

"The wind blows wherever it wishes...." John 3, 8



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Right to vote

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians."

Charles de Gaulle, French President

By the time you read this article, you may be just about to vote, or maybe already have voted. You may possibly be "fed up to the back teeth" with all the politicians, programmes, publicity, posturing, policies and promises.

But it is still right vote.

But how much does Christianity and politics mix? Let me quote from an article I read recently. "The commission of the Church of God is to warn the world of its plight and present danger. It is to help people change their lives so they can be part of God's coming Kingdom. It is *not* to get involved in the politics of this world. Our mission is to proclaim Christ's message to all nations. The good news is that the Kingdom of God is coming!"

The article points out that Jesus did not get involved in the politics of his day, although he was interested in government - but not the government of the day - the government of God. And one suspects there are lots of politicians who would say "Christianity shouldn't meddle with politics". However, a leading churchman when challenged with the comment "the Bible and politics don't mix" responded "Well I don't know which version of the Bible you are reading!"

When Jesus stands up and makes his inaugural Messianic address - the so called "Nazareth manifesto" of Luke 4 it sounds very political - "God's Spirit is on me;

he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,

To set the burdened and battered free,

to announce, "This is God's year to act!" (The Message Bible)

And so does the Old Testament prophetic statement from Micah (6:8)

"But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,
what God is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour,

be compassionate and loyal in your love,

And don't take yourself too seriously—

take God seriously." (The Message Bible)

Right to vote

Good news for the poor; freeing the burdened and battered; fairness; justice - if these are not the territory of politics and government, then what is? For sure, the task for all Christians is to create a better world for everyone to live in. And if that was not enough, we have Jesus' statement in John 10:10 that

"I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness." isn't that the vision of politicians? Quality of life all round.

So politics and Christianity seem to have plenty of objectives in common. So, we should be challenging our politicians to create a better world. I always admire those people who energetically lobby their politicians on climate change; carbon emissions; aid for the poor.

We should be challenging ourselves to see how our lifestyle matches the call of Micah or how our agenda fits with the Nazareth manifesto.

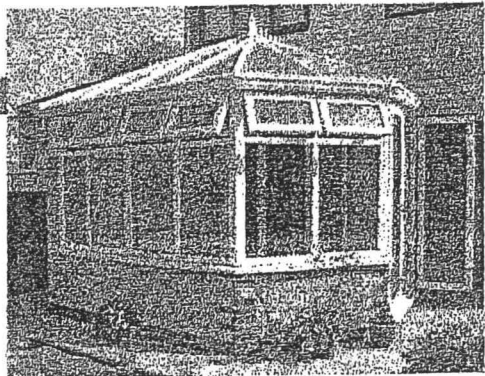
The Bible does not talk much about rights. Everything belongs to God, so everything we receive is a gift from God. Nothing is ours by right. But we do have responsibilities. And surely one of them is to influence the political direction as much as we can, to ensure that direction is consistent with God's kingdom.

Whatever the election result, we are still charged with creating that better world that God wills, and which we should strive to build. "It's too serious a matter to be left to the politicians".

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MAY

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(1918)**

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**Pte. Bob Wagstaff 9th. Btn. The Leicestershire Regiment aged
21 (1917)**

**Rifleman William Wade 18th. Btn. The King’s Royal Rifle
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**Pte. Samuel Woodcock 2nd. Btn. The Northamptonshire
Regiment Aged 27 (1915)**

Langham

**Pte. William Palmer 8th. Btn. The Leicestershire Rgt. aged 37
(1917)**

**Pte. Sidney Stimpson Royal Marine Light Infantry aged 19
(1916)**

Barleythorpe

**Sgt. John Breakspear 1st. Btn. The Lincolnshire Rgt. aged 35
(1920)**

Pte. Reginald Lowe 16th. Royal Welsh Fusiliers (1918)

Braunston

**Pte. John Rawlings 9th. Btn. The Leicestershire Rgt. aged 25
(1917)**

Whissendine

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20 (1917)**

L/Cpl. Edwin Baines North Staffordshire Regiment (1918)

