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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	6.00pm
5 th April	Stagsden	Bromham Oakley	
12 th April	Stagsden	Oakley	Oakley

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

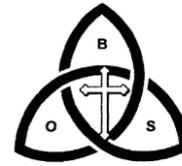
Hymns: 11, 570, 329, 154, 72, 435 (Green hymn books)

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.

Palm Sunday



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
29th March 2026

10.30am Palm Sunday Family Communion Service with donkey procession*
St Leonard's Stagsden (meet from 10am in Stagsden Village Hall car park to process)

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

Today's Readings

Psalm 118.19- 29
Philippians 2.5- 11
Matthew 21.1- 11

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 80
Isaiah 5.1- 7
Matthew 21.33- end

Collect for today

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Verse for this week:

Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them".

Matthew 21:2-3

Don't forget the clocks go forward this weekend!

For Our Prayers

- Rt Rev Andrew Rumsey (new Bishop of St Albans) and his family
- Most Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally at her installation- for her ministry, and her faithful calling
- Open hearts that allow us to recognise and praise Jesus as our true and humble servant King
- Moments of peace and reflection as we walk through Holy Week in anticipation of the hope, joy and light of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.
- Courage to follow Jesus faithfully through all that life brings
- For peace in our world, our villages and towns, and multi faith communities
- The residents of Dynevor Close

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, Frances and Peggy
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, David & Ann, George, Donna, Margaret, Linda, Dave, Sally, Pat, Anne & John, Pam and Pat
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Evelyn Scott (29.03.20), Mary Fowler (29.03.20), Daniel Roff (30.03.16), Jeffrey Williams (01.04.01), Una Toombs (01.04.24), William Dive (02.04.08), Gerda Lee (02.04.10), Joyce Brooks (02.04.21), Mildred Watts (03.04.19), Peter Dawson (03.04.22), James Housden (04.04.20)

OAKLEY Betty Bolton (29.03.05), Martin Sutherland (02.04.21), Katherine Tasker (04.04.20)

STAGSDEN

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

Reflection

On Palm Sunday crowds welcomed Jesus with fleeting praise and rousing 'Hosannas!', yet many misunderstood the Saviour before them. We too can mistake voices that promise much but lead us away from him. The true Saviour comes in humility, calling our hearts to trust and follow him. This Holy Week where do I welcome Jesus in moments of joy and in life's challenges? How do I follow Jesus not just with words but with my daily choices and actions? What kind of Saviour am I expecting? How can I be more open to the one true Jesus?

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

Holy Week & Easter: Services and Events

Mon 30th Mar

2pm Final in-person Lent group St Owen's FR

7pm Evening Service St Mary's

Tues 31st Mar

11.30am Holy Communion St

Owen's Fellowship Room followed by lunch

Weds 1st Apr

7pm Final Zoom Lent group

Maundy Thursday 2nd Apr

6.30pm meal and Holy Communion at St Owen's

8-10pm The Watch at St Mary's and St Owen's

Good Friday 3rd Apr

10am- 12noon Children's Crafts- St Owen's

2pm Good Friday Service- St Owen's

2pm Good Friday Service with Holy Communion- St Mary's

Easter Sunday 5th April

9am Holy Communion- St Leonard's

10.30am All Age Easter Communion Services- St

Mary's & St Owen's

12noon- 4pm St Owen's open for light refreshments

3pm Open church with children's egg hunt- St

Leonard's

Lent giving – our Benefice charity for Lent is Impact – 'fun, interactive activities to help schools deliver the faith curriculum'. See www.impactbedford.org.uk. There will be a plate for donations in each church until Easter.

Decorating St Owens Church for Easter Sat 4th April from 10am. All welcome, donations for the purchase of flowers to Margaret Parrott, 18 Tudor Close, Bromham

Benefice Away Day Sat 18th April 2026. All are invited to come and think about our Benefice aims and vision. Clapham Fellowship centre, 10.30 – 3.30pm. With Bring & Share lunch.

Cantamus Choir Concert Sun 12th April 3pm St Peter's Bedford. A programme of Bach. Tickets £10 on the door.

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 21st Apr 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.

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 31st Mar followed by a light lunch.

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

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 23rd April 2pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

First Friday Coffee Morning takes a break in April and will return on Fri 1st May at the NEW time of 10.30am-12.30 pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094

Fellowship Lunch Takes a break in April and May, we will be back on 7th June