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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	3.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stagsden	Oakley Bromham	
6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	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 for this Sunday: 584, 116, 714, 156, 650

**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.

# Third Sunday of Lent



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

**9.00am Holy Communion**  
St Owen's Bromham  
**10.30am Holy Communion\***  
St Mary's Oakley

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

#### Today's Readings

Isaiah 55.1- 9  
1 Corinthians 10.1- 13  
Luke 13.1 -9

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 12,13  
Genesis 28.10- 19  
John 1.35- end

#### Collect for today

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only  
God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Verse for this week:

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to everyone. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1Corinthians 10:13

### For Our Prayers

- Leaders of nations to seek peace, reconciliation with wisdom, honesty & compassion
- Innocent victims of cruelty, persecution, hatred
- May those sick & struggling find God in dark times
- Work with schools, Messy Church & Youth
- Support for mental health sufferers espec children
- The residents of Grange Close

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, Gill, Linda and Mary
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, Ann, David, George, Donna, Janet, Margaret, Linda, Sylvia and Dave
Stagsden	

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Mary Smith (28.03.06), Evelyn Scott (29.03.20), Mary Fowler (29.03.20)

**OAKLEY** Elaine Baker (25.03.04), Cyril Bird (28.03.05), Betty Bolton (29.03.05)

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

**June Allen** (Bromham) Funeral 24<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am at Norse Road Crematorium

**Ken Sanders** (Bromham) Funeral Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm in St Owen's

**Ian Collins** (Bromham) Burial of ashes Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> April St Owen's

**Anne Cowsill** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Weds 16<sup>th</sup> April St Owen's

### Reflection

Have you heard someone cry: "Why is God punishing me & putting me through such grief"?

Jesus faced hard questions about people being killed or dying in an accident. He was asked if this was God expressing His anger. He disagrees. (The people assumed that the bad things had happened because they had sinned). Jesus challenges this. God does not give up on us, when we get it wrong. Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree encourages - the tree is given more time, the gardener nurtures it & it flourishes. God's patience & nurturing urges us to keep trying to follow in His ways & grow in faith.

### 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

**Lent groups** continue next week: an in-person group on Mondays 2 – 3.30pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room, and an online evening group on Zoom on Wednesdays 7 – 8.30pm (Zoom meeting link on weekly email). These groups will be using the CofE's Pilgrim course looking at the Eucharist.

Thursday morning Prayer group will be meeting as usual during Lent, at 10.30am in the Fellowship Room.

**Renewal of Electoral Rolls** – everyone needs to sign up for the new Church Electoral Rolls – forms will be delivered to those on the old Rolls, please ask if you'd like to join for the first time.

**Mothering Sunday** services at 10.30am in both St Owen's and St Mary's – all welcome, please bring the family! There is a 9am Communion in Stagsden.

**Palm Sunday** Please join us in St Mary's at 10.30am on Palm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April for a special service including a donkey procession!

**Maundy Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>** -Chrism Eucharist in St Albans Abbey at 11am. A special service when we are all invited to renew our commitment to our own ministries. Everyone is welcome – if you'd like to come please let Catherine know, lift-sharing might be possible.

**Easter Monday St Owen's help please!** Please contact Frances if you can help with the Open church in St Owen's on Easter Mon 12-4pm. Donations also welcome for the Chocolate Tombola.

### 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 Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

**Morning Prayer on Mondays** 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, ask Catherine for the link.

**Open Saturdays** next date in St Owen's 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12 noon. Contact Frances.

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

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 2<sup>nd</sup> April Contact: Frances

**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 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Tessa.

**First Friday Coffee Morning** at our next meeting on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham Contact: Frances

**Fellowship Lunch** –Next date will be April 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351

**Our Voice Youth Group** For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Please contact Emma on [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) to for more information.