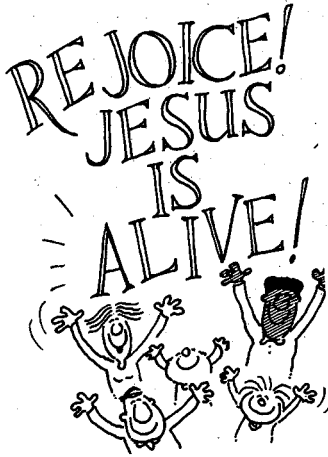


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Dear Friends

The Anglican Communion has 'The Five Marks of Mission' - they are an important statement on mission which expresses the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's mission for all people.

The first of the 5 marks of Mission is "To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom". Good News comes in all sorts of guises, from our own personal good news to a global perspective of good news. Personal might be a win on the national lottery or making plans for the holiday of a life-time. Global might be a ceasefire somewhere where there has been violence and unrest. Good news might mean different things to different people. In the national news recently there has been reported the restoration of the famous steam locomotive "Flying Scotsman". At a cost of 4 million pounds some might think that this particular good news might be a waste of money, or even a commitment that was far too expensive, others might think that as a national heritage treasure it is in fact money well spent. Anyway if you think the latter then there will be an opportunity to see Flying Scotsman on the 25th June as it travels across Seaton viaduct and through Oakham on it's way north to York.

In Christianity, the Good News, or gospel (Greek: *euangélion*), is the news of the coming of the Kingdom of God in and through the death of Jesus on the cross at Calvary and his resurrection from the dead in order to restore people's relationship with God.

As I write this letter, it is Holy Saturday, the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, one of the lowest points in the church's calendar of remembering the life of Jesus. It is difficult for us, being on the joyful side of the resurrection experience, to imagine what the followers of Jesus must have felt like on that first Saturday after Good Friday (for them, a sabbath day). Trying to imagine what it must have been like to have to say that 'Jesus is dead'. Of course, he wasn't and he isn't, and this is our Good News, and it's good news that needs telling and spreading. May God bless us in our efforts to do just that!

With all best wishes

Phillip Hutchinson



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M U MEETING
Oakham, 10th March 2016

The Reverend Canon Julie Hutchinson presided at the celebration of Holy Communion, at our March meeting.

It was good for us to join together in this act of worship. Following it, Julie gave us a talk on her life, and her service in the ministry. Julie's life had a powerful start. Like Hannah, in the book of Samuel, Julie's mother vowed to give her child back to God. Butterflies had congregated on a bush just outside the room where Julie was born. As she watched, her mother took this to be a sign of new life. Butterflies have thus been significant to Julie. She showed us her ecclesiastical stole which, many years ago, she had had embroidered in a butterfly design.

As a child, in Leicester, Julie found great joy in listening to Bible stories. She played Mary in the school nativity play -----even though she had hoped to be the narrator. They had Methodist neighbours. Julie and her sister attended the Methodist youth club, and it was there that Julie met her husband Phillip.

They based themselves in Oakham, and had a son and daughter. In 1990, Julie began a three year training, in Birmingham, for the ministry. It was during that time, of course, that the vote was passed, allowing the ordination of women, and Julie was ordained in 1993. She sought a job as a full time curate, and was appointed to Far Cotton, in Northants. She commuted from the family home for two and a half years, and was extremely grateful that her brother, who was a builder, was able to repair the curate's house. Following this, she was appointed Priest for Morcott, Glaston and Bisbrooke. Eventually, she moved to Lyddington. Julie's next appointment was as Director of Vocation for Ordinands. She served in this capacity for eight years, finishing when Bishop Ian Cundy died. A few months after his appointment, Bishop Donald Allister asked Julie to become his Chaplain. This presented a whole new field of service. Her first appointment was to drive the Bishop to Reading, in a suitably large, and unfamiliar car. Being sworn at loudly by a fellow motorist, on a roundabout, was just part of a challenging day's work. Julie described the varied role of Bishop's Chaplain, as a self effacing ministry of service, recalling the words of the hymn "We feebly struggle, while they in glory shine", which often meant trailing at the very end of processions. The office in the Bishop's Palace is obviously a fascinating place ---- open plan and noisy, as it copes with "the mess of ministry". Julie dubbed it variously as "Mission Control", "Accident and Emergency", sometimes feeling like Triage. There was much fielding of requests from people wanting to see the Bishop.

