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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
Dec 12 th	Stagsden	Oakley Methodist Church	Bromham & 4.30pm Wild Church
Dec 19 th	Oakley	Bromham	3.30pm Stagsden 6.00pm Oakley

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

Zoom services Please bear with us as we try out the technology and work out the best way moving forward. 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 evening.

Advent 2



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
5th December 2021

9.00am Holy Communion- St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Holy Communion- St Mary's Oakley *

please bring a facemask to wear to all services
***This service will be streamed via Zoom, see back page for more info**

Today's Readings

Malachi 3.1- 4
Philippians 1.3- 11
Luke 3.1- 6

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 75
Isaiah 40.1- 11
Luke 1.1- 25

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 this week

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.' Isaiah 40:3

For Our Prayers

- Headteachers and school staff with extra worries etc
- Refugees in tent villages, in winter, fearing the future
- Organisations bringing care and hope to all in need
- Those exploited by fraud, trafficking, persecuted
- Christians to be faithful to a Gospel of love, welcome
- Yarl's Wood, Food banks, Night shelters, Hospitals
- Christine Howard & Steve Davis marrying in St Owen's on 9th Dec.
- Staff and volunteers at Stagsden Village Hall

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, Pam and Sue
Stagsden	The community – the vulnerable & the supporters

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Maurice Taylor (05.12.13), Lena Denton (07.12.17), George Bradbury (08.12.07), Andrew Brodie (08.12.17), Dennis Webb (08.12.18), Gillian Harris (08.12.20), Deborah Allen (09.12.09), Marjorie Dawson (10.12.06), Freda Willn (10.12.12), R Horner (11.12.07)
OAKLEY John Wickersham (05.12.15), James Day (05.12.20), Timothy Kilpin (06.12.96), Hazel Parroth (09.12.09)

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

David Ireson (Oakley) Funeral and burial Tues 14th Dec
Sheila Wells (Bromham) Funeral at Crem Weds 15th Dec
Ian Wildman (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Mon 20th Dec
Beryl Read (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Tues 21st Dec

Reflection

“The Word of God came to John in the wilderness”. God speaks Words of Promise and Hope to different generations and peoples – through the prophets, to John, to Paul and the early church, to the world today. To us, the wilderness can mean a harsh, empty desert. The Jews saw it as a place for inspiration (Moses), for spiritual growth (40 years wandering), preparing and testing (Jesus prepares for ministry) and now John. Modern day retreats (home or away) can be revelatory, refreshing, growing times when “all shall see the salvation of God”.

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

A big ‘Thank You’ to all who helped and contributed so much to our Advent Sunday services last Sunday.

TODAY Christmas Craft afternoon at St Owen’s
 2-4pm. Crafts for children, plus refreshments, stalls for adults to browse. £3 per child.

Stagsden PCC Thurs 9th 5.30pm Fellowship Room, St Owen’s.

Christingle There will be a joint Christingle service for everyone at Oakley Methodist Church on Sunday 12th Dec at 10.30am.

Friendship Christmas Lunch Weds 15th Dec 12.30pm Prince of Wales Bromham. Please let Flora know if you are coming on 01234 822094.

Decorating St Owens Church for Christmas Thurs 23rd December from 10am. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. Donations for the purchase flowers appreciated, Margaret Parrott 18 Tudor Close.

‘At the heart of Christmas’ is the Church of England’s Christmas campaign for 2021. Find out more and join in at www.churchofengland.org/AtTheHeartOfChristmas

Oakley Scout Group Christmas Craft Fair Scout Hut TODAY 5th Dec 10am- 4pm. Craft stalls, homemade sweets, cakes & biscuits for sale and refreshments. In aid of the scout group

Regular Events

Messy Church – Mons in St Owen’s 11.30am- 1.30pm, and Thurs in St Mary’s 10- 11.45am.

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

Link Up In the New Year we plan to meet on Thurs Jan 6th for reminiscences and New Year resolutions. Please let Anne Tombs 01234 822949 know if you wish to come.

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

Advent & Christmas Services and Events

Sun 12 th Dec	10.30am Joint Christingle- Oakley Methodist Church 3.15- 4.45pm Christmas Teas in Church St Mary’s 4.30pm Wild Church Leslie Sell Scout Centre, Bromham
Tues 14 th Dec	3.30pm Messy Church for All Christmas Party at Oakley Methodist Church
Weds 15 th Dec	12.30pm Christmas Lunch organised by St Owen’s Social Committee 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight St Owen’s
Sun 19 th Dec	3.30pm Carols by Candlelight St Leonard’s 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight St Mary’s
Christmas Eve	3.00pm Crib Service for younger children St Owen’s 4.30pm Crib Service St Owen’s 4.00pm Crib Service St Leonard’s 5.15pm Short Holy Communion St Leonard’s 4.30pm Crib Service St Mary’s 11.00pm Joint Midnight Communion St Owen’s
Christmas Day	10.00am Joint Christmas Family Communion St Mary’s
Sun 26 th Dec	10.30am Joint Morning Service with carols- St Owen’s