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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 one of the clergy 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
15 th March	Bromham	Bromham Oakley	3pm- Bromham
22 nd March	Bromham	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

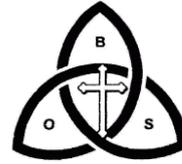
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Hymns: 238, 131, 669, 141, 373, 595

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.

Third Sunday of Lent



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
8th March 2026

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am Holy Communion*

St Mary's Oakley

3.30pm Evensong

St Owen's Bromham

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

Today's Readings

Exodus 17.1- 7

Romans 5.1- 11

John 4.5- 42

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 40

Joshua 1.1- 9

Ephesians 6.10- 20

Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

Jesus said, 'Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

John 4.14

For Our Prayers

- The situation in the Middle East – a quick end to the conflict, and comfort and help for the suffering
- Our Government at this time of international crisis
- Those without access to clean fresh water, and the charities who work to provide it
- All who are spiritually thirsty, that they will find and drink from the water that Jesus offers
- People who are worried and fearful, to find peace and comfort
- The work of Impact in schools as they provide activities to help children learn about Christian faith
- The residents of Chestnut Avenue & The Glade

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, Pat, Anne & John, Pam & Terry and Pat
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Norman Izzard (10.03.07), Elsie Mills (10.03.11), John Sheen (13.03.10), Ada Hosken (14.03.10)

OAKLEY Ben Brown (10.03.03), Kenneth Brown (10.03.03), Phillipa Allen (11.03.08), Richard Gribble (11.03.10), Amy Webster (14.03.94)

STAGSDEN

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

Jean Cannon (Bromham) Private family cremation; memorial service in St Owen's in due course.

Reflection

Water is essential for life, and we are fortunate in the UK that it is so readily available to us. But just as we need physical water for our bodies, we need the water of life to refresh our souls. As Jesus sat by a well, he told a Samaritan woman that he could offer the water which gives spiritual life and brings cleansing and restoration, and which satisfies our deepest thirst. As we continue through Lent, may we find opportunities to drink from that water through prayer and the Bible, so that we will be renewed and grow in holiness.

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

Lent Groups Continue this week, same course, attend whichever is most convenient for you each week:
Mondays 2-3.30pm St Owen's Fellowship Room
Wednesdays 7pm on Zoom – use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88361436178>

Lent giving – our Benefice charity for Lent is Impact – 'fun, interactive activities to help schools deliver the faith curriculum'. See www.impactbedford.org.uk. We will be having a speaker from Impact on Sunday 22nd March.

Alternative Mothering Sunday Service For those who find Mothering Sunday a difficult time. Sunday 15th March at 3.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Tea and coffee served after the service.

Soup Lunch in aid of Christian Aid Sun 22nd Mar after the service c12.30pm in St Mary's. All welcome to help raise funds during Christian Aid week.

'What's next?' – Sat 28th Mar 9.30 – 2pm – day conference Clapham Fellowship centre, celebrating the work of the Deanery Children, Youth and Families project, and looking to the future. Please come along if you have a heart for this outreach – booking info from Catherine.

Benefice Away Day Sat 18th April 2026. All are invited to come and think about our Benefice aims and vision. Clapham Fellowship centre, 10.30 – 3.30pm.

St Owen's Open Church – we are looking for volunteers to sit in the church one Saturday morning a month so that people can drop in. Talk to Tessa if you can help.

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 17th Mar 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 1st & 3rd Weds 2-4pm. Next 18th Mar in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Margaret 824402

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 17th Mar followed by a light lunch.

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 26th March 2pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

First Friday Coffee Morning takes a break in April and will return on Fri 1st May at the NEW time of 10.30am-12.30 pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094

Our Voice Youth Group. For anyone in Year 7 to 13. LAST meeting Sat 14th Mar 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre MK41 6ER. Please contact Emma on ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for info.

Fellowship Lunch Takes a break in April, we will be back on 3rd May in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien