

*Good News from
The Oakham Group*

*60p
Sept 2012.*



“Our Father gives us the fruits of the earth in their season. May we use them to His glory for our needs and for the needs of others. May we show a reverence for His grace and wise stewardship in our use of all His gifts.”

**United Benefice of Oakham with Hambleton and Egleton,
Braunston with Brooke and Langham with Ashwell.**

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Our Team Curate Dominic writes:

Recently, on a trip cycling around Hambleton peninsular, I stopped to look around Eggleton church. As I stood alone in this ancient place of worship, taking in its simple beauty, I remembered the slogan at the top of the Church of England website – 'a Christian presence in every community'. Thinking about the generations of people who had worshiped in that church, and the generations of clergy who have served that small community, I reflected upon the new place that I, since being ordained deacon on the 1st of July, have taken in service of this tradition. Then I went and had a very nice bacon sandwich in the village café.

As curate to the Oakham team ministry I have come, in part, to help the churches and people of this team to be that continuing Christian presence. But as well as coming to serve, I have also come to learn. Over the next three years I will be training in every aspect of parish ministry, ready to move into greater responsibility in other places in the future. So I must take this opportunity to thank all of you in the Oakham team, especially the other clergy, for everything that you will be giving to me during my time here.

I feel very fortunate to be undertaking this training amongst people committed to their churches and their communities. The work of the people I am getting to know at All Saints, the care clearly devoted to the village churches I visit, the enthusiasm of the volunteers at the recent holiday club; all of this gives me cause to be excited at the prospect of training amongst people who understand the importance of being a Christian presence in their communities. Not just in their own communities but also in each other's. The warmth of the people I met from many different places at a joyful team service at Langham, and the welcome I received from worshipers and choristers from around the villages at my

welcoming Evensong, showed their commitment to each other's churches in the team.

The Oakham team ministry exists so that the churches can support each other in being that Christian presence, in bringing the love of God to our communities. Already I have begun working on some of the cornerstones of the church's witness to God's love: baptisms and funerals. These markers of the beginning and the end of life, and the service we render the community in performing them, point towards the ultimate destiny of the Church. Although it may not always be easy to see it in the messiness and confusion of life (and life in the church) we look for the day when all of God's people are gathered into the eternal community of heaven.

In our own small way we anticipate this heavenly community when we join together for team services. So I look forward to meeting more of you on the 5th Sunday of September at Braunston. I look forward to all the richness of experience that I will receive over the coming years.

Dominic.

From Brian Rose:

A big thank you to all who did sidesperson duties on the joyful occasion of Dominic's welcoming service and for those who provided an excellent buffet.

The Bishop of Peterborough writes

Building fellowship through Holy Land pilgrimage

You may have seen that I am leading a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 22 April to 1 May next year. Your clergy should have brochures, and more are available from my office. I am very much looking forward to this and hope to share those ten days with many of you.



Few experiences build fellowship or strengthen faith as much as visiting the Holy Land in the company of fellow Christians and in the context of worship.

Here Jesus Christ was born, lived almost all his life, exercised almost all his ministry, died and rose again. From here he ascended to heaven and sent out his disciples to build and lead his Church. We can see the places he knew and touched. We can sail on Galilee in a boat such as the ones he sailed in. We can walk the route he walked on the first Palm Sunday, we can sit in the Garden of Gethsemane, and we can follow that last walk as he carried his cross to Calvary.

I am always slightly uncomfortable with the phrase "Holy Land", but use it because people know what it means. The area of modern-day Israel and the Palestinian territories (which are partly occupied by Israel) is indeed a very special place, but it is also very troubled. "Holy Land" suggests a place at peace, a place where believers feel at home, a place of blessing. It is indeed a place where I and many others have found blessing and deep peace, but as you know it is also a place of tension and of fear, suspicion and enmity.

For various reasons the number of Christians living in the Holy Land has declined steeply in recent years. Archbishop Rowan among others has drawn attention to this, and called for greater understanding of and support for our brothers and sisters there. On our pilgrimage we will visit and support local Christians. We will have Christian tour guides, stay in Christian pilgrim houses and eat in Christian restaurants. This is not necessarily the cheapest way, but I believe it will enrich our experience and encourage those we meet.

