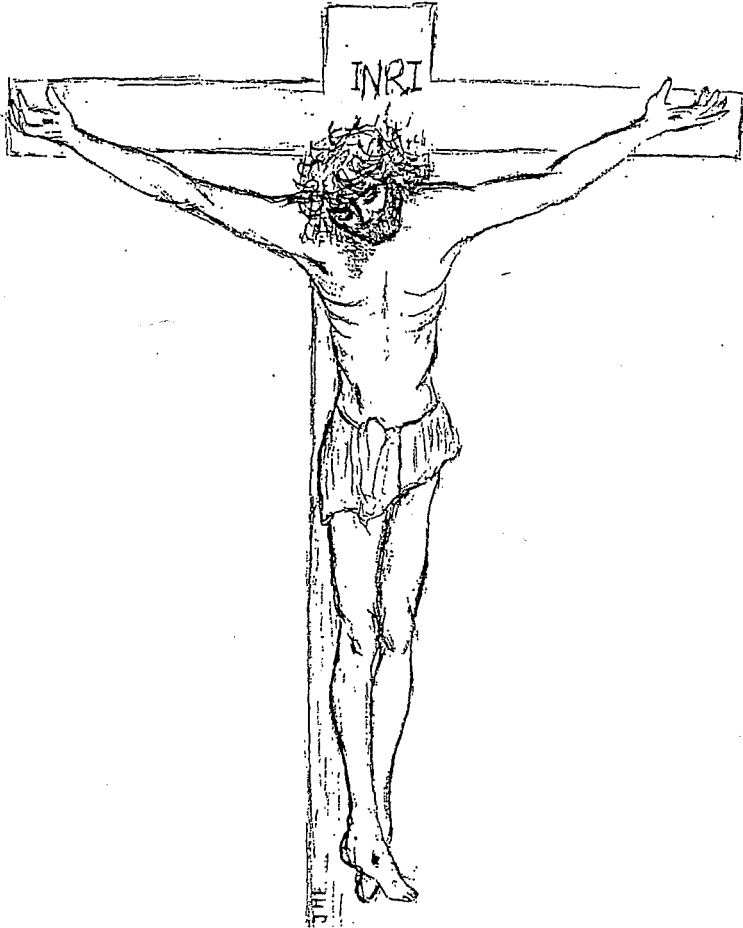


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April 2015



See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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The Rev. Dominic Writes:

‘You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.’

These famous words are spoken by the lawyer Atticus Finch in Harper Lee’s great novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. They also describe Lee’s approach to writing. From the perspective of Atticus’ young daughter, Scout, she climbs inside the skin of the small Alabama town of Maycomb, in 1933, and their trial of a young African-American.

It is not easy to climb into someone else’s skin. This is what we have been attempting to do as we journeyed through Lent and as we come to the cross and to Easter Day. It may sound extraordinary to suggest that we could even try to understand Jesus with such intimacy but he invites us to do so himself, telling us to take up our crosses.

Jesus chose to get into our skins too, becoming a human being and knowing what it is like to live a human life. That life was filled with all the joy of human existence but all the pain and sorrow too. In his incarnation, Jesus identifies himself with human suffering, he knows what its like. Our journey through Holy Week is our attempt to understand, to enter into, what Jesus experienced. By doing so we open ourselves to connect, in him, to the lives of all those who suffer.

Harper Lee is remarkable for her insight into the town of Maycomb, for the way in which she understood the complexities of the community whilst not failing to condemn their evils. As we journey with Christ to the cross we are invited to see that he understands all the complexities of our sin and failure, and the suffering we cause. He understands them but he does not ignore their significance. Instead he responds by following the road upon which they set him all the way to its end.

Yet the end is not The End. God raised Jesus from the dead and, in him, we are all given a share in his eternal life. In the meantime, as we live our lives on earth, we celebrate Easter Day and his rising from the dead, and we strive to see the Easter victory being worked out the world. This means that we must strive for justice, healing and the good of all; and a very good way to start will be to take Atticus Finch’s advice, and follow Jesus’ example. We seek to know and share the lives of others. By doing this we understand each other better and we understand God better, we share the fruits of his Easter victory.

