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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 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	6pm
17 th Dec	Stagsden	Bromham	3.30pm Stagsden 6.30pm Oakley
24 th Dec	Bromham	No service	See Christmas Services inside page

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

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.

Second Sunday of Advent



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

10th December 2023

9.00am Holy Communion

St Leonard's Stagsden

10.30am Churches Together Service

Oakley Methodist Church

** No Zoom Service this Sunday*

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 40

1 Kings 22.1-28

Romans 15.4-13

Collect for today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever, Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Verse for this week:

Whatever was written in former days was written for
our instruction, so that by ... the encouragement of the
Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15: 4

For Our Prayers

- God's peace and healing steering the world away from warfare, oppression, hate and violence.
- Innocent people suffering in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel.
- Charities, NGO's helping the poorest during winter.
- Children learning the true meaning of Christmas.
- Carers for the frail and sufferers of illnesses
- Staff and volunteers at Oakley Village Hall

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, the Gill family, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Jean & Richard, Anne, Keith, Terry, John, James, Karen and Carol, and June
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Piper, Janet and Margaret
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Marjorie Dawson (10.12.06), Freda Willn (10.12.12), R Horner (11.12.07), Joanne Smith (12.12.08), Barbara Leversha (14.12.07)
OAKLEY Cyril Burge (13.12.12), Marion Ridgway (14.12.20)

We pray for the family & friends of those who have recently died:
Lionel Albone (Bromham)

Reflection

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming birth of Jesus, the Christ-child, and a season of penitence when we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Isaiah's prophecy foretold God's promise and plan for His people. Later, John the Baptist prepared the people of his time for a healed relationship with God and each other, for a kingdom of peace, and a world turning away from wrongdoing to reconciliation and unity. John predicted one more powerful than him. Jesus, through His life, death & resurrection revealed the power of God's love, and power to heal and save. Can we proclaim God's love in our lives and our Christmas celebrations?

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

Christmas cards: rather than sending every one of your church friends a Christmas card this year why not send just one card, to everyone in our church family, and donate the money saved to the Children's Society? The cards will be displayed in your own church for all to see. Donation boxes in church.

Unisong's Concert raised £600 for St Owen's- many thanks to all who helped & supported the event.

TODAY Sun 10th Dec:

Children's Christmas Crafts 2pm- 4pm St Owen's, Bromham. £3 per child U2s free.

Christmas Teas in Church 3.30 – 5pm St Mary's Oakley. Choice of delicious cakes plus Christmas raffle.

Friendship Lunch Weds 13th Dec in the Prince of Wales Bromham.

Decorating St Owens Church for Christmas will take place on Sat 23rd Dec from 10 am. All help will be most welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers will be gratefully received to Margaret Parrott, 13 Tudor Close

Christmas Services

Sun 17th Dec

Carol Services: 3.30pm Stagsden
6.30pm Oakley

Mon 18th Dec 6.30pm Bromham (live streamed)

Christmas Eve:

Crib Services 3pm & 4.30pm Bromham
4pm Stagsden
4.30pm Oakley

Communion Services

9.00am Bromham
5.00pm Stagsden
11.00pm Bromham & Oakley

Christmas Day: 10.00am Oakley

Regular Events

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

Messy Church For All Oakley Methodist Church, next on Tues 12th December for our Messy Christingle 3.30pm- 5.30pm all ages welcome.

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

Stagsden Open Door is now closed for the winter.

Sewing Group on the 1st and 3rd Weds of the month in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next date 3rd January Contact: Frances

Our Voice A group for young people from school year 7 to aged 18 for fun, food and faith. Please email ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more information. Next meeting 13th January 5- 6.30pm in The Fellowship Centre, Clapham

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 19th December. Contact: Di.

Link Up Next meeting Thurs 11th Jan 12.30pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's for a bring a buffet lunch. Contact: Tessa Woodcock (see back page) to book.

First Friday Coffee Morning next meeting Jan 5th 11am – 1pm