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Happy New Year!

It's the middle of December and I don't find writing for something that's going out in the future that easy, especially not when Christmas falls in-between. Have you recovered enough to be able to think back to the middle of December? At the moment I'm trying to keep my promise to myself that Christmas will be Christ centred despite all the rushing around and last minute 'challenges', not to mention my fervent prayers for good weather and a complete cast for Journey to Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Anyway enough of past-times, the 2014 chapter of our lives has ended and Chapter 2015 has already begun. We can do nothing to change the past except perhaps reflect on what has happened in the past year and how our experiences might influence us in this year to come. Actually there's plenty to reflect on. Hopefully we've all got happy memories to treasure, to remember. But last year, as we remembered the centenary of World War I, there must be many shared memories. For me, one of the most enduring will be the Tower of London poppies. That carpet of red, such a poignant reminder not only of the numbers of soldiers who were killed but also how short-lived their lives were. We didn't want the poppies to be dismantled but we had to let them go just as the soldier's lives had gone.

Our memories are the threads which we take with us as we continue on into this New Year, the things that shape us.

Remembering is important to us, it always has been. The Psalms are full of memories. Memories of better times, memories of the mighty things God had done for his people. They are recalled and used as encouragement through the present threats and dangers they were facing.

But what of 2015? Any good author would have at least an outline for each chapter of the book they're writing. So, I'm

sure, do we, as we look forward to the year ahead, the next chapter of our lives. However, unlike an author, we know only too well from our past experiences that we can never be sure that this new chapter will go according to our plans. We are not the authors of our future; we are not in complete control of future events; we do not have the final say; God alone knows the exact details of what our future holds. In order to face up to these uncertainties, perhaps one of the most important things to do would be to follow the example of the Psalmists by looking back over the past year and recognising how God was at work in our lives; amazing 'God instances', or when somehow we managed to carry on through bad times because he was beside us; by doing this to understand that we are never alone and, whatever happens, our lives have a purpose and God wants to be there at the centre of them.

At the Bishop's Conference last November, Bishop Donald took the following text to encourage us to believe that we can be part of Jesus' mission for the world, because it is happening and it will continue to happen until he returns in glory.

Jesus said: 'And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.' Matthew 16:18

I don't see myself as anything like a rock, rather, in the great scheme of things, a very small pebble. However, even small pebbles glued together with faith, love and trust can do a great deal in being part of the building plan, even holding larger stones together more strongly.

So, although, I can't be certain of what 2015 has in store, I'm determined to be part of Jesus' building programme. What about you, are you ready to help build Jesus' church?

Gail Rudge Licensed Evangelist

FIRST WORLD WAR CAUALTIES FROM OAKHAM TEAM BENEFICE

Month by Month "LEST WE FORGET"

JANUARY

Oakham

Pte. Richard Adcock 2nd. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment aged 23 (1915)

Pte. Albert Beaver 2nd. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment aged 25 (1916) Pte. Henry Richardson 1/5th. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment aged 19 (1916)

Captain Richard Tryon 2nd. Btn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps (1915)

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Pte. John Holmes 6/7th. Btn. Royal Scots Fusiliers aged 35 (1920) Pte. Francis Gibson 2nd. Btn Highland Light infantry aged 18 (1917) 2/Lt. Joseph Rodgers 1st. Btn. The Coldstream Guards aged 35 (1915)

Barleythorpe

Pte Bryan Smith 2nd Btn. Coldstream Guards aged 28 (1917)

FIRST WORLD WAR CAUALTIES FROM OAKHAM TEAM BENEFICE

Month by Month "LEST WE FORGET"

DECEMBER

Oakham

L/Cpl. William Batts 1/4th. Btn. The Hampshire Regiment aged 32 (1916)

Pte. Nathaniel Booth 1st. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment

aged 23 (1915)

L/Cpl. George Bennett 7th. Btn The South Staffordshire Regiment aged 25 (1916)

Sapper Ernest Billings 7th. Division Company, Royal Engineers aged 22 (1918)

