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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 Petra 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	6.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bromham	Oakley	Carol Service Stagsden Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Bromham	Bromham	Carol Service 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: 45, 46, 75, 42, 52, 379

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.

## Second Sunday of Advent



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

7<sup>th</sup> December 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

Isaiah 11.1- 10  
Romans 15.4- 13  
Matthew 3.1- 12

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 11  
1 Kings 18.14- 39  
John 1.19- 29

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Verse for this week:

For whatever was written in former days was written for  
our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the  
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.  
Romans 15.4

### For Our Prayers

- That all who read the Bible will find encouragement, comfort, peace and guidance for their lives
- Preachers and teachers of the faith, evangelists and those who call people to turn to God
- The peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine; and the ceasefire in Gaza to hold
- Our schools as they approach the end of term
- The work of the Children's Society among young people needing support and help
- Hospital and medical staff at this busy time of year
- Volunteers and young people in our villages' Scouting groups

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

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** George Bradbury (08.12.07), Dennis Webb (08.12.18), Debroah Allen (09.12.09), Marjorie Dawson (10.12.06), Freda Willm (10.12.12), R Horner (11.12.07), Joanne Smith (12.12.08)

**OAKLEY** Hazel Parroth (09.12.09), Cyril Burge (13.12.12)

**STAGSDEN** Jo Burton (12.12.24), Audrey Prothero (13.12.21)

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

**Graham Hull** (Bromham) *Memorial Service and Burial of Ashes Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm St Owen's tbc*

**Theadora Lee** (Bromham) *Burial of Ashes Tues 16th Dec 11.30am St Owen's*

### Reflection

John the Baptist's message called the people of Israel to change – to turn around, change direction, stop living for themselves and start a new life with God. Jesus would soon appear and they needed to get ready for his coming. In this season of Advent we too are called to prepare for the coming of Jesus by turning away from sin and walking in the light of Christ, confident that with the help of the Holy Spirit we can become more like him. How will we find the space to reflect, to pray and to get ready to welcome our Saviour at Christmas 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

**Christmas Services** Please pick up a flyer in church for all our Christmas services

**Christmas Crafts** TODAY Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-4pm St Owen's Bromham. £3 per child U2s free. Please do invite a family down to join in the fun.

**Light in the Darkness- A Quiet Christmas Space** A short, peaceful service which shares the hope and light of Christmas in a gentle way. Christmas turned down a notch or two, for however you are feeling. Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm St Owen's.

**Booklets of reflections** for the 12 days of Christmas will be available in our churches from next Sunday, £1. Please put the money in the box provided and not in the plate. Reflections also available by email – sign up at [www.cofe.io/TheJoyOfChristmas](http://www.cofe.io/TheJoyOfChristmas)

**Christmas Teas in Church** Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30- 5.00pm in St Mary's Oakley

**Our Voice Youth Group** For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Christmas Special Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-7pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre. Families invited to join in at 6.30pm for a carol service. Please contact Emma on [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) to for info.

**Dog Walk, Beverages & Blessing** Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am meet at St Leonard's church for a group dog walk followed by refreshments and a blessing in church. Suggested donation £5 per dog and cash for refreshments. In aid of Cinnamon Trust, Heathlands Animal Sanctuary & St Leonard's Church.

**Decorating St Owens for Christmas** Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec from 10am. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome. Donations for flowers will be gratefully received to Margaret Parrott, 18 Tudor Close.

### Regular Events

**Messy Church** St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am. Last Dates for this Term: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec St Owen's, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec St Mary's

**Messy Church for all** Next meeting Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 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.

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Contact: Margaret Parrott on 824402

**Tuesday Holy Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 16<sup>th</sup> Dec followed by a light lunch.

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12.30pm for Christmas lunch at The Fox, Carlton Contact Tessa for more information and to book a place.

**Fellowship Lunch** returns in January. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351