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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
30 th August	Bromham	Stagsden	
6 th Sept	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

0203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

0203 481 5237

0208 080 6592

Hymns:

16th August: 2, 383, 264, 507

23rd August: 366, 421, 321, 433, 805, 498

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.

Eleventh & Twelfth Sunday of Trinity



St. Owen, Bromham

St. Mary, Oakley

St. Leonard, Stagsden

16th & 23rd August 2026

Sunday 16th August

10.30am Morning Worship*

St Owen's Bromham

Sunday 23rd August

10.30am Holy Communion*

St Mary's Oakley

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

16th August Readings

Jonah 1

Matthew 15, 21-28

23rd August Readings

Isaiah 51.1- 6

Romans 12.1- 8

Matthew 16.13- 20

Collect for 16th August

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

Collect for 23rd August

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Verse for this 2 week period:

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Romans 12.5

For Our Prayers

- Jesus, guide my thinking. How should I grow?
- May all people value & protect the natural world
- Lasting Peace between nations at war & conflict
- Our Government, justice system, Prime Minister
- Workers in the emergency services & NHS
- Those suffering from long-term illnesses, pain
- For broken relationships, divided families
- Summer Salisbury, her parents & godparents ahead of her baptism Sun 30th August in St Owens'
- The residents of Princes 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, 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, Lesley B

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Herbert Cook (17.08.09), Doris Simms (18.08.90), Les Nobel (19.08.04), B Westwood (21.08.07), Muriel Sabbage (24.08.92), Ronald Williment (24.08.09), Hilda Sharman (24.08.15), June Cicco (25.08.24), Winifred Tucker (28.08.14)

OAKLEY Betty Clarke (25.08.19), Sue Owen (28.08.23), Gillian Berkley (29.08.13)

STAGSDEN Joseph Hocum (17.08.19)

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

William and Jean Thrush (Bromham) Burial of ashes Fri 4th Sept 10am

Kevin Honeybourne (Bromham) Funeral and burial Fri 4th Sept 11am

Reflection

Jesus challenges the Pharisees' teaching, how they saw themselves as 'religious experts' who had nothing left to learn. They focused on the minutiae of their laws like "blind guides" who were seen to serve God outwardly, but not with their hearts as living faith. Jesus leads us to think & renew our inside us, shapes how we live & serve, our love, actions, opinions & welcome? The goal of our faith is to draw closer to God, grow His kingdom.

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

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 sign up on the sheets in church. 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

My Flying Life a talk by Edward Jones in aid of FOSO. Sat 26th Sept 2pm St Owen's Bromham Tickets £5. Please book with Edward on 07798 881483

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 10th October, 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 1st Sept. 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 Will return Thurs 3rd Sept

Tuesday Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in St Owen's Fellowship Room at 11.30am. Next service 18th 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.

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 11th Sept 10.30am-12.30 pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Flora on 822094. **Please note the change of date.**

Fellowship Lunch There will be no Fellowship Room in September, our next lunch together will be our Harvest lunch on 4th Oct at St Owen's Bromham. Stay tuned for further details. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351