**FIRST WORLD WAR CAUALTIES FROM OAKHAM TEAM
BENEFICE**

Month by Month

“LEST WE FORGET”

APRIL

Oakham

- 2/Lt. Herbert Billings 6th. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment aged 29 (1916)**
Pte. Benjamin Bland 25th. Btn. The Machine Gun Corps aged 21 (1918)
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Pte. George Brewster 4th. Btn. The Worcestershire Regiment aged 20 (1917)
Pte. Frank Clifford 2/4th. Btn. The Royal Berkshire Regiment aged 30 (1918)
Pte. Ernest Cunnington 48th. Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. aged 20 (1917)
Major Harry Gough MC & Bar 17th. Btn. The Welsh Regiment 38 (1918)
Pte. Walter Lewin 1/4th. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment aged 20 (1917)

Braunston

- Driver Ernest Cunnington 44th. Company Army Service Corps aged 24 (1917)**
Pte. Thomas Hinman 1/4th. Btn. Yorks & Lancs Rgt, aged 27 (1918)

Langham

- Capt. The Hon. Harold Lubbock Grenadier Guards aged 30 (1918)**
Pte Harold Vincent Motor Transport Company Army Service Corps aged 30 (1915)

Market Overton

- Officers Steward George Atkinson HMS “Talbot” aged 37 (1919)**
Able Seaman George Rouse Royal Naval Division aged 29 (1918)

Whissendine

- Pte. Raymond Castle 1/5th. Btn. Northumberland Fus. Aged 22 (1918)**
Gunner Arthur Thompson Royal Garrison Artillery aged 31 (1918)
Gunner Thomas Hayes Royal Garrison Artillery aged 24 (1919)



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, 6th March 2015



As there has been so much publicity and I have been encouraging you to come to this, I feel honour-bound to write a report for those who missed it! Thank you to those who were able to attend. I hope you will agree that the Services were enjoyable ecumenical events.

Our Morning Service was very well attended by representatives from Oakham and villages, also Great Eastern.

The theme - "Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?" - was colourfully enacted by several ladies and two men. Everyone was given a paper footprint and asked to write on it their thoughts on radical love. These were then collected and handed out at the end of the Service.

We then went off to the Lent Lunch, courtesy of the clergy, at our Church Hall.

The Evening Service was also very enjoyable, attended by a smaller number, similar format as in the morning. Coffee and Bahamian cakes afterwards.

Pauline Drury, our Committee Leader, thanked all who took part. The leaders were Mrs. Gail Rudge, our Licensed Reader from Braunston, and Mrs. Eileen Jones, Oakham Baptist Church. Organists: Mr. Roger Rowell and Mrs. Shirley Stubbings.

We look forward to next year, when the Christian ladies of Cuba will write the Service.

Christine Carlin

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APRIL

Easter or "Paschal" candle

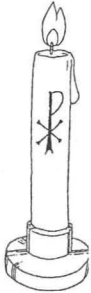
This is a specially large candle, in its own stand, and displays several emblems signifying Christ. It symbolises the Risen Christ. It is lit on Easter Eve at a special service called the 'Easter Vigil' or 'Service of Light', which begins in darkness. The candle is lit and from it, candles all round the church, held by each person present.

God in whom there is no darkness at all.

The Crucified and Risen One who is the Light of the World.

You are the light of the world

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.



Easter Eggs Superstitions and customs

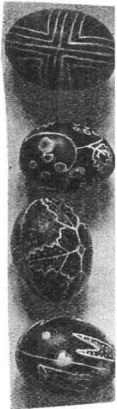
In medieval Europe eggs were forbidden during Lent and were a prized gift for children at Easter.

Hard-boiled eggs were dyed red in memory of the blood of Christ and it was common practice to hide them for infants to find hoping to keep them healthy and well for the coming year.

Giving Easter eggs to children goes back to the days of the Egyptians and the Romans, who used to give each other presents of eggs as symbols of resurrection and new life. Later, Christianity adopted the egg as an emblem of the Resurrection of Christ.

