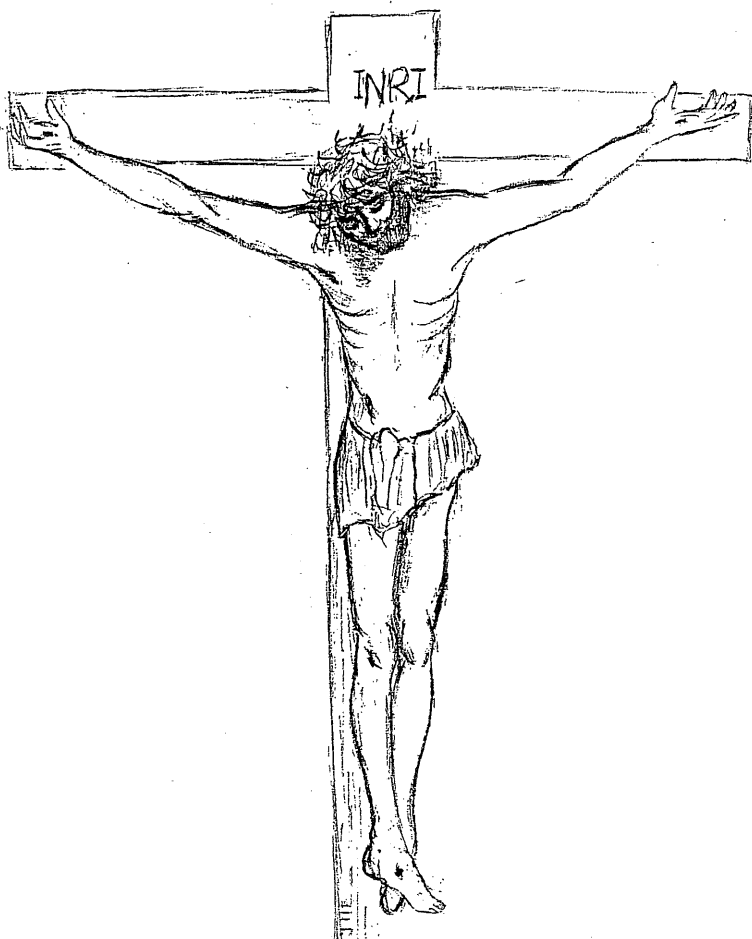


*Good News from
The Oakham Group*

*60p
April 2012*



See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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Dear Friends,

Early in the morning of 7th Feb 2012, a group of 47 pilgrims & leaders took off from Heathrow bound for the Holy Land. I could hardly believe that this trip, that had been a dream of mine for many years, was becoming a reality. I had the most brilliant time and can't thank you all enough for your generosity & support.

There isn't time or space to tell you of all our experiences but I'll try to give you a snapshot of some of the highlights.

We spent our first 3 nights in a Pilgrim House from which we could see the Church of the Beatitudes set on the mountaintop in the distance & which we would visit on our second day. The House was set right on the edge of the Sea of Galilee - imagine walking on the shore, knowing that Jesus had walked in the same area, if not on that very spot!

Our first visit was to the church at the summit of Mount Tabor, the likely site of Jesus' transfiguration. It was amazing that on my first Sunday back home the Gospel reading was that of the transfiguration. I could actually picture myself on the very mountain on which it happened! Later that first day we also went to Nazareth, a busy bustling little town surrounded on all sides by hills. We worshipped not only at the Basilica of the Annunciation, built on the likely site of the spot where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, but also at the Synagogue Church, on the site of the synagogue at which Jesus would have worshipped throughout his childhood, & to which he returned to launch his ministry, only to be rejected by his own people. (Luke 4: 16-22) Later, we travelled the short distance to Cana where Jesus attended a wedding & turned water into wine. (John 2:1-11)

The next day we had the breathtaking experience of sharing the Eucharist on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, a short walk from where we were staying. We had a boat trip on the lake itself & then visited many holy sites in the area, notably Capernaum where there's good evidence to say that Jesus spent much of his young adult life prior to the start of his ministry.

Galilee is a green & fertile area with acre upon acre of olive, banana, orange, lemon & pomegranate groves. On day 3 we drove south, through the West Bank. Not only was the soil noticeable much poorer & rocky, the people & their homes were also noticeably very much poorer. We sailed through check points with only minor hold ups, which albeit might involve an armed soldier walking through the coach, but the Palestinians have to queue for hours, often from 3am or 4am, simply to get to their work on time on the other side. The wall is huge, ugly & oppressive. It divides many communities in two, cuts many off from their place of work & their families & hugely blights people's lives.

Our journey that day ended in Bethlehem where we stayed in Manger Square, right in the centre of town & less than one minute's walk from the Church of the Nativity! Here we had to wait to enter the crypt to what is very likely to be the very spot where Jesus was born. Words can't describe how moving it was to be there. Later we headed off to the Shepherds Fields which lie outside town.