With best wishes

+ Donald

*To find out more about the diocesan pilgrimage see:
www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/holyland.htm*

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our June meeting was the annual outing held jointly with the Friends of Oakham Church, this year to Warwick, and a full report on this appears elsewhere. An additional guest travelling with us on the coach that day was a charming Jubilee/Olympics teddy bear complete with gold medal, designed and made by our "No. 1 knitter" Joyce Halliday. At her request he was raffled for MU funds and together with other craft items donated by our whole team of knitters and sold at Burley Road School fete, a further generous amount has been added to our charity appeal. We thank Joyce and all our knitters for their regular and valuable contributions and are also most grateful for the encouragement and support from Burley Road School.

It may not be generally known that a Wave of Prayer is carried out every day of the year as an act of thanksgiving and intercession for our members worldwide. This year Revd. Brian Nicholls kindly agreed to incorporate some of these prayers into our monthly Corporate Communion, recounting the many areas where MU is involved, both worldwide and in our own Diocese. In conducting for us a thoughtful and beautifully-paced Holy Communion Revd. Brian paid generous tribute to the care and commitment shown by MU members and stressed the importance of those building blocks of society, stable marriage and family life, and we thank him for his support and encouragement.

At our meeting on 12th July we were pleased to welcome Dr Charles Lawrence who spoke on Rutland Reminders. He gave an absorbing description of the work of this group whose aim is to offer therapy through singing and poetry to people with dementia, explaining how these activities can "re-mind" those – to use his moving phrase – "lost in dementia" and offering fellowship and support to their carers too. His informative presentation was accompanied by delightful pictures of

Rutland. There is an increasing recognition of the problem of dementia and so it was an uplifting, yet moving afternoon to be given an insight into this valuable work-, and we thank Charles very much for sharing his experiences with us. Once again thanks are due to Kevin Slingsby for his technical expertise with the power point presentation.

As I write our September meeting seems a long way ahead, but this will be held on **Thursday 13th September at 2.15pm in the Church Hall.** As we are making an appeal at the present time for more people to join us it seems a most happy arrangement that our meeting is dedicated to The Five Objects of the Mothers' Union, (and how many of us could rehearse those "off the top of our heads"?). We will be visited by Diocesan speaker Sheila Saunders to remind us about these and so we invite anyone considering joining us to come along and meet Sheila and learn more of our aims and objects. Which leads me nicely to ...

AN IMPORTANT APPEAL – HELP US GROW!!

Mothers' Union members are better known for the support they give to the appeals of others but here we make one on our own behalf.

Mothers' Union is a community of over 4 million members in 83 countries who offer Christian care for families, and at our own Wave of Prayer service it was a joy to see so many of our members attending to affirm their support. But it struck me yet again as astonishing that at a time when society shows so much evidence of family breakdown, with the resultant heartbreak, and when marriage and family life are under aggressive assault, we as an organisation still face the problem of a diminishing and ageing membership – and that difficult-to-deal-with attitude, good-natured apathy.

It cannot be too highly stressed that our members are engaged in every level of society and are keenly aware of the need of many to work, but

as mothers and grandmothers have also witnessed the breakdown of so many marriages under the stress of modern society, and in many cases have shared the emotional distress, the financial burdens and the childcare involved.

We therefore make a heartfelt appeal to any member of the congregation who wishes to encourage our aim of support for marriage and family life (including loving support of those whose marriages have failed) to consider joining MU and becoming actively involved in our varied and interesting programme. Our meeting on 13th September clarifying the five objects of the Mothers' Union seems a timely opportunity to find out more and **HELP US GROW!!**

Barbara James

CHRISTIAN AID 2012

This is the first opportunity to publish all the results of the Christian Aid Week collections.



The overall total is better than expected, being similar to last year, despite the recession and some apathy. Included this time is a very good return from nearby Knossington to boost the total.

Thanks to all who contributed. With more collectors next year the figures would improve!

	£
All Saints	1346.00
Braunston	242.42
Brooke	97.12
Egleton	230.00
Langham	90.75
Methodists	1105.32
Baptists	530.60
Knossington	1139.51

£ 4781.72

Oakham CA Group

Peter Townsend and Alf Harding

The Venerable Gordon Steele, Archdeacon of Oakham, writes
Going for gold

Over the summer, my family and I have been settling into the house in Peterborough that comes with my role as Archdeacon. It has been a much more pleasant task to move house in the summer than it might have been in the depths of winter when I actually began in post, and so I'm grateful that the house wasn't ready then. Moving house for us has also been far less stressful than it is for many people because, as a clergy move, it hasn't involved the buying and selling of property, with all the attendant delays and uncertainties that can involve.



