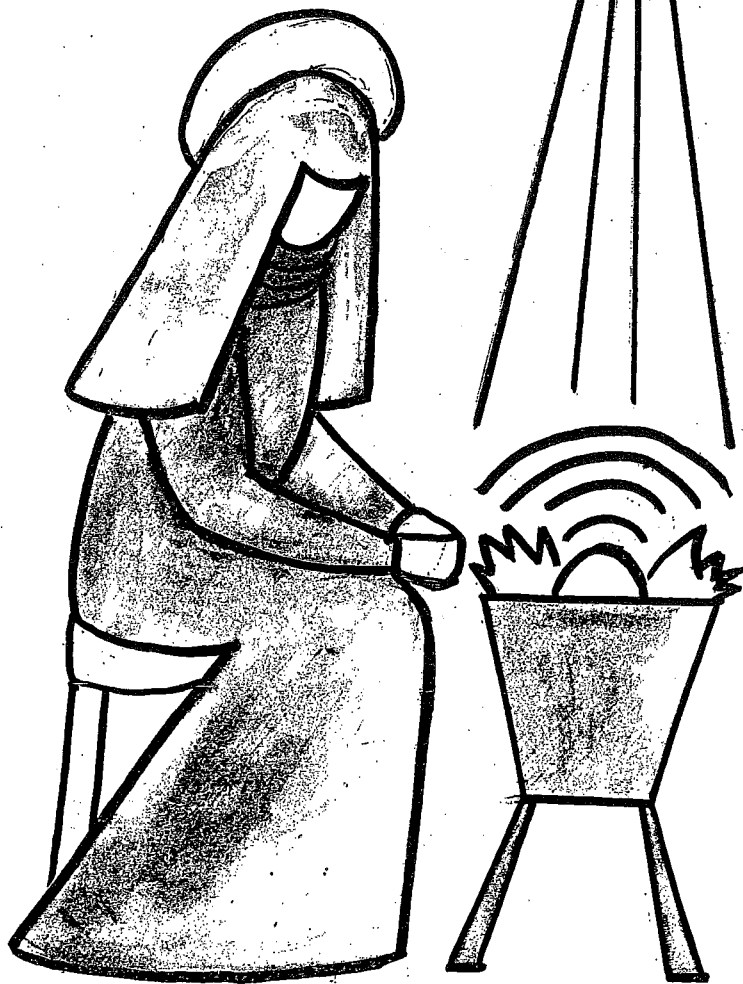


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Dear Friends,

I've just been working on new services books for the celebration of Midnight Mass at Oakham Parish Church. I often call it our biggest gig of the year. The recently released Statistics for Mission show the figures for church attendance throughout the Church of England in 2013. In our own Diocese of Peterborough, while around 14,000 people come to church on an average Sunday, nearly 50,000 come at Christmas. Nationwide 2.3m people come to our churches on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. I wonder how that makes us feel? Some will be resentful and say that people should come more often, however I have never taken that view. For me it is one of the wonderful blessings of parochial ministry to see people, often those on the margins of church life, join together and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

When revising the services I came across some words which I had never heard or used before. They can be used as the opening words to Midnight Mass:

*Great little one whose all-embracing birth,
brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.*

Now I **love** the liturgy of the Anglican Church, it was liturgy that drew me out of the dour worship of my Presbyterian childhood. But one of the problems with liturgical worship is that we can be so familiar with the set prayers that they wash over us. Sometimes that is a good thing, the oft repeated words of our prayers and services bathe us by their familiarity and regularity. **BUT** those new found words stopped me in my tracks. Here in this Christmas celebration of well-loved carols we hold out before an often indifferent world something truly extraordinary. The God of Heaven and Earth is found in lowly form. A little child, wrapped in a manger. What joy is this!

