

Good News

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“We have
seen His star
in the East
and have
come to
worship Him”
MATTHEW 2:2

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Gail Rudge writes:

Dear Friends

I'm writing this on a glorious sunny day and praying that the weather will be like this for Christmas instead of how it's been for the past four years! However, as, you read this, the time has passed once again, another year over, another book closed so I'd like to wish you all a very

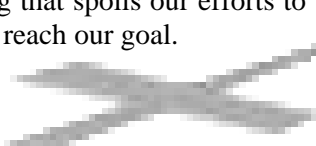


Happy New Year!



I'm not much of a snow lover but, having made the effort to wrap up, there's nothing like a walk through beautifully decked countryside under a clear blue sky – sun on deep snow, absolutely wonderful and even more so if it's completely untouched, no footprints just a gleaming expanse in front of you. You get the feeling that everything is clean and refreshed. That's very much like the feeling and expectation that a new year brings. The old is over and done, nothing can change it, the slate has been wiped clean. We're starting over maybe with expectancy, may be with apprehension, we can only wait and see what this New Year will bring.

So what will 2014 bring? Who knows? It's certainly going to be a year of remembrance as we commemorate the start of World War I and all that this entails both locally and nationally. Is there anything left to learn from what happened? It was supposed to be the 'War to end all wars'! Hopes of a new world, a new start were soon dashed. Twenty years after it ended we were on the brink of something even worse and since then there have been very few times when the world has been at peace. Try as we might, we can't seem to reach the state of peace and harmony between people, between nations, that we hope for. There's always something that spoils our efforts to wipe the slate clean and begin again, we never reach our goal.



It's very easy to become discouraged and cynical, especially with age! The wheel continues to be re-invented nationally, internationally; something is missing, something stops us from attaining that perfect life. Sadly we have to be honest and accept that perfection will continue to elude us because of our very nature as human beings.

So what's the point of keeping on, keeping hoping for something better? For many people there seems to be no answer. Thankfully as Christians we know there is a point. We know that, through our faith in Jesus, the slate has been wiped clean. The Christmas message of peace and hope will happen. Jesus was born as man to bring God's rescue plan into fruition and through his death and resurrection it was achieved. The victory was won for all time. So we have every reason to treasure the hope that we have through our faith.

'Faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see' *Hebrews 11:1*

For me, it's also the knowledge that, whatever this year has in store, I won't be alone; Jesus will be with me, and that's what makes the difference. This year, I want to:

'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone
who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have.
But do this with gentleness and respect' *1Peter 3:13*

and I hope you do too.

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MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

December Meeting Revd. Dominic conducted a thoughtful service of Holy Communion and we are most grateful for his interest and support. For various reasons it was decided this well-attended meeting was not, after all, a suitable time to play the planned "Snakes and Ladders" and this has been deferred until a later meeting. Instead we enjoyed an afternoon of socialising and a tea, served by Christine Hall and Ann Linford, which included mince pies and delicious cakes prepared by members. Thanks are due to those who provided these, and also to the members who kindly provided lifts for those who might otherwise be unable to come.

January Meeting This will be on **Thursday 9th January 2014 at 1.00pm in the Church Hall** and will be an important one for the future of the branch and we hope will be well supported. The lunch, a popular feature of the occasion, is scheduled for 1.00pm at a cost of £5 per head, to include a two-course meal and tea/coffee. As ever, visitors – people thinking of joining us, friends, husbands, etc. – are most welcome and anyone wishing to come who has not already signed the list should let Meg Dyer (771564) or any member of the Committee know by 2nd January, for catering purposes. Subs for 2014 are now due and David Dyer will be on hand to collect them.

And finally ... As we look back on another happy and successful year we look ahead to 2014, which will be a year of great change. For health reasons Gordon will be retiring as Treasurer, and for family reasons I am planning to move to Shropshire, so I do urge members to think carefully about the future of the branch and come and support the AGM – hopefully with ideas and offers of help! I will be here for a little while yet, but a new Secretary will be needed. I wish you all a successful and blessed 2014. Happy New Year Everyone.

Barbara James

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Gone Missing?

by: Christine Matthews (Mothers'Union)

Who took the Christ from Christmas?
That's what I want to know.
I've piles of cards with robins
and teddies in the snow;
There's a partridge in a pear tree
gold bells all in a line.
But Jesus in a manger?
of Him there is no sign.

