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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
3 rd Mar	Oakley	Bromham	
10 th Mar- Mothering Sunday	Stagsden	Oakley Bromham	Bromham FR

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
6.00pm service ID number: 812 7239 2431

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.

Second Sunday of Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
25th February 2024

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Holy Communion*

St Mary's Oakley

6.00pm Zoom Evensong*

** These services will be live streamed via Zoom, see back page for more info*

Today's Readings

Genesis 17.1- 7, 15- 16

Romans 4.13- end

Mark 8.31- end

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 135

Genesis 12.1- 9

Hebrews 11.1- 3, 8- 16

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:

Jesus said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me'.
Mark 8: 34

For Our Prayers

- God keep us close to you on this Lenten journey.
- May we notice the moments of blessing in our lives.
- Peace, reconciliation between Gaza & Israel, Ukraine & Russia, Yemen and help for all suffering from war.
- Safety for young people bullied, exploited, abused.
- Love & respect to heal gang warfare and knife crime.
- All who carry burdens, sadness, fear, loss and hurt.
- The residents of Brookside Home Park.

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 and Carol, and June
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Piper, Janet and Margaret
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Joy Cryer (25.02.11), Thomas McLuckie (26.02.15), Doris Cooper Holt (27.02.10), Una Davies (27.02.14)

OAKLEY Norah Wilton (26.02.18), Anna Guy (28.02.15), Yvonne Phillips (01.03.07)

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

David Williams (Bromham) Funeral 29th February St Owen's (*this is not the same David Williams who is our organist*)

Dorothy Hendry (Oakley) Funeral Monday 11th March St Mary's 1pm

Michael Darwood (Bromham) Burial 14th March St Owen's

Reflection

The focus of Jesus' ministry began with His authority, God-given mission and power. Now it changes and He warns the disciples of a future bringing rejection, pain and death. It's not a future they understand or accept at first – that's not for the Messiah! Peter rebukes Jesus for being negative, echoing the temptations in the wilderness. They must learn to face the cross with Him, accept His selflessness and allow Him to be Christ, who puts the needs of others first and loves them as only He can. The Gospel and the cross are the way to love and life for us.

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

St Mary's Annual Soup Lunch TODAY Sun 25th Feb following 10.30am service. Donations for Christian Aid. All welcome.

Prayer Group Lenten Reflections Thurs 29th Feb 10.30am- 12 noon Fellowship Room All welcome

First Friday Coffee Morning THIS WEEK Mar 1st 11am – 1pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room.

Open Church St Owen's Sat open mornings 10am – 12noon for Spring: 2nd Mar, 20th Apr & 18th May. Contact Frances if you can help.

Volunteers needed: Are you free between Mon 18th and Fri 22nd March, between 9.30am and 2pm? 'Impact' are looking for volunteers for the Easter Experience, which is held at St John's Church, Bedford. Around 360 children plus teachers from various schools get to see the Easter story re-enacted, using both the church and the grounds.

You can offer to perform – or to help with refreshments and stewarding. It's great fun and you get to network with a lot of fantastic people from other churches. Email Trish Horwood on trish@impactbedford.org.uk for more info.

Lent 2024

Lent Groups Using the film 'The King's Speech', this year's groups explore the ways fear holds us back and consider how we can face and overcome our fears. There are two groups meeting:

• Tuesday afternoons 2.15pm in the Fellowship Room beginning Tues 20th Feb for 5 weeks

• Wednesday evenings 7.30pm on Zoom beginning Weds 21st Feb for 5 weeks

• All are welcome, the zoom link will be sent round, or phone one of the Zoom numbers on the back page and enter ID no 811 4808 2112.

Regular Events

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

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

Stagsden Open Door is now closed for the winter.

Sewing Group on the 1st and 3rd Weds of the month in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next date 6th Mar Contact: Frances

Our Voice Group for young people from school year 7 to aged 18 for fun, food & faith. Email ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more info.

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 5th Mar. Contact: Di

Link Up Next meeting Thurs 14th Mar, 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. Bring a poem to read and discuss. Contact: Tessa Woodcock (see back page)

First Friday Coffee Morning next meeting Mar 1st 11am – 1pm

Fellowship Lunch – Our next lunch on April 7th in St Owen's Fellowship Room 12.30pm onwards. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351