All through December we will be preparing for this by the keeping of a holy time of Advent waiting. I encourage you to invite as many of your family and friends to join us especially for the celebration of Christmas Communion. It is such a joy, such a wonder, *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

With every blessing for Advent and Christmas when it comes

Lee T. Francis-Dehqani

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Editorial

Another year approaches its close as I write this editorial. In it I and all who read Good News, have been immeasurably helped by a band of willing volunteers without whom nothing would be possible. To all of you I offer my thanks and my hope that yet again you will be with us for the coming year.

My special thanks to Meg who does all the photocopying, to the correspondents in each of the parishes and to Audrey who types up the material that needs it.

What does the new year bring? Well it won't bring an increase in price but it will, as we all knew bring an increase in Parish Share of just over 5.%. Such increases get tougher to find but they are part of the commitment to growth which Bishop Donald is leading and we all share.

There is a way in which this magazine and all its subscribers could help with this and at the same time get to know each other better. All parishes have a small number of crucial fund raising events which are pleasant activities in which to be involved. Virtually all of these which occur in the South parishes of the Benefice get promoted and reported upon in the appropriate issue. That should be a spur to all of us to support each other in what is done. If we developed that habit more would be raised, the benefice would become more of a team and the parish share increases would be that little bit more attainable.

So for 2015 I throw out this challenge. That we support each other more. Not much of what is going on in the north parishes gets the support or the reporting platform of this magazine but the opportunity is there-why not take it? Charles Wesley's hymn puts it better than I can:

**Help us to help each other Lord
Each other's cross to share
Let each our friendly aid afford
And feel each other's care.**

David.

Changes to the service pattern in December

Sunday 7 December

Carol Service 6:00pm at *Langham* (instead of WWR)

Sunday 14 December

Christingle 11:00am at *Ashwell* & 4:00pm at *Oakham*

Baptism 2:00pm at *Oakham*

Carol Services 4:00pm at *Teigh* 5:00pm at *Hambleton*, 6:00pm at *Market Overton*
(no morning services)

Wednesday 17 December

Carol Service 6:00pm at *Egleton*

Thursday 18 December

Town Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 7:30pm at *Oakham*

Sunday 21 December

Holy Communion 9am at *Teigh* (No evening service)

Chridtingle 9am *Market Overton* (No evening service)

Nativity Tableau 10:30am at *Oakham*

Carol Service 4:00pm at *Ashwell* (no morning service)

Carol Services 6:00pm at *Whissendine, Braunston & Brooke* (no morning services)

NO service at *Langham*.

Christmas Eve

Journey to Jesus 3:30pm at *Braunston*

Crib Services 4:00pm at *Oakham, Whissendine & Langham*

Crib Service 6:00pm at *Market Overton*

Holy Communion 9:00pm at *Hambleton*

Midnight Communion 11:00pm at *Langham*, 11:15pm at *Whissendine*
& 11:30pm at *Oakham*

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8:00am at *Oakham & Brooke*

Holy Communion 9:00am at *Teigh* & 9:15am at *Egleton*

Holy Communion 10:00am at *Oakham*, 10:30am at *Ashwell & Market Overton*
& 11:00am at *Braunston*

Sunday 28 December

Holy Communion 8:00am & 10:30am at *Oakham*

NO other services in the Team

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The first Christingle Service was held on Christmas Eve, 1747, at Marienborn in what was then Moravia. The Pastor, John de Watteville, encouraged the children to take their Christingle home to relight it and place in their cottage window to show the light of Christ to passers by.

Christingle means 'Christ-light'

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The Lighted Candle represents God's love in sending Jesus, 'the Light of the World' to be with us always.

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To shine abroad through Christmas night,
That those who pass may see its glow,
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Oakham and Braunston Mothers' Union

The speaker for our November meeting was **John**. He was accompanied by his black Labrador Poppy --- his hearing dog for the deaf. Deafness is a lonely, isolating and anxious condition. Having a hearing dog helps towards independence, increasing confidence, and it provides companionship. There are almost 10 million people in the UK who are deaf, or have hearing loss, and 800,000 who are profoundly deaf.

