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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
22 nd March	Bromham	Oakley	
29 th March	No service	Stagsden	

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: No Zoom service today

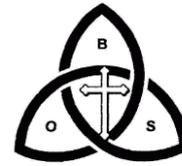
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Hymns: No Zoom service today

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.

Mothering Sunday



St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
15th March 2026

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

St Owen's Bromham

10.30am All Age Mothering Sunday Service

St Mary's Oakley

10.30am All Age Mothering Sunday Service

St Owen's Bromham

3.00pm Alternative Mothering Sunday Service

St Owen's Bromham

** Sorry, we're not able to live stream today*

Today's Readings

Exodus 2.1- 10
2 Corinthians 1.3- 7
John 19.25- 27

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 31.1- 8
Micah 7
James 5

Collect for today

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:

strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink
of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for this week:

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. *John 19: 26-27*

For Our Prayers

- That the actions of global leaders are rooted in compassion, justice and a search for lasting peace.
- For families experiencing grief or separation especially in areas devastated by war.
- For those who find Mothering Sunday difficult.
- That God helps us to be church of welcome and care for all.
- We thank God for mothers and all who have shown, and show, us care and love,
- And Jesus for forming us into a new family in him.
- The residents of Cornwallis 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, Keith, Terry, John, Karen and Carol, June, Barbara, Ann, Mary, Linda, Mary, Mike, Frances and Peggy
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 Raphael Cicco (15.03.18), Geoffrey Pett (16.03.90), Arthur Lewis (16.03.11), John Brooks (16.03.05), Margaret Bland (18.03.16), Joy Horner (19.03.18), Edith Marsh (20.03.16), Jean Marlon (21.03.24)

OAKLEY Valerie Shread (18.03.18), Robin Worley (19.03.09), Glenys Bostock (20.03.02)

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

On the cross, Jesus sees his mother Mary standing nearby (John 19:26–27). Even in his great pain and mental anguish, he thinks about her needs and gives her a new family through the beloved disciple, John. Mothering Sunday reminds us that love is shown in simple acts of noticing, supporting, and standing with one another through all life's experiences. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we remember that love is expressed through presence, kindness, compassion and an awareness of the needs of others, for those we know and those we see on our screens. Today we give thanks for mothers and for all who nurture, guide, and care for us. As a church family, we are called to reflect this same love, where everyone feels they can belong in the family of God and no one feels alone or ignored.

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.

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.

Methodist Church Coffee Morning Sat 28th Mar 10am-12noon. Mobile farm, crafts & refreshments. Free event except for children's Easter pottery painting, pls book this at www.beeandbottle.co.uk

Palm Sunday 29th March. We will be relaunching St Leonard's for the summer season with a Palm Sunday service with donkey procession. Meet in the Village Hall car park from 10am, or at church at 10.30am.

Decorating St Owens Church for Easter Sat 4th April from 10am. Anyone who would like to help will be welcome. Donations for the purchase of flowers gratefully received to Margaret Parrott, 18 Tudor Close, Bromham

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. With Bring & Share lunch.

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

Fellowship Lunch Takes a break in April and May, we will be back on 7th June