It is said that on Easter Sunday itself, the sun 'dances' when it rises on this morning, and that a lamb and flag appear on it.

Wearing new clothes on this day was because it was the first day when the clothes worn for Lent could be changed.

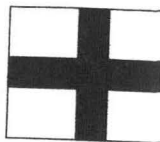


St. George, Martyr 23rd April Patron Saint of England, soldiers and boy-scouts

Legend tells us that St. George was a subject of Imperial Rome and held an important post in the Roman army under the reign of Emperor Diocletian. He abandoned the army to become a soldier for Christ and was tortured and beheaded for his strong faith during the Diocletian persecution in AD 303, His body was returned to Lydda, in Palestine for burial.

He was a knight of chivalry, and thought to be the warrior saint who came from heaven to aid the Crusaders at Antioch and, before all else, the slayer of the dragon.

In the 14th century the Order of the Garter was instituted in his honour by Edward 111: and he was acclaimed patron saint of England in the 15th century as a symbol of high courage, loyalty and selfless devotion to the cause of the weak and endangered.



St. Mark, Evangelist 25th April

Saint Mark was a cousin of Barnabas and the disciples met at the house of his mother. He was a helper of St. Paul on his first missionary journey but turned back at Perga and returned to Jerusalem. Paul refused to take him on his next journey but Mark eventually became a pillar of strength to Paul and was a faithful companion. He travelled to Alexandria and died in martyrdom. He was an interpreter of St. Peter and wrote down his teachings. We owe the first Christian Gospel to Mark.



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Pancake Praise, Just Des(s)erts and Flowers!

Church@4 in February had a distinctly sweet flavour as members of the congregation enjoyed freshly cooked pancakes at Langham, and a selection of delicious homemade desserts at Braunston!

Just two days before Shrove Tuesday, ‘Pancake Praise!’ at **Langham** started with an opportunity to reflect on the story of Christ’s transfiguration and to prepare ourselves for Lent before turning to thoughts of physical abstinence as we mixed up the ingredients for the pancakes. Following a rousing sing of ‘Give me oil in my lamp’ we then turned to the business of cooking and eating the pancakes – delicious!



A week later at Braunston and we were thinking about Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, and being tempted to turn stones into bread – we painted bible verses onto our stones, and hope that people walking through the churchyard will be spiritually nourished by them! We then turned from deserts to desserts to enjoy some home-made sweets!

A few weeks later it was Mothering Sunday, and at Oakham and Langham, and after lighting candles to remember our mothers, Revd Dominic Coad added lots of ‘ingredients’ to the water in the font to remind us of how our mothers look after us, and we each put a flower in the water which magically blossomed as it soaked up the water!

Church@4 is on the **Third Sunday** of the month at Langham and the **Fourth Sunday** at Braunston. This month (19 April and 26 April) we will be thinking about the Resurrection.



Leicester City, County and Rutland At Risk War Memorials Project

A pioneering project in Leicestershire is leading the fight to preserve a cherished part of our heritage.

In 2010, St. Saviour's Church in Leicester was vandalised. Many of the dozen or so war memorials were wrecked or stolen in an act of wanton destruction. This was the catalyst which led to the formation of Leicester City, County and Rutland At Risk War Memorial Project. After much consultation and having created the right legal structure, the Project made a successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, so granting a platform for work to start.

In recent years, many churches and chapels have been declared redundant and factories and clubs subject to change of use, leaving war memorials without protection. The Project aims to rescue these at risk memorials, preserve and restore them for future generations, and suitably re-locate them if possible.

Some memorials have been moved from their original locations, where they lay neglected and forgotten; some were stolen, some damaged and recovered. The Project has successfully rescued many of these memorials for restoration and conservation. This work needed a base.

After securing a licence from the Churches Conservation Trust, the deconsecrated chancel of All Saints Church, In Leicester's High Cross Street is being used as a safe repository where these memorials are suitably displayed with information boards.

