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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
29 th Jan	-	Bromham	-
5 th Feb	Bromham	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.

Epiphany 3



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
22nd January 2023

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Oakley

10.30am Holy Communion*

St Mary's Oakley

6.00pm Evensong via Zoom*

** This service will be live streamed via Zoom, see back page for more info*

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9.1- 4
1 Corinthians 1.10- 18
Matthew 4.12- 23

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 33
Ecclesiastes 3.1- 11
1 Peter 1.3- 12

Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the
world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever, Amen

Verse for the Week

"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the shadow of death light has
dawned". (Matthew 4. 6)

For Our Prayers

- Unity and cooperation across the denominations
- For the congregations and leaders of Bromham Baptists and Oakley Methodist churches
- Inspire our spiritual vision & call to follow Jesus.
- Give thanks for all who have encouraged us
- Those sick, bereaved, hurt, depressed, despairing.
- Young people suffering mental health problems.
- The residents of Borckwell

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, Carole and Michael
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 Beatrice Seamarks (22.01.13), Sidney Wootton (25.01.90), Donald Johnson (25.01.11), Linda Hewitt (25.01.16), Freda Izzard (26.01.22), Margaret Collins (27.01.09), Alfred Graetz (28.01.14)

OAKLEY

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

Paul Fawcett (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 25th Jan St Owen's

Eunice Hood (Bromham) Funeral 1st Feb St Owen's

Lynne Curtis (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 1st Feb St Owen's

John Burness (Oakley) Funeral 6th Feb at Bedford Crematorium

Rosemary Dixon (Bromham)

Catherine Smith nee Humphrey (Bromham) Funeral 7th Feb St Owen's

Reflection

The Gospel records the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. His message was of love, forgiveness, joy and fulfilment. Jesus invites four fishermen to "Follow me". Perhaps they thought they would be back in a day. The success of Christianity would depend on their response - without them and their co-workers, countless generations would never have known and lived in Christ's transforming love. St Francis of Assisi said: "Preach the Gospel at all times, if necessary use words". We don't seek fame or importance nor shrink from the challenge but ask for the power of Holy Spirit.

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

Service Venue Changes Due to the ongoing issues with St Leonard's heating the service 10.30am service on **Sunday 29th January** will move to St Owen's Bromham.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until 25th Jan.

Hands on Puppetry and Poetry with Revd Austin and Karl Sat 28th Jan 2pm St Mary's Oakley. £5 on the door, U12s free. An afternoon of fun storytelling and puppetry where *you* bring the fun to life!

Big Blunham Book Sale will be held on Sat 25th Feb 10.00am to 3.00pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ. There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist and fiction sorted into categories. Home made soup & cakes, hot dogs, teas and coffees served all day. All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For further details please ring Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572

Regular Events

Messy Church has restarted after the Christmas holidays: St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am.

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.

New Sewing Group for those who wish to get together and do hand sewing, crochet or knitting on the 1st and 3rd Weds of the month beginning on 1st Feb in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Cost to be decided based on numbers, please contact Frances for more information (602718 francesbulmer@btinternet.com)

Link Up A group offering fellowship which meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is on Thursday Feb 9th and will be a lunch at The Fox at Carlton. For more information and booking please contact Anne Tombs annetombs712@btinternet.com or 01234 822949.

Zoom Quizzes The last date for your diary is Thurs 2nd Feb 7-8pm. Contact Anne Tombs (see above) for the Zoom link.

Coffee Morning Fri 3rd Feb 11am – 1pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. In aid of church funds.

Fellowship Lunches return on 1st Sunday of the month starting on 5th FEB. More info from Anne (see above)

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/> (though all donations are welcomed).