Tony Blunt, and **Dr. Bruce Fogel**, a veterinary surgeon who saw hearing dogs at work in America, founded "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf". It was launched at Crufts in 1982. In 1986, the first training centre opened in Oxfordshire, and by 1990, 100 dogs had been trained. Princess Anne became Patron in 1992. In 1994, a second training centre, the Beatrice Wright Centre, opened in Cliff in Yorkshire, moving to Bielby, Yorks. in 2008.

Headquarters moved to Saunderton in Buckinghamshire in 2002. By 2010, 16,000 dogs had been trained. It was hoped to raise £30,000 to celebrate 30 years in 2012 but, in fact, £75,000 was the total achieved.

The Society breeds its own dogs, or sources them from reputable breeders. Spaniels, Labradors, poodles and retrievers are used. Trainers are called "Puppy Socialisers". Sound work training takes 18 weeks. The dogs learn to alert their owners to the sounds of the doorbell, smoke alarm, cooker timer, alarm clock, baby alarm and the telephone (which for a deaf person, is fitted with a loop system, to connect with a hearing aid). Each dog is matched with a suitable recipient, who stays at the training centre for a week in order to become familiar with the dog. It takes £45,000 to breed and train a hearing dog. The waiting list for receiving a dog is 5 years.

Hearing dogs can also be provided for deaf children, from 9 years and older. The work of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf ultimately helps to enrich people's lives. Hearing dog owners will testify that the dog provides not only companionship but also visibility, to an otherwise invisible disability.

The next MU meeting is due to be held on Thursday, 11th December, at 2.15 p.m. This will be the **Christmas Meeting**, and The Reverend Canon Lee Francis Dehqani has kindly agreed to celebrate Holy Communion.

A. Bush

BISHOP JOHN writes

Waiting for God

My favourite conference centre, Lee Abbey in North Devon, has a wonderful view looking out across the Bristol Channel. Whenever I stay there on retreat, I wake up early to see the dawn. Gradually the blackness turns to grey, then you can see the whiteness of the sea spray, then the autumnal browns, then sheep in the green fields opposite and eventually the blue sky and what should be the blue sea, but being the Bristol Channel it's actually brown! It is absolutely beautiful and always inspires me.

Waiting for the dawn is a lovely image of this Advent season, as we prepare to remember Jesus' first coming at Christmas, look forward to his return in glory and walk with him day by day in the present.

Advent has been called "the season for people who really long for God". That's my kind of season and I pray that we may be that kind of people.

A rabbi once asked his students how you could tell that the dawn had finally arrived. One suggested that it's when you can see clearly that an animal in the distance is a lion not a leopard. No. Another offered is it when you can see that a tree bears figs and not peaches? No. Then the rabbi answered: "it is when you can look on the face of another person and see that man or woman is your sister or brother. Because until you are able to do so, no matter what time of day it is, it is still night".

This Advent, our world is deeply troubled. There is much darkness, despair and human division. As we long for God and His Kingdom of peace, may we be able to see Jesus in the faces of all our brothers and sisters.

May I wish you a Hope-filled Advent and a Happy Christmas.

With my love and prayers,

+John

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Bishop has it all sewn up!

Bishop John got it just sew recently by making a colourful girl's dress out of a surplus pillowcase. He plans to take it and a consignment of others to Bungoma in Kenya next year. Under the watchful needle-eye of seamstress Frances Townsend he soon cottoned on to the technique, cutting round the pattern, sewing the hems and stitching labels and lace at Whitefriars Church in Rushden.

It was in aid of the local "Dress a Girl" project, which uses re-cycled materials. Originating with Christians in the United States, it was taken up by Irene Alford and Frances in 2012 when they began a two-hour workshop for local people on the Whitefriars estate. Since then the sewing circle has threaded its way around the diocese and beyond. Irene is shortly due to lead a day for an international IT company which has chosen "Dress a Girl" for its nominated charity.

The project has added shorts and bags as well as dresses to its repertoire. And recently they've drawn in people who prefer knitting to make "fish and chip" clothes for new-born babies. Children in some developing countries are wrapped in newspaper at birth; little woollen tops and hats are more attractive, reusable, warmer and very easy to knit.