Memorials frequently display non-specific inscriptions... 'Men of this Parish...' or Men of this School...' so once they are displaced from their original location, they can easily be lost. The Project strives to keep memorials in their local communities and actively works with churches and schools to restore and re-erect them. This helps to preserve the dignity and honour of those men who fought for our freedoms.

A good number of memorials, a replica stained glass window from St. Saviours Church and other projects are well displayed in this Leicester City centre location. (The chancel has been separated from the main church.)

All Saints Church, High Cross, Leicester, is one of five surviving from the medieval town, with a tower intriguingly sited at its north-east corner. Built from the 12th-to 19th-centuries, it includes a Norman doorway and a richly carved 13th-century font.

Chris Stephens, with much knowledge, is one of the main organisers and promoters of the At Risk Project. He also holds the keys to the CCT's All Saints Church at the same site. A short walk away is the only Leicester Church mentioned in Simon Jenkins' 1000 Best Churches, St Mary de Castro, where the same gentleman is churchwarden.

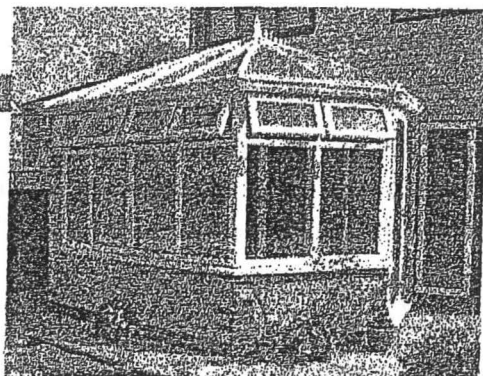
Should you be interested, (They are all most interesting) The Friends of All Saints' Church, Oakham is planning an outing on Tuesday afternoon 21st April to see all three.

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Christian Aid wants to help other women in Ethiopia like Adi to have the opportunity to speak out and make decisions. A cow like Adi's costs £150.

During Christian Aid Week this year, schools and churches all over the country will be raising money for Christian Aid; and this money could make sure that many women like Adi have the opportunity to own a cow for the first time, which will give them a voice that will be heard.

To get involved please contact: Peter Townsend 01572 759286



10th to 16th May, 2015

Oakham & Braunston Mothers' Union

The meeting took place in All Saints Oakham. Meg Dyer welcomed the members and the Revd Brian Nicholls. The meeting was well attended and opened with a Communion Service led by the Revd Brian Nicholls,

Brian then gave us a fascinating talk about war medals and showed us many of his collection, explaining what the colours of the ribbons on which they were displayed meant and how he had acquired some of them.

A friend of his who is a diver has given him objects from HMS Falmouth one of four Weymouth Class ships active during World War One. One of the objects he had brought to show us was a port hole from the ship.

The next meeting is on April 9th and is the Deanery Quiet Morning. It starts with Coffee at 10.00 am in All Saints Church and concludes with a Communion Service followed by lunch in the Church Hall.

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Braunston News

Services in April:

Good Friday	Ap.3 rd :	Prayers at the Cross	5.00pm
Easter Sun.	Ap. 5 th	Dawn Eucharist	5.30am
Easter 2	Ap 12 th	Morning Praise	11.00am
Easter 3	Ap 19 th	Holy Communion	11.00am
Easter 4	Ap 26 th	Church @ 4	4.00pm

APCM

April 17th at 7.30pm is our APCM. In the Village Hall. It is the occasion when 2014 is reported upon and officers and PCC members are elected. Copies of the individual reports and of the agenda and accounts will be in church in a booklet form for anyone who wishes to pick up prior to the meeting.

Water Aid Lent Collections.

The "little red bucket" will be in church to provide further opportunities for your support of Water Aid. Up to and including Easter 2.

May Fayre Monday May 4th.

Will soon be with us and preparations are well underway. Details will appear on posters and offers of help in all the many ways which make the day a success will be greatly appreciated. Draw tickets are available for pre-sale and, if you have not already received some to sell or buy you may get them from Rob Anderson (774388)

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BROOKE NEWS

A PCC meeting was recently held at Abbey Barn, Brooke, there was one apology. Rev Dominic chaired the meeting and began and ended the proceedings with a prayer, when our hosts Gill and Terry then provided coffee and biscuits.

