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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	6.00pm
9 th August	Stagsden	OMC	Oakley
16 th August	No Service	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: 283, 287, 669, 378, 429, 652

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.

Ninth Sunday of Trinity



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

2nd August 2026

9.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's Oakley

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 55.1- 5

Romans 9.1- 5

Matthew 14.13- 21

Today's Evensong Readings

Psalms 80

1 Kings 10.1- 13

Acts 13.1- 13

Collect for today

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Verse for this week:

Jesus said 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh'.

John 6.51

For Our Prayers

- Thank God for his generous gifts to us of hope, peace and grace
- The work of Bedford Foodbank, its volunteers, and those who use its services
- Families who will be hungry when there are no free school meals in the holidays
- Our local farmers working to harvest their crops
- Countries where there are food shortages
- Francesca Dawson & Cameron Howe ahead of their wedding Thurs 6th August in St Owen's
- The residents of Peacock Rd, Wisdom Close, Walnut 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, Ann, Mary, Linda, Mary, Mike, Frances, Peggy, Stella and Alan
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, David & Ann, George, Donna, Linda, Dave, Sally, Pat, Anne & John, Pam and Graham
Stagsden	David E, Lesley

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Muriel Johnson (03.08.09), Ivy Coleman (06.08.08)

OAKLEY Colin Batholomew (02.08.11), Rita Thomas (03.08.21), Valerie Ireson (04.08.18), Patricia Graham (05.08.16), Stephen Treby (08.08.95)

STAGSDEN

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

Malcolm Lewis (Oakley) Funeral Mon 3rd August 11am at Oakfield Crem Steppingley

Mary 'Carmel' Owens (Bromham) Funeral and burial Weds 5th August 2.30pm in St Owen's Bromham

Alan Craigen (Bromham) Burial Fri 14th August 12.15pm at St Owen's

Patricia Lightfoot (Bromham)

Reflection

Isaiah challenges his readers to receive free food and drink, not for their physical bodies but for their souls. God's gift to everyone who is hungry to find meaning and purpose in their lives is his abundant provision of grace, hope and love; he invites us all to enjoy the salvation he offers. If we come to him, and listen to him, we will find lasting joy and life – spiritual nourishment that satisfies and helps us grow. How will you feed your soul 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

Fellowship Lunch TODAY Sun 2nd August 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

Messy Church Plus Mon 10th Aug 11.30am in St Owen's Bromham. Ask a family or bring the grandchildren along to our all-age Messy Church session. Free event. All welcome

Safeguarding Training – Awareness of Domestic Abuse Weds 26th Aug 2pm, Fellowship Room at St Owen's.

Benefice BBQ BH Mon 31st Aug from 12.30pm at The Vicarage (47 Stagsden Rd, Bromham). Please mark your diaries and look out for sign up sheets. Donations of puds and salads welcome. Bring your own drink, and a chair if possible!

New Bishop of St Albans' Installation tickets now on general sale use booking.stalbanscathedral.org to book Sat 19th Sept 2pm St Albans Cathedral. A few seats left.

Deanery Quiet Days Weds 16th OR Thurs 17th Sept 9.30am-3.30pm at St Owen's £7 on the day, including lunch and refreshments. This year's theme is 'Who is Jesus'. Sign up by contacting Nick Munday on n.j.munday@btinternet.com or 07966 377108

Save the Date as St Mary's host another concert with Richard & Ray on Sat 10th Oct 7.30pm. These are always a good evening- please mark your diaries now!

Regular Events

Teas in Church every Sun in St Mary's 3.30-5pm until 13th Sept.

Churchyard Working Party meets every Wednesday in St Owen's Bromham at 10am. All are welcome to help with tasks to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy. Please contact Pat Bass on 826990, or just turn up

Open Saturdays at St Owen's next date Sat 8th August, between 10am and 12noon. Contact Tessa if you would like to help on future dates.

Stagsden Open Door at St Leonard's on the first Tuesday of each month 3-4.30pm, next date Tues 4th August. All are welcome for refreshments and fellowship.

Messy Church closed for summer holidays

Messy Church for all Next meeting to be confirmed

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.

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 4th August followed by a light lunch.

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds 2-4pm. Next 19th Aug in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Margaret 824402. **No meeting 5th Aug.**

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 24th Sept 2.30pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's. Contact: Tessa 07766 118258 **No meeting in August**

First Friday Coffee Morning Fri 7th August 10.30am-12.30 pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Flora on 822094. **In aid of The Children's Society with raffle.**