"I've found people are very willing to do something with their time rather than just give money", Irene says. "At first people don't think much of the idea of making dresses out of pillowcases because they think of off-white ones. But with all the colourful materials available, these garments could be worn by children of all ages in many cultures".

Nothing is wasted. Unwanted or surplus pillowcases, curtains, duvet covers, even T-shirts are all utilised. (Men's T-shirts can be turned into children's shorts, apparently.) Scraps of ribbon, lace and offcuts of material are collected and used to decorate and accessorize the products. Recently they were given a consignment of sports kit made redundant when a school changed its uniform. They were able to ship it to a new sports college in Africa.

Clothes made in the diocese have found their way via friends, family and mission agencies, to many African countries, India and the Philippines. The ideal, says Irene, is for travellers to take some with them in their suitcase to use as gifts.

Bishop John survived without even pricking his finger, but took a little longer than the 30 minutes or so that the experienced dressmakers need to run up each dress. "It's a wonderful and imaginative project", he said. "It's so simple, so inexpensive, and yet so incredibly useful. It will make a real difference to children in many parts of the world."

Contact Irene Alford on 01933 350908 for further details

Braunston News

Service Pattern for December

Sun Dec 7 th	11.am	Holy Communion
Sun Dec 14 th	11am	Morning Praise
Sun Dec 21 st	6pm	Carols by Candlelight
Wed Dec 24 th	3.30	Journey to Jesus (Starts in church)
Th. Dec 25 th	11.am	Christmas Communion
Sun Dec 28 th		No service.

Advent Charity Challenge

Once again the “little red bucket” will be on its rounds raising money for the “Send a Cow” project. Your generous giving of small coins (others also gratefully accepted) will assist us in maintaining our efforts to support this direct help approach to the very real problems in Africa. What we give doesn’t just feed them it helps them to improve their ability to feed themselves.

Once again, in anticipation., I thank you for your support.

David.

Journey to Jesus

Your memories will remind you how compelling and joyful this village event is. Be a part of it again but wrap up warmly because, although it starts in church at **3.30pm** we walk to several sites around the church area and finish up at the Village hall. The proceeds of this great reminder of the birth of Jesus will also go to our “Save the Cow” efforts.

Bongo.

Got your tickets yet for the coming year?

The first draw will be in this month but even if you miss it tickets will still be available but with only 11 draws to participate in each ticket bought after the draw will cost you £11

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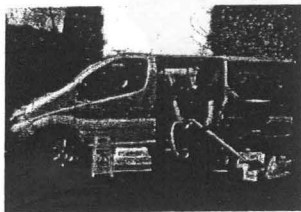
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*The journey begins at
All Saints Church Braunston
Christmas Eve 3.30pm*



*Seasonal Refreshments
in the Village Hall
afterwards*



*Make sure you are warmly dressed
as we shall be going outside*

BROOKE NEWS

Along with many others from the parishes of the Oakham Team Ministry we attended the special evensong at Langham church on Sunday 19th October 2014 to sadly say goodbye to the Revd Audrey. It was a delightful service with singing, readings, memories and presentations, one of which was a book of recollections and photographs of St Peter, Brooke and its parishioners. After reflecting on her time with us at Brooke Harold Killingback presented Audrey with the book which had been beautifully prepared by Derek Harrington.

A last minute change of venue for the recent PCC meeting had to be made and it was held instead at Rose Cottage, Brooke. The Revd Dominic chaired the meeting and preparations were made for the forthcoming annual Christmas Coffee Morning on 4th December at Sheila and Derek Harringtons and the Candlelit Carol Service on 21st December. The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 24th February 2015 and the AGM on Tuesday 24th March 2015.

This year our Act of Remembrance was held at the 8am communion service taken by Revd Dominic where the lives and sacrifices of all those lost in war were brought to mind but especially the three men of Brooke Pte Joseph Royce died 27th Sept 1915, Pte Stanley H Burfield died 13th October 1915 and Dvr Herbert Molyneux died 22nd July 1917.