Pte. John Hudson 6th. Btn. The Northamptonshire Regiment aged 31 (1918)

Lt.Colonel Henry McNeile (1st.) Royal Dragoons aged 43 (1915)

R.S.M. John H. Davenport 5th Btn. Leicestershire T.F. aged 41 (1918)

Hambleton

L/Cpl. John Pawlett 1/5th. Leicestershire Regiment (1917)



Raising funds in the community to provide advice on Cancer, Dementia and other long term illnesses

For Rutland-In Rutland is an organisation raising funds in the community to provide advice on Cancer, Dementia and other long term illnesses. FR-IR was launched at the Rutland County Show in June, as the President's Charity for 2014 and is the chosen charity for this year's Mayor of Oakham, Cllr Jayne Woodcock. The steering group involved includes Elizabeth Mills and Trish Ruddle as Fundraisers, John Ross Aylward (Rutland and Melton Cancer Support Group) Jim Bolton (The Karen Ball Fund) Margaret Demaine (Dementia Friends) along with 2 representatives from the Rutland Citizen's Advice Bureau – all people passionate about Rutland and what goes on in Rutland and the surrounding Community.

The first priority is to raise money for the Rutland Wellbeing Partnership based at Rutland CAB, which is based here in Rutland on the main street of Oakham. It offers an advice and information service to meet the needs of those in our community who suffer, or care for, people suffering from Cancer, Dementia and other long term illnesses.

The service offers tailored, individual help and support with financial, welfare, transport and hospital car parking charges. As this adviser is based in Oakham (Julie Emberton at the Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau -01572 757420) advice can be given without having to leave the County.

During the first 6 months of the project, she was able to secure £146,748 for clients – either through benefit gain or grant funding, to help patients or their carers relieve the financial consequences of their illnesses.

There is no need for patients and carers to cope alone by storing up medical and financial worries for themselves. The Rutland Wellbeing Partnership, funded by For Rutland-In Rutland, has many confidential connections which will enable satisfactory answers to the majority of patient's problems.

For Rutland-In Rutland knows where all our money goes and how it is spent.

If you would like anymore information on the charity or would like to raise funds in someway, please contact Trish Ruddle on 01572 724400 or Elizabeth Mills on 01572 723777. However, if you need advice or information on the service available please contact Julie Emberton on 01572 757420.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday 24th January, 2015 8.30 am, at the Victoria Hall

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Meeting Jesus at the Rutland Food Bank

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Oakham and Braunston Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union monthly Christmas meeting was held on Thursday 11th December in the Church Hall. The Revd Canon Lee celebrated Holy Communion with us, and this was followed by refreshments of sandwiches and mince pies, accompanied by a quiz set by David Dyer. The solutions to the questions were all English towns...two members shared the prize for the most correct answers. Everyone there had a very enjoyable afternoon. We closed the meeting with the Grace, and we all look forward to the annual New Year lunch on Thursday 8th January in the Church Hall. If you wish to attend (cost £5 each) please contact Meg Dyer (Telephone 01572 771564). Please come if you can, and as usual new members and visitors will be welcomed. I hope you have all had a very Happy Christmas.

Braunston News

What better way to start the New Year than to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year and to say a very big thank you to all who have contributed to the to the life of this magazine and the church during this year.

- Thank you to those who have written something for the magazine during 2014.
- Thank you to those who have distributed the magazine around the village in 2014.
- Thank you to all who have supported All Saints in its charitable giving for Water Aid, Christian Aid, Send a Cow, Helen and Douglas House, and the Rutland Food Bank.
- Thank you to all who have assisted our efforts to support and fund the life of the church during 2014.
- Thank you to the ministry team for their leadership.
- Thank you to members of the PCC who have worked so consistently during the year
- Thank you to all who have read or interceded in church, helped to clean it and decorate it or to maintain it and the churchyard during the year.
- Thank you to the Tower Captain and his team for both the bells they ring and their care of the tower.
- Thank you to our team of organists.

