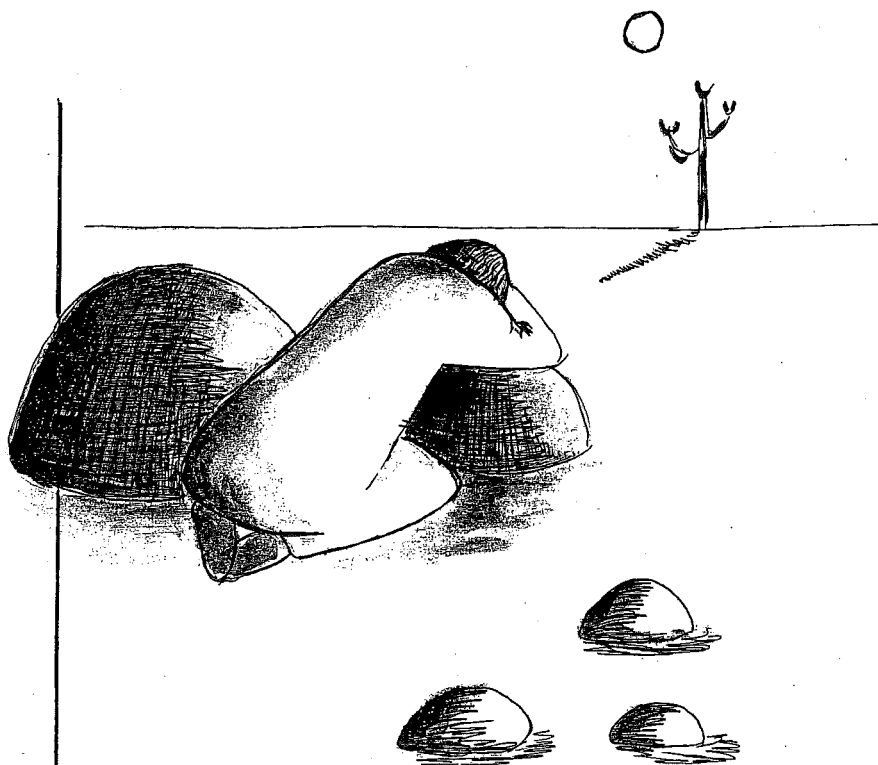


Good News:

60p

February 2015



“Man cannot live by bread alone, but
by every word that proceedeth from
the mouth of GOD” Matthew 4⁴

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**The Ven. Richard Ormston,
Archdeacon of Northampton**



Sat-Nav Candlemas

It's February, and around the world churches are celebrating Candlemas.
So what's that all about?

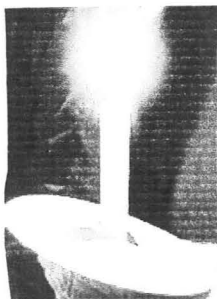
An event is described in Luke's Gospel when Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple forty days after his birth. They were going there as part of the rituals associated with childbirth. Once in the temple, Joseph and Mary meet an old man named Simeon, who takes Jesus in his arms and says; "Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace ... My own eyes have seen your salvation ... a Light to reveal you to the nations ..."

Candlemas celebrates the day that Jesus is proclaimed as being the light for the whole world.

Ever been lost in the dark? Peterborough to Daventry, with one headlight not working in the dark and the fog. Not ideal! In my defence, I was unaware the headlight wasn't working until I started. What made the journey easier? An Irish-accented Sat-Nav warning me of every twist and turn in the road. She's become a very good friend over the years! She got me safely to Daventry and then to Halfords the following day to buy a new bulb!

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Whatever darkness surrounds you today – he is your light.



Richard Ormston



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THE OAKHAM TEAM MINISTRY ON SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER*

APPOINTMENT OF TEAM VICAR

We are delighted to announce that, following interview and with the agreement of representatives of the Oakham Team Ministry (South) Parishes, Bishop Donald and Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani have invited the Reverend Canon Julie Hutchinson, currently Chaplain to Bishop Donald, to become a Team Vicar within the Oakham Team Ministry, with responsibility for the Team Ministry parishes of Braunston, Brooke, Egleton, Hambleton and Langham.