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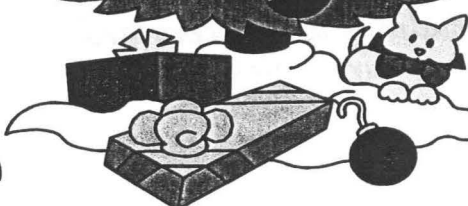
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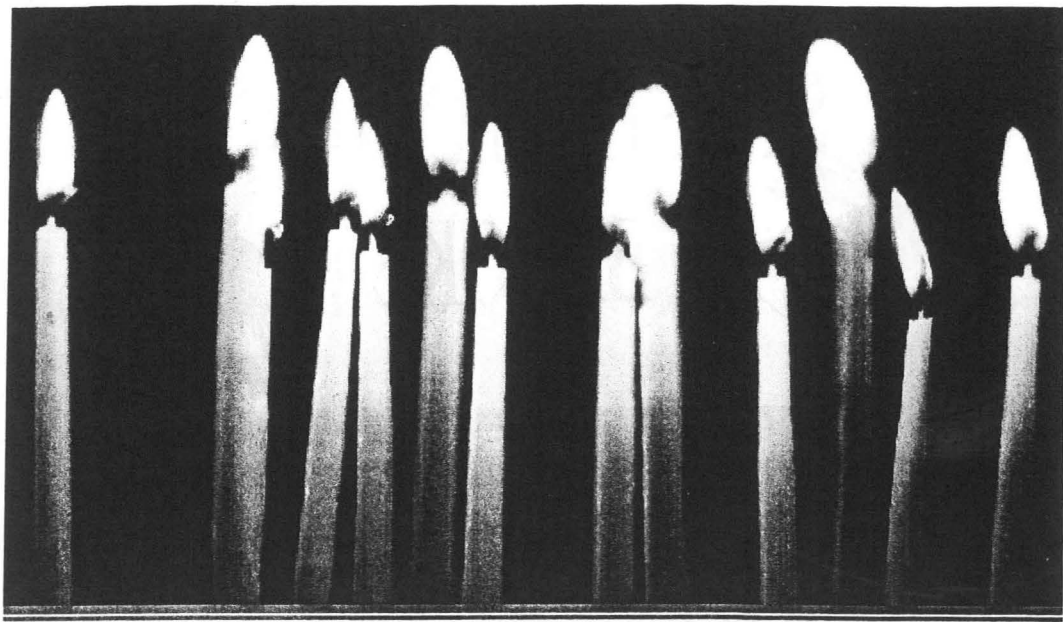
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The Christmas Carol Service will aim to enhance its long esteemed tradition in St. Edmund's Church on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th at 6.00 p.m. This time-honoured, dearly loved commemoration of Jesus' Nativity – "born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth .." has a cordial welcome to extend to all St. Edmund's people – past and present, old and young, near and far.

To enlarge our parish-wide sense of grand occasion and seasonal delight, the evening's **Service of Lessons and Carols** will be succeeded by the service of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies: who could ask for more – in quality, if not in quantity?

CHRISTMAS DAY, too, has its own inimitable character for us to cherish. At 9.15 a.m. St. Edmund's will hail the coming of one and all to "hark, the herald angels sing **GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!** – and to echo every note of praise for ourselves!

In the late Seventies, embarked on yet another fresh, itinerant assignment within a Church's ministry, I found I had inherited a role, distinctly new, as Bell Ringer! Just one bell, which tolled each Sunday morning, to draw together the residents of the Psychiatric Hospital – where now I was a Visiting Chaplain. My enlightening career there continued for six years; an experience un-paralleled as a Pastor, and as a Sexton, too, until I ventured into St. Edmund's parish of Egleton!

My experience 'in the belfry' has extended far longer in the course of summoning St. Edmund's faithful folk to his lovely Church. However, thirty years on, I still control just one Bell! But still, my pleasure in such an estimable assignment has never yet palled; not in its holy significance nor in its melodious rewards!