Lists like this are dangerous since there will always be someone who is forgotten in the process. If I have missed anyone out a big thank you to you too!

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BROOKE NEWS

The morning of Thursday 4th December saw an unusual number of folk heading to Brooke where they all gathered at Rose Cottage, the home of Derek and Sheila Harrington who once again kindly hosted our annual Christmas Coffee Morning. For the small donation of £1 everyone enjoyed coffee and delicious mince pies in front of a blazing log fire along with plenty of chatter and amicable discussion with friends and visitors. Along with the popular raffle there was a great variety of homemade produce and crafts to purchase from tables laden with marmalade to mufflers, candles to cakes and books to bags.

A very successful and enjoyable morning was had by all and once more it produced an extremely pleasing amount for our church funds. Many thanks to our hosts, to all who helped with washing up etc, serving or donating goods and of course to all the friends and visitors who attended. We look forward to seeing you all again next year and maybe by now you will have all attended and enjoyed our Candlelit Carol Service.

A few weeks ago the visitor's book recorded an interesting entry from a retired vicar of St Peter, Brooke, Norfolk. My road atlas tells me that although there are several Brooks spelt without an 'e' in Britain there is only one other spelt with an 'e' and that is the conservation village of Brooke about seven miles south of Norwich and coincidently also with a church dedicated to St Peter.

We hope you have all had a merry, peaceful and blessed Christmas and can look forward to a happy and healthy 2015.

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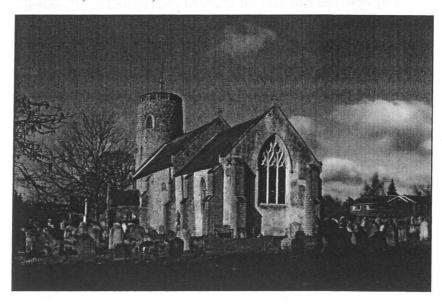
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HAMBLETON NEWS

On Sunday, 30th November *Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani*, conducted the St Andrew's Day Service at St Andrew's Church, Hambleton.

At 7pm on Thursday, 4th December Hambleton Hall Hotel hosted its Annual Christmas Musical Concert at St Andrew's Church with the 'Reverie' Choir. The Conductor was *Robbie Jacobs* and he was joined by six female and six male singers as well as four musicians. Carols included; traditional ones such as; Once in Royal David's City, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks and O Little Town of Bethlehem and more unusual ones such as Flecha, Riu Riu Chiu and Gabrielli, Hodie Christus Natus Est. The Church, which had been beautifully decorated for Christmas by Hambleton Hall, was full to capacity with both hotel guests and Hambleton villagers. £1,700 from the event went to the Church Repair Fund.

Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani conducted our Christingle Service at 5pm on Sunday, 14th December. Gail Griffin had made the Christingles which are a Moravian custom, and were handed out to all the children in the congregation. Once again, the church was full to capacity with members of the village and their family and friends. Susie Gibbeson, Louise Everett, Helen Sugden and Joshua and Toby Coulson all did Readings.

Robert Naylor and Richard Foulkes did a Collection for The Children's Society which raised £389.30. The organ was played by Robert Gower and Araminta Mathias and her team rang the bells. The Service was followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 9pm.

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LANGHAM NEWS

December was a particularly festive month for the village. There was an early, well attended, Carol Service with the Laudamus Choir.

The following week was the Christmas Tree Festival with over 40 beautifully decorated trees filling the church with light and colour. The village school children came to a preliminary viewing, each entering the door with gasps of surprise. Crafts and meals ran at the village hall. Throughout the weekend there was live music from organists, instrumentalists (children and adults), hand-bells, choirs and soloists. The competition for the best tree was won yet again by the WI. The choir tree carol identification competition was won by Rosemary Gregory (aged 6 with the help of grandfather - an amazing 17 out of 18 correct) followed by Emma Duckering – both of Langham.

Next there was the Rutland Concert Band who performed a wonderful programme of Christmas music to a packed church.

Finally there will be the Crib Service and midnight Mass. Carol singing in the pub has been arranged.

