

Contact Details

Clergy

Vicar: Revd Catherine Wilson: 01234 825665
vicar@bromhambenefice.org

Curate: Revd Petra Yates: 07504 118405
curate@bromhambenefice.org

Priest: Revd Di Harpham: 01234 918691
diharpham@gmail.com

Benefice Administrator

Sarah Smale: **07494 069540**
administrator@bromhambenefice.org
*Working hours: Mon & Thurs 9.30 – 12.00;
Tues 9.30 – 1.00*

Benefice Safeguarding Officer

Judith Denyer 07981 928522
safeguarding@bromhambenefice.org

Churchwardens

Bromham: Frances Bulmer 01234 602718
Tessa Woodcock 01234 340089
Oakley: Graham Palmer 07710 462535
Hilarie Worley 01234 262166
Stagsden: VACANT

Benefice Website www.bromhambenefice.org

Info for website to administrator@bromhambenefice.org
Follow this link for [Facebook](#)
Follow this link for [Instagram](#)

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 make arrangements.

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 clergy.

Looking ahead - Sunday Services:

	9am	10.30am	3.30pm
16 th March	Oakley	Bromham	
23 rd Mar	Bromham	Oakley	

Zoom services Join the services by clicking on the link (sent by email or on the benefice website), or call one of these numbers and enter

10.30am service ID number: 848 0690 8170 No Zoom this week

0131 460 1196
0203 481 5240
0203 901 7895
0203 481 5237
0208 080 6592

Hymns this week – no Zoom service from the Methodist Church

In Emergency: When calling the emergency services give the what3words location reference below:

St. Owen's Church – fencing.sedative.gobbles
St. Mary's Church – insolvent.correct.grin
St Leonard's Church – squeezed.mainframe.tanked

Items for next week's pew leaflet to **Sarah Smale** by **Wednesday** lunchtime.

First Sunday of Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
9th March 2025

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Joint Morning Service

Oakley Methodist Church

3.30pm Evensong

St Owen's Bromham

NB No Zoom streaming this week

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1- 11
Romans 10.8- 13
Luke 4.1- 13

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 119.73- 88
Jonah 3
Luke 18.9- 14

Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4.15

For Our Prayers

- Peace for all the world & its people where conflict, cruelty & divisions cause fear & great suffering.
- Leaders of the nations to build reconciliation & lasting peace, with a concern for all involved.
- For all NHS staff & carers under a lot of pressure.
- Those with long-termed illnesses, mental illness.
- Prison staff, chaplains & their care of prisoners.
- 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	Michelle, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Keith, Terry, John, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, Mary, Gill, Linda
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, Ann, David, George, Donna, Janet, Margaret, Linda and Sylvia
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Jessie Cox (09.03.14), Norman Izzard (10.03.07), Elsie Mills (10.03.11), Gwendoline Taylor (10.03.13), John Sheen (13.03.10), Ada Hosken (14.03.10), Ann Wildman (14.03.15), Raphael Cicco (15.03.18)

OAKLEY Ben Brown (10.03.03) Kenneth Brown (10.03.03), Phillipa Allen (11.03.08), Richard Gribble (11.03.10), Amy Webster (14.03.94)

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

June Allen (Bromham) Funeral 24th March 11.30am at Norse Road Crematorium

Ken Sanders (Bromham)

Reflection

Lent has begun. We must use each day well. We are invited to a refreshing of the spirit, a chance to change, grow closer to God, & grow in the likeness of Jesus. It's time to have a spiritual spring clean! Are we ego-driven or God-driven? We acknowledge our flawed humanity, mistakes and limitations. Then forgiven, we may choose to open our whole lives to God. We live amongst the shifting sands of a fragmented world & power struggles but there is goodness too & God at work. Our call is to live our lives following in Jesus' footsteps as He shows us the way to His Father's kingdom.

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

Notices

Evensong – THIS SUNDAY is our monthly Evensong using the traditional BCP service, 3.30pm in St Owen's FR. All welcome.

Lent

Lent groups will begin next week: an in-person group on Mondays 2 – 3.30pm in St Owen's fellowship Room, and an online evening group on Zoom on Wednesdays 7 – 8.30pm.

These groups will be using the CofE's Pilgrim course looking at the Eucharist.

Thursday morning Prayer group will be meeting as usual during Lent.

Our Voice All Day Special THIS Sat 8th Mar All Saints Church Riseley. 9.30am- 8.30pm. For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com to book a place.

Open Saturdays next date in St Owen's 15th Mar 10am-12 noon. Contact Frances

Sewing alterations/mending offered, the fee is being donated to St Mary's. Call Maureen 01234 356354

Save the date – highly recommended 'Walk Through the Bible' New Testament Day Sat 22nd March 10am – 4.30pm in Clapham Church Fellowship centre. Fun, interactive, interesting, memorable – see the 'big picture' of the Bible. Book at www.Bible.org.uk . Tickets £14.

Maundy Thursday April 17th -Chrim Eucharist in St Albans Abbey at 11am. A special service when we are all invited to renew our commitment to our own ministries. Everyone is welcome – if you'd like to come please let Catherine know, lift-sharing might be possible.

Regular Events

Messy Church St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am.

Messy Church for all Next meeting Tues 11th Mar 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

Morning Prayer on Mondays 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, ask Catherine for the link.

Prayer Group Thurs mornings 10.30am in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's. All welcome

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 19th Mar Contact: Frances

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 18th Mar

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 13th Mar at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's for a Neighbourhood Team talk. Contact Tessa.

First Friday Coffee Morning at our next meeting on Fri 4th Apr 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham Contact: Frances

Fellowship Lunch –Next date will be April 6th in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351