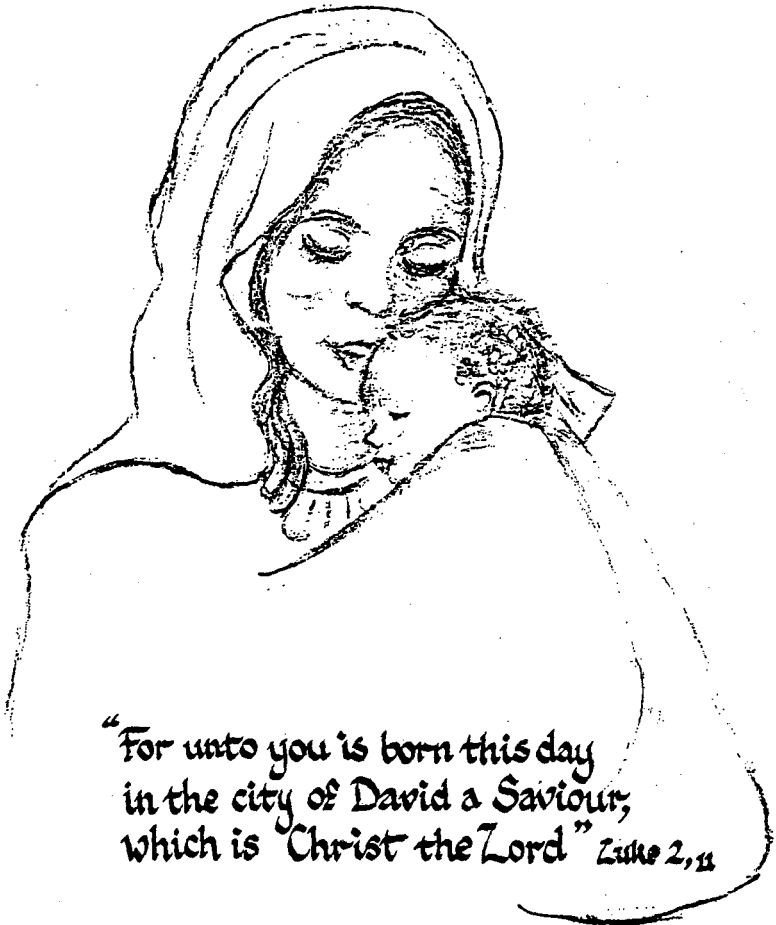


Good News

60p

From The Oakham Group

December 2016



*“For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord” Luke 2, 11*

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The Bishop of Brixworth writes

Hopes and Fears

*“O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see thee lie.....*

*The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.”*

By the time you read my words, the result will be known. It would be fair to say that “hopes and fears” could well describe the feelings of many at this time of political uncertainty.

The election campaign has been one of the strangest ever and has not been a particularly edifying spectacle. Indeed, whatever the result, the quality of what could only be described with deep irony as “public debate” augurs very badly for future political co-operation.

At a similar time of national uncertainty (the death of the long-reigning King Uzziah) the prophet Isaiah had a vision of God enthroned in the temple. It was terrifying; *“I saw the Lord, seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs.... At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the house was filled with smoke.”* (Isaiah 6.1-4)

In the midst of his sheer terror, Isaiah hears the Lord saying; *“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”* and, probably even more frightening, hears himself say; *“Here I am, send me”*.

Then, when the political situation became much worse (a threatened foreign invasion), Isaiah is given words of hope; *“The Lord himself will give you a sign. A virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel”*. (Isaiah 7.14) St Matthew later used this prophecy to describe the coming of Jesus, helpfully adding the explanation that “Emmanuel” means “God with us”. (Matthew 1.23)

As we embark upon Advent and look forwards to Christmas it's good to be reminded that our hopes and fears can best be met, not by any earthly political leader, but in Christ, the Emmanuel God who is with us.

Isaiah has a powerful experience of God, says "Yes" to his call and then points towards hopeful signs of God's active presence in the world. This Advent may we all meet the Emmanuel God afresh, rejoice in the signs of his presence and say "Yes" to his call.

