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Info for website to [administrator@bromhambenefice.org](mailto:administrator@bromhambenefice.org)  
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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
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Bromham	Bromham	Carol Service Oakley
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Service	Bromham	

**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 Zoom service today

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

Hymns: No Zoom service today

**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.

## Third Sunday of Advent



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **9.00am Holy Communion**

St Owen's Bromham

### **10.30am Holy Communion**

St Mary's Oakley

### **6.00pm Carol Service**

Stagsden Village Hall

*\* There will be no live streaming today*

#### Today's Readings

Isaiah 35.1- 10

James 5.7- 10

Matthew 11.2- 11

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 12

Isaiah 5.8- end

Acts 13.13- 41

#### Collect for today

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom  
of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

#### Verse for this week:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."  
*Philippians 4:4*

### For Our Prayers

- For hope in troubled places in our world
- For gratitude in our daily living
- For God's light to break into darkness
- For peace in our homes and community
- For courage to rejoice amid uncertainty
- Volunteers and young people in our villages' Guiding groups

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, 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** Barbara Leversha (14.12.07), D Butler (17.12.07), John Robson (18.12.16), Ronald Burridge (20.12.14), Elsie Thrush (20.12.14), Jean Garbutt (20.12.18)

**OAKLEY** Marion Ridgway (14.12.20), John Burness (15.12.22)

**STAGSDEN**

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

**Graham Hull** (Bromham) Memorial Service Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm St Owen's

**Theadora Lee** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30am St Owen's

**Leannah Robinson** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2pm St Owen's

**Barry Worker** (Oakley)

### Reflection

This week, Advent 3, we pause to reflect on Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday', which in mediaeval times was a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent. The rose-coloured candle reminds us that joy is already rising, even before Christmas dawns. We are invited to pause and rediscover **joy**—not the fleeting kind, but the deep, steady joy that comes from God's presence among us. We hear the call to *gaudete—rejoice*—so may we open our hearts to gratitude, notice grace in small moments in our daily lives, and strive to share Christ's hopeful joy with our neighbour.

### 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

**Coffee Morning Extravaganza.** A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who helped, donated, bought, ate and drank at the Extravaganza. A superb amount of £816 has been raised for St.Owen's Church.

**Christmas Services** Please pick up a flyer in church for all our Christmas services

### Carol Services in the Benefice:

TODAY Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Stagsden Village Hall  
Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Bromham (with children from Bromham Primary school)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 6pm Oakley (this service will be live streamed)

**Booklets of reflections** for the 12 days of Christmas will be available in our churches from TODAY, £1. Please put the money in the box provided and not in the plate. Reflections also available by email – sign up at [www.cofe.io/TheJoyOfChristmas](http://www.cofe.io/TheJoyOfChristmas)

**Christmas Teas in Church** TODAY Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30-5.00pm in St Mary's Oakley

**Unison Christmas Concert** Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm in St Owen's tickets £10 on the door.

**Dog Walk, Beverages & Blessing** Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am meet at St Leonard's church for a group dog walk followed by refreshments and a blessing in church. Suggested donation £5 per dog and cash for refreshments. In aid of Cinnamon Trust, Heathlands Animal Sanctuary & St Leonard's Church.

**Decorating St Owens for Christmas** Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec from 10am. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. Donations for flowers will be gratefully received to Margaret Parrott, 18 Tudor Close.

### Regular Events

**Messy Church** St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am. Last Dates for this Term: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec St Owen's, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec St Mary's

**Messy Church for all** Next meeting Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

**Morning Prayer on Mondays** 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, link on website

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

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 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. Next service 16<sup>th</sup> Dec followed by a light lunch.

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Please note that in 2026 Link up will move to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

**Fellowship Lunch** Next lunch is Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Jan in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351

**Our Voice Youth Group.** For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Please contact Emma on [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) for info.