Who took the Christ from Christmas?
There's Panto. on TV,
with villains, dames and fairies
all stars from comedy
There's Dickens and ghost stories
and films from long ago
But is there prime time for the tale
of Jesus Christ ? Why no!

Who took the Christ from Christmas?
We put up tinselled things,
and garland all our front doors
with pretty holly rings.
There's crackers and poinsettias,
there's Santa standing there
mid plastic lights
How does this fit
with Christ's own stable bare?

If we take Christ from Christmas
We will eat and laugh and sing
of jingle bells and Wassail
and never think a thing
about a deeper joy than this,
a love to reach our hearts,
God's precious way for all of us
Which at Christ's manger starts.

Braunston News

As I write we are all looking forward to Christmas and the New Year, to the Carol Service, to Journey to Jesus, and our Christmas Holy Communion.

On Saturday 14th of December we certainly protected from the “Cold outside” and enjoyed, in a full house, one of the most superbly varied high standard band concerts I have ever had the privilege to attend. Our thanks go to the whole accomplished group for such an enjoyable evening, to the Musical Director of the Rutland Concert Band and to all involved in organising the event. We look forward to further opportunities to hear them again.

The Advent Fayre at the end of November was, as usual meticulously prepared and welcoming with much to offer all those who came. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and to the many people whose hard work, in many cases over several weeks of preparation, made it so much an event to be at.

BONGO: Our monthly bongo draw started in November and there is still time to get your tickets if you have not yet got them. Why not give Rob and Pat Anderson a ring and make sure that you have a number to be entered in the next draw.

Ring: 774388

Advent Red Box: By the time you read this the box will have made its last visit to church until Lent is upon us but if you have small coins (or any others for that matter) which you meant to contribute the box will remain open until the **end of January.**

Ring David on 771564, I am always happy to come and collect even small amounts add up to real achievements.

**To One and ALL:
A Happy and Healthy New Year.**

BROOKE NEWS

At the end of November John Beadman was on hand to welcome two groups of visiting bell ringers to Brooke; St Peter's bells are privileged to be often chosen by visitors because of their lightness.

On Wednesday the 20th November the Giddings Mid-Week Ringing Group, describing themselves as early retired and mature campanologists visited St Peter to ring the bells during their four tower tour in Rutland. Fifteen of their members travelled to Rutland for a day out ringing at Braunston, Brooke, Belton and Uppingham, not forgetting a stop for lunch in Uppingham as well.

Then on Saturday 30th November Brooke and the surrounding countryside again resounded to the sound of St Peter's bells this time rung by six members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell ringers. They successfully rang a Peal of 5,040 changes of Surprise Minor (seven methods) in 2 hours 36 minutes, one extent of each – London, Bamborough, Chester, York, Bourne, Beverley and Cambridge. This challenging peal was rung by members Robin Rodgers, James Benner, Alistair Donaldson, Ian Dawson, Michael Maughan (conductor) and Benjamin Ricketts.

Thanks must go to those in Brooke who daily unlock and lock up the church making it always available for visitors and passing walkers to enjoy its atmosphere and history. Thank you also to those who by chance or design meet visitors and take the time to show them around and talk about the church; it was from one such recent encounter that Audrey later received a letter containing a generous donation for the church.

St Peter's was the scene of a happy family event on Sunday 24th November; it was the christening of parishioners Susan and Michael Allen's first great grandchild Martha Joanna Jane Herbert. Born last April Martha is the daughter of the Allen's granddaughter Harriet and her husband Guy. The Allen family have lived in Brooke for many

years and St Peter has been pleased to host their family events for three generations now.

A happy band of cleaners invaded the church on the last Wednesday morning of November and the brilliant sunshine that day conveniently showed up all the dust and cobwebs that needed to be removed. Amongst all the chatter of the many volunteers the whole church was soon swept and polished to perfection ready for the Christmas season to begin.

The next week another pleasant morning was spent at Brooke but this time at the home of Sheila and Derek Harrington as they again kindly hosted our annual Christmas coffee morning. Many parishioners, friends and visitors descended on Rose Cottage and fortified with plenty of coffee and delicious mince pies were soon shopping from the wonderful array of goods for sale. The magnificent sum of over £700 was made for church funds and we thank all who donated items for sale, the raffle and helped out in any way. We are also extremely grateful for the continued support of our many friends from the other benefices within the group.