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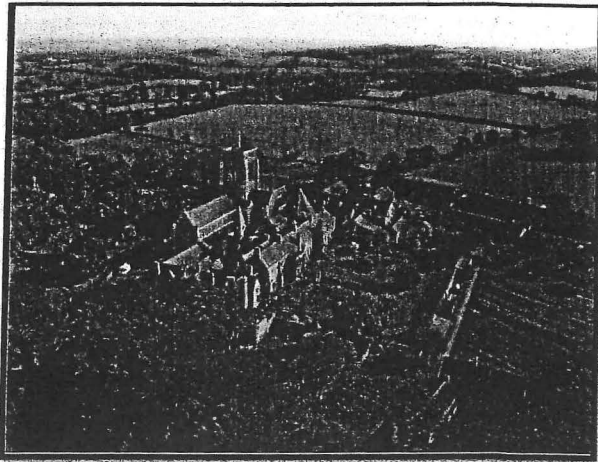
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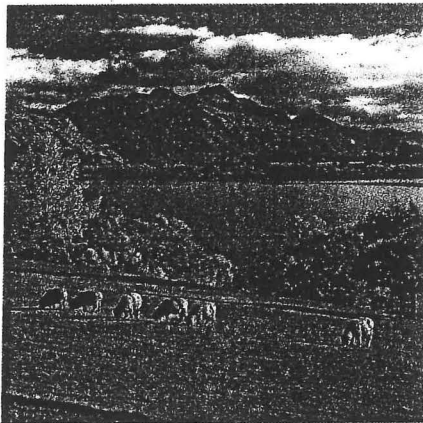
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Braunston News

A very happy and joyous Christmas and New Year to everyone and a very big thank you to all who have contributed to the work of our church and to its activities during this year.

Journey to Jesus 2016: This year the angels play a leading role in our Travelling Nativity Play. We'd like to have as many 'angelic singers' as possible, all ages and it would be especially nice to have more children. Come and join in and make it a really special event – it's lots of fun! Contact Gail: 01572 755570 rudge330@btinternet.com

Services This Month

Dec 4 th	11am	Holy Communion
Dec 11 th	11am	Morning Worship
Dec 18 th	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Dec 24 th	3.30pm	Journey to Jesus (Starts in church)
Dec 25 th	11.00am	Christmas Holy Communion

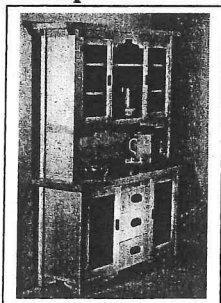
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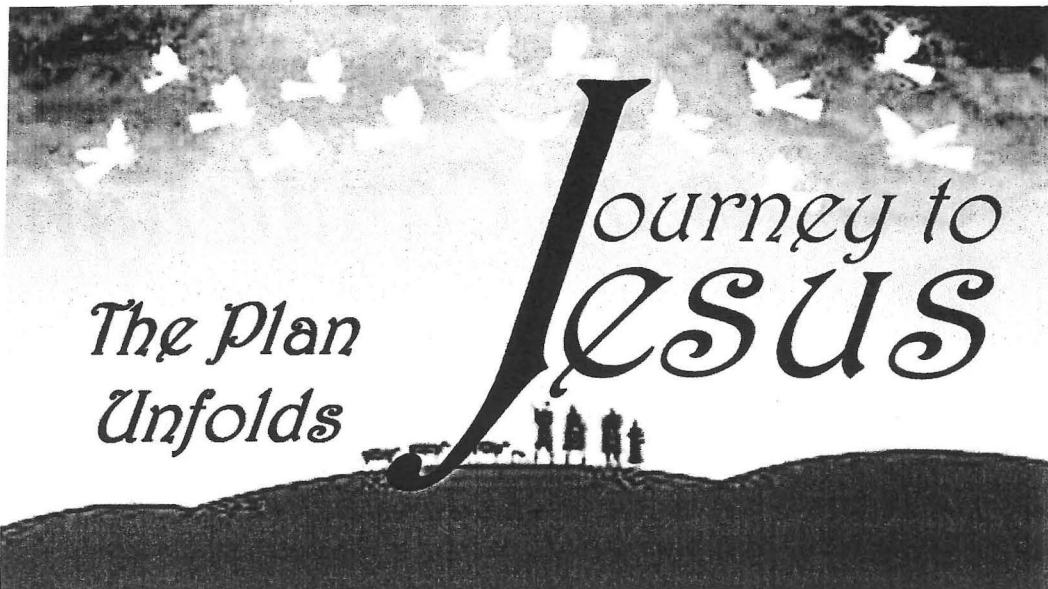