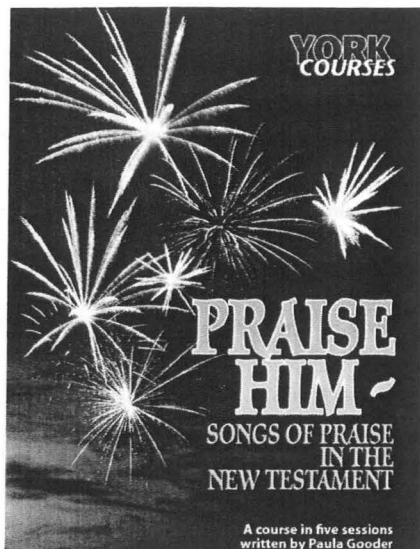
Julie has accepted this post and, subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures, she will be licensed by Bishop Donald to her new role on Tuesday 1 September at 7.30 pm.

Bishop Donald, Archdeacon Gordon and the Team Rector are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the team profile, all the arrangements for the interview day and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of these parishes in the service of Christ during this time. We ask for your prayers for Julie and Phillip, her husband, as they prepare for their return to Rutland, where they have lived and served before.

The Venerable Gordon Steele

Archdeacon of Oakham

Praise Him – Songs of praise in the New Testament



We are used to singing hymns of praise when we go to church but often we miss the hymns and poems that are there in the New Testament. This course will explore five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith.

An ecumenical course in five sessions written by Dr Paula Gooder ideal for Lent, yet not Lent-specific.

1. Gratitude (Ephesians 1.3-14)
2. Image of God (Colossians 1.15-20)
3. Humility (Philippians 2.5-11)
4. New birth (1 Peter 1.3-12)
5. Word made flesh (John 1.1-14)

The course booklet, written and introduced by New Testament scholar **Dr Paula Gooder** includes a good selection of questions at the end of each of the five sessions, designed to stimulate wide-ranging discussion.

The participants on the course CD are **Archbishop Justin Welby**, **Sister Wendy Beckett** and actor **David Suchet CBE**.

Methodist **Moira Sleight** provides the Closing Reflection at the end of each session.

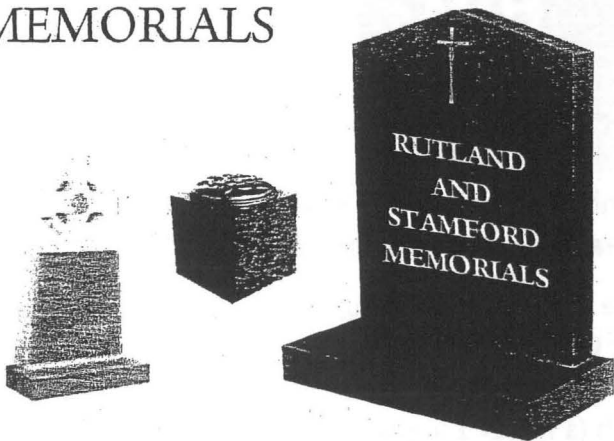
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Jack Climbed the Beanstalk. Oh, yes he did!

What a wonderful way to relax for a fun filled afternoon for children, parents and grandparents to have an afternoon at The Key Theatre, Peterborough, being entertained in a good old fashioned English way. Yes, Jack was played by a girl. There was singing, dancing, story -telling, jokes (of the cracker type) goodies and baddies, joining in, sitting down, standing up and treats for all.

Arranged by The Friends of All Saints 54 people from Oakham went to the Pantomime on January 3rd. including Sunday School members so I asked some of them what they thought .

Edward (11)

I liked the pantomime more than I thought I would! It was good that the people on stage made us all get involved. I liked shouting out and I liked getting our church mentioned at the end. It was a good afternoon.

Harriett (8)

The Panto was really fun. I liked all the people on stage. My favourite was Jack. The show was very funny especially the bit when the cow was moving the bucket and milking stall. I laughed a lot!

