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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 Petra 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	6.00pm
5 th Oct	Oakley	Bromham Harvest Service	
12 th Oct	Stagsden	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: 282, 284, 537, sheet, 290

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.

Harvest



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
28th September 2025

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Family Harvest Service with the Baptism of Edward Phillips*

St Mary's Oakley

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

Today's Readings

Galatians 5.22- 26
Matthew 13.31- 32

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 134, 135
Nehemiah 2
John 8.31- 38, 48- end

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for the week

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalm 67.6- 7

For Our Prayers

- Political leaders to be guided by wisdom, integrity, compassion, and justice in their decision making.
- Peace and reconciliation, where there is conflict, division or oppression, that the needs of the most vulnerable are considered.
- Sharing of the world's precious natural resources with fairness and generosity.
- All who are finding life challenging, or carrying heavy burdens each day
- Edward Phillips, his parents and godparents as he is baptised today in St Mary's
- The residents of St Leonard's Close, Stagsden

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 and Pat
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Betty Facer (30.09.84), Beryl Chappell (30.09.08), Ian Edwards (30.09.13), Peter Rushbrook (01.10.19), Josephine Bennett (01.10.21), Eileen Molly (02.0.08), Thelma Coles (03.10.10), Olivia McMurdy (03.10.16), Trevor Rooke (04.10.02)

OAKLEY Drusilla Macleod (30.09.13)

STAGSDEN

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

Susan Cook (Bromham) Funeral Tues 7th Oct at 2pm in St Owen's

George Herring (Bromham)

Elsie Harding (Bromham)

Reflection

At Harvest we sing, with gratitude, "For the fruits of all creation", reflecting on the richness of God's love and provision for us all. We are encouraged to see God's generosity not only in the harvest fields, farms and coastal waters, but in the quiet acts of kindness and love which we share each day. We are challenged to live generously, sharing what we have to offer, whatever that means for us personally: our time, our conversations, our support for others? 'In the help we give our neighbour, (wherever they may be), God's will is done'.

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

Rev Petra would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes for her Licensing Service, which was so joyful and special. And for the delicious lunch, with all your contributions and lively conversation. A truly wonderful day.

Harvest in the Benefice

St Owen's- Family Harvest Service (with communion) 5th Oct 10.30am

Benefice Harvest Supper Sat 4th Oct in St Owen's

5.30pm Tickets £7.50 (£5 U16), sign up in church.

Donations gratefully received: Food to Bedford Food Bank. Cash to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal; Rewrite Their Future supporting education in Uganda & Zambia.

Harvest Decorating in St Owen's Sat 4th Oct 10am. All help welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers appreciated to Margaret Parrott, 18 Tudor Cl Bromham

Volunteers to set up the altar St Owen's are in need of helpers to set up before services. Please speak to Catherine if you could help, full training provided.

Quire Concert Bedford Gallery Quire perform music from the 18th & 19th century. Sat 11th Oct 7.30pm in St Owen's, Tickets £10 on the door

Remembering Services

St Owen's 12th Oct 3pm & St Mary's 19th Oct 3pm

Ray Cordell & Alan Howard will return to perform a concert of a mix of their own and popular music at St Mary's Oakley 1st Nov 7.30pm tickets £12 from Dorothy & Graham Palmer.

Regular Events

Pilgrim Course Weekly discussion group looking at the Creed. Weekly on Fridays 1.30- 3pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. More information from Sarah.

Churchyard Working Party meets every Wednesday in St Owen's Bromham at 10am. All are welcome to help. Contact Pat Bass on 01234 826990.

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

Messy Church for all Next meeting Tues 21st Oct 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

Morning Prayer on Mondays 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, link on website

Stagsden Open Door every Tuesday 3-4.30pm in St Leonard's all welcome for refreshments and fellowship.

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

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 1st Oct. Contact: Margaret Parrott on 824402

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 7th Oct

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 9th October at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Tessa for more information.

First Friday Coffee Morning next meeting on Fri 3rd Oct 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094