The several items of the agenda were discussed and soon sorted or agreed upon and dates arranged for future events during the year. We are extremely fortunate at Brooke that the entire congregation are happy to 'muck in' and do anything that is required of them with the result that the life of St Peter is running along quite smoothly for the time being. However we look forward to the arrival of Julie in September to head the team and continue to keep us on the straight and narrow after Dominic's departure.

St Peter is always accessible to visitors because several parishioners kindly undertake to look after the key and open and close the church each day. On visiting the church in September 1920 a Nottingham Post correspondent wrote 'The old key of the church, by the way, is fastened by a piece of string to part of an old constable's staff – a case of justice and mercy kissing one another, almost!'

Future dates:

Good Friday Communion at 9 am

Easter Sunday Communion at 8am with the Revd Brian Nicholls

Spring cleaning morning on Weds 13th May 10am to 12 o'clock

St Peter's Patronal Service on Sun 28th June with Revd Canon Lee Francis- Dehqani

Harvest Festival Service on Sun 20th Sept

EGLETON NEWS

March 15th was MOTHERING SUNDAY; this co-incidence served to provoke a recollection of the following quotation from a book called **ONE WAY LEFT**: a book which exerted profound influence on many of us, written by Lord George Macleod, founder of the renowned Iona Community:...

“the love of a mother consists in going on loving whatever you do to her, as a perceptive French poet sums it up:

A POOR LAD ONCE, AND A LAD SO TRIM, GAVE HIS LOVE TO HER
WHO LOVED NOT HIM;
AND SAID SHE, ‘BRING ME TONIGHT, YOU ROGUE,
YOUR MOTHER’S HEART TO FEED MY DOG,’
TO HIS MOTHER’S HOUSE WENT THAT YOUNG MAN, KILLED HER,
CUT OUT HER HEART AND RAN:
BUT AS HE WAS RUNNING, LOOK YOU, HE FELL;
AND THE HEART ROLLED OUT ON THE GROUND AS WELL.
AND THE LAD, AS THE HEART WAS A-ROLLING, HEARD THAT THE
HEART WAS SPEAKING AND THIS WAS THE WORD –
THE HEART WAS A-WEeping AND CRYING SO SMALL, “ARE YOU
HURT, MY CHILD, ARE YOU HURT AT ALL?”

George Macleod interpreted this graphic tale, tellingly: “God does not concern himself how far we hurt him. We can proceed to crucify him if we wish: what concerns God is how far we hurt ourselves in the process! Here is love indeed!”

St. Edmund’s morning celebration of **Easter DAY** – April 5th – the Service of the Eucharist begins at 9.15 and cordial welcome is extended to all Egleton’s people, present and past alike, to have a share in this glorious Feast Day.

The hymn writer Brian Wren interprets our faith and hope and love, most succinctly:

Not throned above, remotely high;
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
Our Saviour with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified!



Neville Ashton

HAMBLETON NEWS

On Sunday, 15th February, *Rev Audrey Atkinson* made a special return visit to Hambleton to Baptise *Noah James Charleston Reynolds* the son of *Edward* and *Robyn* whose Wedding Service she had conducted at St Andrew's last year. It was a lovely Service and was attended by 30 people.

On Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm approximately 50 villagers and their families and friends enjoyed the very popular Curry and Quiz night at the Village Hall. Quiz Master *Geoffrey Graves* challenged villagers with questions ranging from General Knowledge to Famous Actors. He was assisted by *George Everett* who asked 20 Sports related questions. Donations of a variety of curries and desserts were kindly received from members of the Village and £475 was made for the Church and Village Hall Funds.

There will be an Easter Sunday morning service at 9.15 am on the 5th April.

The St Andrew's A.P.C.M will be on Tuesday, 21st April at 7pm at the Village Hall.