Florence (4)

Show was really fun, my best bit was all of it! I liked shouting at the stage and laughing. I didn't like the giant, he was scary and made me cry.

So the children liked it, the grown-ups liked it and it was smiles all round. What better way to start the New Year.

We will be doing it all over again next year on Saturday 2nd January.

Oh, yes we will!!

Beryl Kirtland

Oakham and Braunston Mothers' Union

On Thursday, 8th January, members gathered at the Church Hall, Oakham, at the earlier time of 1 p.m., possibly enticed by the promise of a special lunch before the AGM!

No-one was disappointed! A tasty beef stew and several wonderful trifles/crumbles had been made by and were served by Committee members. Greatly appreciated.

The AGM business was swiftly and efficiently taken care of.
Officers and Committee members re-appointed:-

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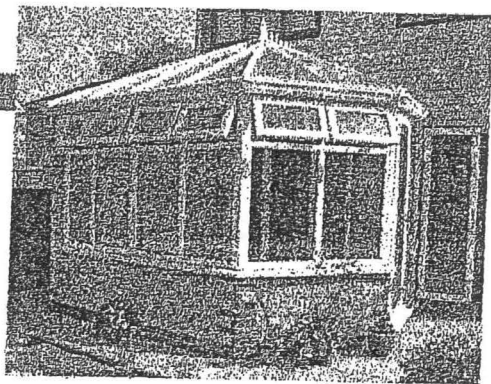
We hope you will be able to come to the next meeting, on Thursday, 12th February, at 2.15 p.m., in Oakham Church Hall, when Sheila Saunders will be speaking to us again.

Visitors always welcome. Please Join us.

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Braunston News

Journey to Jesus

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with Journey to Jesus on Christmas Eve and to all of you who came to join in. We really enjoyed doing it and we hope you did too.. It made a very special start to Christmas.

We have had all sorts of weather in the last six years but never before been blest with bright sunshine.-follow the sun rather than follow the star!.

Mothering Sunday March 15th

This year we are celebrating Mothering Sunday with a special Family Service in church at 11am. It will be a very relaxed occasion with activities and there will be Simnel cake and coffee from 10.30am onwards. We will be finished in plenty of time for you to go out for lunch.

Lent Courses

There are Lent Courses on several times during each week of Lent for you to join in. See details on the poster in the front of this issue. If you want to participate in any group please ring Alan and Gail on 755570. There is a Braunston Group on Monday evenings.

The Little Red Box in Lent.

Again this year we are collecting to support Water Aid. There are details on the notice board in church of the real needs and of what our contributions can achieve. The little red box will be in church for all services up to and including Easter Day. All contributions will be very gratefully received. We have supported them well in previous years and with your help we can do so again.

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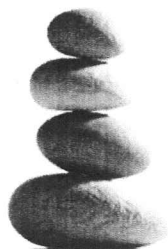
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BROOKE NEWS

On the bright clear night of Sunday 21st December 2014 in the ancient church of St Peter the bells were pealing, the organ playing and the church was aglow with candles and fairy lights ready to welcome everyone to our annual candlelit service of carols and readings. The Rev Dominic Coad led the service of well loved carols and readings which were read by Mary Brooks, Terry Greer, Joan Cooper, Ian McKelvey, Sue Tyers, Robert Eayrs and Cath McKelvey.

Afterwards the capacity congregation enjoyed delicious mulled wine made by Derek Harrington and a tasty selection of seasonal treats produced by the 'Brooke hospitality team'. A warm and friendly atmosphere filled the church for the next hour with the chatter and laughter of parishioners, friends and visitors.

Thank you to all who organised, played the organ, rang the bells, donated food/drink or who took part in this special Christmas service making it such a success and an enjoyable evening.