A contemporary, 20th century Poet, **Leonard Clark**, has, over the years, upheld every sense of high purpose and lofty praises rung, ever since I read his endearing lines

I heard bells ringing,
Suddenly all together, one wild, intricate figure,
A mixture of wonder and praise
Climbing the winter-winged air in December

And felt their message brimming over with love,
Watering my cold heart,

Until, as over all England hundreds of towers trembled
Beneath the force of Christmas rolling out,
I knew, as shepherds and wise men knew,
That all sounds had been turned into one sound,
A SINGLE GOLDEN BELL.
Repeating, as knees bowed, the name, EMMANUEL.



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Neville Ashton

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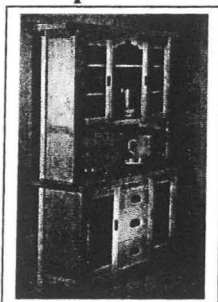
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The Rutland Concert Band will be performing in Langham church at 7.30 on December 13th. It is always a most enjoyable evening with them, but even more special just up to the Christmas. There will be refreshments in the interval.

Carol Service December 7th 6.00p.m. with the Laudamus Choir.

The Crib Service will take place at 4.00p.m. Christmas Eve, with carols. All children are, as usual, invited to come dressed as part of the Nativity Scene. The Communion service will be the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The Tower Bell-ringers have their annual service on New Year's Day, 11.30a.m. All are welcome.

November will have been a particularly busy month in the parish with Craft Fairs and the Christmas tree and Crib festival. The latter has been a huge organisational project that included continuous live entertainment for the Saturday and the Sunday – including organ recitals, hand bells, school choir, church choir and instrumental items. Inevitably we pray it may have raised enough funds to keep our church solvent.



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HAMBLETON NEWS

On Saturday, 18th October the Wedding of *Victoria Griffin* and *Benjamin Tipper* took place at St Andrew's Church. The Service was conducted by *Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani*, the organ was played by *Robert Gower* and *Araminta Mathias* and her team rang the bells.

At 7pm on Thursday, 4th December Hambleton Hall Hotel will be hosting a Christmas Musical Concert at St Andrew's Church with 'Reverie' Choir. Please contact Hambleton Hall Hotel (01572) 756991.

Hambleton village will be holding our Carol Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday, 14th December at 5pm. The Service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

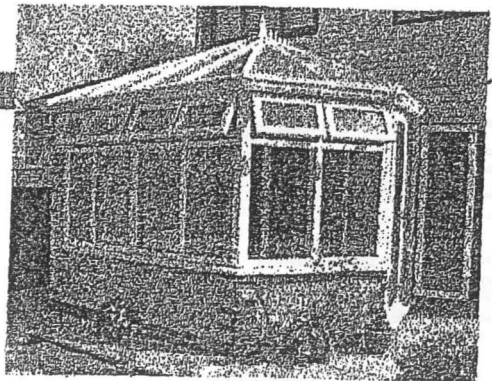
The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 9pm.

Mrs Louise Everett

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HAMBLETON ROLL OF HONOUR

1914-18

Lt Col Leonard Ashworth, 30th Brigade Royal Field Artillery (Howitzer), whose first wife was Phyllis Cooper of Hambleton Hall. Died of his wounds in London in March 1918, aged 47, and buried in Hambleton churchyard.

Pte George Baines, formerly Northamptonshire Regiment, 3080, then Army Cyclists Corps. Born in Hambleton to George and Susan Baines, and presumed dead at Soissons in France in May 1918, aged 19. George had 9 brothers and sisters and 7 half brothers and sisters (see below).

Pte Herbert Baines, 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, 7589. Born in Hambleton to George Baines and his first wife, Jane. Died March 1915 in France (Le Touret) aged 29.

Pte Alfred Hibbitt, 6th Battalion King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry) 27264. Born in Hambleton to Alfred and Eliza Hibbitt. Died September 1916, on the Somme, aged 30.