Julie attended the Bishop's inauguration in the House of Lords, and later, a very wet garden party at Buckingham Palace. She sums up her ministry as essentially living the life of a Priest. She is always keen to glimpse "the bigger picture" Julie stated that she has no regrets at returning to parish ministry. She concluded with the request, "All I ask is your prayers, as I seek to serve God, in the place where he has called me".

Helen Bush

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Held on Friday, 4th March, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. This was a nice ecumenical occasion attended by representatives of most churches. Thank you to our faithful stalwarts! Our Committee member, Nicola O'Rourke of St. Joseph's led the Service unerringly and our Anne Blackett conducted the hymns where necessary, which she always does very well. Tea and Cuban cakes followed, served by our St. Joseph's friends.

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Supposing him to be the gardener

As we know, and as our gospel readings in this Easter season remind us, the early disciples were taken by surprise by the risen Jesus, despite everything that he had told them beforehand.



Mary Magdalene thinks Jesus is the gardener when he appears before her on Easter morning, and only recognises him for who he is when he calls her by name. Cleopas and his companion accompany Jesus all the way to Emmaus on Easter afternoon without recognising him, until he makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. Peter and his companions, fishing in the Sea of Galilee, only recognise the stranger on the shore as Jesus himself after he has directed them to make their spectacular catch of one hundred and fifty three fish.

This prompts me to ask: are we, in our day, any better at recognising Jesus for who he is? One commentator whom I read recently portrays our contemporary culture as having two distorted pictures of the living God, which he characterises respectively as “cosy immanence” and “irrelevant transcendence”.

Do we recognise our risen Lord for who he is, or do we, on the one hand, seek to domesticate him, imagining him, perhaps when we are engaged in prayer and worship, as unchallenging and undemanding, and, on the other hand, do we effectively ignore him and leave him unheard and unseen, when we are engaging in the hustle and bustle of the rest of our lives?

The risen Jesus, who calls us by name, who is known in the opening of the word and the breaking of the bread, is not to be bound by our limited understanding of him but enters our lives afresh this Eastertide as both a familiar friend and a mysterious stranger, as one who provides both reassurance and challenge, as one who is sometimes described as “the comforter of the afflicted and

the afflicter of the comfortable”.

Our risen Lord summons us this Easter-tide to see and to hear him in those parts of our lives where we have ignored him before, and to recognise his challenge to us to grow deeper in our love for him, more sacrificial in his service and more courageous in bearing witness to him in the midst of our confused and rudderless world.

May the risen Lord bless you and keep you, comfort you and challenge you as you seek to share his resurrection light in this season and beyond.



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Sun: April 10th	11.00am Sunday Worship
Sun April 17th	11.00am Holy Communion
Sun April 24th	4.00am Sing Sunday for Easter

See poster in this magazine.

Our Charitable Effort for Lent.

Our effort has been to raise money to buy at least 10 standpipe connections for 10 communities that have no access to clean water. Thanks to your efforts we will achieve that target and may even better it. The fund is open until April 3rd. If you still would like to contribute to the fund please contribute through the red bucket at church, send it to me, or contact me on **01572 771564** or at **culmhouse@aol.com** and I will collect.

Thanks to everyone for this excellent result.

David

Message from Lynn Cooper

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning for the British Heart Foundation on February 5th their national day. Thank you to all my donators and helpers and to everyone who came and enjoyed the morning. As a result we achieved the magnificent sum of **£451 30p**.

Many thanks to everyone"

Lynn Cooper

My apologies this was a superb effort and Lynn's thank you was inadvertently omitted from the March issue. (Ed.)

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BROOKE NEWS

The first PCC meeting of 2016 was recently held at 6, Tay Close, Oakham. We were pleased to welcome Canon Julie back in good health and also a new member, Richard Longston. Mary and Sheila had attended their first Deanery Synod meeting and reported an enjoyable evening. Some discussion took place on possible events throughout the year, other items on the agenda were soon dealt with and then coffee and biscuits were served.

The daffodils in St Peter's churchyard are once again making a wonderful show for everyone who visits and heralding the start of spring and this year we have three weddings to look forward to in the spring.

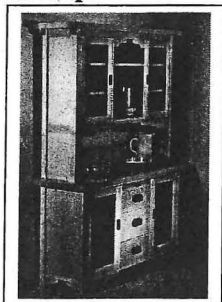
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Egleton's Parish and its Church in particular is on the brink of extending a fond farewell to DAVID and MARY PARKIN as they depart from Rutland after 46 years within its fair acres! They go north to settle "just around the corner" from their daughter Judith and grandchildren Elizabeth and Thomas in Halifax. To an exceptional degree their exit is "such sweet sorrow"!

