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## Robin Robson Writes;

I am writing this in mid Advent but when you read it, it will be the New Year. We will have greeted 2017 with joy and slight apprehension. The world has changed over the past 12 months, we have voted to leave the European Union, and that must happen as it is the will of the people. Donald Trump, about whom we know very little, has been elected President of the United States of America and will be inaugurated in January. So these are the definite things about which we need to pray.

Meanwhile on our personal stage some people will have started New Year Resolutions and should still be keeping them. As I am hopeless at those sort of resolutions, although I have the best intentions in the world. Last year, I made the resolution to learn a foreign language. In Acts chapter 2 it tells of the disciples all talking in tongues representing all the countries of that known world and I wish I had that ability, but I have not. So I must learn bit by bit.

Because we go to Italy quite a lot I decided on Italian and as I speak French passably it was supposed to be easy to learn another roman based language. Not when you get to the age of no return, as I am, you have to really work at it. But the pluses are that the classes are in the afternoon, that the other learners are a lovely group of people and our teacher 'insegnante' is a young, vibrant woman from Sicily whose name is Monica and she guides us through the mysteries of verbs, prepositions and idioms, as well as nouns. You will have gathered that a year on I am still trying at this endeavour and that is how resolutions should be.

In our Church life, the new year has already begun with Advent and the turn of the year is just another indication. There will be many among us who have made new resolutions but perhaps this year, it being a more challenging year for us all, we should resolve to pray more. Resolve to read the bible more and resolve to share the love of Christ with everyone. Jesus told us never to be afraid but to trust in him, we have to resolve to share that, it is such good news.

Happy New Year.

Robin Robson

# The Bishop of Peterborough writes Shocks and Surprises in 2017?

2016 was a year of surprises. You might feel that we could all do with a bit more stability in this New Year. However, I doubt that we can bank on it. I'm pretty sure you can expect a surprise or two. But I'm not going to make any predictions.



One of the interesting things about surprises is how we react to them. What sort of reactions do you have to a shock election result, or an unexpected sports champion or, much more seriously, how do you react to the news of the serious illness of a loved one, or yourself?

The immediate reaction isn't the most important thing. Some of us are more volatile than others, or more used to showing our feelings. Others seem to take everything calmly, maybe too calmly. But what counts is how these shocks and surprises affect us long term. You may have met someone who says that a tragic event caused them to lose their faith in God. You may be someone who has never been able to deal with a deep disappointment or a death in the family.

Jesus seems to rebuke his disciples for panicking in the face of a storm, even a life-threatening one. He seems to imply that his presence ought to give us a deep peace, a strength to deal with what life throws at us. But it isn't that easy. He still wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus, and he still showed anger at those who used the Temple to make a profit from the poor. He isn't modelling or teaching a false calmness, an emotional deficit. The big question is: Can we trust him, whatever life throws at us? The famous saying of Job in the King James Version of the Old Testament, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15) may be a bad translation, but it still sets us the challenge. And the testimony of the whole Bible, and of so many Christian people in history and today, is absolutely clear.

Come what may, he can be trusted. Great is thy faithfulness.



### WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Discovery Day

will be at the Methodist Church

Northgate, Oakham

on Friday, 27th January 2017

10.00 a.m. Coffee finishing with Lunch at 1.00 p.m. £5.

Information provided by Christian women of Philippines will be available

Please let me know if you would like lunch, by 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

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will now be at our All Saints' Church, Oakham

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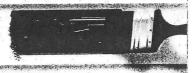
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### OAKHAM & BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION

As is our custom, the meeting before Christmas was a Holy Communion Service, followed by "entertainment or games".

The former was conducted by the Reverend Brian Nicholls, ably assisted by our member Reader, Robin Robson.

The latter was a surprise! Readings by our Committee members. These ranged from John Betjeman's view of Winter to Mrs. Balthazar's account of her one, scary, long journey (on a grumpy camel) with her intrepid traveler husband, to see the baby Jesus. These were very entertaining.

Meg then gave details of the 2017 programme, which includes an interesting selection of speakers. Our meeting finished with tea and mince pies.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings. The next one is a Fish and Chip lunch at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, followed by the AGM. Please let Pamela Woods (tel: 755371) know if you would like lunch.

Christine Carlin

# A New Year Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



## New Warden for Launde Abbey

Launde Abbey, the Retreat House of the Dioceses of Peterborough and Leicester, has a new warden, the Venerable David Newman, currently Archdeacon of Loughborough. The Rev'd Canon Helen Newman will also be joining the staff of Launde in a new role of Chaplain.



