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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
25 th Jan	Bromham	Oakley	
1 st Feb	Oakley	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

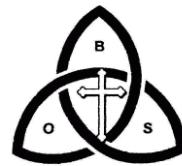
0131 460 1196
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Hymns: 365, 609, 635, 460, 573, 680

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
18th January 2026

9.00am Holy Communion

St Owen's Bromham

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 49.1- 7

1 Corinthians 1.1- 9

John 1.29- 42

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalm 96

Ezekiel 2.1- 3.4

Galatians 1.11- end

Collect for today

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly.

Ephesians 4.4 (The Message translation)

For Our Prayers

- Unity amongst Christians and a focus on our shared faith rather than our differences
- Our brothers and sisters at Oakley Methodist Church and Bromham Baptist Church
- Interviews taking place this week for the next Bishop of St Albans – for wisdom and discernment
- Bedford Borough Council as they consider planning applications affecting our villages
- Those experiencing difficulties due to extreme weather events
- The residents of Blue Spruce Close & Stone Pine Road

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 Revd Ronald Luland (19.01.13), Michael Tombs (19.01.23), Beatrice Seamarks (22.01.13)
OAKLEY June Rugless (20.01.14), James Glass (22.01.25)
STAGSDEN Paula Morris (20.01.20)

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

Richard Worker (snr) (Oakley) Burial of Ashes Mon 19th Jan 1pm St Mary's
Hilda Brodie (Bromham) Funeral and burial Tues 20th Jan 12 noon St Owen's
Peggy Farr (Bromham) Funeral Weds 21st Jan 2.30pm St Owen's
Ann Bates (Bromham) Funeral Tues 27th Jan 11.30am Norse Rd Crematorium
Hannah Heaney (Bromham) Burial of Ashes Sat 31st Jan 12.30pm St Owen's
Win Boulton (Bromham)

Reflection

This Sunday marks the start of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – we are challenged to ask God to help us overcome our differences and learn to worship and work together. On Maundy Thursday Jesus prayed for his followers 'that they may be one' (John 15.11); unity among his followers is his desire. When was the last time we worshipped with Christians from other denominations? How can we work for greater Christian unity in our Benefice and town?

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

Hope Explored Come and discover the hope, peace and purpose we all want in our lives. A three-session course on Mondays at 7pm in St Owen's continues on January 19th and 26th. For more information, please contact Catherine or Emma.

Messy Church Plus returns Mon 16th Feb 11.30am in St Owen's Bromham

The Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open again this February, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom. The garden will open on 14 & 15 Feb; 21 & 22 Feb 2-4pm at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD. £5 per adult, all proceeds to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

The Big Blunham Book Sale Sat 28th Feb 10.00am to 3.00pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ. There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books. Refreshments served all day. Profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For further details please ring Sue or Peter Holden 01767 640572

Save the Date for our **Benefice Away Day** Sat 18th April 2026. All will be invited for a day of reflection and planning! More details to follow.

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 Jan 20th 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 28th Jan 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 20th Jan followed by a light lunch.

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 22nd Jan 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham for a talk by Edward Jones on 'His Flying Life'. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258

First Friday Coffee Morning next meeting on Fri 6th Feb 11am- 1.00pm in the Fellowship Room, St Owen's Bromham. Contact Flora on 822094

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

Fellowship Lunch Sun 1st Feb 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 Butler 407351