On Bank Holiday Monday, the 4th May from 10am to 5pm, Hambleton Village will be hosting our Annual Open Gardens in aid of the Church and Village Hall Funds. A number of Country House, Cottage and Vegetable Gardens will be open to the public. Homemade refreshments will be served all day at the Village Hall and there will be Cake, Bric a Brac and Plant Stalls to visit too. Entry will be £5 for adults and there will be no charge for children or parking.

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Langham News

There was a very full church to enjoy the wonderful concert given by Gabriel Francis-Dehqani ('cello) and Fraser Graham (piano). An electric performance of a piece by Peter Witchell was outstanding and a particular delight in having the composer present. We will all be privileged to have known Gabriel at the beginning of his career.

Mothering Sunday saw the children making their own posies to give to their parents as well as enjoying the delicious Simnel Cake.

The church clock is at long last telling the time but there have been problems with the chiming mechanism. Hopefully, when the weather warms a little this will be solved.

May 2nd 7.30 p.m. Langham Church. **Concert.** "Close Harmony"

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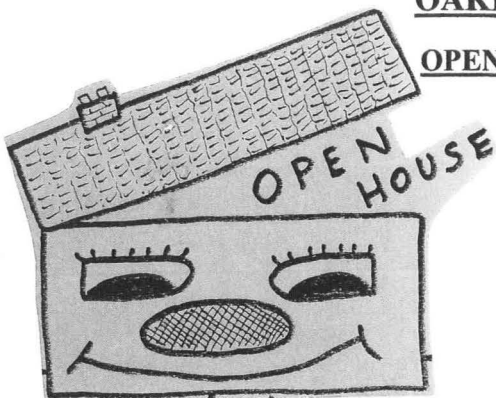
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For any further information, please see Jackie Vecqueray.

Mothering Sunday

Our thanks to Marilyn and John for the lovely cake they made for us which was greatly enjoyed after the Service.

Also our appreciation to those who presented the congregation with beautiful bunches of flowers.

A lovely Mothering Sunday Service.



MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

We've enjoyed the usual good standard of recitals by Oakham School. Now it is our turn to arrange them:

April

1st *Stephen Tatlow* *Piano*

8th *3 Bows Trio*
 Edmund Dry *Violin*
 Jane Page *Viola*
 Ruth Hardy *'cello*
with *Kathleen Peschek* *Piano*

15th *Rosemary Wright* *Piano-accordion*

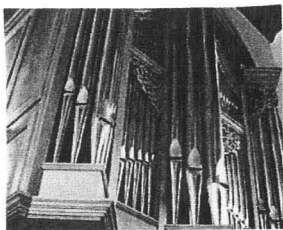
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22nd *Alex Bower-Brown* *Baritone*

29th *Jessica Carr* *Flute*
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BANK HOLIDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Easter Monday, 6th April *Ian Shaw, St. John's Greenhill, Harrow.*

Bank Holiday, 4th May *Steven Grahl, Organist, Peterborough Cathedral*

Organ Recitals will be held on every Bank Holiday Monday, at 11.15 a.m.

Lunches afterwards in the Church Hall. £5. Everyone welcome. Please come.

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Friends Shrovetide Party

Yes, it was that time of year again, marking the turning of the Church year, and our thoughts towards Lent preparations.

Shrove Tuesday was with us, and across the Church Street car park, on a dark crisp evening, came some seventy people to mark the date by a small feast, festivity and friendship, in an informal way, as the "Friends" do from time to time.

The Church Hall was laid out with colourful tables each decorated with white fresh flowers in an oasis, expertly created by Roni Proctor. On the central table there was a display of enticing and exotic foods from the symbolic "pantry", with diverse cheeses, pickles, fruits, breads and colourful finger salads

Of course there had to be pancakes, finger-size which were enjoyed with the finale of tea and coffee, all provided in Shrove Tuesday style by Pamela Woods and Sally Corton. Memories were no doubt invoked of earlier lives and times when kitchen cupboards were cleared of rich foods by which we might have been "tempted" as we moved into the weeks of self-denial and reflection of Lent.

