faced with massive challenges and stresses.
- Families mourning the loss of relatives and friends
- The caring ministry of Funeral Directors and priests
- The residents of Burleigh Place

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** Sidney Wootton (25.01.90), Donald Johnson (25.01.11), Linda Hewitt (25.01.16), Margaret Collins (27.01.09), Alfred Graetz (28.01.14)

**OAKLEY** Roy Hulatt (30.01.12)

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

**Doris Bannard-Smith** (Bromham) Funeral 28th Jan Pavenham

**Peter Churchman** (Bromham) Funeral 1st Feb Bedford Crematorium

**Grace Weightman** (Bromham) Burial 5th Feb St Owen's  
**Margaret Saunders** (Oakley) Funeral 11th Feb St Mary's

### Reflection

Lord, fill my heart with your goodness,  
dwell in me and let me know your peace,  
come into the dark places of my life,  
that I may overflow with your love,  
and reflect your patient forgiveness,  
bringing forth the fruits of love, hope, joy & peace.  
*"Love one another with mutual affection. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer".*  
(Romans 12: 10,12)

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

Everyone is welcome to join us at our service 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 842 9825 2499

#### **11.30am Coffee Groups after the morning service.**

Use the link you have been sent,  
Bromham ID: 779 2361 0293 Passcode: StOwen  
Oakley ID: 865 9041 1555 Passcode: 745622

#### **Benefice Youth group**

**Save the Date** for a Youth Group Pancake Making and Eating session on Zoom – Shrove Tuesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>!



**A letter of thanks** has been received from the Bedford Refuge for the donation of gifts at Christmas - many thanks to all who donated toys, books and other items.

#### **Church finances**

In spite of the financial challenges facing all churches during 2020, with lost income due to lockdown etc, the three churches in our Benefice have each paid all, or nearly all, of their Parish Share for the year.

**Thank you** to everyone who continued to give what they could, and those who gave additional donations. 2021 is unlikely to be any easier financially! Please consider prayerfully if you could increase your giving, or set up regular giving if you don't do this already.

*"Water you changed into wine... Into the darkness you shine, there's no one like you, none like you... God you are higher than any other..."* Chris Tomlin