On to Jerusalem from which we travelled into the desert to a spot on the River Jordan which is a possible site of Jesus' baptism by John, & to Hebron to visit the mosque that houses the tombs of the Patriarchs. We visited Bethany & Bethphage from where Jesus sent the disciples to fetch a colt (Luke 19:28-40) & then followed his route down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane, stopping en route at the place where he wept over the city. We walked along the Via Dolorosa through the souk, in silence, worshipping at each of the Stations of the Cross, finally arriving at the traditional site of Calvary & Jesus' tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

During our stay, we were also privileged to visit several Christian charities doing sterling work to help those who suffer so much from the oppressive occupation of the West Bank. To name just a couple, we visited a school in Nazareth which takes both Moslem & Christian children, treats them equally & has great results against all the odds, & a hospital in Bethlehem. In addition to providing excellent neo, peri & post natal care for women in Bethlehem & the surrounding area, they are also committed to amazing outreach work using an ambulance to reach women in remote outlying areas who have no other access to nursing or medical care during their pregnancy & confinement. We also met brave Jewish people working to educate their own people about what is being done in their name, including the random demolition of Palestinian homes whose occupants are given only 10 minutes warning, usually in the middle of the night.

As I said at the outset, all I can do here is to give you a flavor of what we did, but I can tell you that a pilgrimage makes everything in the Bible come alive in a new & exciting way. I now have a much better understanding of why people did what they did at a particular place. For example, Joseph's brothers probably took their sheep to Shechem in Gen 37:12 because there's an ancient well there – the same well at which Jesus was later to ask a Samaritan woman for a drink. I also have a better idea of the amazing distances people travelled on foot – Mary's trip from Nazareth to visit her cousin Elizabeth & Jesus' walk from Jerusalem, across the Kidron Valley, to visit his friends Mary Martha & Lazarus at Bethany. Nor can I really convey how moving it is to be in these places. All I can do is to urge you to go & see for yourself if ever you have the opportunity. I know you won't regret it. With my love & grateful thanks to you all,
Hildred

Rev Janet writes:

Hello!

I come to the Oakham Team, and specifically to Whissendine, Teigh, Market Overton and Ashwell, from my curacy at Wootton and Quinton on the edge of Northampton, having trained alongside Hildred Crowther on ERMIC. I look forward to renewing that friendship, and to getting to know new friends and colleagues.

Some bare facts about me: I'm from Northamptonshire, a village girl, I'm single, an ex-Primary school teacher, have two dogs, play the piano, like strong cheese...but hopefully you'll get to know me much better.

My theological background can be loosely described as "quietly evangelical", and continues to evolve; I'm very comfortable with a wide range of worship styles. I have been involved in church music for many years, and led the worship group at my home church. My shelves groan under the weight of music books – ranging from Taize, through Spring Harvest and Songs of Fellowship to the Church Anthem Book!

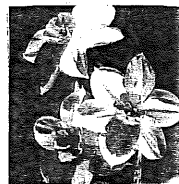
I chose a favourite passage from the Gospel at my Licensing service from Luke 4, when Jesus stood in the synagogue to read from the scroll. My ears pricked up to hear the same message on Ash Wednesday from Isaiah 58, challenging us all to align ourselves with God's priorities this Lent;

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice...to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"

Are we up for that challenge?

With love and prayers,

Revd Janet Tebby



LENT

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

9.30am Communion St John & St Anne

12noon Communion & Litany BCP
All Saints Oakham

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Team Choir
Egleton Church
Imposition of ashes at all services

Lent Lunches

Organized by Churches Together in Oakham

Fridays 12noon Oakham Church Hall

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 11.30 am All Saints Oakham

Lent Study Groups



Ecumenical house groups meet for five weeks studying the course. *Handing on the Torch*

This five-session course meets at various times throughout the week, please sign up in local churches.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 1st April

Jesus enters Jerusalem, a King on a donkey.

10.00am Liturgy of Palms Oakham

6.00pm Ecumenical Service Langham
Other services in villages

Mon 2nd April

7.30pm Compline
Address: Brooke
Rev Hildred Crowther

Tues 3rd April

7.30pm Compline
Address: Teigh
Rev Janet Tebby

Wed 4th April

7.30pm Compline
Address: Braunston
Rev Audrey Atkinson

Maundy Thursday 5th April



At the Last Supper Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave us Holy Communion. We share his abandonment in the garden.

7.30pm

Liturgy, The Washing of Feet &
Watch until midnight
All Saints Oakham
Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani

Preacher

Good Friday 6th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

Brooke

10.00am

St John & St Anne
Walk of witness

10.30am

Meet at St John & St Anne

12noon- 3pm Liturgy & Addresses

All Saints Oakham

Led by The Team Rector

Jesus hangs on the cross. Our service begins with an hour of solemn liturgy followed by two hours of addresses. A time of deep reflection.



Easter Day 8th April

5.15 am Vigil, First Communion of Easter
followed by Breakfast

Hambleton

8.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am

Parish Communion

6.00pm

Evensong

All Saints Oakham

Normal morning services in all other village churches

Alleluia He is Risen

The Oakham Parish Library

Do you know what the Oakham Parish Library is?