As I've been sorting out my study, my teenage children have been constantly watching the London Olympics, and their excitement and the exuberance of the commentators have occasionally caught my ear. My attention was drawn yesterday to the latest British triumph, two oarswomen who couldn't quite believe that they had won Olympic Gold and who certainly couldn't hold back the tears as the National Anthem was played.

By the time you read this, the Olympics will be over and the Paralympics will be well under way, or also behind us, and thoughts will be turning to Harvest.

For farming communities around the world, extreme weather conditions of droughts and storms have had a devastating effect this year, putting many livelihoods and lives in peril, and as we give thanks for the relative security of our food supplies, those so much more directly affected than us deserve our thoughts and prayers, and indeed our aid, rather than our complaints that the prices we have to pay are rising.

And, of course, the new beginnings in church life in September also focus upon the harvest theme in a spiritual way, namely the fields white for harvest and the need for the renewed enthusiasm of the labourers in the vineyard.

May the dedication of the international athletes in London this summer, and the heroic efforts of all those who struggle against adversity to secure for us our daily sustenance, give us fresh inspiration to aim high, to Go for Gold, in our dedication to the service of the gospel in the months that lie ahead.

With my prayers and good wishes

Archdeacon of Oakham

Braunston News

Worship Times

Sep 2nd	11.00	Holy Communion
Sep 9th	11.00	Morning Praise
Sep 16th	11.00	Holy Communion
Sep 23rd	4.00	"Give it a Go" (See poster)
Sep 30th	11.00	Benefice Service
Oct 7th	3 00	Harvest Festival (See below)

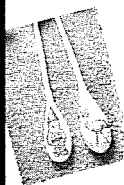
Harvest Celebrations.

As usual our harvest thanksgiving is in four parts over the week-end.

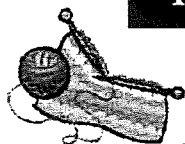
1. On Saturday Oct 6th we **decorate the church** with our gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and other things which show our thanks for what we have. Please leave gifts in the church on Saturday morning and have a word with **Lynn Cooper (722725)** if you can help with the decorating. All help and offerings are deeply appreciated.
2. **Harvest Supper:** A joyful family occasion and a village event. A delicious meal is provided at a cost of £5 and it is followed by entertainment for all the family. We do need to know how many are coming and particularly if they are vegetarians so please get the tickets from either David and Meg Dyer (771564), Alan Gail Rudge (755570) or Charles and Lynn Cooper (722725)
3. **Harvest Service Sunday Oct.7th 3.00pm**
4. **Harvest Sale:** After the service with light refreshments available. We love to see all who can come and hope for the usual generous response which enables us to continue our long running support for Helen House and Douglas House in Oxford which is a superb hospice for children.
In one way or another Harvest is a joy for everyone. Come and be a part of it. See you there.

Sunday September 23rd

Give it a Go!



Want to do something new?
Then this afternoon is your chance
There will be a range of different skills
to try including
bell ringing, knitting, crafty things
wood burning, flower arranging,
singing, and playing music,
and more ...
Have you got a skill you could share?



*Afterwards we'll get together for
a short service and then have tea.*



Church from 4pm



Brooke PCC Meeting

The latest PCC meeting of St Peter, Brooke was held on Tuesday 24th July 2012 at Langham vicarage the home of the Rev Audrey. On a rare hot summer evening Audrey met us with welcome cooling drinks.

There was a good attendance with only two apologies.

Many items were discussed and debated including quotes for repairs to the chest tombs in the churchyard, methods of payment for weddings and dates for the various future festivals.

The next PCC meeting was arranged for 12th October at Meadowside, Brooke.

The meeting closed at about 9.30pm then we all enjoyed coffee and biscuits in the cool of the evening.

Summer Wedding at Brooke

After weeks of dreadful wet weather it was lovely to see the sun shine on the wedding of Davy Rawlings and Nicola Smith of Oakham on Saturday 21st July at St Peter, Brooke. Davy's ancestors have been recorded in Brooke for the last four centuries, his grandfather being the late Roy Rawlings of Bridge Farm.

FUNERAL IN BROOKE

DENNIS DAVIES

The funeral of Dennis took place on Tues 25th July in St Peter's Brooke. He had lived at Hillside Cottage with his wife, Iris, for some 40 years. A former groundsperson in Oakham he had spent his retirement years working with her at creating a beautiful and imaginative garden.