David and Mary are assured of a distinctly warm welcome in Yorkshire and we cannot fail to endorse the merits of their enterprise. Neither can we let them go, bereft of St. Edmund's appreciation, admiration and affection; our manifold reasons to acknowledge their inestimable stewardship throughout the past 22 years! Each year has borne an undeniable mark of their mutual allegiance and its profound measure of loyal, efficient service to our Parish Church.

Their home – close by St. Edmund's – has become a virtual Annexe; so often a charming venue for PCC deliberations, for Harvest Home suppers, for an Easter dawn Service. Bravo, ye Parkins of our Parish – where David has served his memorable term as Churchwarden, only retiring from its parochial eminence to become a diligent Church Treasurer! In turn, this major role was bequeathed, both readily and wisely, in a grand succession, to Mary herself.

Since St. Edmund's is staffed entirely by its Working Congregation, there is need of a system of ROTAS by which EDMUND'S VOLUNTEER LEGION takes its orderly sequence of duties; Mary and David have had part in every ROTA to-date, including several which they themselves have convened. They have executed the role of Verger – Cleaner – Flower Arranger – Coffee Bar Steward, as well as sustained involvement as Lectionary Readers and Intercessors within the pattern of Eucharistic Services; that is quite a meritorious entry for each CV, 'n no mistake!

It is for sure, an impressive Testimonial to their lives and times within St. Edmund's mindful, grateful and affectionate people who, henceforth, are exhorted to sing praises and to give thanks for David and Mary's discipleship here, at the heart of Egleton and its endearing Church!

Neville Ashton



HAMBLETON NEWS

On Thursday, 3rd March *Celia and Richard Foulkes* organised Hambleton's Annual Spring Bridge Drive at the Village Hall. The day started at 10.30am with coffee and biscuits and after the Bridge Game, a hot lunch of chicken in white wine sauce, new potatoes and green beans, prepared by *Miranda Hall*, was served by *Louise Everett, Gail Griffin, Julia Naylor and Julie Norman*. A Raffle followed, with prizes including a box of chocolates and a bottle of Prosecco. *Caroline Peacock* won the main prize which was lunch at Hambleton Hall Hotel, kindly donated by *Tim Hart*. *Leo Sugden* of Otters Smokehouse in Mill Street, Oakham donated cheeses and many villagers donated delicious homemade dessert. The event raised £848 for the Church Roof Repair Fund.

The Easter Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church on the 27th March will be at 9.15am. Coffee and Simnel cake will be served and there will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children.

Due to many of the usual gardens not being able to open this year, it has been decided that rather than offer a reduced quality event, plans for Open Gardens will be postponed until next year.

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Langham News

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May 21st 10.00 – 1.00 Viennese Café at Archway House, Well Street. As well as appropriate food and coffee there will be plants for sale, music and a hanging basket demonstration.

Our Feast weekend Street Market and celebration will be on the weekend of June 25th and 26th. Further details in next month's magazine, but keep the dates in your diary.

Langham lunches prove to be a great success. The first Tuesday in the month is at the Wheatsheaf at 12.30 and subsequent Tuesdays at the Noel Arms. Both establishments provide great meals at only £7.50. It is particularly good to see many who live on their own or are disabled taking advantage of the offers.

Both the late alterations to the Mothering Sunday service and the additional Easter Sunday all-Age-Worship services were very well attended indeed. Both were informal and well received with a goodly number of children.

The long awaited shed is now erected and only awaits a final coat of creosote (or similar) and flooring to be ready for use. It will be good to be able to clear items from the church to make the place tidier and cleaner.

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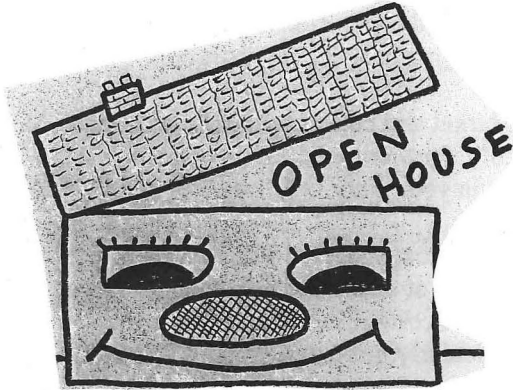


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Holy Baptism

6th March

Layla-Leigh Hodgkinson

13th March

Jacob Brown

"We welcome them into the fellowship of the church family"

Burial Office in Church

9th March

Charles Emmett

Memorial Service

17th March

Roger Begy

"May they rest in peace"



MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Once again, wonderful recitals by Oakham School soloists. They are on holiday and their next recital is on 20th April. Meanwhile we have arranged the following:-

March

30th

Fraser Graham *Piano*
(N.B. *James Redfern* will play on 1st June)

April

6th

James Douglas *Viola*

13th

Mark Ashford *Guitar*

Oakham School back

20th

Brass Ensembles

27th

Morgan Overton *Clarinet*

May

4th

Percussion and Piano Duets

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

BANK HOLIDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Easter Monday, 28th March, at 11.15 a.m.

