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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
Feb 6 th	Bromham	Oakley	
Feb 13 th	Stagsden	Oakley Methodist Church	Evensong Zoom only

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

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
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 lunchtime.

Candlemas



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
30th January 2021

10.30am Holy Communion- St Leonard's Stagsden*

We can't hold candles due to Covid – but do bring a torch if you can

We are still asking people to please bring a facemask to wear at all indoor services

***This service will be 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 122, 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 this week

Simeon praised God saying "...my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel".
Luke 2: 30-32

For Our Prayers

- That the Light of Christ will shine with hope and healing for people across the world
- For young carers who juggle home responsibilities alongside their education
- For necessary aid and supplies to reach the people of Tonga and be distributed to those in need
- The NHS which is still so stretched caring for many patients
- Marriages that are under pressure at this time
- The residents of Brett Drive

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, Paul and Terry
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Roberta, Liz, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Chris & Donna and Sue
Stagsden	The community – the vulnerable & the supporters

In Memoriam

BROMHAM 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), Eirene Vince (05.02.17)

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:

Angela Embley (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 7th Feb
Pamela Bull (Oakley) Funeral 11th Feb at Norse Road Crematorium
Freda Izzard (Bromham)

Reflection

In the celebration of Candlemas we remember how Simeon recognised Jesus as the Messiah he had been praying and waiting for over many years. Praying consistently and waiting for God to answer requires stamina and faith. We can lose heart quickly when the answer is simply 'wait - and trust me'. Are there long-term prayers you are waiting for answers to? Don't give up! Keep praying, knowing that God hears and will answer at the right time.

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

Covid Precautions we have looked at the level of precautions in church following the removal of Plan B restrictions this week. There have been a number of recent cases of Covid within the congregations, and so we are asking that face coverings continue to be worn in church, including for singing. Please help us to protect and reassure the vulnerable members of our churches by wearing a face mask.

Thankyou to those that donated to the Bedford Refuge over Christmas- £127.50 was raised by the Benefice.

Coffee Morning Fri 4th Feb, 11am – 1pm St Owen's Fellowship Room. All welcome.

Friends of St Owen's

FoSO AGM Thursday 17 Feb 2022 at 7.30pm in St Owen's. New members welcome to join at the meeting – if you need transport contact Edward on 826551.

New Noticeboard Bromham PCC would like a new noticeboard made to go directly outside the church. If anyone knows a carpenter that would like to quote for the work please let Sarah know.

Free Piano Sarah has had the offer of a free upright piano in good condition from a house clearance. Please let her know if you are interested.

Regular Events

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

Stagsden Church Open Door: is now closed for the winter and will restart in March 2022.

Postponed Epiphany Fellowship Party- now on Sun Feb 20th at 12 noon. This will be a bring and share meal so please bring a small amount of food (savoury or sweet) and your favourite drink. This is a benefice event, so we hope friends from Stagsden and Oakley will join us. There will be quizzes and games so please join us for our first fellowship lunch in the new room– ideas for activities and offers of help appreciated – contact Anne Tombs 822949.

(subject to current Covid situation – please watch for updates, check the website, or phone Anne)

AMIGOS meet on the fourth Tuesday of most months. A light hearted quiz will be taking place at Oakley Methodist Church on Tues 22nd February at 7.30pm more info from John Dixon on 01234 824959

Link Up Our next meeting will be on Thursday Feb 3 when we will be having a meal out at the Swan (Covid permitting). Anyone interested must contact Anne Tombs 01234 822949 or email annetombs712 @btinternet.com.