The Friends in-house entertainer for the evening, Gordon Woods, challenged each of the table-groups with cryptic cross-word style clues, which deviously produced a Rutland village name, such as Burley, Teigh, Morcott, Cottesmore also allowed and even Oakham.

The table- teams were then teased with the request to find as many words as possible within "RUTLAND". Gordon would probably have awarded an A * to a team, if they had found more than 35 options! They in turn, definitely awarded him a "first class honours" thank you in return for a fun evening. Multum in parvo .

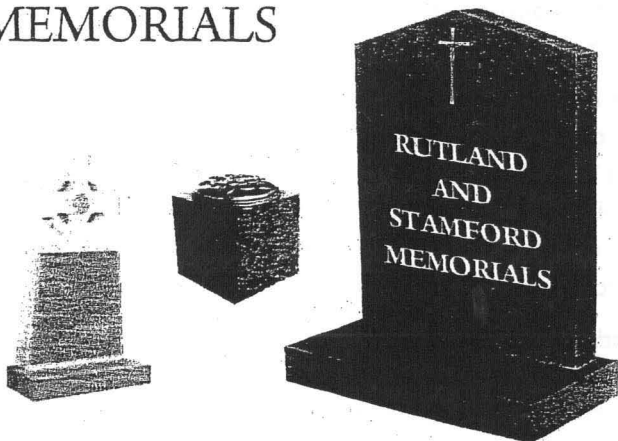
Earlier the Friends Committee Members had donated the prizes for the raffle, which Roni successfully organised seamlessly as usual.

The whole evening was a warm community pre-Lent celebration of Shrove Tuesday, before the delineating Ash Wednesday, all finely orchestrated by Beryl Kirtland and ably assisted by David, of course.

Just before it was time for everyone to go home, clutching prizes and flower arrangements, the hall mysteriously cleared itself, tables and chairs to the wall and stacked at the back. How many table and chair-elves there were is difficult to tell. It all happened in a flash, so thank you to them too.

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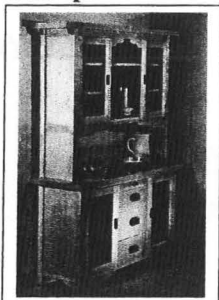
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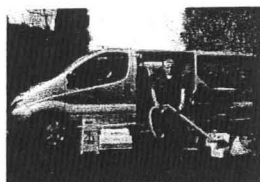
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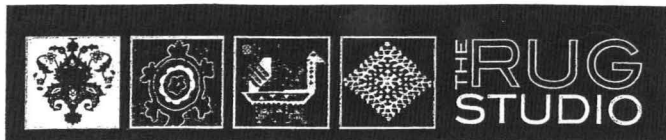
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Changes to the service pattern in April 2015

Holy Week

Morning Prayer

8:30am at **Oakham** each day from Monday 30 March to Maundy Thursday 2 April

9:00am at **Brooke** on Good Friday 3 April

Compline and Address

7:30pm at **Ashwell** on Monday 30 March, and at **Hambleton** on Tuesday 31 March

Tenebrae 7:30pm at **Whissendine** on Wednesday 1 April

Maundy Thursday (2 April)

Liturgy of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet 7:30pm at **Oakham**

Good Friday (3 April)

Litany 10:00am at **Chapel of St John & St Anne**, followed by

Walk of Witness to the **Market Place**,

with a short **Ecumenical Service** at approx 10:45am

Children's Workshop 10:00am at **Whissendine**

Liturgy 12:00pm at **Oakham**, followed by **Addresses** from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Prayers at the Cross 5:00pm at **Braunston**

Prayers 7:30pm at **Market Overton**

Sunday 5 April (Easter Sunday)

Vigil, Service of Light and First Communion of Easter 5:30am at **Braunston**

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

Holy Communion 9:00am at **Market Overton & Teigh**

Holy Communion 9:15am at **Hambleton & Egleton**

Holy Communion 10:30am at **Oakham & Ashwell**

Holy Communion 11:00am at **Whissendine & Langham**

Baptism 3:00pm at **Hambleton**

NO Evening Services

Sunday 26 April

Holy Communion 10:00am at **Oakham** replaces normal 8:00am & 10:30am services, and is followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Diary Dates April

