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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
26 th Mar	Oakley	Oakley	Zoom
2 nd Apr	Oakley	Bromham	

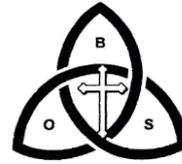
Zoom services

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.

Mothering Sunday



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
19th March 2023

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am All Age Mothering Sunday Service*

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Joint Mothering Sunday Service

Oakley Methodist Church

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

Exodus 2.1- 10
Colossians 3.12- 17
Luke 2.33- 35

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 31.1- 8
Micah 7
James 5

Collect for today

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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, Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink
of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Verse for the Week

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

For Our Prayers

- Gratitude for all mothers living and departed.
- Mothers in poverty working hard for their children.
- The many children orphaned by war, natural disasters, poverty, disease to be cared for, loved, nurtured.
- Peace and security for the many families displaced.
- Charities, medical personnel providing emergency aid
- For those preparing for confirmation
- 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, the Gill family, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Jean & Richard, Anne, Keith, Terry, John, James, Karen, Christopher and Carole
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Sue, Chris, Donna and Piper
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Edith Marsh (20.03.16), Nancy Ewing 22.03.10

OAKLEY Robin Worley (19.03.09), Glenys Bostock (20.03.02), Margaret Tansley (22.03.95), Elaine Baker (25.03.04)

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

Michael Creamer (Oakley) Funeral 22nd March at Bedford Crematorium

Marian Shimmans (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 28th Mar at St Owen's

Reflection

"Live by the Spirit... whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all". Galatians 5.16 & 6. 10
Lent 4 gives us Mothers' Day and Mothering Sunday. Give thanks for all those who have nurtured, cared and encouraged us through our lives, and still do. We also commit to our own calling to be nurturers not just for our DNA family and far wider than our faith community. God's family stretches across the world, and it knows no borders or boundaries. Lent is not just for fasting. Let us Feast on unconditional love, hospitality of heart, compassion, healing, forgiveness, eternal truth – it is where we will meet God.

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

Lent Groups

Wednesdays (following the Lectio Course): 10.30am – 12noon at 35 Ruffs Furze, Oakley (Phyllis's home) or 7 – 8.15pm on Zoom (Zoom link available on the 'Services' page of the website).

Thursdays 10.30am in St Owen's Fellowship Room (following the Receiving Christ Course) 3rd session Thurs 23rd Mar.

Lent Appeal our Lent giving this year will go to the disaster relief appeal following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

St Mary's PCC meets this Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm in the church.

Cleaning Day at St Owen's on Sat 25th Mar 10am- 3pm. Light lunch will be served. Jobs for all abilities and all welcome; please let Frances know if you can help francesbulmer@btinternet.com or 01234 340089

Save the date! Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Mon 10th April. By train to Harpenden and walk the 5 miles from there, or go by train the whole way, or drive. More info to follow.

Regular Events

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

Messy Church for All next meeting THIS Tues 21st Mar 3.30-5.00pm at Oakley Methodist Church. All ages welcome!

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 Weds 5th April. Please contact Frances for more information (602718 or francesbulmer@btinternet.com)

Link Up Next meeting Thurs April 13th in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 2.30pm - a poetry reading. Contact Anne Tombs annetombs712@btinternet.com or 01234 822949.

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 THIS Tues 21st March. If you need a lift please call Di or Catherine.

Fellowship Lunch Palm Sunday Special! Sun 2nd April in St Owen's Fellowship Room after the service. All welcome.

First Friday Coffee Mornings we will not meet in April but please do come to our Open Church day on Easter Monday in St Owen's 12pm- 4pm

AMIGOS meet on the fourth Tuesday of most months. More info from John Dixon on 01234 824959.

Foodbank reminder You can bring donations of packets and tins to any service, and they will be taken to Bedford Foodbank to help those finding this economic situation a real struggle. See their website for a list of items currently needed: <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/>