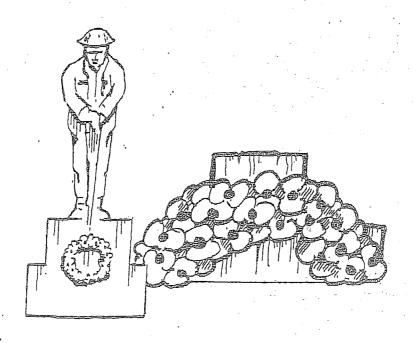
Good News from 60p The Oakham Group Nov 2013.



"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them.

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Audrey Atkinson writes:

Dear Friends,

Well, Harvest is over and we've all had a great time thanking God for a truly wonderful Summer and Autumn. A few weeks ago, I was delighted to stand and watch as a huge combine-harvester sliced its way through a field of golden corn! It was 30 feet wide - like a huge ship sailing - gliding - on a sea of waving grain - reaping, threshing, and winnowing – all in one strong, smooth movement, and I reflected on how farming has changed over the past 50 years since I was a child. But some things can't change. Farm work is still dependent on the seasons, and once the harvest is taken in the farmer can't sit back and rest on his laurels, he has to get the stubble ploughed in and the soil prepared before the winter wheat can be sown ahead of the freezing snow.

Good preparation is vital, not just in the natural world, but in all aspects of our lives: physical, emotional, intellectual and, especially, spiritual.

Without good food and exercise we won't grow into healthy adults. Without the love and support of our families we won't become confident, caring people ourselves. A good, all-round education helps us all to make the best of our opportunities in life. And without the witness and example of people who try to live out their faith quietly, consistently, and confidently, then we aren't introduced to the notion that there may be things more valuable than money, more important than status or celebrity, that there are eternal realities we cannot even imagine. People need to see religious people doing unexpected things. I had a geography teacher who gave a home to a schoolboy from Zambia. He paid for him to enter our 6th Form, and for his uniform. Why?

When he died I discovered that Mr Bilsby been a Methodist Lay Preacher and I glimpsed the reason behind what he had done. What an example was.

People also need to hear the 'viewpoint from eternity' which brings a new perspective to our lives. Things which upset and annoy us today disappear like the morning mist when we set them in a wider frame. Jesus was aways 're-framing' people's expectations, life-styles and problems in his parables.

Remembering how John the Baptist urged people to 'Prepare the way of the Lord,' I think it true to say that we have all needed the help of other people in 'preparing' us to seek God: parents and family, teachers, clergy and Sunday School teachers, and many other people have been involved in our journey to faith. Always, before Jesus is able to come into a life, there will have been preparation. And this is not just the responsibility of the clergy: it is the work of those who already know the Lord. So it is **your** work too.

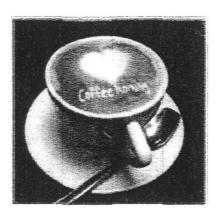
'Prepare the way of the Lord.' How? By your example, by your loving, caring attitude, by being involved, by being positive and supportive, by being truthful about what matters to you, and, most important of all, by your prayers. We are called to pray ceaselessly, at all times, in all circumstances, for all people and every situation.

"The moment a thing looks wrong to you, at that moment begins your obligation and responsibility to pray for the wrongs to be righted or that person to be different."

August 12, God Calling, ed. A.J. Russell

Our job, then, is to 'soften the soil' so that the seed – the Word of God - will be able to take root and grow healthily, bearing fruit in due season. We are Co-workers with God. The fields are vast. Let's get to work!

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October Meeting This was the Deanery Quiet Morning hosted by Ketton.On a lovely sunny morning it was heartening to see about 45 members gathered in Ketton's beautiful old church for a morning of Holy Communion, instruction and contemplation led by Revd. Helen Raiment. She chose for her subject The Lord's Prayer, encapsulating it as "from the Son, through the Spirit, to the Father" – what a wonderful way to distil its essential nature! Through Revd. Helen's lovely homilies on each section we discovered that, however familiar the words, new insights into this unique resource can always be gleaned. After this inspiring morning we were served a companionable and delicious lunch by Ketton MU members – reminding us once again what a privilege it is to be an MU member.

