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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 th March	Bromham	Oakley	Bromham
15 th March	Bromham	Bromham Oakley	3pm- 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: 593, 510, 595, 134, 430, 652

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 of Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
1st March 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

Genesis 12.1- 4
Romans 4.1- 5, 13- 17
John 3.1- 17

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 135
Numbers 21.4- 9
Luke 14.27- 33

Collect for today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

For Our Prayers

- Peace and rest for the terminally or chronically ill
- All victims of abuse, current and historic
- The King and all carrying the burden of broken and damaged relationships
- Children and staff in our schools and nurseries
- Moments to pause and reflect this Lent
- The residents of Browning Close & Barker Drive

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, Anne & John, Pam & Terry and Pat
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Jim Stephenson (03.03.09), Roger Ashworth (03.03.17), Kenneth Sanders (03.03.25), Michael Swannell (04.03.13), Alicia Cox (05.03.16), Oliver Betts (05.03.16), Tony Wills (05.03.22), Dennis Garbutt (06.03.10), Tina Kynock (07.03.11)

OAKLEY Yvonne Phillips (01.03.07), James Goodyear (03.03.99), John Taylor (04.03.04), Peggy Briggs (05.03.08), Andrew Wilton (05.03.12)

STAGSDEN Shirley Worrall (03.03.24)

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

Brian Leeson (Oakley) Funeral Mon 2nd Mar 12.15pm Bedford Crematorium; Thanksgiving Service 2pm OMC

Reginald Trussler (Bromham) Funeral and burial Tues 3rd March 10am St Owen's

Stephen Gilbert (Oakley) Funeral and burial Weds 4th March 11am St Mary's

Betty Ashworth (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Fri 6th Mar 10am St Owen's

Phillip Deardon (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Sat 7th Mar 11.30am St Owen's

Jean Cannon (Bromham)

Reflection

John's Gospel shares how Nicodemus, recognising Jesus' God given authority yearns to learn more of Jesus' teaching and the promise of new birth. In fragile trust he walks through the darkness to share his questions with openness and honesty. His gentle, searching faith mirrors our Lenten path—as through self-reflection and repentance we may grow toward the light of Easter. Today we reflect: what questions rest in our hearts? What fears need Christ's light? Where is God tenderly inviting us into deeper trust and renewed hope with Him?

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 1st Mar 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

Lent Groups Continue this week, same course, attend whichever is most convenient for you each week:
Mondays 2-3.30pm St Owen's Fellowship Room
Wednesdays 7pm on Zoom – use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88361436178>

Lent giving – our Benefice charity for Lent is Impact – 'fun, interactive activities to help schools deliver the faith curriculum'. See www.impactbedford.org.uk. We will be having a speaker from Impact on a Sunday later in Lent.

The Big Blunham Book Sale Sat 28th Feb 10.00am to 3.00pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ. An enormous selection of nearly new books. Refreshments served all day. Profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For further details: Sue or Peter Holden 01767 640572

Alternative Mothering Sunday Service For those who find Mothering Sunday a difficult time. Sunday 15th March at 3.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Tea and coffee served after the service.

Benefice Away Day Sat 18th April 2026. All are invited to come and think about our Benefice aims and vision. Clapham Fellowship centre, 10.30 – 3.30pm.

St Owen's Open Church – we are looking for volunteers to sit in the church one Saturday morning a month so that people can drop in. Talk to Tessa if you can help.

Confirmation – if you haven't been confirmed (made your baptism promises for yourself as an adult) and would like to explore this, please talk to Catherine.

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 17th Mar 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 1st & 3rd Weds 2-4pm. Next 4th Mar in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Margaret 824402

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 3rd Mar followed by a light lunch.

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 26th March 2pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

First Friday Coffee Morning next meeting on Fri 6th Mar 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 14th Mar 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre MK41 6ER. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for info.