Ding Dong Merrily On High sang the bells welcoming all those who filled St Peters for the Candlelight Carol service on Sunday 15th December. Once again three generations of the Beadman family were part of the bell ringing team, father John, son Richard, grandchildren Tom and Georgina with John's wife Connie playing the organ for the service. The bell ringing Beadmans are feeling very proud that another granddaughter, Tessa, has been honoured to be invited to join the Westminster Abbey bell ringing team.

While visiting her family in Oakham, Gwin Tomblin, from Wales, was brought along to the service with them and on seeing St Peter's bells in action got itchy hands. She normally rings in Swansea but was delighted to join the ringers at Brooke for a while before the service.

The many candles and lights which filled the church created a warm and festive atmosphere and the service was conducted by the Rev Audrey Atkinson, Alan Rudge and the Rev Brian Nicholls, the lessons were read by Terry Greer, Mary Brooks, Joan Cooper, Bill Lamb, Sue Tyers, Robert Eayrs and Cath Mc Kelvey; the generous collection being donated to the work of The Children's Society.

This delightful pre-Christmas event was rounded off by mulled wine and mince pies and plenty of happy friendly chattering. We wish to thank all who helped in any way towards making this a special occasion.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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HAMBLETON NEWS

The Wedding took place on Friday, 15th November 2013 of **Kosalie Mendis** and **Matthew Redman**. **Rev Audrey Atkinson** conducted the Service, **Kevin Slingsby** played the organ and **Araminta Mathias** and her team rang the bells.

On Tuesday, 10th December 2013, Hambleton Hall Hotel hosted an Evening Choral Concert at St Andrew's Church which was followed by Dinner at the Hotel. 120 guests enjoyed a spectacular musical evening which included an amazing Choir and a group of Musicians called "Reverie". The Church was beautifully decorated by **Amanda** from Hambleton Hall.

At 6pm on Fri, 13th Dec. **Rev Audrey Atkinson** blessed the crib at St Andrew's Church just as the youngest member of the village, four month old **Wilberforce Young** arrived. A Christingle Carol Service followed which was attended by approximately 50 members of the village and their families. **Gail Griffin** played traditional Carols including; Away in a Manger, We Three Kings and the First Nowell. **Susie Gibbeson, Lucy Scott, Nathan Glover and Joshua and Toby Coulson** all did Readings Christingles, made by **Gail Griffin** were handed out to members of the congregation and a collection was taken for The Children's' Society.

After the Church Service, **Tim Griffin** welcomed all to the Village Hall with a glass of mulled wine. A party of 60 enjoyed delicious roast pork kindly donated by Hambleton Foods. All the other food had been prepared and donated by members of the village so that traditional Christmas fare with seasonal vegetables, desserts and lovely cheeses could be enjoyed by all.

Julia Naylor donated a beautiful Christmas hamper for the raffle which also included various other prizes. **Geoff Graves** was the Master of Ceremonies and challenged all with a Christmas Quiz at the end of the evening. Approximately £950 was raised for the Church Roof Fund.

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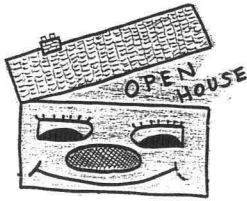
Saturday February 1st 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 from Debbie 723533 or Hilary 757435.

The Village Carol Service was held this year on December 15th at the Baptist Chapel. Lead by John Haden from Oakham Methodist church, readings were given by representatives of both Langham churches, the Parish Council and Trish Ruddle as High Sherriff of Rutland.

OAKHAM NEWS

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15th December

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Holy Matrimony

30th November

*Christopher Michael John Miles and
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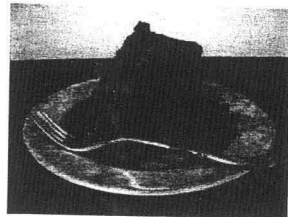
Date: Sunday 19th January 2014

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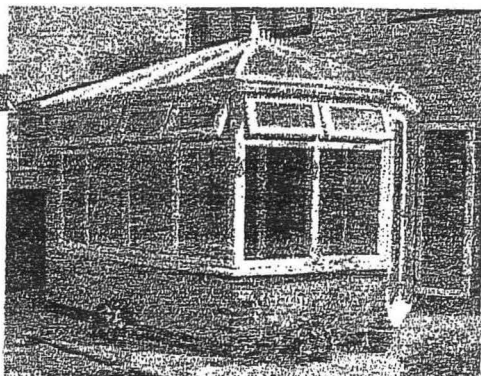
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Annual Autumn Sale

For many years, Pamela and Gordon have hosted the Annual Sale, and we extend our grateful thanks to them for their hard work and generous hospitality over that time. Circumstances, however, meant a change of venue this year, and so the event was held in All Saints' Church. This proved to be very successful, and £2,335 was raised for Church funds.

