

### Contact Details

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#### Home Communion

If you are unable to come to church for communion and would like to receive it at home, please phone Petra 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	6.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Stagsden	Bromham	
24 <sup>th</sup> August	No Service	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

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

Hymns: 623, 601, 650, 421, 451, 715

**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.

# 8th Sunday of Trinity



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### **9.00am Holy Communion**

St Leonard's Stagsden

#### **10.30am Churches Together Holy Communion\***

St Mary's Oakley

#### **6.00pm Evensong**

St Owen's Bromham

*\* This service will be live streamed via Zoom, see back page for more info*

#### Today's Readings

Genesis 15.1- 6  
Hebrews 11.1- 3, 8- 16  
Luke 12.32- 40

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 108  
Isaiah 11.10- end of 12  
2 Corinthians 1.1- 22

#### Collect

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.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free  
from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your  
body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

#### Verse for the week

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

*Hebrews 11.1*

### For Our Prayers

- Disability Awareness Sunday – “every person reflects the image of God”. Pray for their future.
- Open our eyes to the needs of the poor, lost etc
- Open our hearts to the stranger, marginalised
- For an end to the conflicts, suffering, losses.
- Delilah Rose Palmer, her parents and godparents at her baptism today
- 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	Michelle, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Keith, Terry, John, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, Mary, Revd Linda, Mary, Mike and Frances
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, David & Ann, George, Donna, Margaret, Linda, Dave, Sally and Pat
Stagsden	

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Jim Cowsill (11.08.97), Kath Jeffries (13.08.02)  
**OAKLEY** Lucy Phillips (12.08.19), George Maguire (12.08.20), Leslie Green (15.08.15)  
**STAGSDEN**

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

**Betty Ashworth** (Bromham) Funeral Fri 15<sup>th</sup> August in St Owen's 12 noon

**Susan Frostick** (Stagsden) Funeral Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August in St Leonard's at 10.30am

### Reflection

*“Be dressed for action, have your lamps lit”*(v. 35).  
‘Being ready for Jesus’ was not primarily about His second coming but a call to all disciples to be prepared to work for the kingdom, to be ready to serve others & to be alert to their needs. He advises his listeners to learn from the slaves who must be prepared to work at any time. We must be like servants, “other-centred”, alert, watchful, & caring & to see opportunities to offer help, love & encouragement. Jesus models ministry.

### 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

**Revd Catherine is on sabbatical.** Catherine will not be monitoring her email or phone messages, so please contact Revd Petra, Sarah or a churchwarden if you have any queries.

**Teas in Church** every Sunday 3.30-5pm St Mary's, please pop along and support the team and raise funds for the church.

**Evensong** please join us TODAY at 6pm in St Owen's. This will be the only Evensong this month, so please do come along,

**Benefice BBQ** The annual Benefice BBQ is to be held in David and Vivien Butler's garden (28 Bridge End, Bromham) on Bank holiday Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm. Bring and share salads and puddings needed. Please bring chairs and your own drinks. Contact Dorothy Palmer (01234 823959) for more information.

**Open Garden** Bishop of St Albans Garden will be open on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> August 2- 4pm for viewing of the summer displays. Entrance is £5 (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Address Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD.

### Events

**Churchyard Working Party** meets every Wednesday in St Owen's Bromham at 10am. All are welcome to help with tasks to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy. Please contact Pat Bass on 01234 826990 for more information, or just turn up ready and willing!

**Messy Church** now closed for the summer holidays- both sessions will return in September.

**Messy Church for all** Next meeting will be in Sept.

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

**Stagsden Open Door** closed for the summer.

**Prayer Group** is now finished for the summer break

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. Contact: Margaret Parrott on 824402

**Tuesday Holy Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 19<sup>th</sup> August

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Tessa for more information.

**First Friday Coffee Morning** next meeting on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094

**Open Saturdays** next date in St Owen's 16<sup>th</sup> August 10am- 12 noon. If you can offer to help open up, please contact Sarah.

**Our Voice Youth Group**. For anyone in Year 7 to 13. The group will start up again in September. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com to for more information.

**Fellowship Lunch** next lunch is on Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sept in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351