November Meeting This will be on Thursday, 14th November at 2.15pm in the Church Hall. Our speaker will be Margaret Hopkins, an MU speaker well known to some of us, who will present an afternoon of music and poems on the theme of "Home". Those of us who have heard Margaret's talks before will know we are in for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Advent Cribs Once again we are pleased to be offering this important outreach to families in the Parish throughout Advent, when each family plays host for one night to the Holy Family and can keep one of the sheep as a memento. (70+ sheep are used each year and more offers of knitters, not necessarily MU members, would be gratefully received by Viv Ufton!) In the busy run-up to Christmas this simple gesture and little gift reminding us all of the real meaning and message of the Nativity is much appreciated by those participating. If you wish to take part and host the family please speak to Jenni Duffy or Viv Ufton.

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The Archdeacon of Oakham writes

Remember Remember...

November is a month of remembering.



Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day itself on 11 November play an even more significant role in the life of our nation than I seem to remember them doing in my youth, with the graphic horror of conflicts from the Falklands War onwards having been played out before our eyes in the ensuing years.

This month of remembering begins with All Saints' Day, when we recognise that there have been many more faithful and holy followers of Jesus than we can name, and is immediately

followed by All Souls' Day, which offers us the opportunity to commemorate those who have touched and influenced our own lives more closely but whom we see no longer.

A week later, the Church of England's calendar invites us to remember the Saints and Martyrs of England on 8 November. Many of us celebrate the fact that the Church of England is both Catholic and Reformed, but much blood was shed before that via media, that middle way, was arrived at. We honour those of all theological traditions who held true to their faith and to their Lord in the face of horrific persecution.

Meanwhile Bonfire Night, whilst it is for most people a light hearted moment and an opportunity for community celebration, also reminds us of those who, to this day, both risk and cause death in the pursuit of political aims, with all the innocent suffering to which that so often leads, however laudable some of those aims, if pursued more peacefully, might in themselves be considered to be.

So, as another Christian year ends and we prepare to start all over again next month on Advent Sunday, let us pause to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and whose self-giving and sacrifice has shaped our world, our land, our church and ourselves.

Let us honour their memory by cherishing the inheritance with which they have endowed us and, with renewed zeal, let us offer ourselves afresh in the service of Christ our King, upon whose feast we conclude the Sundays of this month of remembering.

And may God bless us all as we seek to be his faithful servants in this generation.

Archdeacon of Oakham

Do something new for Christmas says Bishop John

In Boughton, near Kettering, they invite friends to a beer and carols evening in a neutral venue. On Northampton's Grange Park estate they invite people to put gifts for needy people beside a baby basket as a gift to Jesus. And at Abington Church in central Northampton they invite the parish's two community schools to visit the church for activities focused on five Christmas stations.

Those were just three of the many fresh ideas for "making the most of Christmas" on display at the eponymous event at All Saints School in Northampton in September. "I hope you will do something new to make the most of Christmas," Bishop John told the 200 clergy and lay people who attended from across the diocese.

He got them into an early Christmas spirit by wearing his literally singing and dancing santa hat – think Hogwart's sorting hat and you'll get the picture. Also setting the atmosphere – and a more traditional tone – was the carol singing choir of All Saints Church in Northampton.

As well as numerous display stalls there were quick-fire workshops on "a good Christingle", "having a great carol service", "service and inclusion", "building your Christmas team", "working with schools at Christmas" and "welcome and invitation". The titles themselves suggested that even familiar activities can be given a fresh slant for the many people who come to church at Christmas but only rarely at other times.



Two national resources were also featured. Bishop John showed an advance copy of the "Real Advent Calendar" which includes a 24-page booklet on the Christmas story and is being stocked by Tesco (but not other supermarkets) in October. Details are available at www.realadvent.co.uk/shop.

And a London church initiative is now being franchised in churches around the country. "Christmas lunch on Jesus" provides food hampers worth about £50 to people who cannot afford a decent traditional Christmas lunch on their own resources. Details at www.christmaslunchonjesus.com.

For other Advent and Christmas resources you might find useful contact Sally Crossley in the Adult Education team on 01604 887048.

