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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	<b>3.30pm</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Oakley	Bromham	
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bromham	OMC	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: 103, 727, 104, 805, 481, 814

**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 Epiphany



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 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.

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined 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.

### Verse for this week:

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew... And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people'. Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4. 18-20

## For Our Prayers

- Our local schools, especially the Headteachers and Governing bodies in their leadership roles
- Evangelists and missionaries who work to proclaim God's love and draw others into the kingdom
- Willingness to negotiate, and wisdom, for diplomats working to resolve world conflicts
- Gratitude for busyness, and opportunities for peace
- The SMART centre in Bedford and those it serves
- The residents of Brett 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 and Anne & John
Stagsden	

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Sidney Wootton (25.01.90), Donald Johnson (25.01.11), Linda Hewitt (25.01.16), Margaret Collins (27.01.09), Alfred Graetz (28.01.14), Doris Cooper (31.01.13), Marian Watson (31.01.21), Ann Ramm (31.01.25)

**OAKLEY** Roy Hulatt (30.01.12)

**STAGSDEN**

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

**Ann Bates** (Bromham) Funeral Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am Norse Rd Crematorium

**Peggy Farr** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am St Owen's

**Hannah Heaney** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 12.30pm St Owen's

**Win Boulton** (Bromham) Funeral Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.45am in St Owen's

**Peggy Ashworth** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am St Owen's

### Reflection

Matthew's Gospel records the start of Jesus' ministry – calling disciples, teaching, healing, proclaiming the coming of God's kingdom. It is a time of great activity, crowds flock to him and the fishermen follow him. But Jesus also regularly went to pray and spend time with God his Father. Our lives can be filled with valuable and necessary activity – we too need to set aside times for prayer and reflection to help us stay close to God. When this week could you find time to stop and sit quietly to listen to God through the Bible, and to pray?

### 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

**Hope Explored** Come and discover the hope, peace and purpose we all want in our lives. Final session this Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St Owen's – its not too late to come along! More info from Emma or Catherine.

**Messy Church Plus** returns Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30am in St Owen's Bromham

**The Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will open again this February, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom. The garden will open on 14 & 15 Feb; 21 & 22 Feb 2-4pm at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. £5 per adult, all proceeds to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

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

**Save the Date** for our **Benefice Away Day** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026. All will be invited for a day of reflection and planning! More details to follow.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds 2-4pm. Next 28<sup>th</sup> Jan in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Margaret 824402

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

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

**First Friday Coffee Morning** next meeting on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 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 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre MK41 6ER. Please contact Emma on [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) for info.

**Fellowship Lunch** Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 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