*All Saints' Church Braunston
Sunday 18 December
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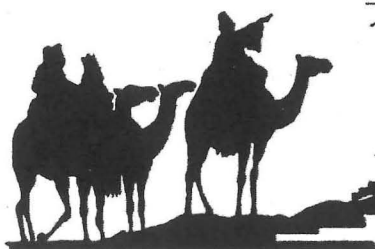


*The Plan
Unfolds*

Journey to JESUS



*Travel with the Wise Men and the Shepherds
as they journey to Bethlehem to find Jesus*



*The journey begins at
All Saints Church Braunston
Christmas Eve 3.30pm*

*Seasonal Refreshments
in the Village Hall
afterwards*

*Make sure you are warmly
dressed as we shall be
going outside
weather permitting*



BROOKE NEWS

Earlier this summer the burial of Mrs Cox, a resident of Brooke some years ago, took place in St Peter's churchyard; it was her wish to be buried back at Brooke and where her son and family now live.

A thank you to Bill and Margaret Lamb who hosted our last PCC meeting on Wednesday 18th October 2016 when only six members were able to attend, the others unfortunately being ill or away on holiday, however after Rev Julie had opened the meeting with a prayer 'the select six' soon skipped through the agenda making decisions on dates etc and deciding the way forward with any issues. The committee also expressed their grateful thanks to Sue Tyers who has resigned as secretary of the PCC but we look forward to still seeing her as part of our congregation. The date of the next PCC meeting will be 1st March 2017 and the APCM on 5th April 2017, venues to be decided later.

Another problem had occurred with the organ the previous Sunday but the congregation had proved to be a melodious acapella choir after being given a note by Connie. Repairs to the organ had been hurriedly made and all was well for the wedding on Saturday 22nd October.

On a beautiful autumnal day and with St Peter prettily decorated with seasonal flowers, berries and foliage, Mary, the daughter of Ian and Elizabeth Bell of Brooke Priory was married to Christopher Tait of Hexham, Northumberland. The young couple live and work in London, Mary as a PA for a company director and Christopher as a supermarket store manager. We wish them well for their future together.

Our service of Remembrance was at 8am on Sunday 13th November and was taken by Rev Julie assisted by husband Phillip, we particularly remembered the three young men of Brooke who courageously gave their lives in WWI. They were Pte Stanley H Burfield aged 30yrs, Dvr Herbert Molyneux aged 32yrs and Pte Joseph Royce aged 23yrs.

Christmas cards depicting St Peter, which is always open, are now on sale in the church at the reasonable price of £3.50 for five cards.

Dates for your diary - CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - ROSE COTTAGE, BROOKE 10-12o'clock on Thursday 8th December

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 18th Dec. 6pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - BCP at 8am

And from a Victorian Christmas card a seasonal greeting to all our friends,

We seem too busy every day
To say the things we want to say;
Our deepest thoughts we seem to hide
Until we reach the Christmas-tide.
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In happy words the old refrain -
'A Very Merry Christmas'.

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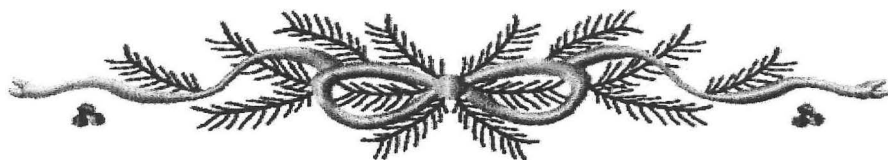


A Candlelight Carol Service at

St Peter, Brooke, Oakham, Rutland

*Sunday 18th December 2016
At 6pm.*

Join us for a service of favourite carols and readings and afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.



Egleton News

Egleton was represented loyally as the Oakham Benefice united on October 30th in appreciation of the ministry of the Revd. Dr. Dominic as he and his wife Frances prepared to go North ! County Durham is already the sphere of career for Frances and now Dominic follows her wise example and becomes Team Vicar following his admirable and gracious Four Years as Curate.

