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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
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bromham	Bromham	
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Oakley	Oakley	Bromham FR

#### Zoom services

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

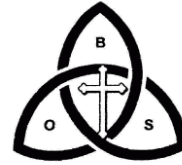
0131 460 1196  
0203 481 5240  
0203 901 7895  
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**In Emergency:** When calling the emergency services give the what3words location reference below:

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.

# Candlemas



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **10.30am Holy Communion\***

#### **St Owen's Bromham**

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

#### Today's Readings

Malachi 3.1- 5  
Hebrews 2.14- end  
Luke 2.22- 40

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 132  
Haggai 2.1- 9  
John 2.18- 22

#### Collect for today

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the  
Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever, Amen

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever, Amen

#### Verse for the Week

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Isaiah 60: 1-2

### For Our Prayers

- Today's disciples be guided & nourished by His Spirit
- For a cease-fire and commitment to peace for Ukraine
- UK Govt to resolve economic difficulties and unrest.
- Young people to reject knife crimes, gang warfare.
- Those struggling with mental & physical illnesses.
- Local charities supporting those homeless, in poverty.
- The residents of Burleigh Place
- Tim and Mila who were married on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan in St Owen's, Bromham

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, Christopher and Carole
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Sue, Chris, Donna and Piper
Stagsden	

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** Doris Cooper (31.01.13), Marian Watson (31.01.21), Robin Coles (02.02.13), Dennis Mabey (03.02.12), Colin Pell (03.02.17), Victor Leversha (04.02.16)  
**OAKLEY** Roy Hulatt (30.01.12), Albert Brooks (01.02.17), Jean Rawson (02.02.19), Betty Sadler (02.02.21)

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

**Eunice Hood** (Bromham) Funeral 1<sup>st</sup> Feb St Owen's  
**Lynn Curtis** (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 1<sup>st</sup> Feb St Owen's  
**John Burness** (Oakley) Funeral 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at Bedford Crematorium & Burial of Ashes 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at St Mary's  
**Rosemary Dixon** (Bromham)  
**Catherine Smith nee Humphrey** (Bromham) Funeral 7<sup>th</sup> Feb St Owen's  
**Michael Tombs** (Bromham)

### Reflection

*"The inner thoughts of many will be revealed".*  
Candlemas has a pivotal place, Christmas and Epiphany come to an end and the Nativity scene is packed away. Today we reflect on Mary and Joseph taking their precious baby to the great temple. There Jesus is greeted and blessed by Simeon and Anna, who see in him the hope, healing and salvation of peoples and nations. The prophecies are bitter-sweet. Simeon foretells great emotional pain piercing Mary's heart. We look for the last time on the light and joy of his birth, then turn our hearts and minds to the cross, but the Light will go with 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

**Service Venue Changes** Due to the ongoing issues with St Leonard's heating there can unfortunately be no services in the church in February. As such the 9am services will move as follows:  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Feb St Mary's Oakley  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb St Owen's Bromham

**Bromham PCC** meets this Tuesday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room.

**Zoom Quizzes** The last date for your diary is **this Thurs** 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7-8pm. Contact Anne Tombs (see below) for the Zoom link.

**Messy Church for All** next meeting Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 3.30-5.00pm at Oakley Methodist Church. All ages welcome!

**Choir of Clare College, Cambridge** in concert on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.45pm at Bunyan Meeting. Varied program of choral music. Please visit <https://www.bedfordmusicclub.com/> for more information and to book tickets.

**Friends of St Owens AGM** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room. There are many ways to support your parish church so please do come along and find out what we do. New members are always welcome!

### Regular Events

**Messy Church** has restarted after the Christmas holidays: St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am.

**Our Voice** A group for young people from school year 7 to aged 18 for fun, food and faith. Please email [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) for more information.

**New Sewing Group** for those who wish to get together and do hand sewing, crochet or knitting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Cost to be decided based on numbers, please contact Frances for more information (602718 francesbulmer@btinternet. com)

**Link Up** A group offering fellowship which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is on Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and will be a lunch at The Fox at Carlton. For more information and booking please contact Anne Tombs [annetombs712@btinternet.com](mailto:annetombs712@btinternet.com) or 01234 822949.

**Coffee Morning** Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 11am – 1pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. In aid of church funds.

**Fellowship Lunches** return on 1st Sunday of the month starting on 5th FEB. More info from Anne (see above)

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

**Foodbank reminder** You can bring donations of packets and tins to any service, and they will be taken to Bedford Foodbank to help those finding this economic situation a real struggle. See their website for a list of items currently needed: <https://bedford.foodbank.org.uk/>