David and Helen have both worked in the Diocese of Leicester for a number of years. David was appointed as Archdeacon of Loughborough in 2009 and before that was Rector of Emmanuel Loughborough and Area Dean of Akeley East. He was also chair of the House of Clergy from 2007-2009. Helen has been the Chaplain of LOROS since 2009 and previously worked with David at Emmanuel. Helen was made an Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral earlier this year. They have both led numerous retreats and courses at Launde in recent years and have a deep love of the place and people.

Bishop Donald said: "I warmly welcome the appointment of David and Helen, and am delighted that their gifts will be used in this way at for the blessing of both Leicester and Peterborough Dioceses." The Bishop of Leicester, The Right Reverend Martyn Snow commented: "David's rich experience as Archdeacon and Rector will be invaluable in ensuring that Launde plays a prominent role in the diocese' vision to be 'Shaped by God'. Helen brings rich gifts in teaching and spiritual direction and I am absolutely delighted that they have agreed to move to Launde."

David and Helen are very happy to be moving to the Retreat Centre. "Launde Abbey has always been a special place for us during our twenty years in Leicester Diocese and we are very excited at this opportunity to lead the community forward in its ministry of hospitality, prayer and equipping for discipleship. Our vision is for Launde to be a prophetic and sustaining resource, enabling the people of God to negotiate challenging times with courage, wisdom and hope."

Tim Stratford, Chair of Trustees, added, "I am delighted that David Newman is to take on the role of Warden at Launde Abbey and will be joined in ministry there by his wife, Helen. Together they bring deep spiritual maturity and a breadth of experience that it is rare to find. I am confident that this precious place will be in safe hands as they offer their

leadership and share responsibility with others to make Launde Abbey a hospitable place on a secure footing in which people will encounter the living God."

Please pray for David and Helen as they prepare to move to Launde in the Spring of 2017.

# February 2017 events

# Sat 4 Feb, Winter Glory Conference

9.15am-4.30pm at Kettering Conference Centre.

enquiries@winterglory.co.uk or 01536 414141

A Christian Conference to encourage and equip women in the East Midlands. Tickets are £14 for Winter Glory and £10 for Blizzard. More information at www.winterglory.co.uk to book tickets

Sat 18 Feb, The Gift of Years - Resourcing the spiritual journey of older people. 9.30am-1pm. A keynote address and a variety of workshops to share good practice and ideas. Tickets are £5. To book a place email: bookings@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Tues 21 Feb, Core Skills for Family Ministry. 6 Tuesday evenings 21, 28 February, 7, 14, 28 March and 4 April 2017. At Bouverie Court NN4 7YD. More information from Rona Orme at rona.orme@peterborough-diocese.org.uk or 01604 887045. To book a place email: bookings@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

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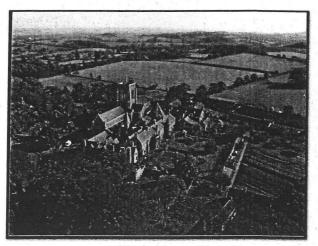
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# CHURCHES TOGETHER

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A UNITED SERVICE
Will be held at **6.00 pm**on
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OAKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

### **Christmas in Braunston**

I hope you've all had a joyful and festive Christmas and are also rested enough to step forward into the New Year.

Christmas in Braunston began with our **Carols by Candlelight**. The church looked beautiful lit by candles and Christmas tree lights. Thank you to all who made the church look so lovely, the readers and everyone who came to join us.

Journey to Jesus on Christmas Eve was truly blessed by the weather, not only did Storm Barbara pass us by but the chilly wind dropped just in time enabling our Travelling Nativity to proceed as planned. Thanks to all the hard work of everyone involved, it was a great success. As usual, the play began in church where there was standing room only, which proved quite a challenge for the kings to make their entrance! We've always had a good crowd but none quite as large as this year. Tiny baby Amelia, only 7 weeks old, was the sweetest Baby Jesus sleeping peacefully through it















We were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our Christmas morning celebration of Communion by Extension.

Happy New Year!