They had been very reclusive but the funeral was well attended with village folk, our beloved postmen past and present, some of the taxi firm and even the Tesco attendant—a mark of the affection felt for the couple.

A village character who will be missed.

Service of Harvest Thanksgiving at St Peter, Brooke

There will be a change from the usual date for our Harvest Thanksgiving. This year it will be on Sunday, 21st October, at 6pm and will be in the form of Evensong (BCP). We are delighted to announce that the service will be conducted by The Venerable Gordon Steel, Archdeacon of Oakham, who will also give the Address. Prayers will be led by Alan Rudge. There will then be a musical interlude with Matthew Clemence and friends after which refreshments will be served.

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EGLETON NEWS

On July 12th the long anticipated **OSPREY PRESENTATION**, in Eggleton's renowned Birdwatching Centre, fulfilled every expectation.

Tim Mackrill thrilled his audience with a masterful description of Rutland Water's Osprey Project which, right deservedly, has won international acclaim.

Tim – armed with many a graphic, visual image – provided a detailed, articulate and fascinating account of the Rutland Osprey story and the achievements of the birds in course of their 2.5 thousand miles flight – each September time – to West Africa; there they spend a warming winter, in almost identical locations, year on year. Even more incredibly, they return to Rutland Water on the same summer day [or nearly] year on year! Absolutely fabulous!

Tim won many more accolades on that endearing July evening: almost as many as those elegant, breathtaking ospreys! And St. Edmund's Church Treasurer was as chuffed as any one to bank over £400.00 as a memorable consequence of that illuminating, enriching experience in Eggleton!

Sundays in St. Edmund's domain have been subject to a significant change: morning service has begun at 9.00 for many a year but, in readiness to acknowledge the greater good of the Benefice, the parish's worship [1st & 3rd Sundays monthly] now proceeds from 9.15! Not so much a sea change BUT with intent – as always – to prove SERVICEable!

Eggleton the Village has a well established reputation for catering for streams of folk, passing through on foot or cycle or by car. St. Edmund's band of bakers have taken a turn in caring for the host of pilgrims which August brings.

August 17th would surely find each and every favoured tourist moving on, feeling replete – after a sojourn in the Village Hall; perchance, too, after savouring the charms of the Parish Church alongside!

September warrants a warm welcome, once aware of the splendid glow rendered by these lines, from MARY HOWITT.....

.... And the primest month of all the twelve
Is the merry month of September!
Then apples so red hang overhead
And nuts ripe-brown come showering down
In the bountiful days of September!
.... And the sun looks through a clearer blue
And the moon at night sheds a clearer light
On the beautiful flowers of September!





WILD AND WONDERFUL FLOWERS IN THE HOME



FLOWER DEMONSTRATION with SAM BROWN of FLOWERS by STIGMA

Tuesday, 25th September at 1.30 p.m.

In Hambleton Village Hall

Sam Brown will inspire us so we can all bring a little of our garden charm into our homes. Her dem will show you how to create those longed for stylised table arrangements, great big homemade bunches for friends and *thank yous*, a few tricks of the trade and lots more.....

Sam lives in Hambleton and for years ran a busy flower studio in central London, working with an array of clients from the glam and glitzy well known clubs through to private individual and the super corporate. Now with three gorgeous little girls she is permanently based here working on one off projects country wide.

The demonstration takes place in the thatched Village Hall of Hambleton in aid of the Church Roof Repair Appeal. Sam's flower arrangements will be raffled giving you the chance of a lovely prize to take home and the dem will be followed at 3.30 by afternoon tea.



Tickets are £12.50 with cheques made out to **Hambleton PCC** from Mrs. Angela Short, Old Hall Cottage, Hambleton, Oakham, Rutland LE15 8BG Tel. 01572 770098.

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PLEASE SEND ME Sam Brown dem TICKETS AT £12.50 EACH
I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE MADE OUT TO **Hambleton PCC**

NAME

Address

PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESS ENVELOPE

Langham.

We are adjusting to our new service pattern, and are pleased that it is making a difference for Audrey! Our August Songs of Praise service included a range of hymns, which were sung with gusto. It's lovely to hear how these hymns speak in their own way to different people.

Forthcoming events in Langham:



Langham Village Show.



After a break we are pleased to have this back for the village on Saturday September 7th at Langham School! Entry forms have been distributed and public viewing is from 2pm.

