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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	3.30pm
9 th Feb	Bromham	Oakley	3.30pm Bromham
16 th Feb	Bromham	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

Hymn nos for this week: 2, 677, 487, 396, 719

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
2nd February 2025

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Oakley

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

Psalm 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.

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.

Verse for this week:

The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple... but who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

Malachi 3. 1,2

For Our Prayers

- May we be open to the Spirit, alert to the insight it gives us, allowing it to rest on us & work through us.
- Peace and healing for all nations, Ukraine, Gaza & neighbours, Yemen, Sudan, central Africa.
- Those in Government, Justice system, international organisations, care of the poorest & displaced.
- Children to know love, kindness, care, a role model.
- Couples expecting a baby, all who care for children.
- Jude Brewis, his parents and godparents at his baptism today in St Mary's.
- The residents of Chapel Pound

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 and Gill
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Janet and Margaret
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Dennis Mabey (03.02.12), Robin Coles (02.02.13), Colin Pell (03.02.17), Victor Leversha (04.02.16), Eirene Vince (05.02.17), Donald Richardson (06.02.15), Doreen Poulter (07.02.13), Elsie Rooke (08.02.00), Harry Swannell (08.02.18)
OAKLEY Jean Rawson (02.02.19), Betty Sadler (02.02.21), Tony Scarr (06.02.19)

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

Bonnie McCabe (Oakley) Funeral and burial 10th February 3pm St Mary's
Anne Cowsill (Bromham) Funeral 26th February 1.30pm St Owen's
James Glass (Bromham)

Reflection

Candlemas is pivotal, turning us from Nativity to prepare for Lent. Forty days after Jesus' birth his parents bring him to the temple, to give thanks & dedicate their baby to God. (An ordinary family? An ordinary custom)? No! The Spirit prompts Simeon & Anna to recognise His significance – a fulfilment of God's promises – "a light for all peoples", a new era of redemption and reconciliation. Simeon prophesies glory & joy for all, but also the sadness Mary will face. "a sword will pierce your soul".

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

Fellowship Lunch – TODAY Sun 2nd Feb in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351

Our Voice Youth Led Service Sat 8th Feb 4pm in Clapham church- please come along to support. Contact Emma Harrison ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more info.

Evensong for February is on Sunday 9th Feb at 3.30pm in St Owen's Fellowship Room. This is the only Evensong service in February, so please do come along.

Sewing alterations/mending offered, the fee is being donated to St Mary's. Call Maureen 01234 356354

Friends of St Owen's AGM Thurs 13th Feb 7.30pm in the Fellowship Room- all welcome.

Bishop of St Albans Open Garden 15th/16th Feb and 22nd/23rd Feb for people to come and look at the display of snowdrops. £5 per person (children free), Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD.

Open Saturdays return to St Owen's 15th Feb 10am- 12 noon. Contact Frances

Messy Church Plus Mon 17th Feb 11.30am in St Owen's. Join us for family fun and activities in half term. All children welcome, must bring an adult.

Save the date 1! St Mary's presents Ouse Valley Singers in concert Sat 1st March in St Mary's. Details to follow.

Save the date 2! – highly recommended 'Walk Through the Bible' New Testament day Sat 22nd March 10am – 4.30pm in Clapham Church Fellowship centre. Fun, interactive, interesting, memorable – see the 'big picture' of the Bible. Book at www.Bible.org.uk. Tickets £14.

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 Tues 11th Feb 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

Morning Prayer on Mondays 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, ask Catherine for the link.

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

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 5th Feb Contact: Frances

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 4th Feb

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 13th Feb at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. We will be making bird feeders. Contact Tessa.

First Friday Coffee Morning at our next meeting on Fri 7th Feb 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham Contact: Frances

Our Voice All Day Special Sat 8th Mar All Saints Church Riseley. 9.30am- 8.30pm. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com to book a place.