Do you know where it is?

Well, it is not anything to do with the town library standing on Catmos Street.

Following on from a letter written to Bryan Waites in September 2009 and now in my possession I decided to follow up the information contained within it and find out more about The Oakham Parish Library. How interesting life can be!

In 1616 Lady Anne Harrington of Exton bequeathed to Oakham Church many volumes of 15th, 16th and 17th century folios mainly in Latin devoted to theology, history, ecclesiastical and canon law which was intended for the use of the Vicar and local clergy. It is one of the earliest known parochial libraries.

Through the centuries the 115 books printed before 1616 plus later book donations were housed in various parts of All Saints' Church. Latterly and up to the late 1970's the collection of books were kept in two Jacobean oak presses in the north and south transepts of the church. At this time what remained of the books were transferred to Nottingham University Hallward Library for indefinite loan. The presses were sold.

In 2006 Manuscripts and Special Collections moved to the present location on The Kings Meadow Campus in the building formerly used by Central (Carlton) television.

The Oakham Parish Library transferred to this site on Lenton Lane and has now been fully catalogued which you can access on the internet at www.aleph.nottingham.ac.uk/ALEPH (Enter Oakham in the search box and select 'Special Collection' from the drop down menu in the 'Field of Search' box.) 90 titles are listed which I have printed off and will make available in the church.

Not satisfied with a list, contact was made with The Special Collections Librarian and consequently David and I were warmly welcomed to the impressive and comfortable surroundings of the resource facility which contains more than 3 million unique manuscripts and rare published works. After security procedures, we entered one of the old studios now air and temperature controlled and containing 5 kilometres of moveable shelving.

There in individual acid free boxes resides our Parish Library. Various books were taken out for us to see. You do not need to understand what you see to be excited by a book printed in the first century of printing or a book cased in wooden boards with leather bindings. (Even if it has been ravaged by bookworm!) It was all quite an experience!

If anyone would like to take a similar experience and learn more I am prepared to arrange a small group visit.

Beryl Kirtland Chair, Friends of All Saints' Church, Oakham.

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The power of standing together



Christian Aid Week tells the story of a community in Sierra Leone that has seen remarkable change. Tennen Kimbaya's life turned around when the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL) started to work in her town, distributing tools and teaching farmers simple food production techniques. She talks enthusiastically about the difference this has made: 'Now the children eat two meals all year round, whereas before it was one. They are growing well; they don't cry around me because of hunger. They are happy to go to school because something is in their stomach.'

The benefits of regular food speak for themselves. But the effects of the food production group have been more wide-ranging than this. Tenneh speaks of the huge difference working in a group has made to her. Acting together, the farmers can share their skills and work more

efficiently. As she tells us, the bottom line is that 'the group work provides more food'.

Tenneh speaks of the support and the encouragement that the farmers give to each other, and how much can be achieved when the community comes together. 'What inspires me in life is unity,' she says. 'To me, unity means coming together to decide on one thing and take that forward.'

Now that they are no longer limited by hunger, the people of Gbap (pronounced Bap) have come together and successfully lobbied for a new school and an agricultural work centre for the community. The people of Gbap have taken their future into their own hands.

During Christian Aid Week, 15,000 churches across Britain and Ireland will organise

house-to-house collections and events to raise funds to enable organisations like MCLSL to carry out their work transforming communities such as Dap Christian Aid currently works with 507 partners in 47 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, helping people to make change happen. Our donations will be multiplied many times over as many small actions come together to make a huge change. But the giving that takes place during Christian Aid Week is not one-way.

Unity is something that our churches are not always good at, and the value of community that has inspired Tenuch is something that we can learn from and be changed by. Christian Aid Week is about raising funds. But it is also a call to unity – an invitation for churches to come together and celebrate the possibility of hope, and life in parts of the world where mere survival can be a struggle.

This is a challenge, because division and inequality and injustice will always be

easier than unity. But Tanneh's insistence that remarkable things can happen when we come together is not new. We see it in the actions and ministry of Jesus, who pushed against all that leads to violence and separation and called his disciples to model a new way of community.

Can we use this Christian Aid Week to allow ourselves to be changed? If we can work together, with each other, with our churches and with our neighbours both at home and as far away as Gbap, then we may start to see huge change happen.

Tennesh says that 'when you are a group and work with focus and total commitment, you work at a faster rate; the stronger ones can help with work that weaker ones cannot do by themselves'. As we engage in Christian Aid Week, we can rejoice as we stand together in solidarity. Although we might ask who is the strong and who is the weak – and who is actually giving to whom.

Be a part of Christian Aid Week this year: if, together, we take small actions we can give people like Teneh the tools to make big change happen.

£6.50/€7.50 could buy a set of four hand tools for a farmer living in the town of Gbap.

£50/€57.50 could pay for advocacy training for two young people in a Kenyan slum, equipping them with the tools they need to pressure their government to provide essential services.

