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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 one of the clergy 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
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bromham	OMC	Bromham
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bromham	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: 2, 110, 677, 396, 74, 719

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.

# Candlemas



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

#### **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

Malachi 3.1- 5  
Hebrews 2.14- end  
Luke 2.22- 40

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 132  
Haggai 2.1- 9  
John 2.18- 22

#### Collect for today

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the  
Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### Verse for this week:

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Hebrews 2:18*

### For Our Prayers

We pray for all those being 'tested', those:

- waiting for medical results and treatment,
- living with chronic illness and frailty,
- living in fear under unjust regimes,
- the homeless enduring the bitter weather,
- those living with the impact of Storm Chandra.
- Archbishop Sarah Mullally- for prayerful wisdom and resilience.
- The residents of Bridge End & Millfield

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, Pat and Anne & John
Stagsden	

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Robin Coles (02.02.13), Dennis Mabey (03.02.12), Colin Pell (03.02.17), Victor Leversah (04.02.16), Eirene Vince (03.02.17), Donald Richardson (06.02.15), Doreen Poulter (07.02.13), June Allen (07.01.25)

**OAKLEY** Albert Brooks (01.02.17), Monica Cull (01.02.25), Jean Rawson (02.02.19), Betty Sadler (02.02.21)

**STAGSDEN** Isabella Wilson (04.02.18)

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

**Win Boulton** (Bromham) Funeral Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.45am in St Owen's

**Peggy Ashworth** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am St Owen's

### Reflection

Today's Hebrews 2:17 acknowledges the humanity of Christ as he became human *'like his brothers and sisters in every respect'*. In Luke 2 Jesus is presented at the temple where Simeon and Anna recognised Jesus as the true Messiah, the light of the world. Today where may we see God in our everyday experiences? Where may the actions and love of others show God at work in our lives?

### 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

**Fellowship Lunch** TODAY Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351

**Messy Church Plus** returns Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30am in St Owen's Bromham

**The Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will open again this February, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom. The garden will open on 14 & 15 Feb; 21 & 22 Feb 2-4pm at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. £5 per adult, all proceeds to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

**Lent Groups** This year's Lent Groups will be 5 sessions following a Pilgrim Course on 'Church and Kingdom'. Mondays 2-3.30pm St Owen's Fellowship Room beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, or Wednesdays 7pm on Zoom beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Lenten Booklet** of 40 readings on 'Life Giving Habits for Lent' available soon £2.50 each

**The Big Blunham Book Sale** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.00am to 3.00pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ. There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books. Refreshments served all day. Profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For further details please ring Sue or Peter Holden 01767 640572

**Save the Date** for our **Benefice Away Day** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026. All will be invited for a day of reflection and planning! More details to follow.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

**Morning Prayer on Mondays** 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, link on website

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

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

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

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

**First Friday Coffee Morning** next meeting on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094

**Our Voice Youth Group.** For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Next meeting Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre MK41 6ER. Please contact Emma on [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) for info.