After this service the whole church was decorated for Christmas with evergreens, berries, candles and seasonal flowers making a wonderful sight to greet the congregation at the 8am communion on Christmas Morning. A good congregation enjoyed this service taken by the Rev Brian Nicholls, then after exchanging Christmas greetings it was home to cook the turkey and enjoy the day's festivities with family and friends.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th February 2015 and the APCM on Tuesday 24th March 2015, venues to be confirmed. This year the Ash Wednesday Service will be held at St Peter, Brooke on 18th February 2015 at 7.30pm.

I write this on a beautiful, sunny and not too cold winter's day but 146years ago in January 1869 Brooke must have been experiencing

heavy rainfall as an account in the Grantham Journal of 9th January 1869 shows.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—The friends of Mr. Jno. Baines, of Brooke Priory, will be glad to know that Mr. Baines is almost recovered from the serious accident which befel him on Monday last. It appears that he was walking round his grounds near the Priory, and when beside the brook, which has been greatly swollen by the late rains, he by some means got in, and could not extricate himself. Luckily a man, who noticed Mr. Baines's hat and dog, proceeded to the place, and he called to his assistance Mr. Allett, miller. Mr. Baines was then quickly got out, but life seemed fast ebbing. Nevertheless, with medical attention and kind care, the patient, as we have said, is progressing favourably.

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EGLETON NEWS

December 17th 2014 took on an adventurous dimension; it became the occasion to meet the **Reverend Canon Julie Hutchinson**, as she toured the Benefice – with bright intention and vital purpose – for one and all of us.

The happy consequence of our rendezvous with Canon Julie and her husband Philip is the announcement, with the blessing of Bishop Donald, that Julie is to bring her priestly ministries to the benefit of our whole Benefice and, in particular, to this southerly grouping of parishes – to which Egleton St. Edmund's right readily belongs! September, come quickly!

Our anticipation has been quickened by reports of Canon Julie's story so far! She was among the earliest Women Priests within the Church of England; her merits have earned recognition sufficient to become a Canon of Peterborough Cathedral and, moreover, to be appointed a Chaplain to Bishop Donald himself.

From this enlightening, impressive background, it is both pleasure and privilege to anticipate the arrival of Canon Julie and husband Philip, himself a Lay Reader, into our midst. Henceforth, September must hold a fresh bloom of significance!

But now, looking over the shoulder, our Egleton Christmas was altogether delightful: Carol Service was held in the evening of that same Day in which Canon Julie made a first acquaintance with us: Carols, adorned with Lessons from Scripture and other sources of hallowed wisdom, attracted a bumper congregation [by the Egleton gauge!] while the **Reverend Dr. Dominic** guided the gathered host of carolling worshippers with his own welcome, gentle brand of 'joie de vivre'.

Dominic came again to St. Edmund's on Christmas Day, to preach and to preside over Egleton's Christmas celebration of The Eucharist. It is a delight to record how this momentous occasion was shared by a larger congregation than any gathered since the demise of the parish's Midnight Communion – with its replacement by a Christmas Morning



celebration*"Mortals, mortals, wake and rise; see a wonder heaven is under, unto us is born a Sun; shines all night, though day be done!"*

Egleton's own resident prima-donna, **Susanna** of Longcroft Barn, added her own musical benediction to the festive worship; to the accompaniment of her near-neighbour, **Margaret Ashton**, Susanna sang Christina Rossetti's/Gustav Hoist's "In the Bleak Mid-winter..." as communicants came and went, to and fro the feasting at the Altar! Thus to enrich the sublime moment (s) which Christmas never fails to bring!

Belatedly – having missed editorial deadline a month ago – Egleton St. Edmund's extends every well-blessed good wish, throughout this New Year, to all Readers of GOOD NEWS, together with their neighbouring parishioners: *"Another year of progress, another year of praise; another year of proving Christ's presence all our days!"*

Neville Ashton



HAMBLETON NEWS

Hambleton's Christmas Eve Service was conducted by **Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani** at 9pm and was attended by over 50 people including a number of newcomers to the village. The collection went to the Church Repair Fund.

On Tuesday, 6th of January at 11am a 12th Night Coffee Morning was held in St Andrew's Church, Hambleton. It was attended by many villagers who helped to clean the Church and remove the Christmas decorations.