Percy Higgins, civilian driver working for the British Red Cross and St John Ambulance. Born to Tom and Sarah Higgins at Barnsdale in 1896. Died in France.

Pte Arthur Pawlett, 7th Leicestershire Regiment 20679. Born to John and Annie Pawlett in Oakham, died on the Somme in July 1916 aged 24.

Lance Cpl John Pawlett, Leicestershire Regiment 241531. Presumed nephew of John Pawlett, as above (full names identical but not dates of birth). Born to David and Emma Pawlett in Oakham. Died in France, December 1917, aged 29.

Pte Albert Preston, 8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment 15228. Born in Hambleton to Josiah and Mary Preston. Died the day after Arthur Pawlett on the Somme in July 1916, aged 24.

OAKHAM NEWS

OPEN HOUSE 2014



All welcome

Tuesday, 9th December

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FROM OAKHAM PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS

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16th November

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“We welcome her into the fellowship of the Church family”

Burial Office in Church

23rd October

Maria Dennis

“May she rest in peace”



Women's World Day of Prayer

The next event is the **Discovery Day** at the Methodist Church on Friday, 23rd January 2015. Please tell me if you would like to come. It should be good! Further details in the January Magazine.

Christine Carlin

Tel: 722698

HAVE A HAPPY
CHRISTMAS



Friends All Saints' Tide Lunch: Harbour Bar & Restaurant, Rutland Water 30th October, 2014

The first All Saints' Tide Dinner was in 1994 at the Old Plough, Braunston, attended by 27 members. This was the venue for several years, but as numbers grew, other venues were visited including Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, Greetham Valley Golf Club, Oakham School, Victoria Hall and Normanton Park.

A number of notable guests attended in the early days – Ian Cundy, Bishop of Peterborough; Sir Michael Latham M.P. and Tony Little, then Headmaster of Oakham School, later Head of Eton. For the last three years the venue has been the Harbour Bar & Restaurant, Whitwell, and the dinner has become a lunch, which is much more convenient and popular, avoiding the cold wintry nights.

Sixty people attended the lunch, with many more on the reserve list. The two-course meal was enjoyed, with coffee or tea to follow. As usual, the service was excellent and, even on a dull day, the view was striking. It was good to be amongst our friends and the spirit of companionship was strong.

An illustrated talk by Mr. Tony Bradley gave a very good insight into the work of the Leicestershire, Derbyshire & Rutland Air Ambulance Service, which is entirely self-funded. At the end of the talk Beryl presented Tony with a cheque for £185, collected at a recent coffee morning. Additional donations were given at the door as people left.

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MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Thank you to all soloists who have entertained us during this term.

December

3rd *Adam Hebditch* *Trumpet*

10th *(Oakham School)* *Pianists*

We wish Oakham School a Happy Holiday and look forward to their return on 14th January, 2015.

Meanwhile, we have arranged the following:-

December

17th *The Catmose College*

January

7th *Stephen Tatlow* *Piano*

You will note we have no recitals on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. All welcome.
Retiring collection for Church Funds. We look forward to seeing you.

Details of all Recitals from:-

Kevin Slingsby *Christine Carlin*
Tel: 07973 215 444 *Tel: 722698*
www.oakhamconcerts.info



Rutland Choral Society

Wonderful Christmas

Saturday, 13th December

7.30 p.m.

All Saints Church

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from choir members, Music&More 01572 460000 or wegottickets.com