£123/£141.50 could buy a reclaimed aluminium greenhouse for women working on market gardening projects in Tajikistan, providing a vital tool for growing vegetables in a harsh climate experiencing extremes of hot and cold.

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MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our Holy Communion service in Lent was conducted by Revd. Hildred Crowther and it was good to see the Trinity Chapel so full for this. We were pleased to welcome the visitors who had joined us to remember Hettie Dawson and to give thanks for her life. Prayers were led by Catriona Drye who prefaced them with a warm tribute to Hettie and recalled her faithful membership of MU. Hildred had chosen readings on "the call" for the service, following this with a talk in which she shared with us her path to ordination. After tea, she spoke of her recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land which was also of great interest to us and we are most grateful to her for giving up her time.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 12th April at 2.15pm in the Church Hall** when Kay Short is coming to speak on "Bye Bye Childhood". Members will remember that MU spearheaded a campaign to bring pressure on the government to address the problem of the ever increasing premature sexualisation and commercialisation of childhood. This led to a government-commissioned review under the leadership of our Chief Executive, Reg Bailey, so it will be particularly interesting to learn more of this. This subject is of great concern to parents and grandparents and so it is stressed that anyone interested in this subject is most welcome to join us. At a time when the institution of marriage and the role of the traditional family are beset on all sides it is important to us to receive encouragement and support in our aims.

Our team of knitters continue busy with Easter Chicks, the sale of which continues apace. They're still available! Barbara James

Bishop Michael Ipgrave

On Wed., 21st. March, my friend Ken and I left Oakham station on the 06.13 train for St Pancras. It was a beautiful dawn, with the sunrise lighting up the Welland valley as we crossed Haringworth viaduct.

After a leisurely breakfast at St. Pancras station, we made our way to Southwark cathedral for the 'Eucharist with the Ordination and consecration of Bishop Michael of Woolwich and Bishop Jonathan of Croydon'. We arrived at the cathedral with plenty of time to spare, so sat outside under a flowering almond tree, with the cathedral to our left and the amazing 'Shard' building (soon to be completed, and the tallest building in Europe) to our right, glittering in the spring sunshine. It was whilst sitting here that we noticed Michael walking towards the cathedral, and so had a wonderful opportunity to talk to him, and to Julia and sons Frank and Ben, who joined him a few minutes later. They send their regards to all who knew them. Unfortunately, eldest son Tom was unable to attend.

The cathedral was full, and the service was magnificent, starting with the hymn 'I will sing of the wondrous story', during the procession of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The hymn during the Communion was 'Jesus calls here to meet him', and the final hymn 'Forth in thy name' accompanied the Procession of the Cathedral, which this time included Bishop Michael and Bishop Jonathan.

It was a truly wonderful day, in glorious spring sunshine.

Roland Meadows.

Women's World Day of Prayer



"Let Justice Prevail"

Arranged by Christian Women of Malaysia

Luke 14. 15-24

**Lord, you invite us - not some of us,
all of us;
not the good and righteous,
all of us - unconditionally.**

**Lord, we come –
meeting you,
meeting each other,
accepting each other,
unconditionally.**

Despite a foggy start on Friday, 2nd March, 55 ladies assembled at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church for coffee and Malaysian cake prior to the Service at 11 a.m.

The Speaker was Dr. Heather Ward of Aid to the Church in Need, and the Service was led by Ingrid Heldt of St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Langham. (Marjorie Port was unwell).

Many of us there enjoyed a Lent lunch at All Saints' Church Hall.

In the evening, 32 ladies and 3 gentlemen found Langham Baptist Church to attend the Service led by our Reverend Audrey. The Speaker was Mrs. Aileen Parker, wife of the Oakham Methodist Minister. This was followed by coffee and cake again!

Nearly all local denominations were represented, making it a successful Ecumenical Day.

My thanks to our readers and to Jenny Mallet for her support. (I took her place on the Committee when she "retired" 10 years ago.)

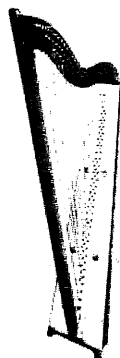
This article is to encourage you to come to WWDP events in the future! Next year the Services will be arranged by women of France, with the theme "I was a stranger and you welcomed me".

Christine Carlin



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The Bishop of Peterborough writes
Money and marriage



This month I'm writing about two separate matters, one internal church business and the other about our national life.

First, a huge Thank You to so many parishes for paying parish share so faithfully last year. Following a number of years in which the collection rate fell, to below 90% in 2010, last year saw a remarkable and very welcome rise to 93%.

There are a number of reasons for this, but for now I'll stick with the simplest analysis: that it is very good news. Parish share inevitably goes up each year, but please remember that almost all of what the parishes pay goes straight to the costs of ministry: training, paying, housing and providing pensions for the parish clergy.

93% is a great improvement: now let's aim for an even better payment rate this year!

Second, despite assurances from the last government that civil partnerships were not to be seen as gay marriage, and would not lead to any change in marriage law, there is now a proposal and a strong campaign in that direction.