Barn Dance –October 6th.

Back by popular demand! Once again, the James Joyce Band will provide the music for the Barn Dance to be held in Langham School. Tickets are available at £10 from 01572 723532, these include a ploughman's meal.

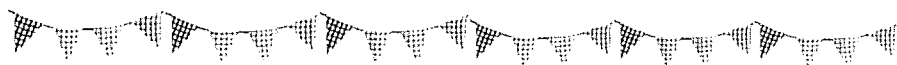
Christmas Tree and Crib Festival.

Yes' it's nice to get Harvest over before thinking of Christmas! The Langham Festival will be held over the weekend of December 1st and 2nd. The grand opening event on Friday November 30th will incorporate a concert by Jackie Morrison. Jackie is a professional actress and singer and provides superb entertainment. Posters will be around advertising this event closer to the time, but you might want to put a note in your diary to come along to the Festival.

Langham

Dixieland Jazz evening.

It was lovely to have support from other Churches for this event. Familiar tunes were enjoyed, and feet tapped the evening away! The Welland Valley Stompers are certainly a talented and versatile group, and a good evening was had by all. Around £500 was raised for Church funds. When we consider our heating bill, we can look forward to a month's worth of heating for the winter services!



Langham Village Fete – with dog show
Bank Holiday Monday Aug 27th. 11.30 onwards

In the Grounds of Parva Lodge, Cold Overton Road
by kind permission of Tony and Trish Ruddle.

Special Raffle – win 4 men for a day!

For a £5 ticket you could win the services of all or either of
a builder, electrician, landscape gardener or plasterer.

Ticket valid for one year

Food- beer tent –stalls –face painting - games

Advance Notice – the next concert in Langham is the **Opera Showcase** on **Saturday October 20th**. Talented Opera students from the Guildhall School of Music will perform a range of operatic songs. Come and hear the stars of the future!

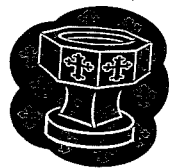
Service changes.

The morning services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays have changed to 11 am. Family Services, on the 3rd Sunday are now at 4pm. The 6pm WWR service on the first Sunday remains unchanged.

From Oakham Church Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

2 nd July	<i>Ross Noton</i>	
15 th July	<i>Eve Charlotte Pickersgill</i> <i>Reston Davis</i>	
29 th July	<i>Paul Roberts</i> <i>Gabriel Roberts</i>	<i>Violet Bowen</i> <i>Florence Bowen</i>
	<i>Riley Pugh</i>	
19 th August	<i>Aidan Burt</i> <i>Liam Mark Newman</i> <i>Jazmin-Jain Tyers</i>	<i>Terry Tissier</i> <i>Luke Ryan Tissier</i> <i>Ethan Michael Tissier-Bailey</i>



"We welcome them into the family of Christ's Church"

Holy Matrimony

23 rd June	<i>Dominic Cox and Joanne Clow</i>
30 th June	<i>Shane Hicks and Kelly Slater</i>
7 th July	<i>Timothy Barlow and Bethany Sanders</i>
23 rd July	<i>Philip Rudkin and Emma Wilson</i>
11 th August	<i>Joshua Walker and Heather Stevens</i>



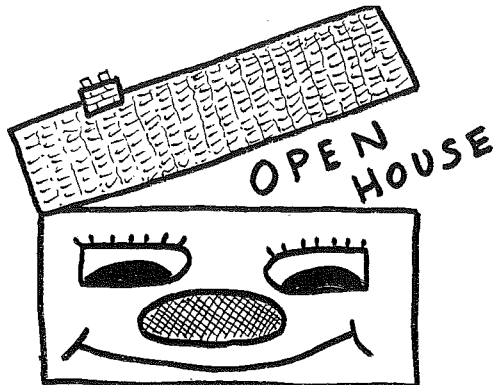
"We wish them every happiness in their lives together"

Burial Office in Church

16 th July	<i>Maisie Cumberland</i>
18 th July	<i>Margaret Grantham</i>
19 th July	<i>Jo Lomas (Thanksgiving)</i>
25 th July	<i>Hector Wolley</i>
26 th July	<i>Phillip Sharp</i>
30 th July	<i>Charles Beeday</i>
8 th August	<i>Mary Eayrs</i>



"May they rest in peace"



All welcome

OPEN HOUSE 2012

Tuesday, 11th September

at the home of

Beth & John Denny

32 Cricket Lawns

Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon

Friends Outing to Eastwood, Nottinghamshire.

