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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.

<u>Healing Ministry</u> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Bromham	Oakley	
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	No Service	Stagsden Village Hall	6pm 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 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.

# 2nd Sunday before Advent



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

9.00am Holy Communion St Owen's Bromham 10.30am Holy Communion St Owen's Bromham \* No Zoom streaming today

## **Today's Readings**

Malachi 4.1- 2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6- 13 Luke 21.5- 19

# **Today's Evensong Readings**

Psalm 97 Daniel 6 Matthew 13.1- 9, 18- 23

## **Collect for today**

Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

## Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## Verse for this week:

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 89: 14

### **For Our Prayers**

- We are invited to live faithfully and with open hearts.
   May we look to God when life feels uncertain, and trust that his love will carry us through.
- The Church in every place: encouragement for those who feel tired and worn down, unity for those who are divided, strength for the weary.
- Our world places torn by conflict, people facing hardship and poverty, leaders making big decisions.
- May we be kind, brave, and generous in our own communities, and share God's love with those who are in most need, whatever that need may be.
- Staff, students and carers at Lincroft Academy

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** Betty Horrocks (17.11.08), Walter Boa (17.11.09), Katrina Bidzans (17.11.16), Lorna DeQuincey (17.11.20), Wendy Wildman (18.11.16), Sheila Wells (20.11.21), Janet Webb (21.11.07), Joan Mobbs (21.11.19), Sheila Horner (21.11.19)

**OAKLEY** Bill Newman (16.11.20), Ann Tiley (21.11.10), David Ireson (21.11.21), Joy Cox (22.11.12) **STAGSDEN** 

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

**Pelham Pitts** (Oakley) Memorial Service Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 12noon St Mary's

**Revd Derek Draper** Funeral Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 12.30pm St Owen's followed by tea and cake in the Fellowship Room **Susan Cook** Burial of Ashes Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2.30pm St Owen's

## Reflection

Our Bible readings can feel heavy at this time of year, with themes of endings and judgement. Yet, beneath these words runs a deep thread of hope. For the God who made the world will not abandon it, and the story He began in love will end in love too. In the run up to Advent we hear a call to readiness and we are invited to be awake to the presence of God already among us: in the neighbour who needs a word of kindness, in the beauty of creation, perhaps in those quiet moments of prayer or reflection as we ponder our days and the experiences that these bring.

# 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**

Children, Young People & Families Hub What's Next? Sat 15th Nov postponed until March 2026

<u>Our Voice Fest</u> Sat <u>22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</u> 4-7pm in St Owen's church. All secondary aged children are invited for a fun afternoon exploring faith whilst playing games and sharing a meal. Families invited from 6.30pm for worship around the indoor campfire.

<u>Christmas Tree Lighting</u> Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 5pm St Mary's Oakley. Join us for tree lighting, carols and refreshments.

## Advent Sunday 30th Nov:

10.30am Holy Communion in Stagsden Village Hall (no heating in the church!), followed by Fellowship Lunch also in the village hall.

6pm Music and Readings for Advent in St Mary's Oakley

Coffee Morning Extravaganza Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am-2pm St Owen's. Join us for a special coffee morning with light lunches, a raffle and stalls. Offers of help and donations of prizes, stall ideas to Elaine please on harrison.ejh@gmail.com or 826702

### **Regular Events**

<u>Churchyard Working Party</u> meets every Wednesday in St Owen's Bromham at 10am. All are welcome to help. Contact Pat Bass on 01234 826990.

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

Messy Church for all Next meeting Tues 18th Nov 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

<u>Morning Prayer on Mondays</u> 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, link on website

<u>Prayer Group</u> Thurs mornings 10.30am in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's.

<u>Sewing Group</u> on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next <u>19<sup>th</sup> Nov</u>. Contact: Margaret Parrott on 824402

<u>Tuesday Holy Communion</u> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service <u>18<sup>th</sup></u> <u>Nov</u> followed by a light lunch.

<u>Link Up</u> Next meeting is on Thurs <u>11<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> at 12.30pm for Christmas lunch at The Fox, Carlton Contact Tessa for more information and to book a place.

Our Voice Youth Group. For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Next meeting Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com to for info.

**Open Saturdays** next date in St Owen's <u>13<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> 10am-12 noon. Offers of help please to Sarah.

**Fellowship Lunch** Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov in Stagsden Village Hall. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351