Please don't misunderstand where I'm going with this. I have friends, clergy and lay, in civil partnerships. I voted in General Synod for the same clergy pension rights for civil partners as married clergy enjoy. I oppose both homophobia and anti-gay discrimination.

And I am entirely happy with the Genesis text that it is not good for a man [or a woman] to be alone. We need each other, we need close friendships, and most of us need one exclusive intimate relationship. I affirm all that.

But an exclusive loving partnership with someone of the same gender, whether sexual or not, is not marriage. Marriage in the Bible and in our national law is between a man and a woman. It is different from any other relationship, and no other relationship should be confused with it.

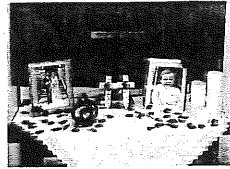
Some say that if society accepts gay marriage the Church should do the same. I believe that marriage is such an important and God-given institution that we should not try to change it. This is one of those times when the Church's calling is to be prophetic and resist the direction in which society may be moving.

With best wishes

+ Donald

Seeking out those living with dementia

For Cath Smith it was the people missing from church who caught her eye. "I realised that there was no-one in our congregation who had dementia and I wondered where they were. If 94% of people with dementia are looked after in their own homes, where do they worship?"

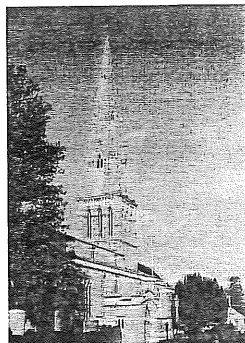


It was a question prompted by the knowledge that her own mother, who has severe Alzheimer's and is now in a care home, could still remember the words to prayers and hymns from her younger days. During her training as a Lay Pastoral Minister Cath did some more research and came up with an idea. "I considered the difficulty of bringing people to church who act differently to 'the norm', and how an hour in a crowded church, with lots of words and pieces of paper, may be difficult for some." So the idea of a special service formed. It would be in church, where many older people already have spiritual memories. The resulting "Remember This" service takes place monthly, mid-week, in the Lady Chapel at St Giles, Desborough. It lasts for just 20 minutes and uses the same structure each time, with traditional Bible readings, prayers and hymns and a short reflection. People come from the community and from care homes. "We remain seated for the whole service, but understand if people want to get up and wander around," says Cath. There are refreshments afterwards so that people can get to know each other and the carers have time to talk. A committed team from the church helps to plan and take part in the service. Jane, who regularly brings her mum Jen, says how good it is for she and her mother to worship together as they used to. "My mother and I have enjoyed all the services and she has the comfort of knowing she has 'been to church' which is very important to her," she says. Pat Helmsley, a Reader in Peterborough, is developing a similar service, with simple liturgy and visual symbols, at the request of a local care home. The staff there recognise the spiritual needs of their residents. As well as asking for visits and Bible reading, they particularly wanted a monthly Holy Communion service. "It's a huge privilege to offer the sacraments to those who appear locked into a world of their own. I know God is there and I sense strongly that for the recipients there is often a recognition of something dear, held deeply within them," says Pat. If you are interested in exchanging ideas about this area of ministry please contact Robert Hill, Officer for Mission in Society, on 01536 523603. A seminar on worship for those living with dementia is being planned

Photo: A Remembrance service for this congregation

Village parish pays more than its share

St Mary's Church at Ketton in Rutland has donated an additional £1,000 to the diocese, on top of its full 2011 parish share payment. "We have good and regular givers in our congregation and at the end of 2011 the PCC was able to make some donations. They unanimously agreed to my suggestion that we should give to the diocese," said Nicholas Hart, Churchwarden and Treasurer. "We know that diocesan costs don't go down and that the money is needed."



Graham Cuthbert, Deputy Diocesan Secretary who oversees the finances of the diocese, says that it is not unusual for one or two churches to pay extra each year.

"It is greatly encouraging when parishes take the rationale of sharing seriously like this," he said.

Photo: St Mary's Church, Ketton

April events

Sat 7, Dean's Open Garden. 12 noon–3pm, the Dean of Peterborough will open his garden to the public.

www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk

Mon 9, Oakham All Saints organ recital 11.15am. Jemima Stephenson, Peterborough Cathedral Organ Scholar. Retiring collection. £5 lunches.

Sat 21, Music in Lyddington: The Sacconi Quartet with Silvia Simionescu (viola). Mozart viola quintets. 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Lyddington. Tickets £14 (on door £16, students £2). 01572 820017.

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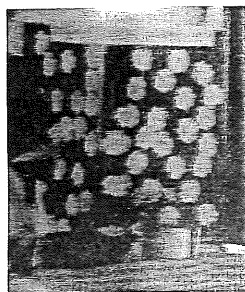
We thought what fun it would be to give Mums (and the rest of the family) a treat to start this special day so we decided to invite everyone for breakfast in the village hall and then to stay for an informal café-style service.