D.H. Lawrence Heritage is a multi-award winning visitor attraction celebrating one of the greatest writers of the 20th Century. A group of Friends set out in mini-bus and car to explore and learn from the attractions based in two main centres, Durban House Heritage Centre and the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum. It resulted in an interesting and great day for everyone.

This was the first time of using the VAR mini- bus and thanks go to Charles Robershaw for being our volunteer driver.

Lawrence's father was a miner in the busy coal mining community of Eastwood. Durban House was the offices for the major coal owners in the area, and where Lawrence would go to pick up his father's wages. Toady Durban House is a heritage centre in which Lawrence's life and experiences can be explored. It also houses The Rainbow Gallery, a temporary exhibition space, which when we were there was showing an excellent invitation photography exhibition including exhibits by Sir Paul Smith. Durban House Bistro gave us a comfortable and friendly venue for coffee, lunch and tea.

A short walk away, the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum is, as its' name suggests the humble, working class house in which he was born. The guided tour of the house restored to look as it did in Victorian times when the Lawrence family lived there was full of information.

In his short life D.H. Lawrence produced a vast collection of work including novels, short stories, travel essays, plays, paintings and over 1000 poems. Despite travelling extensively during his lifetime he constantly drew inspiration from Eastwood, the mining community he grew up in. The town still retains the landscape and many of the buildings which inspired the author. To access this you can, as we did, follow THE BLUE LINE (Yes, a blue line on the pavement!) learning about and appreciating what was his.

Tony Harrod took many photographs during the day which I have mounted and put into All Saints' Church near The Friends stand should you like to get a flavour of our very enjoyable day out.

Beryl Kirtland

All Saints Friends and Mothers Union Visit to Warwick

Warwickshire's county town is world famous for its magnificent castle and historic charm. On Friday 22nd June the coach departed Oakham for a day in which we could explore some of the picturesque and interesting offerings other than the castle.

The Collegiate Church of St. Mary's is one of the most spectacular and largest Churches in England and given 5* by Simon Jenkins' England's 1,000 Best Churches. Founded in 1123 St. Mary's has been a worship place for over 1000 years and with its Tower being even taller than the towers at Warwick Castle can be viewed from many miles away. Our tour guides explained the illustrious history of one of the most important churches in all England. The Norman Crypt, a large vaulted space contains one of only two ducking stools in England. The Thomas Beauchamp Chapel built in the 15th Century holds the tomb of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, one of the most powerful men in the history of England and is regarded as one of the masterpieces of medieval art. St. Mary's contains The Chapel of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment with Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery's garter banner hanging outside the chapel. The whole church was full of magnificent architecture reflecting rich and colourful local and national history. In the nave rebuilt in 1704 after the Great Fire of Warwick in 1694 was a superb art exhibition by pupils of Warwick Schools. The Musicians of King's High School gave a lunchtime concert of a high standard for us to enjoy. At the end of the day we joined the congregation for Choral Evensong. Thus we were able to share with the many visitors and local community the faith and ambience spanning the centuries of their busy working church set in the centre of an ancient town.

During the afternoon people were free to explore and enjoy the medieval buildings of the town, visit the County Records Office or Hill Close Gardens. (Rare survivals of Victorian gardens once used by townsfolk who lived above their business and wanted to escape from the crowded town centre.) The inclement weather was not inducive for boating on the Avon!

The Lord Leycester Hospital a unique, ancient and historic group of buildings continuously occupied for more than 600 years was once the home of Warwick's Medieval Guilds. From the reign of Queen Elizabeth1 to the present day it is a place of retirement for ex-servicemen and their wives. For centuries the Brethren's Kitchen provided good food and drink to the community of the Hospital. Today it refreshes visitors, as it did us, by providing a delicious afternoon tea.

Our thanks go to Gordon and Pamela Woods for organising this interesting visit to Warwick.

Beryl Kirtland, Chairman of The Friends of All Saints' Church

MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Our Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals continue as follows. Very grateful thanks to all who have given their time and talent to entertain us.

