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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
23 rd Mar	Bromham	Oakley	
30 th Mar	Stagsden	Oakley 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: 848 0690 8170

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

Hymns this week: 763, 135, 791, 454, 779, 595

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 Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
16th March 2025

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Oakley

10.30am Holy Communion*

St Owen's Bromham

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

Today's Readings

Genesis 15.1- 12, 17- 18
Philippians 3.17- 4.1
Luke 13.31- end

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 135
Jeremiah 22.1- 9, 13- 17
Luke 14.27-33

Collect for today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord 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

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
Wait for the Lord!
Psalm 27.14

For Our Prayers

- Nations locked in hostilities to be open to God's healing & peace. Pray for the brokers of peace.
- Food, essential supplies to reach the most needy.
- Forgotten people facing conflict, natural disasters, Governments, agencies caring for most vulnerable.
- For the healing, caring ministry of all Christians.
- May ill & weak be touched by God's healing power.
- The residents of Flax 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:
Bromham	Michelle, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Keith, Terry, John, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, Mary, Gill, Linda and Mary
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, Ann, David, George, Donna, Janet, Margaret, Linda, Sylvia and Dave
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Geoffrey Perr (16.03.90), John Brooks (16.03.05), Arthur Lewis (16.03.11), Margaret Bland (18.03.17), Joy Horner (19.03.18), Edith Marsh (20.03.16), Nancy Ewing (22.03.10), Alfred Tysoe (22.03.18)

OAKLEY Valerie Shread (18.03.18), Robin Worley (19.03.09), Glenys Bostock (20.03.02), Margaret Tansley (22.03.95)

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

June Allen (Bromham) Funeral 24th March 11.30am at Norse Road Crematorium

Ian Collins (Bromham) Burial of ashes Weds 2nd April St Owen's

Ken Sanders (Bromham) Funeral Fri 28th March 1.30pm in St Owen's

Reflection

Jesus journeys to Jerusalem, the 'city of David'. Here the ark of the covenant rested in the Temple, symbol of God's presence. Jesus sorrows for Jerusalem, longing for them to know & teach of God's love & mercy & live His way. He will challenge those who refuse a new relationship with God. Will He face rejection as the earlier prophets did. Will He die? Will He live? He trusted His Father. We must too. Jerusalem lives on, damaged & divided, but still there. Our Jerusalem is waiting, the place where we encounter God in all His glory, where joy & love & being loved is complete.

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

National Covid 19 Day of Reflection St Owen's tenor bell was tolled on Sun 9th March to mark the day.

Lent groups continue next week: an in-person group on Mondays 2 – 3.30pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room, and an online evening group on Zoom on Wednesdays 7 – 8.30pm (Zoom meeting link on weekly email). These groups will be using the CofE's Pilgrim course looking at the Eucharist.

Thursday morning Prayer group will be meeting as usual during Lent, at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room.

Renewal of Electoral Rolls – everyone needs to sign up for the new Church Electoral Rolls – forms will be delivered to those on the old Roll, please ask if you'd like to join for the first time.

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

Mothering Sunday services at 10.30am in both St Owen's and St Mary's – all welcome, please bring the family! There is a 9am Communion in Stagsden.

Palm Sunday Please join us in St Mary's at 10.30am on Palm Sunday 13th April for a special service including a donkey procession!

Maunder Thursday April 17th -Chrism Eucharist in St Albans Abbey at 11am. A special service when we are all invited to renew our commitment to our own ministries. Everyone is welcome – if you'd like to come please let Catherine know, lift-sharing might be possible.

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 20th May 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

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

Open Saturdays next date in St Owen's 5th April 10am-12 noon. Contact Frances.

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

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 19th Mar 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 18th Mar

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 10th April at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Tessa.

First Friday Coffee Morning at our next meeting on Fri 4th Apr 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham Contact: Frances

Fellowship Lunch –Next date will be April 6th 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

Our Voice Youth Group For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com to for more information.