Brooke News

Despite a very chilly start to the day the rain held off and the sun eventually came out making ideal conditions for the Riders and Striders of September 2013. Twenty four people plus a dog, with its own sponsorship card, called in and had their cards signed at St Peter, Brooke. Some stayed long enough for refreshment and a natter in the sunshine, the dog enjoyed a biscuit and others hurried off to continue their journey around Rutland's beautiful churches. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the church throughout the day and especially to our cyclist Joan Killingback who visited 12 churches and raised £200 in sponsorship money.

You will have no doubt seen a report of the launch of the Rutland Food Bank and any non-perishable food donations from the Brooke locality can be left in the church, which is open daily, in the plastic box provided.

Reverend Audrey hosted our recent PCC meeting at Langham vicarage on Wednesday the 9th October at 2.30pm; there were four apologies due to health, work and holidays. The committee noted that they were all pleased with the work done to the chest tombs during the summer and had received several complimentary comments about them from members of the public. The generous collection from the Harvest Festival service had amounted to £231 and will be donated to Water Aid. The date for the annual church 'spring cleaning day' was made for Wednesday 27th November at 10am and preparations were put in hand for the Candlelight Carol Service of seven lessons and carols on Sunday December 15th at 7pm.

It was decided to defer setting the date of the next PCC meeting until later and after discussing other matters the meeting closed at 4.30pm when Audrey plied us with tea, biscuits and very tasty cheese scones.

An event not to be missed is our annual Christmas Coffee Morning, this year back at its usual venue, the home of Sheila and Derek Harrington who kindly open their home to everyone and stoke up a lovely log fire for the occasion. Any donations for the bring and buy, raffle, cake and preserve stalls may be left at Rose Cottage during the week before or brought along on the day.

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LOOK FOR SIGNS

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A huge congregation (many extra chairs worth) celebrated together on a glorious evening when all the loveliest of the seasonal weather combined to give the village a rosy, cosy glow. It was easy to feel thankful for the friends around and for the produce of the land so splendidly displayed in the church. Sheila Harrington and her team of arrangers had been hard at work and the church looked beautiful. There was even a window depicting the work of Water Aid---for whom the collection was dedicated—complete with a tap!!!!! The glorious dahlias were given by Rowland Meadows and there were some splendid seed heads and an ENORMOUS pumpkin.

The bell ringers—under the command of John Beadman heralded the start of the service and Connie Beadman played the organ. The lessons were read by Robert Eayrs (Brooke farmer) and William Bevan(local Vet) also from Brooke. The service was taken by Rev Audrey Atkinson whose sensitive, vivacious take on issues made for thought provoking, challenging listening.

Meanwhile the children, under the able command of their music teachers—Sue Burton and Dianne Picken—delighted everyone with 3 songs. They were full of life, with cheerful faces and confident projection. They sang of loving the sun, stars, wind and birds, and the most joyous of all "So I mustn't forget to say a great big Thank you". One could not but feel happy to be in that place at that time.

Then, oh delight of delights, home made delicious eats and a glass of wine---a happy way to say THANK YOU.

Braunston News

Services This Month

Nov 3: All Saint	ts Sunday	11.00	Holy Co	mmunion
Nov 10: Rememb	orance Sun.	10.50	Special	Service
Nov 17: 2 Before	Advent	11.00	Holy Co	mmunion
Nov 24 Christ T	he King	4.00	Stir up	Sunday

November is always a special month with our Patronal Day on the first Sunday and remembrance of those who have given their lives for their country on the second. On the fourth Sunday-see poster- we invite everyone to come and join in the making of Christmas Puddings for the Advent Fayre which completes the month on St Andrew's Day the 30th of November- see the other poster for all the details

Remembrance

Our Remembrance Service will focus on the War Memorial and we hope that the Parish will be well represented for that reminder of what we continue to owe to all who sacrifice everything so that we may live in peace.

Advent Fayre

The Advent Fayre is a pre-Christmas get together which provides fun for everyone, demonstrates the creative and production skills of many of our parish, gives opportunities for the young to enjoy themselves and is a vital source of financial support for the church. If you want to help in any way it will be welcomed-please ring Alan on 755570, and, come have fun and be fed on the day.

Church @ 4

Many young people enjoy helping in the kitchen and making the Christmas pudding is special, so come to the Hall as families @ 4pm on the 24th and have fun "stirring up" for Christmas.



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I would like a good lunch!