Egleton

**Able Seaman Reuben Carpendale HMS "Black Prince" RN
aged 29 (1916)**

Market Overton

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Hambleton

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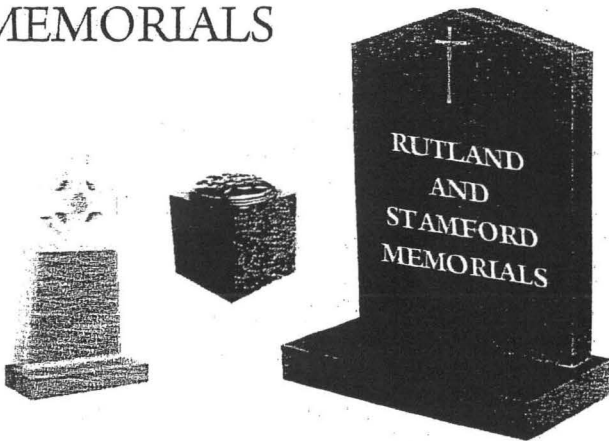


This note is to recognise the amount raised in the Friday Lent Lunches of Churches Together in our Church Hall.

£881.69 was raised – about £200 more than 2014. Thanks to all who took part – especially the ladies who made a tasty selection of soups!

There is still time for anyone bold enough to join us to deliver and call for the red Christian Aid envelopes from the 10th to 16th May. Please contact me on 759286.

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Oakham and Braunston Mothers' Union Quiet Morning

“Mankind is capable of an awareness which is outside the range of everyday life”

The Ven Roderick Wells took this as his theme for the Deanery Quiet Morning at All Saints Oakham on the 9th of April. This statement is inscribed on a tower beside Rutland Water.

We were invited to consider STILLNESS(not always of loneliness)which can touch our hearts and unite us. Stillness strengthens our insight- as when a sermon is “the handmaid of contemplation” Ultimately we can look through God’s eyes- the Creator contemplating his creation.

We considered four poems- two looking out and two looking in.

The first poem described some of the deprivations of a Siberian Labour Camp where the poetess was sent in 1983, because she wrote poetry.

Amid the hopelessness and the horror she once caught sight of the beauty of a frosted window and later recalled

“ but perhaps it was only needed once”

She was also aware that friends were praying for her.

This poem also reminded our speaker of Brian Keenan and those with him who were imprisoned for five years. Keenan said:

“They took away my liberty but not my freedom”.

To-day’s atrocities have to be bound up with sufferings of Christ. We were also reminded that horror can be caused by apathy- a failure to reach out and help.

Poem No.2 by Gillian Clarke also looked outwards

“The Miracle of St David’s Day”

reflected on those who look after the mentally ill. When reading poetry to the insane the poet observed a man rocking to and fro to the rhythm of the poem- remembering the music of speech.

Each of these poems seem to show how, in the worst of situations, the human spirit can be uplifted.

The third poem looking inwards, away from to-day’s incessant talking. Sometimes real dialogue is missing because we completely miss the point which the other person is trying to make. It looked for the stillness of listening.

“The Telephone”

described how, because someone talked so much there was no communication. We are not connected, we are cut off.

Before reading his final poem-

“The Brick”

the speaker recalled how, when speaking to school children, he would construct a pyramid of wooden bricks to show how each brick is vital to the whole structure.

This graphically illustrates that we matter, not just to God but also to each other, each of us getting different opportunities to be part of God’s plan.

“What difference if I am at the roof top or at the base so long as I stand faithful at the right place”

Throughout his ministry, it is obvious that our speaker has looked both outwards, and inwards. His promptings at the Quiet Morning enabled us to recall his opening statement, and to catch that "awareness outside of everyday life".

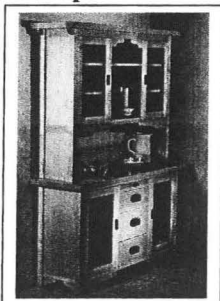
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A good audience for our Easter Monday Recital. Our thanks to Ian Shaw. Special thanks to Rita and Paul Butler, with helpers, who prepared and served an extremely delicious lunch.

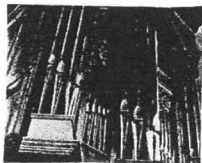
Two Recitals in May:

Monday, 4th May *Steven Grahl, Organist, Peterborough Cathedral*

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THE MONTH OF MAY

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so never think to cast a clout
until the month of May be out.

May! Queen of blossoms
and fulfilling flowers. Lord Thurlow

In May, I hear the blackbird and the thrush,
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Braunston News

Services this Month

Sun 3 rd	Easter 5:	11,00	Holy Communion
Sun 10 th	Easter 6.	11.00	Morning Praise
Sun 17 th	Easter 7.	11.00	Holy Communion
Sun 24 th	Pentecost	11.00	Morning Praise

APCM

The annual church meeting was held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 17th of April. Sue Willetts was elected and Rob Anderson were re-elected as Churchwardens. David Dyer had stepped down after many years. Meg Dyer also stepped down as Secretary, a post she has held for even more years and the PCC is still to find a new Secretary.