Now we look forward to our new incumbent coming. We have been grateful to the Team, especially Dominic, for covering the interregnum so seamlessly for us.

Our next event is on February 28th when we will welcome Gabriel Francis-Dehqani with his cello accompanied by Fraser Graham on the piano.

Services during January, apart from the Bell Ringers' New Years Day service at 11.30a.m. will follow the normal pattern.

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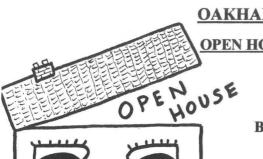
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14th December

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All Saints' Autumn Fayre

A huge thank you to all who helped to put up and take down the tables in the church and to the people who manned the stalls and served refreshments. Special thanks to all who contributed so generously by baking cakes and making preserves, gave items to sell at the Fayre and to those who came to spend their money. Stallholders were kept busy all morning and a happy and companiable time was enjoyed. £2,145.35 was raised (including proceeds from the sale of goods on the Market stall). Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the event so successful.

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MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Oakham School's Spring Arts Calendar has arrived. How auspicious is that? It is certainly worth reading. Our thanks to all their soloists during term time and to Catmose College for bringing our Lunchtime Recitals to a close in 2014.

The first Recital in 2015 is:

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7 th	Stephen Tatlow	Piano
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14 th	Morgan Overton	Piano

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Christine Carlin Tel: 722698

NB: The **SERVICE** will be on Friday, 6th March, 2015, at the Methodist Church.

Rockingham Castle Visited for a Truly Victorian Christmas.

Oh! What a joyous visit we had today to Rockingham Castle, on "Christmas Eve 1881". It was amazing that we all arrived safely, as thick fog enshrouded the whole of Rutland and much of Northamptonshire. Fortunately we all had sturdy steeds, safe carriages and reliable coachmen. On our return journey we were even more fortunate to be able to travel in convoy through the damp dark highways back to our estates in and around Oakham.

On arrival, several of the party went straight to the emporium while others sought shelter in the Castle's own tavern. Later arrivals huddled in the courtyard where they were greeted by our Fairy Godmother, the Castle guide, who soon attracted others of our party to welcome our excellent Chief and Only Organiser, "Lady" Beryl. As it was too cold and damp, with severely restricted visibility, to make a pre-prandial tour of the gardens, we were ushered into the dining area to thaw out, relax and enjoy each other's company before luncheon was due to be served. While thus waiting, some descended to the tavern to acquire liquid refreshment – the wiser (perhaps) selecting soft drinks and cordials, while others partook of mulled wine – a suitable warmer in the absence of posset.

Our Christmas luncheon was served on time. Sweets were either trifle (in straight–sided glasses) or Christmas pudding. Those who had chosen one dish cast envious eyes on the others' choice, and viceversa, for both sweets were excellent (not, of course, that any Friends of All Saints Church could ever actually be considered to suffer from envy!). After a final cup of tea or coffee, "Lady" Beryl divided the party into two groups, for tours of the Castle at 3.15 and 3.30 p.m.

respectively. Your correspondent was fortunate to be allocated to the latter party.

We were ushered into the servants' hall, where we were warmly greeted by the Governess, Miss Woods. She explained that the family were unable to greet us, as they were visiting in Belvoir Castle, but would return in time for the family celebrations later. She then regaled us about the structure, work and social activities of the staff and of her own role in educating the nephews and nieces of the owning family, who themselves had no children. She also gave us a brief history of the Castle, from its founding by William I, its abandonment by Henry VII, its renting by the Watson family from Henry VIII, its recreation as a Tudor mansion, its subsequent partial destruction and depredation during the Civil War, and its eventual restoration by later generations of the Watson family. She further embellished the story as she guided us through the various rooms.

In the kitchen, we were asked to be quiet to avoid disturbing cook who was taking a well-earned rest, perhaps enjoying a quiet seasonal tipple. Signs of her busy work were spread temptingly on the large table, but itchy fingers were kept well away. One of our party was invited to sound the gong – very gently. We could easily imagine how it could almost awake the dead if hit well and soundly!