A huge thank you must be given to:-

all the helpers who fetched, put up and took down tables and chairs

all who manned the stalls and served refreshments

all who contributed so generously with gifts of cakes, preserves, and other gifts for the stalls

and to everyone who came along to support the occasion and bought our wares.

Many thanks to everyone who helped, in any way, to make this event go so well.

Sunday School Nativity

The congregation enjoyed and appreciated the Sunday School children's Nativity Tableau and would like to thank the children, who participated so well, all their parents and teachers, (with special thanks to the parents of the ten day old baby who lay in the crib) and also the older children, who led us in meditation and prayer.

This was a delightful reminder of the real meaning of Christmas. Well done.

All Saints' Oakham

*hope you had a joyful and peaceful Christmas
and wish you all every blessing in the New Year.*



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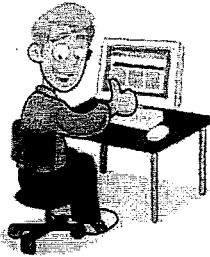
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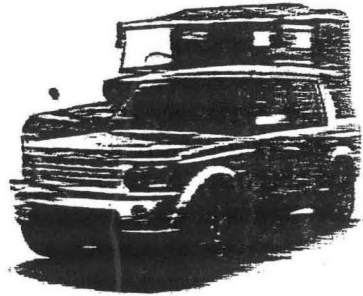


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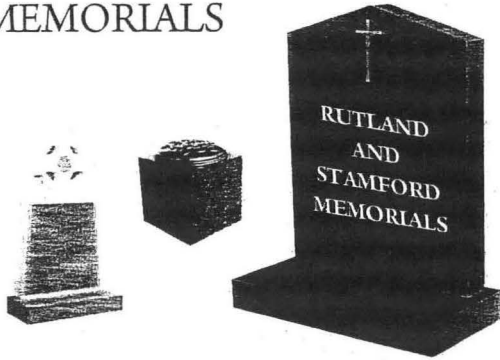
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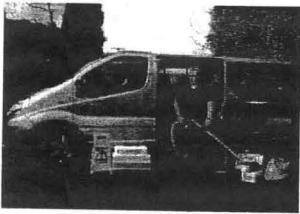
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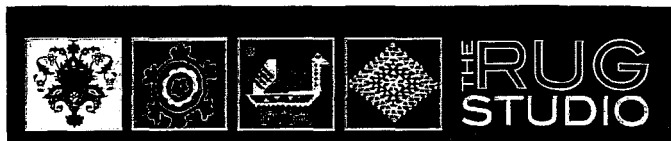
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Diary Dates Jan

Reg.	Date		
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
Tues		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. (Not on Dec 25 th or Jan 1 st)
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
Jan			
1st	W		Happy New Year to everyone
5th	Su		Epiphany
9th	Th	1.00pm	Oakham and Braunston Mothers' Union AGM and Lunch Church Hall Oakham. If you have yet to book please: ring Meg (771564)
12 th	Su		The Baptism of Christ
14 th	Tu	10.00am	Open House 10 Ashwell Road
18 th	S		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Starts
	S	8.30am	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast The Victoria Hall: Tickets £3.00 Speaker: Rev JG Jamieson Chaplain at Kendrew Barracks
	S	1.00pm	Table Top Sale. Langham Village Hall
19 th	Su		Second Sunday of Epiphany
		2.00pm	Tea Party: All Saints Church Oakham
24 th			WWWP Discovery Day
25 th	S		Conversion of St Paul
26 th	Su		Third Sunday of Epiphany
Feb 1st	S	7.30pm	Pennyless Folk Trio. Langham Village Hall Tickets:£10 from Debbie (723533) or Hilary (757435)
2 nd	Su		The Presentation of Christ

Benefice Service Patterns and Times

Church	Note	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		
	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					Church at 4	
Market		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				FS		

- Notes:**
- HC** Holy Communion Contemporary Language
 - HC(B)** Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
 - HC(T)** Holy Communion Traditional Language
 - FC** Family Communion
 - FS** Family Service: Not a communion service
 - MW** Morning 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
3. At Braunston and Langham these are activities of varying kinds an act of worship and afternoon tea.
4. Modern evening worship
5. 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.