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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
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Stagsden	Oakley	Bromham
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Stagsden	Bromham	

**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: 282, 287, 557, 750, 290

**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.

# Harvest



St. Owen, Bromham  
St. Mary, Oakley  
St. Leonard, Stagsden  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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

St Leonard's Stagsden

#### **10.30am Family Harvest Service with Communion\***

St Owen's Bromham

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

#### Today's Readings

1Kings 16.29 – 17.16  
Matthew 6. 25-26

#### Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 142  
Nehemiah 5.1- 13  
John 9

#### Collect

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Verse for the week

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control... if we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5. 22,23,25

### For Our Prayers

- Thanks for the Harvest and food for the coming year
- People who are suffering famine, the hungry
- The work of Bedford Foodbank, and those it helps in our local area
- The Bishop's Harvest Appeal for Mission Direct and its work to increase access to education in Africa
- The new Archbishop of Canterbury, who might be announced very soon
- Bromham Parish Council

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** Maureen Graetz (06.10.92), Herbert Sharp (05.10.11), Pat Tanner (07.10.23)

**OAKLEY** David Spring (08.10.10)

**STAGSDEN**

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

**Susan Cook** (Bromham) Funeral Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm in St Owen's

**George Herring** (Bromham) Funeral Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.30pm in St Owen's

**Frances Andrews** (Oakley) Funeral and burial Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 12 noon St Mary's

**Graham Ridgway** (Oakley) Funeral at St Paul's Bedford 12 noon and burial at St Mary's 1pm Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Elsie Harding** (Bromham) Funeral Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1.30pm in St Owen's

### Reflection

God's provision for Elijah (1Kings 17) was miraculous and came in very unexpected ways, through the ravens and the widow. But Elijah had to have faith and follow God's guiding in order to receive the miracle. God provides for us too in ways that go beyond our narrow definitions and expectations – if we look out for his providence for us we may find it in unusual places. And maybe we are God's way of providing for others – what is he prompting us to do this week?

### 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

**New email address** Rev Petra has a new email address following her licensing: [revpetra@bromhambenefice.org](mailto:revpetra@bromhambenefice.org)

**Harvest gifts:** please bring non-perishable food for Foodbank and/or cash for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> or next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Evensong for Oct** is next Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6pm in St Owen's. This is our only Evensong this month.

**Volunteers to set up the altar** St Owen's are in need of helpers to set up before services. Please speak to Catherine if you could help, full training provided.

**St Owen's Cleaning Rota** could you help? Please contact Binny on [binny.cryer@gmail.com](mailto:binny.cryer@gmail.com)

**Thank you** to all who came to Victor's funeral; to the benefice choir and David, the flower arrangers and the clergy and all who helped to make this such a great tribute to Victor. The whole family are very grateful. Thanks too for the generous donation to the Bible Society, so far over £500 has been donated, Margaret.

**Quire Concert** Bedford Gallery Quire perform music from the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> century. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm in St Owen's, Tickets £10 on the door

### Remembering Services

St Owen's 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 3pm & St Mary's 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 3pm

**Ray Cordell & Alan Howard** will return to perform a concert of a mix of their own and popular music at St Mary's Oakley 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 7.30pm tickets £12 from Dorothy & Graham Palmer and on the door.

### Regular Events

**Pilgrim Course** Weekly discussion group looking at the Creed. Weekly on Fridays 1.30- 3pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. More information from Sarah.

**Churchyard Working Party** meets every Wednesday in St Owen's Bromham at 10am. All are welcome to help. Contact Pat Bass on 01234 826990.

**Messy Church** St Owen's Mon 11.30am – 1.30pm; St Mary's Thurs 10 – 11.45am

**Messy Church for all** Next meeting Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

**Morning Prayer on Mondays** 9 – 9.30am on Zoom, link on website

**Stagsden Open Door** every Tuesday 3-4.30pm in St Leonard's all welcome for refreshments and fellowship.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 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 followed by a simple lunch. Next service 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Link Up** Next meeting is on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Tessa for more information.

**Our Voice Youth Group.** For anyone in Year 7 to 13. Next meeting Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 5-6.30pm in Clapham Fellowship Centre. Please contact Emma on [ourvoicetoo@gmail.com](mailto:ourvoicetoo@gmail.com) to for info.