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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
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Bromham</b>	Bromham	Stagsden Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bromham	Oakley	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

Hymn nos for this week: 45, 38, 75, 52, 646 (omit v4)

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  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### **9.00am Holy Communion**

St Owen's Bromham

#### **10.30am Churches Together Service with Holy Communion\***

St Mary's Oakley

*\* This service will be live 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.

#### 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:

See I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

Malachi 3.1

### For Our Prayers

- May all God's people find words & actions to make Christ known & visible in our society, all the world.
- For leaders of all nations- wisdom, compassion, humility and a desire for peace between all people.
- Victims of current conflicts & natural disasters.
- All struggling with mental, physical & spiritual hurt.
- For all children to hear the wonder of Jesus' birth
- The residents of Randalls 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, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Anne, Keith, Terry, John, James, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, and Mary
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, Ann, David and Monica, George, Donna, Janet and Margaret
Stagsden	Jo B

### In Memoriam

**BROMHAM** 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). R Horner (11.12.07), Joanne Smith (12.12.08), Barbara Leversha (14.12.07)  
**OAKLEY** Hazel Parroth (09.12.09), Cyril Burge (13.12.12)

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

**Terence Ashpole** (Bromham) Funeral and burial Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am St Owen's 11am

**Shirley Fensom** (Stagsden) Funeral and burial Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec St Leonard's 2pm

**Margaret Smith** (Bromham) Funeral Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.45am at Norse Rd Crematorium

### Reflection

Dear God, when life falls apart, you pick up the pieces and refashion them in your love. You breathe into me new life and renew my hope and courage. No matter how great the darkness, I cannot fall out of your care: your nail-marked hands seek to raise me up, free me from the depths of despair or the darkest place. Lift me into the fullness of life, guide me into your light, and bring me to your glory.  
(David Adam shares Celtic Spirituality)

### 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

#### TODAY Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:

**Children's Christmas Crafts** 2pm- 4pm St Owen's, Bromham. £3 per child U2s free.

**Christmas Teas in Church** 3.15 – 4.45pm St Mary's Oakley. Choice of delicious cakes plus Christmas raffle.

#### Christmas Services

##### Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

A Quiet Christmas Space 3.00pm Bromham

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol Service 6.00pm Stagsden Village Hall

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol Service 6.30pm Bromham

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 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

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

**Decorating St Owen's** for Christmas on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 10am. All help and donations to purchase flowers welcome. Contact Margaret Parrot 18 Tudor Close

**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 next Sunday - £1.

#### 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 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church for the Christmas Party

**Prayer Group** Thurs mornings 10.30am in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's

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

**Sewing Group** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds in St Owen's Fellowship Room 2-4pm. Next 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Contact: Frances

**Tuesday Holy Communion** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch. Next service 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Link Up** Next meeting Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12.30pm in the Fellowship Room for a Bring & Share lunch, please bring a Secret Santa gift of value up to £5. Contact Tessa

**First Friday Coffee Morning** at our next meeting on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 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 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-7pm for a Christmas Special! Contact Emma Harrison [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) for more information.