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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
Dec 11 th	Stagsden	Oakley	
Dec 14 th			6.30pm Carol Service Bromham
Dec 18 th	Stagsden	Bromham	3.30pm Carol Service Stagsden 6.30pm Carol Service Oakley

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 NOT THIS WEEK
6.30pm Ordination Service ID Number: 899 2346 8848

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.

Advent 2



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
4th December 2022

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

6.30pm Ordination of Petra Yates*

St Leonard's Stagsden

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 11.1- 10

Romans 15.4- 13

Matthew 3.1- 12

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 11

1 Kings 18.17- 39

John 1.19- 28

Collect for today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever, Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Verse for the Week

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

For Our Prayers

- Give thanks for Petra and all who respond to God's call to serve Him and His kingdom
- The Peace and Hope of Christ for places of conflict
- Wisdom for those in Govt facing difficult decisions
- Refugees, asylum seekers, displaced peoples
- School Staff and pupils at this busy time
- Those suffering from illness, depression, addiction
- The residents of Village Road south and Bucks 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, the Gill family, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Jean & Richard, Anne, Keith, Terry, John, James, Karen, Christopher, 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 Maurice Taylor (05.12.13), George Bradbury (08.12.07), Dennis Webb (08.12.18), Deborah Allen (09.12.09), Marjorie Dawson (10.12.06), Freda Willn (10.12.12)

OAKLEY Kenneth Topham (04.12.08), John Wickersham (05.12.15), James Day (05.12.20), Timothy Kilpin (06.12.96), Hazel Parrot (09.12.09)

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

Anne Bullock (Oakley) - Funeral 5th Dec at St Mary's
Judith Cottam (Bromham) Burial of ashes 8th Dec
Georgina Treacher (Bromham) Burial of ashes 8th Dec
Paul Fawcett (Bromham) Funeral 13th Dec at St Owen's 1.30pm

Reflection

"Make his paths straight" (Matthew 3:3)
John the Baptist is the last of the prophets who proclaimed Jesus' coming. He does his best to prepare the people for the transition which lies ahead. He prepares them for the coming of a unique person, God-sent, God incarnate- long awaited. Jesus will re-define their faith, their lives and relationship with God. John calls them to prepare by repenting, he warns, he encourages, promises. Advent invites us to pause, to hear his voice too and reflect anew on what Jesus' coming means to us, in our life.

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

Ordination of Petra Yates

TODAY Sunday 4th Dec 6.30pm

St Leonard's Stagsden,

followed by refreshments in Stagsden Village Hall
Please come to pray for Petra as she is ordained by Bishop Richard, and to welcome her to our Benefice.

This service will be live-streamed via Zoom, see back page for details on how to join in.

Children's Christmas Crafts TODAY Sunday 4th Dec 2-4pm St Owen's, Bromham. £3 per child, U2s free, all children to be accompanied. Refreshments available.

Christmas Teas in Church in St Mary's on Sunday 11th December 3.30pm-5pm. Please come along and support this festive session of Teas in Church.

Nativity Trail round St Owen's: Sat 17th Dec 10am – 12.30pm. Pictures to find and a puzzle to solve in the churchyard and church, refreshments available and Church open for visiting to see the tree and the crib.

Decorating St Owen's for Christmas will take place on Fri 23rd Dec from 10am. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers will be gratefully received to Margaret Parrott 18 Tudor Close.

Carol Services:

St Owen's Weds 14th Dec 6.30pm

St Leonard's Sun 18th Dec 3pm

St Mary's Sun 18th Dec 6pm

Make a note of the date – and invite a friend to come with you!

Regular Events

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

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

Link Up A group offering fellowship which meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is our Christmas Party on Thurs 8th Dec starting 1pm with a light lunch, all are welcome! Please contact Anne Tombs annetombs712@btinternet.com or 01234 822949.

Zoom Quizzes are back! The next date for your diary is Thurs Jan 5th 7-8pm. Please let Anne Tombs know if you would like to attend (so you can be sent the Zoom link) and if you are willing to provide 10 questions: annetombs712@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning Fri 6th Jan 11am – 1pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. In aid of church funds.

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

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/> (though all donations are welcomed).