St Edmund's was delighted to have two extended opportunities to savour his gifts and graces, as priest and pastor, whilst he ministered to Egleton in the course of an inter-regnum in the benefice. We offer profound appreciation of Dominic's large fund of wise guidance and affectionate goodwill together with our blessings on both Frances and himself. He worthily assumes his new role, privileged to follow in the steps of St Bede of Jarrow ;the Venerable Bede; one of the most eminent figures in the history of the English Church.

We can be assured how Dominic will maintain such a renowned, high tradition - in and around Geordie-land ! He will be remembered with loving appreciation in Rutland and with a host of good wishes to him and to Frances for much happiness; not least in an endearing FAMILY life !

St Edmund's congregation was largely augmented on November 6th, all assembled for the Morning Service of the Eucharist in which the Sacrament of Baptism, too, fulfilled its highly significant role. Merry and Piers Pertwee presented their son Rider David John to be received " into the midst of Christ's flock, the Church" .

Merry and Piers were returning from Newmarket to Egleton, where they were married and where Merry was a loyal participant in the life and times of St Edmund's Church before establishing her career as Veterinary Surgeon in and around Newmarket. She maintains her allegiance to St Edmund regularly whilst making rewarding visits to her family- father John sister Diana - in Rutland; formerly they were to be found in Ashwell but now in Barrowden.

As ever- beyond an editorial deadline in the middle of the month - the Twentieth of November will be celebrated as the Feast Day of St Edmund King and Martyr : there and then, Egleton expects to give our Patron Saint his due , our homage and our reverence - when EDMUND's Day falls obligingly on the THIRD SUNDAY in November ! His Flag will fly in the

churchyard and a display mounted to celebrate his eminence among Christ's martyr's and saints !

On EDMUND's Day we can proclaim , with passion and precision alike "FIVE WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS ! " Edmund would be ever-ready to give place to his pledged Lord and Saviour ! He gave his life, as a proof of it !

On Christmas Morning at 9.15., Edmund's Parish and People will celebrate , as rapturously as often before and "as morning stars together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth".

But, in tune with past years a-plenty, in good and proper preparation for the Holy Birth , Egleton will rejoice in sharing The Carol Service -on **WEDNESDAY December 14th at SIX o'clock.**

The joyful momentum of this cherished time of worship is to be followed by a further form of seasonal delights - when Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be thirstily and thankfully consumed !

Parishioners - present and past - are never yet known to fail in whetting an appetite for the inherent , indisputable merits whenever " those faithful, joyful and triumphant , come and adore Him , born the king of angels ". Egleton readily renews every good wish for your **HAPPY CHRISTMAS !**

HAMBLETON NEWS

On Sunday, 13th November at 9.15am, St Andrew's Church held a Remembrance Service. The Service was taken by *Rev Canon Julie Hutchinson* and was followed by a roll call of the Hambleton Servicemen who had died in the First World War

On Sunday, 11th December a Christingle Service will be held at 6pm in St Andrew's Church and will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held at 9am.

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Langham News

Our major event is the Christmas Tree Festival. It kicks off with a Gala evening on December 2nd at 7.30p.m. in the church. Music will be provided by Jackie Morrison. Tickets are £20 from Debbie Sowter (01572 723533, Debbie_sowter@hotmail.co.uk) or Hilary Knight (01572 757435 hilarydknight@gmail.com).

Saturday 3rd, and Sunday 4th the church will be open to view the Christmas trees from 10.00-6.00. There will be live music playing throughout, also crafts, tombola etc. in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available all day.

6.00p.m. on the Sunday there is to be the normal Word, Worship and Response service to which all are welcome.

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 5.30p.m. is always particularly well attended with the children who come dressed to represent people from the Christmas story. One year we had Batman, but found it necessary to find an unusual slot for him – we did, of course.

The “Midnight “ service is at 11.15p.m. – it might be worth coming a little early as there is a possibility of mulled wine .

There is no daytime service in our church on Christmas Day, but many in other churches in the Team.

The Bell-Ringers service will take place as usual on January 1st at 11.00a.m.

There will be no Church@4 services during January, February and March. There is to be a re-think about best form, time and even place for these. Until now they have largely been child centred, but anything may now be planned! Watch this space.

