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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
6th Dec	Oakley	Bromham	
13th Dec	Bromham	Oakley	Stagsden Carol service

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: 45, 38, 47, 433, 34, 41

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.

Advent Sunday

A Welcoming Community Sharing God's Love With All

St. Owen, Bromham
St. Mary, Oakley
St. Leonard, Stagsden
29th November 2026

10.30am Holy Communion*
St Mary's Oakley
6.00pm Readings & Music for Advent
St Owen's Bromham
* *This service will be live streamed via Zoom, see back page for more info*
Change of Venue due to the cold and the lack of heating in St Leonard's, this morning's 10.30am service has moved to St Mary's Oakley

Today's Readings
Isaiah 64.1- 9
1 Corinthians 1.3- 9
Mark 13.24- end
Today's Evensong Readings
Psalm 25
Isaiah 1.1- 20
Matthew 21.1- 13

Prayer for today

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Verse for the week:
God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1Corinthians 1.8

For Our Prayers

- That we may be alert and prepare for the coming of Christ to our hearts and to our world
- An end to the conflicts in the world, especially in Israel, Ukraine, Sudan
- Charities helping the homeless eg Shelter, HopeWorks
- Children and families enjoying Christingle this week in school and church to see the light of Jesus
- Opportunities to invite friends to church this Christmas
- Those in hospital, and the medical staff caring for them
- The residents of Webbs 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:
	Revd Di
Bromham	Michelle, Angela, Bill, Jeffrey, Julie, Tony, Amy, Andrew, Keith, Terry, John, Karen and Carol, June, Ann, Mary, Linda, Mary, Mike, Frances, Peggy and Stella
Oakley	Adele, Elin & Celeste, Theresa, Maureen, Alison, Tony, Richard, David & Ann, George, Linda, Dave, Sally, Pat, Anne & John, Pam, Graham, Dave and Gareth
Stagsden	David E, Lesley B

In Memoriam

BROMHAM Revd David Thomson (30.11.88), Hilda Goodling (01.12.11), Peter Brandon (02.12.15), Vincent Cartwright (02.12.16), Gwenolyn Burfield (03.12.19), Marian Shimmans (03.12.22), Maurice Taylor (05.12.13)
OAKLEY Timothy Kilpin (28.11.96), Terry Youngman (28.11.19), Thomas Upstone (29.11.10), Olive Saunders (01.12.04), Kenneth Topham (04.12.08), John Wickersham (05.12.15), James Day (05.12.20)
STAGSDEN

We pray for the family & friends of those who have recently died:
James Macintosh (Oakley)

Reflection

On the first Sunday of Advent, at the start of a new Church year, we look forward with anticipation to the coming of Christ, to welcome him both at Christmas and at his return to earth in glory one day. We know the date of the former – but no one knows when Jesus will return, and the message is clear – watch out, be ready! It could happen at any time. How can we prepare? By faithfully obeying his commands, trusting his words, and doing the work he has called us to.

Leading Your Church Into Growth Prayer

God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Notices

Christmas Cards Instead of sending everyone a card this year, why not send one to the whole congregation and make a donation in church for our charity this year HopeWorks- working with the homeless in Bedford.

Music & Readings for Advent TODAY Sun 29th Nov 6.00pm St Owen's Bromham

Coffee Morning Extravaganza NEXT Fri 4th Dec 10.30am- 2pm St Owen's. Join us for a special coffee morning with light lunches, a raffle and stalls. Do support this event by coming along and bringing a friend! Contact Elaine - harrison.ejh@gmail.com or 826702

Cantamus at Christmas NEXT Sat 5th Dec 7.30pm St Owen's Choral music for the Christmas season from Advent to Epiphany. Tickets £10 including interval refreshments. In aid of St Owen's. To prebook seats contact Sarah on administrator@bromhambenefice.org **If you can help serve interval refreshments, or take money on the door etc please do let Sarah know.**

Children's Christmas Crafts NEXT Sun 6th Dec 2-4pm St Owen's. £3 per child (U2s free).

Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sun 6th Dec at the Butler's house: 28 Bridge End Bromham. Contact: Vivien Butler 407351

Benefice Christingle Service Sun 13th Dec 10.30am in St Mary's.

Christmas Teas in Church Sun 13th Dec 3.30-5pm in St Mary's

Regular Events

Prayer for Growth weekly on Weds at 5pm, please join us via Zoom as we pray intentionally for growth using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85423147270
ID Number: 854 2314 7270

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

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

Messy Church for all Next meeting 15th Dec 3.30-5.30pm Oakley Methodist Church.

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

Prayer Group Thurs mornings in term time 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 1st Dec followed by a light lunch.

Sewing Group on the 1st & 3rd Weds 2-4pm. Next 2nd Dec in the Fellowship Room at St Owen's Bromham. Contact: Margaret 824402.

Link Up Next meeting is on Thurs 17th Dec 12.30pm in the Fellowship Room St Owen's Bromham for a Bring & Share lunch. For info contact: Tessa 07766 118258

First Friday Coffee Morning Coffee Morning Extravaganza Fri 4th Dec 10.30am- 2.00pm Fellowship Room, St Owen's. Contact Flora on 822094.