I want to meet and chat with friends!

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EGLETON NEWS

The Village Hall was a cosy venue for a highly enjoyable QUIZ AID experience on Sunday, October 6th and a further "feather in the cap" for Chairman Catherine Snowball, who promoted this enjoyable and charitable event, on behalf of Christian Aid.

Twelve rounds of five questions each proved a searching test of general knowledge for the Quizzers. Some were ever ready to render aid to their competitors in the quiz, but nobody minded!

This charming event, its compassionate incentives and profitable outcome were warmly acknowledged by the village's Christian Aid Rep,
Neville Ashton. It seems likely that Quiz Aid will re-appear on the parish's calendar of red letter days: those quizzers and their beneficiaries alike, deserve further bites at such an attractive cherry!

November 17th will be the Sunday following our historic Festival of Remembrance: it will also be the Sunday before ST. EDMUND's commemoration in the Parish's Patronal Festival. The address in the Service that Sunday morning [9.15] will be given, appropriately, by Major David Thompson who, formerly, was Church Warden of St. Edmund's.

There will be warm welcome for all parishioners and friends who hold St. Edmund's parish close to heart. Few things tug our heart strings more than Remembrance of OUR GLORIOUS DEAD. These have served us sacrificially in the hundred, war torn years past!

In earlier ages, St. EDMUND, KING & MARTYR served both his kingdom of East Anglia and his Lord Jesus Christ when he forfeited his life for his people's sake [869 AD]: he did so rather than forswear his Christian allegiance at the demand of alien, pagan Vikings!

THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD...
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN

Much thankfulness will be afoot, again, when Egleton remembers 20th century, fallen warriors together with 9th century sovereign, turned martyr and saint! "From the fight returned victorious!"

REVEILLE...on November 17th, at 9.15 a.m.!

Neville Ashton

HAMBLETON NEWS

On Saturday, 14th September the Annual Ride and Stride in support of Rutland's beautiful and historic Churches took place. A team of Hambleton villagers registered about 10 visiting cyclists, including our own Tony Case and his two sons who managed to visit 50 churches and raise £500 which was an amazing achievement.

On Wednesday, 2nd October *Kathleen* and *David Whittles* from Leicester celebrated their Golden Wedding with a Service conducted by *Rev Audrey Atkinson* at St Andrew's Church. Approximately twenty-five guests, many from the Tennis Club made a Guard of Honour with their tennis rackets. *Kevin Slingsby* played the organ.

On Saturday, 12th October, the Wedding took place at St Andrew's Church of *Katherine Louise Blake* and *Owen Llewellyn Basey*. *Rev Audrey Atkinson* conducted the Service, the Choir was from *Loros*, *Kevin Slingsby* played the organ and *Araminta Mathias* and her team rang the bells.

Hambleton's Annual Harvest Festival took place at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 13th October. The Service was conducted by *Rev Audrey Atkinson* and a collection for Water Aid raised £260. A Harvest Supper at the Village Hall followed which was organised by *Sue and Geoff Graves*. 73 villagers and their families and friends enjoyed chicken pie made by *Miranda Hall* and a selection of delicious desserts and cheeses donated by other members of the Village. The Supper and Jeff Dale's Auction raised £1564 for the Church Roof Fund. A jar of Silver Prize-Winning Seville Orange Marmalade made by Jeff Dale's daughter, raised an incredible £105!

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Langham News

Reveries Concert.

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2014 Langham Concerts:

We have a varied programme arranged for next year, which include the following groups.

Pennyless Folk Group January 25th, (in the Village Hall)
Uppingham Jazz band March 22nd
Melton Male Voice Choir in June
Woven Chords in July
Leicester Women's Gospel Choir in September.
Please watch out for promotional posters!

Scratch Messiah.

We are preparing for a wonderful rendition of The Messiah on Saturday November 16th. Performing in the Church at 7.30, the Scratch Choir will have rehearsed during the afternoon. If you would like to be a part of this event, either as participant or audience, please contact Debbie on 723533. Full details can also be found on the website, www.oakhamteam.org.uk/messiah

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8th October

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11th October

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November

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13th Form 3 Award Holders
20th Alva Muris Soprano
27th Megan Bevan 'cello Claudia Kwong

December

4th Susie Bower-Brown Flute Jacob Lawson Clarinet

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Harvest Lunch

Once again, our Harvest Lunch, in the pleasant venue of Victoria Hall, was a wonderful social occasion of thanksgiving for Harvest, with food and entertainment much enjoyed by everyone. Many congratulations are due to all the organisers, helpers, and many cooks, who contributed so generously to make the occasion so successful. Special credit to the three young talented musicians for their enjoyable performances, which enhanced the occasion and were much appreciated.