Despite the cold wet start to the day, the hall soon began to fill up as families and friends – nearly 70 people in all – came in to enjoy breakfast. The bacon sarnies were a great hit but we also feasted on lots of other goodies too, a good 5-star menu! If the Sunday papers were provided for the adults and the children were soon busy making cards.

The theme of our service was not only 'mothering' but also God's love for all his children. Audrey enthralled everyone with her story about Moomin's unfortunate experience with a goblin hat.

Everyone joined in the activity which entailed writing the names of those who had 'mothered' you during your life on card flowers which were collected and made into a display.

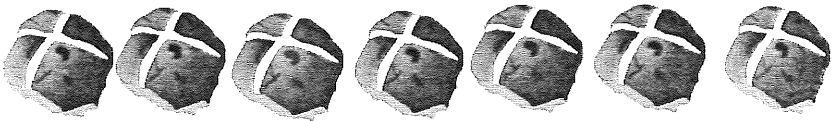
A big 'thank you' to everyone who worked hard to make this a successful and enjoyable time.



Easter Monday
9th April



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PCC MEETS IN BROOKE

The PCC of St Peter Brooke met on Monday March 12th at Church Farm Cottage. The Church Wardens extended a warm welcome to Rev Audrey Atkinson the new vicar. From then on she chaired the meeting.

It was noted that the team who had been working on the Church Trail - in particular Joan and Harold Killingback and Ken and Ann Grimmer had almost completed their work. The proof was on display and it looked lovely - full of interest.

Thanks were expressed to Matthew Clemence for the splendid concert he organised before Christmas.

The accounts were presented It was noted that it was difficult to make ends meet in the changing financial climate and Terry Greer was thanked for his hard work as treasurer.

Thanks were due to Harold for his tireless work at the fabric of the Church. It was so good to have a section of the old bell frame mounted on the wall and the interior was looking clean and tidy thanks to the hard work of the wardens and the congregation.

There was no change to the electoral roll which remains at 24.

Ideas for services were mentioned though it was noted that several people attend worship at Brooke because they enjoy the 1662 form of worship. There will be no service at Brooke on Palm Sunday but there will be a special Compline on the Monday of Holy week. There will be no Service on St Peter's Day but there will be a special evensong on 24th June with Laudamus.

Ian and Cath McKelvey presented the Synod Report for the year.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meetings of the church and they will be held at the home of Ken and Ann Grimmer at 6 Tay Close, Oakham.

The meeting closed with refreshments at 9.30 and Cath and Ian were thanked for their hospitality.

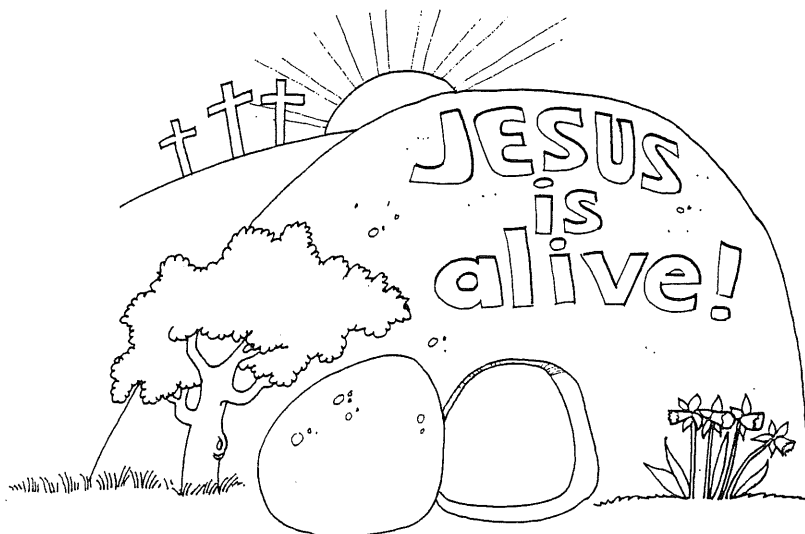
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EGLETON NEWS

St. Edmund's reps were pleased to share in the rousing chorus raised in St. Andrew's, Whissendine in welcome to the **Reverend Janet** as she was inducted and installed as Team Vicar in our benefice. *A crowded church followed a splendid Liturgy, directed by Bishop John of Brixworth and Archdeacon Gordon. It was a thrilling experience for new priest, new people.*

Janet [Tebby] has served as Curate in Northampton but now, as she pursues her Rutland ministry, St. Edmund's prayers will augment those resounding throughout the benefice.

Mothering Sunday provided an opportunity for the Reverend Hildred to make a first return visit since Passiontide last year. That proved to be a fine occasion when St. Edmund's whole team of Scripture Readers [i.e. in Sunday parlance The College of Lectors] offered a dramatic reading of the Passion Story.

The service proved itself a fitting climax to Hildred's tenure of office as Egleton's pastor, from January to April last year. Now, she reappears on Egleton's stage on another auspicious date in the Church Calendar – midway through Lent – when Passiontide is clearly in sight once again.

