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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 | 4.00pm |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Bromham | Oakley  |        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Oakley  | 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: 398, 388, 712, 446, 787, 748

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.

# Education Sunday



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

20<sup>th</sup> September 2026

***A warm welcome to  
Dr Ryan Parker, who is  
preaching at the 10:30am  
service today***

**9.00am Holy Communion**

St Leonard's Stagsden

**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

Jonah 3.10- end of 4

Romans 14.1- 12

Matthew 20.1- 16

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 119.113- 136

Ezekiel 33.23, 30- 34.10

Acts 26.1, 9- 25

#### Prayer for Education Sunday

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of education, for places of learning, for curious minds, and for all who help knowledge, wisdom and understanding to grow.

We thank you for opportunities to learn throughout our lives, and for those who encourage us to become the people you call us to be.

Bless all who teach and all who learn, that their gifts may enrich the whole community. Amen.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Verse for this week:

We will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders he has done.

Psalms 78.4

### For Our Prayers

- Give thanks for all who help us to learn, at any age
- Adults and children at Bromham Primary School, Oakley Primary Academy and Lincroft Academy
- Young people who find school a challenging place
- Those without access to education
- Impact Bedford, taking the Christian message into schools across Bedford
- Tracy Hewitt & David Russell ahead of their wedding Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept in St Mary's
- The residents of Rosemary 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, Ann, Mary, Linda, Mary, Mike, Frances, Peggy, Stella and Alan |
| Oakley   | Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, David & Ann, George, Linda, Dave, Sally, Pat, Anne & John, Pam, Graham, Denise, Dave and Gareth     |
| Stagsden | David E, Lesley B                                                                                                                                                   |

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Ron Watts (23.09.08), Peter Allen (25.09.04) Jill Payne (26.09.81)

**OAKLEY** Barbara Galbraith (20.09.20), Frances Andrews (23.09.25), Lawrence Armstrong (26.09.08)

**STAGSDEN**

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

**Adrian Robinson (Bromham)** Funeral and burial Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 12noon St Owen's

**Susan Potter (Bromham)** Funeral and burial Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 12noon St Owen's

**Alexandra Graham (Oakley)** Funeral Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 10.30am St Mary's

**Brian Boulton (Bromham)** Funeral and burial Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 10.45am in St Mary's

**Irene Williams (Bromham)** Funeral Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> October Norse Rd Crematorium

**Patricia Lightfoot (Bromham)** Burial of Ashes Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30pm in St Owen's

### Reflection

As we mark Education Sunday, reflect on your own learning – at school, college, church? So much of what we learn as a young person, shapes who we become – including what we learn about God. Paul wrote to Timothy that 'from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, that can instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus'. Who taught you about Jesus' love – and who could you share that with?

### 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

#### Harvest Services & Events:

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am St Mary's Oakley

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30am St Owen's Bromham

Harvest Lunch Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct St Owen's after the service.

£8 per person on the day. Please sign up in church.

Proceeds in aid of WaterAid

**The Bible Course:** a great opportunity to learn more about the Bible's big story. Mon at 7.30pm on Zoom (link in email, or ID no 837 1753 5762), or Tues 2pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room.

**My Flying Life** a talk by Edward Jones in aid of FOSO. Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm St Owen's Bromham Tickets £5. Please book with Edward on 07798 881483

**Decorating St Owen's for Harvest** Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 10am all welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers much appreciated to Margaret Parrott at 18 Tudor Close

**Concert in St Mary's** with Richard Cordell & Ray Westoby on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm. Tickets £12 in advance from Graham or Hilarie, or on the door. For more info contact Graham; gpalmer@talk21.com 07710 462535

**Remembering Services** to remember and give thanks for those we have loved and lost:

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.00pm St Mary's Oakley

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.00pm St Owen's Bromham

Please email or call Sarah if you would like to add a name to the list to be read out in church.

### Regular Events

**Churchyard Working Party** meets every Wednesday in St Owen's Bromham at 10am. All are welcome to help with tasks to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy. Please contact Pat Bass on 826990, or just turn up

**Open Saturdays at St Owen's** next date Sat 10<sup>th</sup> October, between 10am and 12noon. Contact Tessa if you would like to help on future dates.

**Stagsden Open Door** at St Leonard's on the first Tuesday of each month 3-4.30pm, next date Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. All are welcome for refreshments and fellowship.

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

**Messy Church for all** Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

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

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

**Tuesday Holy Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 6<sup>th</sup> Oct followed by a light lunch.

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 2-4pm. Next 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Margaret 824402.

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

**First Friday Coffee Morning** Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 10.30am- 12.30pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Flora on 822094.