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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 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bromham	Oakley	Zoom
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Oakley	Bromham	Oakley

**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.

# Second Sunday before Advent



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
19<sup>th</sup> November 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

Zephaniah 1.7, 12- end  
1 Thessalonians 5.1- 11  
Matthew 25.14- 30

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 89.19- 37  
1 Kings 1.15- 40  
Revelation 1.4- 18

#### 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, Amen

#### 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, Amen

#### Verse for this week:

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it...  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth. Psalm 98: 7-9

## For Our Prayers

- Peace and healing for the tragedy of Ukraine.
- Ceasefire by Israel and Hamas, aid and safety for all.
- World leaders to commit to aid for the poorest, solutions for the displaced, peace and cooperation.
- Missionaries, humanitarian aid workers, chaplains.
- For every person to discern & use the gifts God gave.
- Our encouraging, growing, welcoming young people.
- Staff and children of Little Fishes Nursery, Bromham

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 Carol, and June
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Piper, Janet and Margaret
Stagsden	

## In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Janet Webb (21.11.07), Joan Mobbs (21.11.19), Sheila Horner (21.11.49), Cynthia Buchanan (23.11.13), Graham Gooding (24.11.87), John Hutchinson (24.11.20) Kenneth Bushell (25.11.14), Michael Broom (25.11.20)

**OAKLEY** Ann Tiley (21.11.10), David Ireson (21.11.21), Joy Cox (22.11.12), Reginald Hulatt (23.11.13), Molly Scott (23.11.11)

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

**Pat Tanner** (Bromham) Burial of ashes 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

## Reflection

We enter the kingdom season which continues until we celebrate Christ the king. We are all called to work for this kingdom and to be part of it. In the parable of the talents, we assume Jesus is the master leaving the three servants with responsibilities whilst he is away.

The talents were given in trust to them to do the very best possible with them. We understand them to be the gifts of the Spirit which we are given to use and put to good use – we must never let them wither from lack of use.

## 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

**School Governor Vacancy:** Bromham Primary School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor – appointed by the church, but doesn’t have to be a Bromham resident – to be part of the Governing body and particularly to uphold the Christian ethos of the school. Please talk to Catherine if you are interested.

**Safeguarding Training Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2pm** – Foundation Level course, in-person, led by Judith Denyer. Tea and cake etc to follow!

**St Owens Bazaar Next weekend!! Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** 12noon- 4pm. Could you invite a friend or neighbour to come with you? Offers of help in the kitchen would be greatly appreciated. Contact: Frances.

**Unisong Christmas Concert Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** at 2pm in St Owen’s. A fun afternoon of singing. Tickets £10 (children £5) including refreshments. Raffle. Reserve seats by contacting Edward (826551) and pay on the door, proceeds split with St Owen’s and Smart Prebend Centre

**Oakley Christmas Tree Lighting Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** 5.00pm at St Mary’s followed by refreshments and carols in church.

**Special evening service for Advent - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** 6pm, led by the Benefice choir.

**Cleaning Day St Owen’s Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 10am to 3pm, light lunch provided. Names of those who can help to Frances or Tessa.

**Friendship Lunch Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** in the Prince of Wales Bromham. Names to Flora (822094) by Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov please

## Regular Events

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

**Messy Church For All** Oakley Methodist Church, next on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December for our Messy Christingle 3.30pm- 5.30pm all ages welcome.

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

**Stagsden Open Door** is now closed for the winter.

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month in St Owen’s Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next date 6<sup>th</sup> December Contact: Frances

**Our Voice** A group for young people from school year 7 to aged 18 for fun, food and faith. Please email [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) for more information. Next meeting Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-7pm in The Fellowship Centre, Clapham

**Tuesday Holy Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen’s Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 21<sup>st</sup> November. Contact: Di.

**Link Up** Next meeting Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm in The Fox, Carlton for Christmas lunch. Contact: Tessa Woodcock (see back page) to book.

**Fellowship Lunch** is taking a break in December. Please contact Vivien Butler for more information on [Vivien.butler@virginmedia.com](mailto:Vivien.butler@virginmedia.com)