Palm Sunday falls on the First Day of April this year; St. Mark's vivid account of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem – sights set firmly on the Cross awaiting him! – will be rehearsed yet again; "tell me the old, old story", so to speak, and quite rightly, too!

Recollection of Jesus' approach to Jerusalem, "when people spread their cloaks on the road and leafy branches they had cut, shouting Hosanna, in the highest heaven", has prompted this Litany of Praise



THE KING OF GLORY COMES; HE COMES;
the Lamb of God, he comes!
He is the Friend of all mankind;
BLESSINGS ON HIM WHO COMES!

He is Messiah, David's son;
Blessings on him who comes!
Lift up your heads, you mighty gates
FOR GOD'S MESSIAH COMES!

Spring open wide, you lofty doors;
Jesus his power assumes;
The Prince of Peace, riding his ass,
WITH ROYAL POWER HE COMES!

This King, once in poor manger born,
In majesty he comes!
A Monarch, fit for heaven's throne,
BLESSINGS ON HIM WHO COMES!

A Sovereign, destined for a cross,
Christ, Lamb of God becomes!
Lift up your heads, you mighty gates
FOR THE KING OF KINGS; HE COMES!

Neville Ashton

HAMBLETON NEWS

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th April.

On Sunday 22nd April at 7pm the Oakham School Big Band Concert will be playing at St. Andrew's Church. Tickets are £10 and include wine and canapés and are available to buy from Leo Sugden at Otters Smokehouse Deli, Mill Street, Oakham or by telephoning Miranda Hall on 01572 723576.

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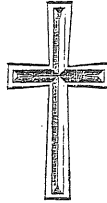
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5th March

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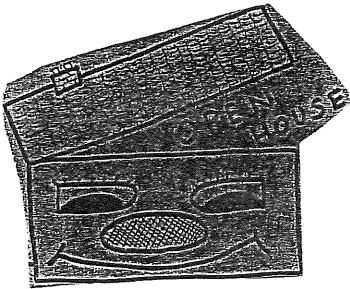
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Recitals continue as follows:-

April

11th *Kevin Slingsby* *Organ*

18th *Robin Ward* *Harp*

Oakham School return from their holidays:-

25th *Rhian Owen* *Mezzo Soprano*

May

2nd *Violinists play Bartok Duos*

Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. All welcome.
Retiring collection for Church Funds.

We look forward to seeing you.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY ORGAN RECITALS

We look forward to welcoming **Jemima Stephenson**, *Organ Scholar* at *Peterborough Cathedral*, on *Easter Monday, 9th April*.

Organ Recitals are at 11.15 a.m. Retiring collection for Church Funds.
Lunches afterwards in our Church Hall - £5.

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Kevin Slingsby

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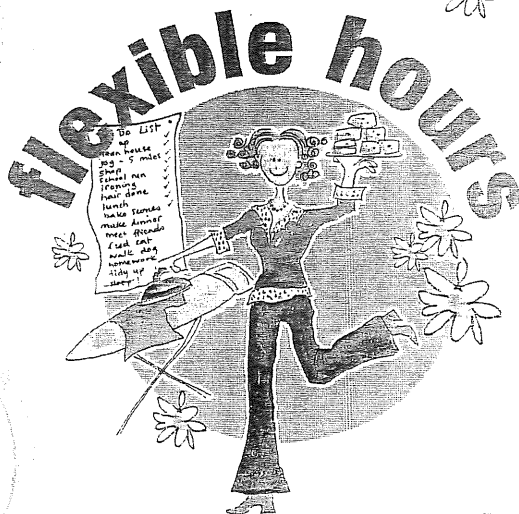
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Reg.	Date		
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham. Not 21st and 28th
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
		12.15pm	CTO Prayer Meeting Trinity Chapel All Saints
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Sun	1st		Palm Sunday
Mon	2nd	7.30pm	Compline: St Peter Brooke
Tues	3rd	7.30pm	Compline Holy Trinity Teigh
Wed	4th	12 00	Healing Service: Trinity Chapel All Saints Oakham
		7.30pm	Compline: All Saints Braunston
Thur	5th	7.30pm	Washing of Feet and Watch until 12.00am All Saints Oakham
Fri	6th	9.00am	Morning Prayer St Peter Brooke
		10.00am	Litany: St John and St Anne
		10.30am	Walk of Witness
		12.00	Liturgy and addresses All Saints Oakham
Sat	7th		Holy Saturday
Sun	8th		Easter Day
		5.15am	Vigil and 1st Easter Communion: St Andrew Hambleton
Mon	9th	11.15am	Organ Recital: Jemima Stevenson. All Saints Oakham
Thur	12th	2.15pm	Mothers' Union meets : Church Hall Oakham Speaker: Kay Short on the Bye Buy Childhood Campaign
Fri	13th	7.30pm	All Saints Braunston APCM
Sun	15th		Easter 2
Tue	17th	7.30pm	St Andrew Hambleton APCM
Fri	20th	7.30pm	A Harp Concert: Robin Ward. All Saints Oakham
Sun	22nd		Easter 3:
		7.00pm	Oakham School Big Band Concert: St Andrew Hambleton
Mon	23rd		St George
Tues	24th	10.00am	Open House: 64 Stamford Road Oakham
Wed	25th		St Mark
	26th	1.30pm	Friends of All Saints Oakham Spring Outing Lyddington Bede House and St Andrew Stoke Dry Contact Beryl Kirkland 724103

