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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 consider how this can be done safely and within current pandemic restrictions.

**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 priests

#### Looking ahead - Sunday Services:

	9am	10.30am	6pm
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bromham	Oakley	
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stagsden	OMC (Oakley)	Bromham & 4.30pm Wild Church

It is always worth checking the Benefice website for up to date information.

**Zoom services** Please bear with us as we try out the technology and work out the best way moving forward. 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  
6.00pm service ID number: 853 5113 3527

0131 460 1196  
0203 481 5240  
0203 901 7895  
0203 481 5237  
0208 080 6592

**In Emergency:** To call the emergency services the POSTCODE is required. See the notice board.

St. Owen's Church - Bromham MK43 8LL  
St. Mary's Church - Oakley MK43 7RU  
St. Leonard's Church - Stagsden MK43 8SQ

Items for next week's pew leaflet to **Sarah Smale** by Wednesday evening.

# Advent Sunday



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**9.00am Holy Communion- St Leonard's Oakley**

**10.30am Holy Communion- St Owen's Bromham\***

**6.00pm Choral Evensong for Advent- St Mary's Oakley\***

please bring a facemask to wear to all services  
**\*This service will be streamed via Zoom see back page for more info**

#### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33.14- 16  
1 Thessalonians 3.9- end  
Luke 21.25- 36

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 9  
Joel 3.9- end  
Revelation 14.13- 15.4

#### Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever, Amen

#### Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### Verse for this week

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven. 1Thessalonians 4:16

## For Our Prayers

- Christian communities: our eyes to be fixed on God.
- Those displaced by war and terror, fear, despair
- Greater sharing of vaccines to the poorest countries
- Well-being of our young people, the schools, the staff
- The churches' work with children, Messy church etc
- God's healing for those burdened with loss, grief
- Staff and clients of Oakley Rural Day Centre

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	Freda, Michelle & Sandra, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, the Gill family, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Derek, Jean & Richard, Anne, Sophie, Keith and Paul
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Roberta, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Chris & Donna, Pam and Sue
Stagsden	The community – the vulnerable & the supporters

## In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Rose- Marie Clifton (28.11.19), Revd David Thomson (30.11.88), Hilda Gooding (01.12.11), Peter Brandon (02.12.15), Vincent Cartwright (02.12.16), Gwenolyn Burfield (03.12.19)

**OAKLEY** Terence Youngman (28.11.19), Thomas Upstone (29.11.10), Olive Saunders (01.12.04), Kenneth Topham (04.12.08)

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

**Margaret Joyce O'Donoghue** (Bromham) Funeral and burial Tues 30<sup>th</sup> November

**David Ireson (Oakley)** Funeral and burial Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Ian Wildman** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Beryl Read** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

## Reflection

Advent – a new liturgical year begins, and we prepare spiritually to follow the star to worship Jesus, the baby. Long ago, Isaiah spoke to the people, and begged God to help them - to "tear open the heavens and come down". God did come as a baby and a man! Our pre-Christmas thoughts can be cluttered by the clamour of images, sounds, adverts, frantic activity and then we are unprepared to meet Jesus. Prayer, attentive to God lifts us above the day to day to trues peace and faith that God will come again to take us to himself.

## 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

### Exciting News!

Next summer we will have a newly-ordained curate joining the ministry team in the Benefice. Petra Yates is currently studying and training, and will be ordained in July 2022. She has written a brief introduction to herself which will be in December's Parish News. Please pray for Petra as she completes her studies and looks forward to her ordination.

**TODAY 6pm** Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday at St Mary's Oakley: come and enjoy this special service with music from the choir, or join by Zoom. If you will be on Zoom and would like a copy of the order of service, please ask by Saturday and we will bring you one.

**Benefice Bible group** final session this Weds via Zoom. Use the link sent in the recent email or join in the usual way using ID: 868 8099 0433

**Friendship Christmas Lunch** Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm Prince of Wales Bromham. Please let Flora know if you are coming on 01234 822094.

**Christingle** The Christingle event in Bromham Primary School on Mon Nov 29<sup>th</sup> is school-only, due to Covid - but there will be a joint Christingle service for everyone at Oakley Methodist Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.30am.

### Regular Events

**Messy Church** – Mons in St Owen's 11.30am- 1.30pm, and Thurs in St Mary's 10- 11.45am.

**Stagsden Church Open Door:** Tues afternoons 3.00- 4.30pm. Tea, Cake and Chat. All welcome!

**Link Up** Our next meeting Thurs Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2.30pm at 7 Leyside, will be a Christmas Tea. Please let Anne Tombs 01234 822949 know if you wish to come. In the New Year we plan to meet on Thurs Jan 6<sup>th</sup> for reminiscences and New Year resolutions.

**AMIGOS** meet on the fourth Tuesday of most months. More info from John Dixon on 01234 824959 or in the Parish News

## Advent & Christmas Services and Events

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2-4pm Christmas Craft Afternoon St Owen's
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Joint Christingle- Oakley Methodist Church 3.30- 5pm Christmas Teas in Church St Mary's 4.30pm Wild Church Leslie Sell Scout Centre, Bromham
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm Messy Church for All Christmas Party at Oakley Methodist Church
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30pm Christmas Lunch organised by St Owen's Social Committee 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight St Owen's
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm Carols by Candlelight St Leonard's 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight St Mary's
Christmas Eve	3.00pm Crib Service for younger children St Owen's 4.30pm Crib Service St Owen's 4.00pm Crib Service St Leonard's 5.15pm Short Holy Communion St Leonard's 4.30pm Crib Service St Mary's 11.00pm Joint Midnight Communion St Owen's
Christmas Day	10.00am Joint Christmas Family Communion St Mary's
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Joint Morning Service with carols- St Owen's