A hard working but successful year was reported upon and all involved in that were thanked for their work. This year has already seen much work in the churchyard and the launch of a stewardship campaign.

May Fayre

May 4th sees our Annual May Fayre and all the effort and fun that it brings with it. It starts at 10,00am and, as usual there is much to see and do with refreshments throughout the day in the Village Hall and continuous activities in Cedar St, in the Church and on the Village Hall Lawn.



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BROOKE NEWS

On Tuesday 24th March our APCM and PCC meetings were held at 6 Tay Close, Oakham; there were no apologies and two village residents also attended. The committee members presented their reports, officers were elected, various people thanked for their work/help throughout the past year and there was some discussion on the parish share, deanery synod meetings and stewardship but otherwise there were no urgent matters arising. The Rev Dominic chaired the meetings and also opened and closed the evening with prayers after which everyone enjoyed informal chatter over coffee and biscuits.

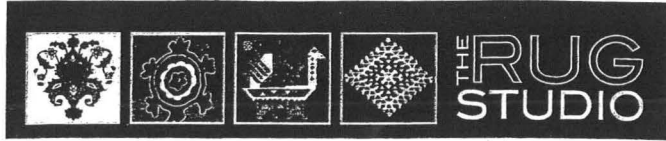
The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 14th July, the venue to be arranged nearer the time but before that don't forget **Spring Cleaning Day at St Peter on Wednesday 13th May at 10am**. All are welcome to lend a hand since many hands make light work as they say. Refreshments are provided for the helpers.

The funeral of 'Bob' Burgoyne took place at Brooke on 30th March; he was the son in law of the late Mrs Wakefield, a supporter and friend of St Peter for many years. Since her death Bob's wife has continued her support by donating the profits from the sales of her hand made cards to St Peter. Although the last few years of his life were spent in South Witham Bob and his family had lived in Oakham for many years where Bob worked for Oakham School until his retirement.

The morning service at St Peter on Good Friday taken by Vyv Wainwright was well attended and his sometimes amusing but thought provoking sermon on the comparison of two very well known J C's gave us all plenty to think about over the Easter weekend.

The Rev Brian Nicholls took the 8am BCP service on Easter Sunday Morning; it was another well attended service and was also Brian's

birthday. Inside the church had been beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and springtime flowers, St Peter's host of golden daffodils in the churchyard although not yet quite at their peak were a welcoming sight for everyone on arrival at Brooke.



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Amongst them, ever after, *David Millhouse*, will ‘rest his case’ at the close of his law-presiding element, during his estimable career as solicitor and magistrate in Leicestershire and Rutland.

To the appreciation of a good many parishioners and fellow-pilgrims, David earmarked St. Edmund’s as his regular place of pilgrimage – from Oakham – through many a recent year, to join parishioners in the Sunday services of the Eucharist.

He was not long denied a privilege to join the Team of Readers of Scriptures in the sequence of celebration as Egleton gathered to worship. And, when David read, it was with the exemplary eloquence identified with a Barrister at the Bar; as any Preacher, determined to search the souls of men!

In the end – as we might think it! – David was brought for a Service of Thanksgiving for his life and times, his gifts and graces, in St. Edmund’s on the Friday of Easter Week. Fervent tribute was paid by *Tony*, his partner and friend in Legal Practice, as by *Roger*, his nephew in Holy Orders

With loving and admirable tribute affirmed; with fervent, thankful prayers offered to the God in whom he put his trust, David was committed to The Everlasting Mercies! Most fittingly, to be found among the Heavenly Host “singing...[as David has been wont to do, here among Us]

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!”

We have been saddened, as well, by the illness of our Churchwarden *SUE* but there is good cause to rejoice, with exceeding great joy, that *SUE*’s essential taste of major surgery holds great promise of a highly welcome, new lease of life for her.

She calls to mind the resilient, indefatigable, Christian warrior, engagingly identified by Charles Wesley – the pre-eminent Anglican-cum-Methodist hymn writer – in his inimitable testimony –

“What though a thousand hosts engage, a thousand worlds my soul to shake:
I have a shield shall quell their rage and drive the alien armies back!”

And so it will be May...hence these sublime, all-embracing lines from John Masfield....

[he wer't first Poet Laureate who I ever wer awer ofn that's a fact, m'ducks! So thee tek proper note, will 't'a? 'N God luv ya!]

