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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
Weds 14 th Feb (Ash Weds)	11.30am	Bromham	
18 th Feb	Stagsden	Bromham	4.30pm Wild Church
25 th Feb	Bromham	Oakley	Zoom

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.

Sunday before Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
11th February 2024

9.00am Holy Communion

St Leonard's Stagsden

10.30am Churches Together

Covenant Service with Holy Communion

Oakley Methodist Church

6pm Evensong

St Owen's Bromham Fellowship Room

No Zoom service this Sunday

Today's Readings

2 Kings 2: 1-12
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
Mark 9: 2-9

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 2
1 Kings 19: 1-16
2 Peter 1: 16-end

Collect for today

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and
save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

It is the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness',
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ
Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4: 6

For Our Prayers

- Let light shine in our darkness, and into our hearts.
- May all we do this Lent be inspired & guided by Jesus.
- Ceasefire and peace for all the world's war-torn areas.
- For the hostages, the wounded, grieving, homeless.
- Those with lives darkened by illness, grief, despair.
- Those passing from earth to heaven to follow the light and hear the voice of Jesus calling them home.
- The residents of Bromham Park

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 Tom Potter (11.02.05), Edith Hobday (12.02.956), Christine Barclay (14.02.21), John Wright (16.02.07), Edith Cole (17.02.07)

OAKLEY Trevor James (12.02.15), Betty Ripley (14.02.18), Kenny Jones (15.02.09)

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

Stephen Wheatley (Bromham) Funeral and burial 12th February St Owen's

David Williams (Bromham) Funeral 29th February St Owen's (*this is not the same David Williams who is our organist*)

Reflection

Lent is approaching. We are reminded of God's glory, His presence revealed in the transfiguration of Jesus. Only three of His disciples were granted this experience. Why were they terrified? They had seen God at work in Jesus' ministry, yet this was different. In one way it was still the Jesus they knew but the curtain between earth and heaven had been lifted and they heard for sure who he was. We may not have a mountain top experience, but the time will come when earth and heaven meet, and we see Jesus as he truly is. *Come Lord Jesus, shine in me.*

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

FOSO AGM Thurs 15th Feb 7.30pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's. New members welcome!

St Mary's Annual Soup Lunch Sun 25th Feb following 10.30am service. Donations for Christian Aid.

Messy Church For All on Shrove Tuesday 13th Feb at Oakley Methodist Church, 3.30pm- 5.30pm all ages welcome.

Messy Church Plus! for families: Mon Feb 19th 11.30 - 1.30, includes a snack lunch.

Volunteers needed: Are you free between Mon 18th and Fri 22nd March, between 9.30am and 2pm? 'Impact' are looking for volunteers for the Easter Experience, which is held at St John's Church, Bedford. Around 360 children plus teachers from various schools get to see the Easter story re-enacted, using both the church and the grounds.

You can offer to perform – or to help with refreshments and stewarding. It's great fun and you get to network with a lot of fantastic people from other churches. Email Trish Horwood on trish@impactbedford.org.uk for more info.

Lent 2024

• **Ash Weds** service (with ashing if wished) 11.30am St Owen's Weds 14th Feb

• **Lent Groups** We have two groups on offer this year:
• **Tuesday afternoons** 2.15pm in the Fellowship Room beginning Tues 20th Feb for 5 weeks

• **Wednesday evenings** 7.30pm on Zoom beginning Weds 21st Feb for 5 weeks

• All are welcome, the zoom link will be sent round.

• **Lent readings booklets** On the theme of 'Watch and Pray', daily readings through Lent. £2 each from church.

• Also available are booklets of 40 daily readings that complement the 'Walk through the Bible' teaching, and also stand alone as an intro to the Old Testament.
• Suitable for Lent or any time of the year.

Regular Events

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

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 21st Feb Contact: Frances

Our Voice Group for young people from school year 7 to aged 18 for fun, food & faith. Email ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more info.

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 20th Feb. Contact: Di.

Link Up Next meeting Thurs 14th Mar, 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. Bring a poem to read and discuss. Contact: Tessa Woodcock (see back page)

First Friday Coffee Morning next meeting Mar 1st 11am – 1pm