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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	3.30pm
5th Jan	Oakley	Bromham	
12 th Jan	Bromham	OMC	Bromham Fellowship Room

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 22nd Dec ID number: 848 0690 8170

11.00pm 24th Dec ID number: 812 1387 6095

0131 460 1196

0203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

0203 481 5237

0208 080 6592

Hymns for Dec 22nd 10.30am: 36, 32, 39, 58, 394

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 **Catherine Wilson** by Wednesday lunchtime (Jan 1st).

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas 1

St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

22nd & 29th December 2024

Happy Christmas!

The angel said, 'I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'

Luke 2: 10-11

Readings

Sun 22 nd Dec	Micah 5.2- 5 Hebrews 10.5- 10 Luke 1.39- 45
Christmas Eve	Isaiah 52.7- 10 Hebrews 1.1- 4 John 1.1- 14
Christmas Day	Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2.11- 14 Luke 2.1- 14
Sun 29 th Dec	1 Samuel 3.18- 20, 26 Colossians 3.12- 17 Luke 2.41- end

Collect for 22nd December

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, Amen.

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us
your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace may
daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Collect for December 29th

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, Amen.

For Our Prayers

- Ever loving God, be present & guide your church. May we sing for joy as Mary did and may Christ's light and love shine from us every day.
- For those who will spend Christmas alone.
- Peace and healing for all who suffer from war, natural disasters, persecution & abuse.
- May the Lord be close beside all who are in need, sick, distressed, bereaved, giving comfort & hope.
- Residents of Rosemary Drive & Hayfield Park

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 and Carol, June and Barbara
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, David, Alison, Tony, Graeme, Richard, Dorothy, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Piper, Janet, Margaret and Bonnie
Stagsden	

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Kathleen Archer (23.12.08), Philip Deardon (25.12.17), Caron Judge (25.12.19), Paul Stapleton (29.12.20), Ian Redman (02.01.87), Lily Ripley (02.01.96), Donald Warren (04.01.81), Brenda Weaver (04.01.08)

OAKLEY Elizabeth Lathem (27.12.97), Joan Skevington (27.12.18), Joanne Smith (30.12.08), Roger Young (30.12.11), Catherine Bonas (02.01.16)

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

Eunice Hood (Bromham) Burial of Ashes 13th Jan 10.30am St Owen's

Jo Burton (Stagsden)

Brian Hunter (Oakley)

Reflection

The ground making theory of the atom was called a "quantum leap" but we prepare to celebrate the greatest leap of all time – God came amongst us, changing from the eternal divine to mortal humanity in a tiny baby. Both Mary and Elizabeth recognised God's miracle within them, (one who was too old to bear a child, one who was a young virgin girl). We also celebrate God with us, his Spirit within us, & we echo Mary's song in our own lives. We give thanks for our faith community and resolve to strengthen the bonds and communion between us.

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

Sun 22nd Dec: 9.00am Bromham
10.30am Oakley*
Carol Service 6.00pm Oakley

Christmas Eve:

- Crib Services - 3pm & 4.30pm Bromham
4.30pm Stagsden Village Hall
4.30pm Oakley
- Communion Services -
5.30pm Stagsden Village Hall
11.00pm Bromham* & Oakley

Christmas Day: 10.00am Bromham

Sun 29th Dec: 10.30am Oakley

*Zoom Streamed

The Revds Catherine, Petra, Di & families

wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you to everyone for your support and fellowship during 2024.



Stagsden services: at the moment the heating at St Leonard's isn't working. The 9am services on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays are moving to St Owen's Bromham for now.

Sewing alterations/mending offered, the fee is being donated to St Mary's. Call Maureen 01234 356354

Christmas Cards: why not send just one card to everyone in the congregation, put it on the board in church, and make a donation to the Smart centre for the homeless in Bedford? See displays in church.

Booklets of daily readings that start on Christmas Day will be available in the churches this Sunday - £1.

Regular Events

Morning Prayer on Mondays 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, ask Catherine for the link.

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next **8th Jan 2025** (different date to usual) Contact: Frances

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service **7th Jan 2025**

Link Up Next meeting Thurs **9th Jan** at 12.30pm for a meal out. Please contact Tessa to book your place

First Friday Coffee Morning at our next meeting on Fri **3rd Jan 2025** 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham Contact: Frances

Our Voice a group for ages 11- 18. Next Date is Sat **11th Jan** 5-6.30pm. Contact Emma Harrison ourvoicetoo@gmail.com for more information.

Fellowship Lunch – Our next lunch is **Sun 5th Jan** in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's. Bring some food to share, and enjoy the company of others as we eat together. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351