On leaving the kitchen, we were entranced by the sketches by the

Dowager Lady of her children (and husband dozing behind a daily newspaper) drawn in the 1840s. Miss Woods bemoaned the potential loss of such skills by the recent development of photography, and indeed even of moving pictures!

In the Great Hall our Governess was delighted to show off both the new glass baubles from Germany, and the new candles on the Christmas tree, powered by ELECTRICITY! – but declared that she thought the old style candles might still be safer.

Passing through various corridors and the informal family dining room, and by the comfortable Library, we saw countless family portraits which form an excellent basis for telling the history of the Castle and its family.

Finally, in the Long Gallery, we learnt more of the various Christmas activities and entertainments, of treasures brought from abroad, and of visits by the recently deceased Mr Charles Dickens, who had left the family a signed photograph as a memento of many happy stays. So drew to a close a most enjoyable and highly entertaining and informative visit. New contacts and friendships were formed and older ones renewed. All in all, it is almost impossible to imagine a happier group of people from many different backgrounds than can be found in The Friends of All Saints Church, Oakham.

Thank you, Beryl, for organising such a great day.

26 November 2014

Another Guest Reports

Just after noon, on Wednesday 26th November, we drove through the dark, damp, mist to Rockingham Castle. From the courtyard, we went to the warm tea room where we enjoyed a tasty Christmas lunch, followed by coffee or tea.

The group of 36 was split into 2 small sets. We re-crossed the courtyard, and on entering the Castle were transported into the warmth of a Victorian Christmas Eve when our excellent guide was the knowledgeable governess, Miss Wood. In the servants' hall, we

learnt of the hierarchies of the family and staff. In the kitchen, the large table was covered with a wonderful array of delicacies ready for the morrow.

Along the corridor, we saw sketches of her children by the dowager as we stood by the steps used by Eleanor of Castile, wife of Edward I, to get to her private apartment. The great hall had been divided into two rooms, in the first of which was a large table prepared for the family meal. The tall Christmas tree was decorated with the "new" electric candles and "new" glass baubles from Germany. We passed the inviting-looking library en route to the panelled drawing room.

Lastly, we walked along the long gallery admiring its many attractions. Throughout the tour "our" governess maintained her period behaviour and speech and gave us detailed histories of the castle and its families.

After a tour of the shop, it was back to the cold, dark, damp present. A really worthwhile visit; thank you, Beryl.

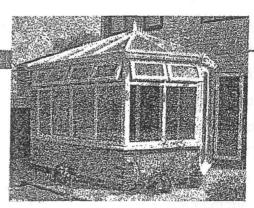
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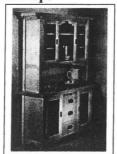
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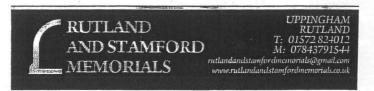


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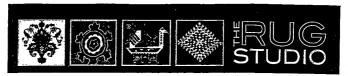
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Diary Dates January

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
	<u> </u>		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
		<u> </u>	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
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Wed	1 st		The Naming of Jesus
Sun	4 th		Epiphany Sunday
Tues	6 th		Epiphany
Thur	8 th	12.30	Mothers Union Lunch and AGM.
**			Everyone is welcome but please ring Meg on 771564
Sun	11 th		The Baptism of Jesus
Sun	18 th		Epiphany 2
Tues	20 th	10.00am	Open House 23 Brooke Road Oakham
Fri	23rd	10.00am	WWDP: Discovery Day. Oakham Methodist Church
Sat	24th	8.30am	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast, Victoria Hall
			Speakers from the Rutland Food Bank Team. Tickets £3
Sun	25 th		Conversion of St Paul
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Team Service Patterns and Times

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)		FSB/FC*		
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			² HC		
	3				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			² HC		
	2			² MA		
1	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	1,4		^T HC			
Overton	3					ES
	3		^T 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 neven months / at Ashwell in odd months

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