James Speakman, Oakham School Organist.

Retiring collection for church funds.

A light lunch for £5 will be served afterwards in the Church Hall.

(We do need volunteers though.)

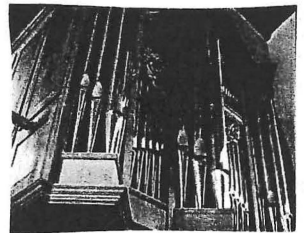
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Jeremy Lloyd, *Organ Scholar*, *Peterborough Cathedral*

Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 30th May

Thomas Keogh, *Organist*, *Holy Cross Priory, Leicester*

Please come!

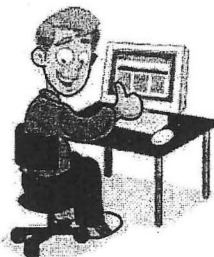


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Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
		12.15pm	CTO Prayer Meeting Trinity Chapel All Saints
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
April			
Sun	3rd		Easter 2
Mon	4th		Lady Day
Tues	5 th	12.30pm	Langham Lunch: The Wheatsheaf Langham
Thur	7th	2.30pm	Come and Chat Bereavement Group: All Saints Oakham Church Hall
Fri	8th	7.30pm	Rutland Three Arts: Methodist Hall Northgate Barry Collett: Smetana and Nationalism
Sat	9th	10.30am	Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Victoria Hall
Sun	10 th		Easter 2
Tues	12 th	10.00am	Open House: 8 Wensum Close Oakham
Wed	13th	2.30pm	M.U. Rutland Deanery Festival. Ketton
Wed	13th	7.30pm	Jesus Christ Superstar: Uppingham Theatre. Also Fri to Sat. with a Matinee performance at 2.30pm Sat.
Thur	14th	7.30pm	High Sheriff's Community Service. St Andrew Whissendine.
Sun	17 th		Easter 3
Mon	18 th		Brooke APCM. Venue to be confirmed.
Wed	20th	8.00pm	All Saints Braunston APCM Village Hall
Sat	23 rd		St George's Day
Sun	24 th	4.00pm	Easter 4: Easter Sing Sunday All Saints Braunston
Fri	29th	7.30pm	Rutland Three Arts: All Saints Church Hall Philippa Massey: The Evolution of Stamford Green Spaces
May			
Sun	1 st		Easter 6: St Philip and St James
Mon	2nd	11.15am	Bank Holiday organ Recital All Saints Oakham Jeremy Lloyd: Organ Scholar Peterborough Cathedral
May	15 th		Start of Christian Aid Week

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)

WINE TASTING EVENING

The Mothers' Union are trying something totally different this year which we hope will be supported by members and friends and give us some profit to help a new initiative, run by MU, in the Diocese. On Thursday 12th May Bat and Bottle will conduct a Wine Tasting in the Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm. They will bring 5 wines to try and while tasting is taking place one will hear about the wine and the producer. Order forms will be available on the night for anyone who wishes to place an order. There will also be a raffle as the aim is to make money to support a lunch project started in Kettering.

Some years ago a Mothers' Union member at a Kettering branch left a legacy to the MU. The Diocese successfully bid to Mary Sumner House for a grant to start a lunch project for children who would normally receive free meals at school, but maybe get nothing at half term or holiday periods. After much time spent drawing up plans, advertising for a co-ordinator and encouraging members to volunteer help, the project finally started at the February half term this year.

The schools were contacted to provide details of needy children, letters were written to the families and the details explained to them. Any child attending must be accompanied by a responsible adult and the provision of food is only for the children. Activities will also be provided to keep the children occupied. This project has started in a small way but if successful could be taken up in other branches in the Diocese. Funds will be needed to make sure this project continues. The grant has enabled the co-ordinator to be appointed, the renting of a hall to be organised and food to be provided but these costs will be ongoing, we hope for many years.

Tickets for the evening, costing £10 are on sale from Oakham MU committee members. Numbers will be limited so buy yours early and come and enjoy a pleasant evening with friends. We do hope you will support us.

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