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 (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints 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
April			
Th	2 nd		Maundy Thursday
Fri	3 rd		Good Friday: Procession of Witness
Sat	4 th		Holy Saturday
Sun	5 th	5.30am	Easter Day: A very happy Easter to everyone Dawn Eucharist All Saints Bräunston. followed by breakfast.
Mon	6 th	11.15am	Bank Holiday Organ Recital All Saints Oakham Ian Shaw: St Johns Greenhill, Harrow.
Thur	9th	10.00	MU Quiet Morning All Saints Church Hall Followed by Lunch in the Church Hall.
Sun	12 th		Second Sunday of Easter
Tues	14 th	10.00am	Open House:34 Welland Way Oakham
Fri	17 th	7.30pm	All Saints Braunston APCM Village Hall.
Sun	19 th		Third Sunday of Easter
Tues	21 st	7.00pm	St Andrews Hambleton APCM Village Hall
Thur	23rd		St George
Sat	25 th		St Mark
Sun	26 th	10.00am	Fourth Sunday of Easter: Holy Communion at All Saints Oakham Followed by the APCM
May	1 st		St Philip and St James
May	2 nd	7.30pm	St Peter and St Paul Langham Church Concert "Close Harmony"
May	3rd		Fifth Sunday of Easter
May	4 th	10.00am 11.15	Braunston May Fayre Bank Holiday Organ Recital: All Saints Oakham Steven Grahl: Peterborough Cathedral.

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

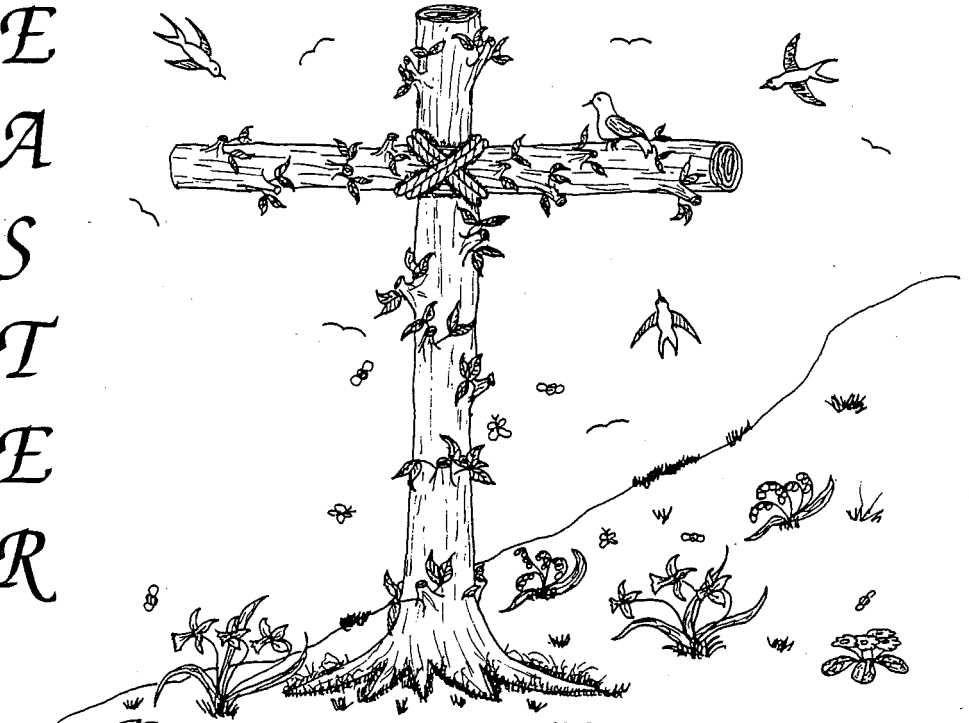
WWR – Word, Worship & Response (Contemporary worship)

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

** at Teigh in even 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)

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The Lord is risen, Alleluia

Luke 24 . 34