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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
24 th Sept	Bromham	Oakley	
1 st Oct	Oakley	Bromham & OMC	3.00pm Stagsden

Zoom services

Join the service 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.

Trinity 15/ Generosity



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
17th September 2023

9.00am Holy Communion

St Leonard's Stagsden

10.30am Holy Communion*

St Owen's Bromham

4.30pm Wild Church

Leslie Sell Activity Centre, Molivers Lane, Bromham

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

Today's Readings

2Corinthians 8: 1-15

Luke 21: 1-4

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 119.41- 48

Ezekiel 20.1- 8, 33- 44

Acts 20.17- end

Collect for today

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things
and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe,
to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams;
that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving and righteous God,
here at your table we have tasted your goodness and
generosity
which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve;
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves,
and love and serve others to witness to your glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Verse for this week:

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became
poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
2Cor 8:9

For Our Prayers

- Those working for peace in the areas of conflict.
- Countries facing humanitarian crises, Libya, Morocco, Horn of Africa, Pacific Islands etc., those giving relief
- UK Govt and the current difficulties it faces, to protect the most vulnerable and marginalised
- Courage for those struggling with pain and disability
- For the world's children growing up without knowing peace, without education, health care and hope
- The work of Impact Bedford taking the Christian message into schools across the Borough
- Bromham Parish Council

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 Carole and Mary J.
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Piper and Janet
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Ivor Tucker (17.09.7), Ron Watts (23.09.28)
OAKLEY Barbara Galbraith (20.09.20)

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

Olive Parsons (Oakley) Funeral 2.30pm 20th September at Bedford Crematorium

Sue Owen (Oakley) Funeral 2pm 19th September at St Mary's

Reflection

"their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part... they gave beyond their means". (2 Corinth. 8.2,3.) Paul describes the example of an early church community whose sacrificial generosity reflects their gratitude to Jesus and their care for those suffering. *We pray: You Lord, are the well-spring of all grace, who gave us the earth as our home and its people as our family. We depend on you, guiding us, calling us, resourcing us. May we shape our own lives on your unending love and care.*

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

Decorating St Owens Church for Harvest: Saturday 30th Sept from 10 am. All helpers most welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers will be gratefully received. Margaret Parrott, 13 Tudor Close

Harvest Our remaining Harvest Services are on Sun 1st Oct at 10.30am:

St Owen's: All Age Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch- Tickets for lunch £6 adults, U16 free, from Frances or Sarah. Please bring your own drink. Donations of raffle prizes welcome- to Frances.

St Mary's: Joint Harvest Service at Oakley Methodist Church followed by Bring and Share lunch

Harvest Appeal Cash donations to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to provide chickens to Ugandan families

The Alpha Course begins Monday 2nd Oct 6.30-8.30pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room. A great opportunity to ask questions about faith – talk to Catherine or Petra for more info. Meal served at each meeting.

Deanery Quiet Day – Weds 4th Oct 9.30 – 3.30pm at St Owen's. Theme: The Kingdom of God. All welcome - £5 charge to cover lunch and refreshments. Book by 1st Oct by contacting Revd Nick Mundy on 07966 377108 or emailing n.j.munday@btinternet.com.

Open Mornings St Owen's will be continuing in the autumn, next dates 7th Oct & 11th Nov, 10am- 12noon. Please contact Frances if you can help.

Ouse Valley Singers in concert St Owen's Sat 14th Oct 7.30pm – Adults £10, U16 Free on the door. Raffle and refreshments, please contact Edward for more information or to reserve seats. 01234 826551

Volunteer Request for Sharnbrook Hotel housing refugees. A plea for more befrienders for asylum seekers. Please contact Sarah or Catherine if you are interested in helping.

Regular Events

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

Morning Prayer on Mondays 9.15 – 9.45am in St Mary's Oakley.

FINAL Teas in Church of 2023: TODAY 3.30pm- 5pm in St Mary's Oakley, includes a slide show of interesting parts of St Mary's, some of which may surprise you!

Stagsden Open Door 3pm- 4.30pm every Tuesday

Our Voice A group for young people from school year 7 to aged 18 for fun, food and faith. Please email ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more information.

Sewing Group on the 1st and 3rd Weds of the month in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next date 20th September. Contact: Frances (see back page).

Tuesday Holy Communion twice a month in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, next service 19th Sept. If you need a lift please call Di.

Link Up Next meeting Thurs 12th Oct 2.30pm Fellowship Room St Owen's a fire safety talk. Contact: Tessa Woodcock (see back page)

First Friday Coffee Mornings next coffee morning on Fri 6th October 11am- 1pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room, Bromham. Contact: Frances (see back page).