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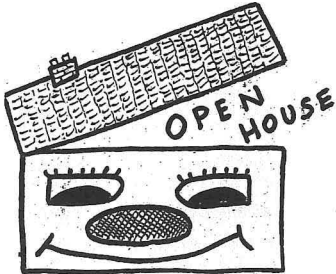
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Holy Baptism

20th November

Poppy May Palmer

Oscar Robin Burgess



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He had no royal palace,
Only a stable bare.
He had no watchful servants,
An ox and ass stood there.
But light shone forth from where He lay,
The King of Love upon the hay!

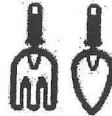
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The Service

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on

Friday afternoon, 3rd March, 2017

at 1.30 p.m.

(after Lent Lunch)

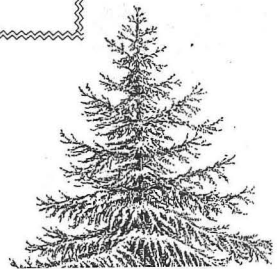
Christine Carlin

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Isaiah ix. 13

“The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee;
The fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together
To beautify the place of my sanctuary.”



Music at All Saints Oakham

Only one more Oakham School recital. How time flies. Recitals arranged by us in the school holidays. Our thanks again for a wonderful term of music and good wishes for the Christmas holidays.

December.

7th

Julia Yan

Violin

14th

Catmose College

21st

A Christmas Medley for
voices and instruments

28th

No Recital

Jan

4th

No Recital

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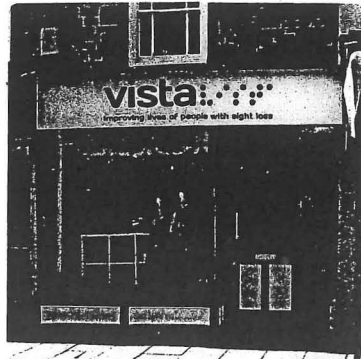
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Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel All Saints. (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
		12.15pm	Evangelical Prayer Meeting All Saints Oakham
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Thur	1 st	10.00am 7.00pm	Open House: 19 Ashwell Road NSPCC Christmas Concert All Saints Oakham
Fri	2 nd	7.30pm	Gala Opening of Christmas Tree Festival St Peter and St Paul Langham
Sat	3 rd	10.00am	Christmas Coffee Morning 18 Oakham Rd Ashwell
Sat	3 rd	10 00 -	St Peter and St Paul Christmas Tree Festival
Sun	4 th	6.00pm	Church and Village Hall
Sun	4 th	3.00pm	Advent 2: Tea Party All Saints Oakham
Mon	5 th	6.00pm	Late Night Shopping Oakham Mulled Wine in All Saints Church Oakham
Thur	8 th	10.00am 2.15pm	Christmas Coffee Morning Rose Cottage Brooke Mothers' Union Church Hall
Sun	11 th	6.00pm	Advent 3 St Andrew Hambleton Christingle Service
Sun	18 th	6.00pm 6.00pm 11.15pm	Advent 4 Carols by Candlelight All Saints Braunston Candlelit Carol Service: St Peter Brooke St Peter and St Paul Langham Christmas Communion
Sat	24 th	3.30pm	Christmas Eve Journey to Jesus All Saints Braunston
Sat	24 th	5.30pm	St Peter and St Paul Langham Crib Service
Sun	25 th		Christmas Day A joyful and Peaceful Christmas to everyone
Mon	26th		Feast of St Stephen
Tues	27 th		St John The Evangelist
Wed	28th		Holy Innocents
Jan			
Jan	1st	11.00am	Second Sunday of Christmas. Happy New Year to you All St Peter and St Paul Langham Bell Ringers Service

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
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Langham	1					WWR
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Braunston	1,3			² HC		
	2			² SW		
	4				SS	
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	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		² HC(T)			
Egletton	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***	ES***
	2		¹ HC(B)**			
	3			² FS		
	4			² HC		
Market Overton	1,4		¹ HC			
	2				ES***	ES***
	3		¹ BP			

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)

BP – Breakfast Praise (informal worship)

SW – Sunday Worship (informal worship)

SS – Sing Sunday (informal worship with emphasis on music)

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

*** 4:00pm in Summer months / 6:00pm in Winter months

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