Thanks, too, to the helpful and supportive Victoria Hall staff.







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Another date --- for your new diaries!

Discovery Day

at the Methodist Church, Northgate, Friday, 24th January 2014, at 10 a.m.

Friends of All Saints' Church Outing to the National Memorial Arboretum

A happy band of around 50 Friends left Oakham at 8.30am on Tuesday 24th September for an outing to the National Memorial Arboretum at Arlewas, Staffordshire. We arrived in good time for a coffee and then went over to the Millennium Chapel for a Welcome Talk and a moving Act of Remembrance. We were told how the Arboretum was founded by David Childs in 1988, after a visit to Arlington Cemetery and National Arboretum in Washington DC, and of its transformation. Not long after its opening in 2001, before the trees had grown, my husband and I had visited the Arboretum and it looked quite bleak on that occasion. I remember how very cold it had been and how we had seen everything by lunchtime. When our party arrived this time the difference was amazing. The whole area was covered with trees and memorials and it was a beautifully warm day. (The weather cannot always be guaranteed, of course.)

We could either have walked around the Arboretum with a guide or gone on the land train with a commentary. My friend and I opted for the later and what a lovely journey it was! Our route was bordered on both sides by gardens each with a memorial. The next road along took us along large open areas with lots of memorials. We then followed a lake-shore with lots of wildlife. Then we passed through acres of woodland dotted with memorials. As the train journey took an hour one can imagine how large an area the Arboretum covers. It is in fact 150 acres of woodlands and gardens and we did not see it all. One visit isn't enough!

We were dropped off at the main memorial and climbed dozens of steps to the top. What a superb spectacle. So many visitors were finding the names of family members and people they had known. The memorial records almost 16,000 names of those who had been killed in recent times.

A good roast lunch was next on the agenda and then there was free time. Most of us had not seen all they wanted to and continued their visit either walking or using the train.

We returned to Oakham around 6pm after a well-organised and happy day. Thank you Beryl and David.

Ann Trumpess. Member of The Friends.

All Saints Oakham Church Trail

The Launch of the All Saints Oakham Trail took place on Thursday 10th October. Mrs Trish Ruddle, the High Sheriff, was our invited guest, supported by Mr Adam Lowe, Mayor of Oakham. The trail has been devised by a group from All Saints with advice from NADFAS.

Representatives from all the Primary Schools in Oakham were present, and after the short ceremony, and some refreshments, the children were able to try out the Trail, which they seemed to enjoy doing. It has twelve questions about features of the architecture and furniture of the church designed to explain and teach about the worship of the church community. Copies of the Trail are available near the West Door.

Brooke also has a Trail, and some of the other churches in the Team are currently working on producing their own Trails.

Sally Corton and Gill Bruce.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for SHEILA HARDY

Oakham School Chapel 2.30 p.m. Sunday, 24th November 2013

Refreshments afterwards in the Barraclough (School dining hall, next to the Theatre)

EVERYONE most welcome



ALL CHANGE AT ALL SAINTS AUTUMN SALE

This year the church itself will be the venue on a Saturday morning, so hopefully passers-by, not only church supporters, will come in. There will be a new bottle tombola run by Jackie and Pat, Araminta will add a fresh flavour to the cake stall (contact 757827). A team of ladies have been making a variety of gift items. Most of the traditional stalls, including picture raffle and plants you can spare, will again be run by church members.