Mrs Louise Everett

LANGHAM TREE QUIZ

Thank you to all who took part in the Langham Tree Quiz, arranged by Gordon for Langham Church funds. No-one managed to get all the questions right, so well done to the winner, Mrs. P. Lloyd.

The answers are as follows:-

Part 1; Date, Bay, Sloe, Deal, Caper, Gum, Yew, Elder, Oak, Palm, Holly, Rowan, Ash, Plum, Olive, Pine, Box, Vine, Hazel, Birch, Cedar, Aspen, May, Plane, Box

Part 1: Brazil, Poplar, Rubber, Laurel, Quince, Coconut, Orange, Juniper, Hawthorn, Chestnut, Mulberry, Sycamore, Pomegranate, Blackthorn, Hickory, Bottlebrush, Almond, Willow, Gopher, Cherry, Banana, Douglas Fir, Blackwood, Family, Norway Spruce.

Thank you to Gordon for helping to keep our brains ticking over during the festive season and to all who took part.

Proverb **Candlemas Day, 2nd February**

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight;
If on Candlemas Day it will be shower and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again.



As snowdrops nod their tiny greeting,
February sun will hopefully herald the beginning of Spring!

EASTER LILIES

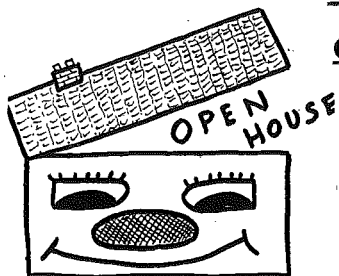
Donations for Oakham Easter Lilies may be placed in the alms box on the South Door. They should be put in an envelope marked "For Easter Lilies". It is expected that the cost will be approx. £2.00 each.

For any further information, please see Jackie Vecqueray.



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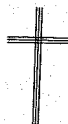


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18 th	<i>Penny Campling</i>	<i>Piano</i>
	<i>(Half-Term)</i>	
25 th	<i>Eleanor Bunce</i>	<i>Soprano</i>
	<i>Freddie Buchanan</i>	<i>Trumpet</i>

March

4 th	<i>Jessica Tomey</i>	<i>Violin</i>
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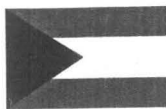
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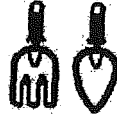
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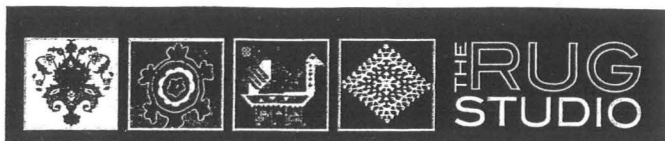
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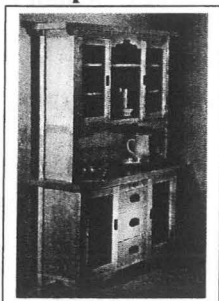
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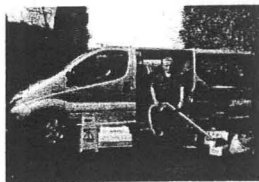
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Diary Dates February

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
Sun	1 st		Candlemas
Thur	5 th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod Oakham
Sun	8 th		Second Sunday before Lent
Th	12 th	10.00am	Open House 11 Vicarage Road
Th	12 th	2.15pm	Mothers' Union Oakham Church Hall Speaker: Sheila Saunders.
Sun	15 th		Next before Lent
Tue	17 th		Shrove Tuesday
Wed	18 th		Ash Wednesday
Sun	22nd		Lent 1
Fri	27th	5.00pm	Good News Clothes Sale Barnsdale Lodge for Rutland in Rutland.
Mar	1 st		St David. and Lent 2
Mar	6 th	10.45	WWDP. Methodist Church Northgate Coffee before service
		7.00pm	Service and coffee to follow/ Theme: Jesus Said "Do you know what I have done for you"?

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)		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)