August

29th	<i>Manda Williams</i>	<i>Flute</i>
	<i>John Dobson</i>	<i>Piano</i>

and Oakham School return:

September

5th	<i>Peter Davis</i>	<i>Piano</i>
12th	<i>Vanessa White</i>	<i>Violin</i>
19th	<i>Oliver Smith</i>	<i>Recorder</i>
26th	<i>Thomas McDavid</i>	<i>Baritone</i>
	<i>Eleanor Wood</i>	<i>Soprano</i>

October

3rd	<i>Philippa Elmer</i>	<i>Oboe</i>
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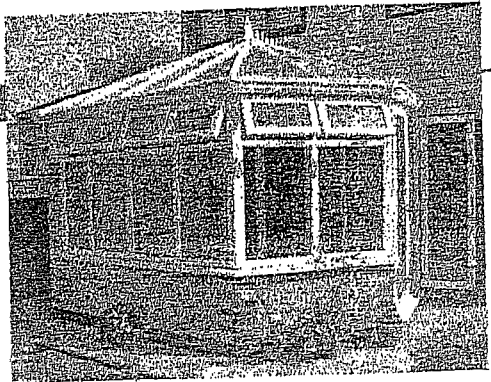
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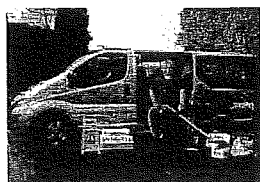
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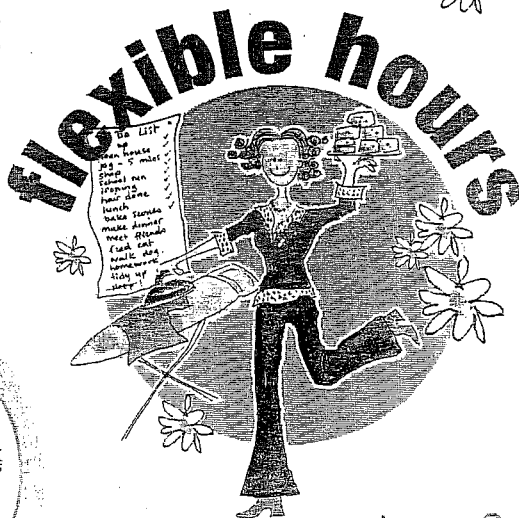
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Diary Dates September

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.
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
Sept.			
Sun	2nd		Trinity 13
Sat	7th	2.00pm	Langham Village Show Langham School
Sun	9th		Trinity 14
Tues	11th	10.00am	Open House 32 Cricket Lawns Oakham
Wed	12th	7.30pm	Braunston PCC Meets
Thur	13th	2.15pm	Mothers Union Church Hall; Our Five Objects.
Fri	14th		Holy Cross Day
	16th		Trinity 15
Thur	20th	7.00pm	Deanery Synod at Casterton
Fri	21st		Feast of St Matthew
Sun	23rd		Trinity 16
	25th	1.30pm	Flower Demonstration with Sam Brown Hambleton V.I Tickets are £12.50 Tel: 01572 770098
Sat	29th	2.30pm	St Michael and all Angels Peterborough Diocese MU Triennial Festival The Cathedral. President, Bishop John
Sun	30th	11 00am	Trinity 17: Benefice Service at Braunston All Saints
Oct			
Sat	6th		Braunston Harvest Supper Village Hall
Sun	7th	3.00pm 4.00pm	Harvest Festival Service Sale of Harvest Produce: Proceeds for Helen House

September events

Sat 8, Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride.
www.rideandstrideuk.org

Sat 15, Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Summer Festival
 at SS Peter and Paul, Uppingham LE15 9QH.

Sat 22, Music in Lyddington: Anna Huntley, mezzo soprano;
 James Baillieu, piano; Gary Pomeroy, viola. At St Andrew's,
 Lyddington LE15 8TU.

Oakham Group of Parishes: Service Pattern

Times	Note	Week	8.00am	9.00am	10 30am	11.00am	6.00pm
Church							
Oakham		1,2,4	HC (T)		FC(C)		EP
	1.	3	HC(T)		FC/FS		Ep(Ch)
		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)			
Teigh	3	1		BCP			
		2&3		BCP			
		4		M			
Whissendine	4	1 3 4			HC		
	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

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.
- Ashwell** Odd months only
Teigh Even months only
- Whissendine** All services are at 11am

Temporary Note

Service Times are in the process of change for Braunston, Brooke, Eggleton, Hambleton and Langham. The changes are noted in the news from the respective villages in this edition of the magazine. A new overall diagram will be designed for the next issue.