The success of this event, the church's major fundraiser, depends on YOUR support. See you there! Gordon and Pamela

ALL SAINTS AUTUMN SALE

Saturday 23rd November

in All Saints Church 10 - 12 noon

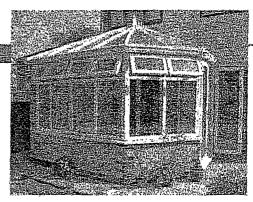
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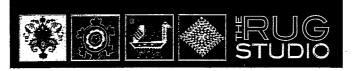
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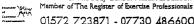
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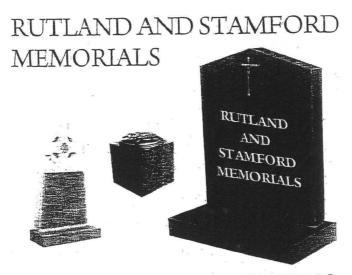
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Diary Dates November

Reg.	Date		
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
Tues	25.4	10,00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		12 00	Service of Healing:
			Trinity Chapel All Saints. (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
and the same		12.15pm	CTO Prayer Meeting Trinity Chapel All Saints
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Others			
Fri	1st		All Saints Day
Sat	2nd	3. A	All Souls Day
Sun	3rd		All Saints Sunday
Tues	5th	10.00am	Open House 18 Peterborough Avenue
Sun	10 th		Remembrance Sunday
Wed	13th	10.00am	Charity Coffee Morning Langham Vicarage
Thur	14th	2.15pm	Oakham and Braunston MU. Church Hall
		•	Speaker: Margaret Hopkins"
Sat	16th	7.30pm	Scratch Messiah-St Peter and St Paul Langham
		•	For details and Tickets ring Debbie on 723533
Sun	17th		Second Sunday before Advent
		9.15am	St Edmunds Egleton Patronal Festival
		4.00pm	Langham Church @ 4: Film Fun
Wed	20th		St Edmund
Sat	23rd	10.00am	All Saints Oakham Autumn Sale
			In All Saints Church
Sun	24th	2.30pm	Memorial Service for Sheila Hardy
			Oakham School Chapel
	24th	4,00pm	Christ The King:
			Church @ 4 Braunston
			"Stir-up Sunday".
			Come and help make the Christmas Puddings"
Fri	29th	10.15am	WWDP Coffee Morning
			St Joseph's Station Road Oakham
Sat	30 th	11.00	Feast of St Andrew.
			Braunston All Saints Advent Fayre
			See poster for details

Dec			
Sun	1st		Advent
Mon	2nd	7.30pm	The Rutland NSPCC Carol Concert
		_	All Saints Oakham. For Ticket availability see this magazin
Tues	3rd	6.30pm	Rutland Orchestras and 'Cello Ensembles Concert
		-	All Saints Oakham
Thurs	5th	10.00am	Brooke St Peter Christmas Coffee Morning.
			Rose Cottage Brooke
Diary	Date		
Dec	24 th	3.00pm?	"Journey to Jesus"
Jan	24th	10.00am	Discovery Day: Methodist Church Northgate



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Benefice Service Patterns and Times									
Church		Week	8am	9.00	10.30	11.00	4.00	6.00	
Oakham		1,2,4	(HC)T		F.C.			EP	
	1	3	(HC)T		FC/FS			EP	
Ashwell	2	1		H.C					
		2			FS				
		3		H.C					
		4						EP	
Braunston		1 &3				HC			
		2				MP		<u> </u>	
	3	4					Church at 4		
Brooke		1 &3						EP	
		2	HC(B)						
		4	HC(T)						
Egleton		1&3		HC(T)					
Hambleton		2 &4		HC(T)					
Langham	4	1						EW	
		2 & 4				HC			
	3	3		3			Church at 4		
Market		1				1		EP	
Overton		2 & 4		HC(T)					
		3			FS				
Teigh	5	1		HC(B)					
		2 & 3		HC(B)					
		4		Matins					
Whissendine		1,3 & 4				HC			
		2				FC			

Notes:

Holy Communion Contemporary Language HC

HC(B) Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer

HC(T) Holy Communion Traditional Language

FC Family Communion

Family Service: Not a communion service FS

MWMorning Worship: Sometimes traditional matins.

Numerical Notes:

- 1. Alternate months will be a Family Service with or without Communion. On odd months there may be baptism(s) within service
- 2. Odd months only
- At Braunston and Langham these are activities of varying kinds 3. an act of worship and afternoon tea.
- Modern evening worship 4.
- Even months only

Fifth Sundays

These are benefice occasions and a team service is held in one of the churches in the Benefice. See church notices for details of these occasions.