O LOVELY LILY CLEAN, O LILY SPRINGING GREEN,
O LILY BURSTING WHITE, O LILY OF DELIGHT,
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HAMBLETON NEWS

On Wednesday, 25th March, Hambleton village held its Annual Spring Bridge Drive in the Village Hall. The event was organised by *Celia* and *Richard Foulkes* and was attended by 44 players. An excellent supper was provided by *Miranda Hall* and her team with a selection of desserts being kindly made and donated by members of the village. £900 was raised for the Church and Village Hall Funds and first prize in the raffle was lunch at Hambleton Hall!

On Saturday, 28th March *Jean-Claude Desveaux* and *Sarah Ball* were married at St Andrew's Church. *Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani* conducted the Service and *Kevin Slingsby* played the organ.

On Easter Sunday, the Baptism of *Elsie May Griffin-Stiff* daughter of *Lucy* and *Andrew Stiff* took place at St Andrew's Church. Lucy is the elder daughter of *Gail* and *Tim Griffin* who live in the village.

The Easter Sunday morning Service was taken by *Rev Dominic Coad* and was followed by an egg hunt in the Church.

On Bank Holiday Monday, the 4th May from 10am to 5pm, Hambleton Village will be hosting our Annual Open Gardens and Photo and Art Exhibition 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 and Produce, Book and 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

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Close Harmony and The Rutland Choral Society.

Secondly: **The Viennese Café at Archway House in Well Street.**
10.00am to 1.00pm on the **16th of May.**
As well as coffee, suitable refreshments and cakes there
will be a garden to see, plants on sale, and a
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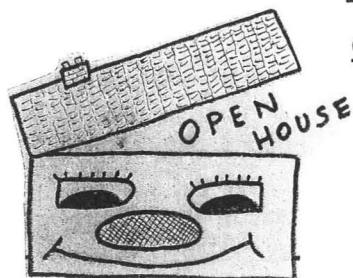
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“We welcome them into the fellowship of the church family”

Holy Matrimony

10th April *Alan Torpey and Safiya Mohammed*

“We wish them every happiness”



Burial Office in Church

6th March *John Parker*

1st April *Muriel Johns*

20th April *Michael John Pell*



“May they rest in peace”

MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

From the sublime music of Norway's Grieg, played by Stephen Tatlow, piano; Germany for a lively Mozart Piano Quartet by the 3 Bows and Kathleen Peschek and a waltz that made us all think of our dancing days; then Rosemary Wright's accordion on the boulevards of Paris! A musical journey enjoyed on consecutive Wednesdays. Our thanks to all who entertained us.

May

6th

William Grey
Andrew Jones

Trombones

13th

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20th

Morgan Overton

Tenor

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Changes to the service pattern in May 2015

Sunday 24 May (Pentecost)

Morning Service 11:00am at *Braunston* instead of Church@4

Sunday 31 May (Trinity Sunday)

Holy Communion 8:00am at *Oakham*

Team Holy Communion 11:00am at *Langham*

Baptism 3:00pm at *Oakham*

Patronal Evensong 6:00pm at *Teigh* with Team Choir *Laudamus*

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Diary Dates May

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
May			
Sat	1 st	730pm	Concert: St Peter and St Paul Langham The Rutland Choral Society & Close Harmony
Sun	3 rd		Easter 5
Mon	4 th	10.00 10 00 11.15	May Fayre Braunston Hambleton Open Gardens Bank Holiday Organ Recital All Saints Oakham Steven Grahl: Organist Peterborough Cathedral
Tues	5 th	3.45	Rutland Reminders: "Brambles" Rutland Care Village New guests and carers are welcome
Sun	10 th		Easter 6 Christian Aid Week begins
Tues	12 th	10.00am	Open House 64 Stamford Road
Wed	13 th	10,00am	St Peter Brooke Spring Cleaning Day
Thur	14 th	2.15	Ascension Day and St Matthias Mothers' Union: All Saints Church Oakham
Sat	16 th	10.00 10.00	Mothers Union Deanery Day: Oakham Market Place Viennese Cafe Archway House Well Street Langham
Sun	17 th		Easter 7
Tues	19 th	3.45pm	Rutland Reminders: "Brambles" Rutland Care Village New guests and carers are welcome
Sun	24 th	11.00	Pentecost All Saints Braunston Morning Service
Mon	25 th	11,15am	Bank Holiday Organ Recital All Saints Oakham Philip Underwood Organist St Bartholomew's Wilmslow
Sun	31 st	6.00	Trinity. Patronal Evensong at Teigh.

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 neven 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)