Sun	29th		Easter 4
1st	May		St Philip and St James
7th		10.00am	Braunston May Fayre

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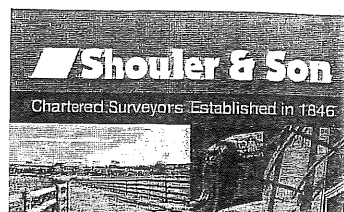
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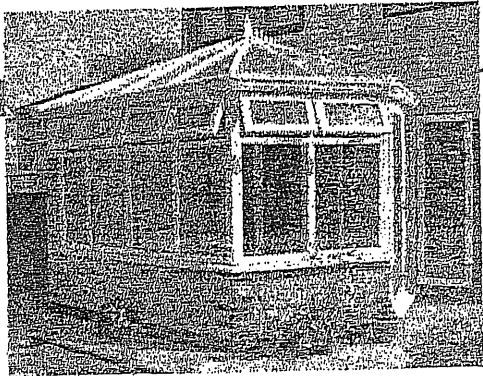
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Times	Note	Week	8.00am	9.00am	10.30am	3.00pm	6.00pm
Church							
Oakham		1,2,4	HC (T)		FC(C)		EP
	1.	3	HC(T)		FC/FS		Ep(Ch)
Langham	2	1,3					WWR
		2					EP
		2&4			HC		
Hambleton		2 & 4		HC(T)			
Egleton		1 & 3		HC(T)			
Braunston		1			HC		
		2			Matins		
		3			HC		
		4			F.S		
Brooke		1&3					EP
		2	BCP				
		4	HC.				
Ashwell	3	1		HC			
		2			FS		
		3		HC			
		4					EP
Market		1					EP
Overton		2		HC(T)			
		3			FS		
		4		HC(T)			
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	4	2			FS		

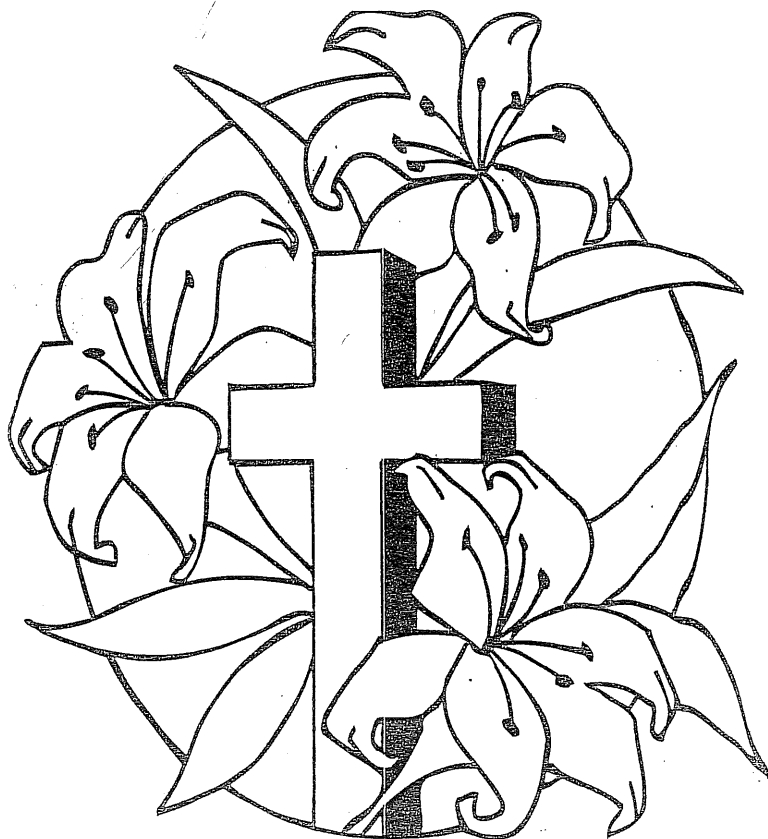
BCP Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
 HC Holy Communion Common Worship Contemporary Lang.
 HC(T) Holy Communion Common Worship Traditional Lang.
 FS Family Service. Not a Communion Service
 FC Family Communion
 EP Evensong Book of Common Prayer
 WWR World Worship and Response

Fifth Sundays are special arrangements often Benefice Services. See diary dates in those months. The above is the normal pattern but there are variations from time to time.

Table Notes:

- Oakham** Alternate months will be a Family service with or without communion.. On **odd** months there will be baptisms at 12, Noon.
- Langham** WWR is first Sunday only.
- Ashwell** Odd months only
Teigh Even months only
- Whissendine** All services are at 11am

Christ is Risen



He is Risen Indeed: Alleluia