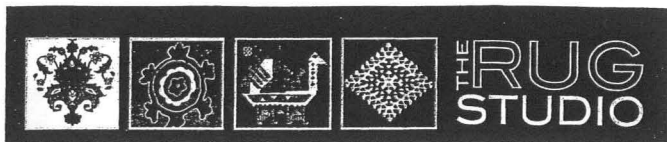
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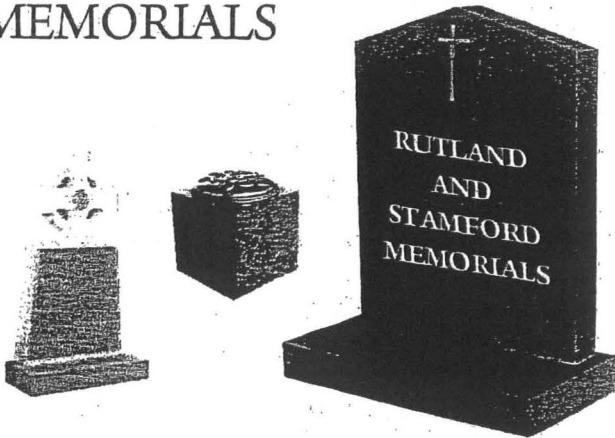
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Diary Dates December

Reg.	Date		
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
		7.30pm	Carer's Choir Family Centre C of E School Burley Road
Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
		1.45pm	Rejuvenating Choir The Barn Restaurant Oakham
Wed		11.00am	Visionary Vocals The Admiral Hornblower Oakham
		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
		7.00pm	The Barn Owl Singers The Barn Restaurant 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
Tues	2nd	2.00pm	Carol Service @ Rutland Memorial Hospital Chaplain: Rowena Bass invites you all to join them.
Thur	4 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning Rose Cottage Brooke
Sun	7 th		Advent 2
		6.00pm	St Peter & St Paul Langham Carol Service
Tues	9 th	10.00am	Open House: 3 Peterborough Avenue.
Wed	10th	10.00am	MU corporate Communion St John and St Anne
Thurs	11 th	2.15pm	Oakham and Braunston MU. All Saints Church Hall Communion Service and Christmas Entertainment
Fri	12th		Last day for copy for the January issue.
		7.30pm	Three Arts Music Group: Desert Island Discs. Methodist Church Hall Northgate: Dr Laurence Howard
Sat	13th	7.30pm	Wonderful Christmas: All Saints Oakham Rutland Choral Society: Tickets £8. (Tel: 460000)
		13 th	The Rutland Concert Band: St Peter , St Paul Langham
Sun	14th		Advent 3
Wed	17 th	6.00pm	St Edmund Eggleton Carol Service.
Sun	21 st		Advent 4 Carol Services at Braunston, Brooke
Fri	24 th	3.30pm	Journey to Jesus: Starts in church: See Poster for Detail
		4.00pm	St Peter and St Paul Langham Crib Service.
Thur	25th		Happy and Joyful Christmas to everyone

Fri	26 th		St Stephen
Sat	27 th		St John
Sun	28 th		The Holy Innocents
Jan	1st	11.30am	A Happy New Year to everyone! St Peter and St Paul Langham: Bell Ringer's Service.

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Church	Week	8am	¹ 9:00am ² 9:15am	¹ 10:30am ² 11:00am	4:00pm	6:00pm
Oakham	1,2,4	HC(T)		¹ HC		ES
	3	HC(T)		¹ FSB/FC*		
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			² HC		
	3				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			² HC		
	2			² MA		
	4				C@4	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		² HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		² HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3,4			² HC		
	2	HC(B)		² FS		
Teigh	1		¹ MA			
	2		¹ HC(B)**			
	3					ES
	4		¹ HC(B)			
Ashwell	1					ES
	2		¹ HC(B)**			
	3			² FS		
	4			² HC		
Market Overton	1,4		¹ HC			
	2					ES
	3		¹ FS			

HC – Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language)

HC(T) – Holy Communion (Common Worship Traditional Language)

HC(B) – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

FS/FSB – Family Service/Family Service with Baptism (not Communion)

C@4 – Church@4 (For all ages, with activities, simple worship & food)

MA/ES – Matins/Evensong

WWR – Word, Worship & Response (Contemporary worship)

* FSB even months / FC odd months with Baptism at 12:15pm

** at Teigh in seven months / at Ashwell in odd months

Fifth Sundays – usually Team Communion at one of the Churches (see the weekly pewsheets or website for details – www.oakhamteam.org.uk)