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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 | 3.30pm |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 19 th Jan | Bromham | Bromham | |
| 26 th Jan | 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: NO LIVE STREAM THIS WEEK

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

Hymn nos for this week: No live stream this week

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.

Baptism of Christ



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
12th January 2025

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Churches Together Covenant Service

Oakley Methodist Church

3.30pm Evensong

St Owen's Bromham

** No live stream today*

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43.1- 7

Acts 8.14- 17

Luke 3.15- 17, 21- 22

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 46, 47

Isaiah 55.1- 11

Mark 1.4- 11

Collect for today

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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 of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as
Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

When Jesus had been baptised... the Holy Spirit
descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a
voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the
Beloved; with you I am well pleased'.

Luke 3. 21-22

For Our Prayers

- That we may all be faithful to our Baptism promises
- For all who are curious about faith, and those who seek to help them through conversation and courses
- Firefighters everywhere, especially in LA, and those who have lost homes in the fires there
- The NHS as they seek to care in difficult situations
- All who find the dark winter days a challenge
- Our Borough and Parish Councillors representing the villages in local governance this year
- The residents of Bevery Close

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: |
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| Bromham | Michelle, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Anne, Keith, Terry, John, James, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, Mary and Gill |
| Oakley | Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Janet, Margaret and Bonnie |
| Stagsden | |

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Michael Farr (13.01.75), Ken Parker (13.01.09), Dick Simms (14.01.11), Henry Hatton (15.01.82), Esme Tebbutt (15.01.07), Barbara Clarkson (15.01.11), Edith Warren (16.01.88)

OAKLEY Alma Corby (15.01.17), William Knight (16.01.14), David Hodgkins (16.01.21)

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

Eunice Hood (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 13th Jan 10.30am St Owen's

Brian Hunter (Oakley) Funeral and burial 16th Jan St Mary's

Jo Burton (Stagsden)

Anne Cowsill (Bromham)

Reflection

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours; no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which his love looks out to the world; yours are the feet with which he goes around doing good; yours are the hands with which he blesses now". (*words from Teresa of Avila, a down-to-earth mystic and teacher of faith*).

God calls us to grow as we follow Jesus, to grow on our own faith journey, helping others on the way.

He will equip us for this work.

Diocesan Prayer for a Year of Spiritual Renewal & Wellbeing

God of life and love, pour out your blessing as we journey to your kingdom on the Emmaus Road:

where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith;

where there is fear, establish us in love;

where there is discord, bring reconciliation and healing;

that together we may be renewed in hope

by your Spirit,

and be ambassadors of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices

Stagsden services: at the moment the heating at St Leonard's isn't working. The 9am services on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays are moving to St Owen's Bromham for now.

Evensong for January is TODAY Sun 12th Jan at 3.30pm in the Bromham Fellowship Room. This will be the only Evensong in January, so please do come along.

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.

Bishop of St Albans Open Garden 15th/16th Feb and 22nd/23rd Feb for people to come and look at the display of snowdrops. Entrance £5 per person (children free), dogs on leads are welcome. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Find the gardens at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD.

Big Blunham Book Sale Sat 22nd Feb 10am to 3pm in Blunham Church, MK44 3NQ. An enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist to fiction sorted into categories. Homemade soup, cakes, hot dogs, teas and coffees served all day. All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. Contact Sue & Peter Holden 01767 640572

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 21st Jan 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

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

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 22nd Jan 2025 (different dates to usual) 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 21st Jan 2025

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 13th Feb at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. We will be making bird feeders. Contact Tessa.

First Friday Coffee Morning at our next meeting on Fri 7th Feb 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham Contact: Frances

Our Voice a group for ages 11- 18. Next Date is Sat 8th Feb for a Youth Led Service at 4pm in Clapham Parish Church followed by an Our Voice session 5-6.30pm in the Clapham Fellowship Centre. Contact Emma Harrison ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more information.

Fellowship Lunch – Our next lunch Sun 2nd Feb 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