#### **BROOKE NEWS**

Yet again we are indebted to Sheila and Derek Harrington for welcoming everyone into their house for Brooke's annual Christmas Coffee Morning on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Although it was an unseasonably warm December day it was still good to sit by their log fire with coffee, delicious mince pies and chatter to friends for an hour or so and with the possibility of winning one of the many raffle prizes on offer. Thank you to all who baked, gave prizes, served coffee, washed up, sold goods or raffle tickets or who helped in any way to make it a very pleasant morning out and raise a total of £454 for church funds.

And so to the final instalment about the restoration and reopening of St Peter in 1879.

During the fund raising events various friends of St Peter had kindly promised items of furnishings. The Rev William Syson of Toynton Rectory, Spilsby, Lincs who had been born in Brooke donated two chancel chairs, the Rev Philip T Bainbrigge BA, a former curate of Oakham and Brooke but now of St Peter's, Leicester provided the small window in the tower, Miss Lorina Bainbrigge worked and presented a scarlet embroidered altar cloth while the glass of a nave window was the gift of a Mrs Ratcliffe and Mr W D Rice and Lady Augusta Noel provided other chancel furniture.

St Peter was officially re-opened on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1879 when a special service was attended by a large congregation including a number of titled people and many friends from Oakham and Braunston. The vicar of Oakham the Rev John Mould conducted the service with lessons read by the Rev Harry Wingfield, rector of Market Overton and the Rev J Hanbury curate of Brooke, prayers were said by the Rev Philip T Bainbrigge, former curate of Brooke and the sermon was given by the Rev Montague H Neal MA, the vicar of St Barnabus, Oxford. A new harmonium made by Gilbert L Bauer and Co of London, which had been presented to St Peter by

special subscriptions was played for the first time by H Nicholson Esq, the organist of Oakham church and the Brooke choir was augmented by choristers from Oakham. The hymns for the service were 'Before Jehovah's Awful Throne', 'Christ is Our Corner Stone', 'O Blessed Sun Whose Splendour' and 'The Church's One Foundation.' A special Sunday service was conducted the following weekend by the Rev John Mould.

# BROOKE CHURCH. Re-Opening Service, on Thursday, Sept. 4th, 1879.

Connie Beadman writes - earlier this year a hymn sheet printed for this very service was discovered by Mrs J Jones of Shepperton, Middx after the death of her husband John Sydney Jones, Connie's cousin, in July 2015. It was in an envelope addressed to John's mother at Clapham Common and dated 1938 and must have been sent to Mrs Jones after John's grandmother Edith Jones of Grange Farm, Brooke had died aged 92years. Connie's gt. aunt Edith Jones was the regular Brooke organist at this time and the hymn sheet was sent to her daughter because she too was the Brooke organist after her mother.

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and send good wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2017.



# **Egleton News**

St Edmund's annual Carol Service brought together a handsome assembly of Parishioners, with their kin and kith, from at least four generations of carollers, all eager to "hail the ever blessed Lord: to hail redemption's happy dawn ....when Christ was born in Bethlehem"!

The sequence of readings to tell again the Christmas Story, augmented by the perceptions of Poets reflecting on the Eternal merits of the birth of Jesus, complemented the large congregation's impressive rendering of the cherished carols. The readings were delivered by representatives drawn from those same four generations of Egleton neighbours, all serving their hallowed purpose with distinction!

The service was guided by Readers of the Oakham Benefice, Robin Wilson and Philip Hutchinson . St Edmund's Church was delightfully adorned by candles and flowers and the whole enchanting evening was fittingly supplemented by the serving of mulled wine and mince pies; these , too, were lovingly offered by fellow-parishioners.

The Carol Service brought about a welcome return of Churchwarden Sue, following recent absence through a protracted period of ill-health; alas, the occasion brought regrets over the absence through illness of the Reverend Canon Julie.

Christmas Day lies ahead, whilst this report is compiled, but St Edmund's parishioners are designated to "Wake and Salute the happy morn whereon the Saviour of the World was born: to rise to adore the mystery of love which hosts of angels chanted, from Above: with Them the joyful tidings first began of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son"!

On Sunday, New Year's Day, the Church will get set to "ring out the Old, ring in the New; as the first service of the Year begins at 9.15: as Tennyson wrote "ring in the valiant man and free; the larger heart, the kindlier hand: ring out the darkness of the land: RING in the CHRIST THAT IS TO BE!

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Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon

# FROM OAKHAM PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS

**Holy Matrimony** 

10<sup>th</sup> December

Adam White & Sophie Mcgarvie

15<sup>th</sup> December

Bob & Elizabeth Ferrer Wedding Blessing

"We wish them every happiness"

## **Burial Office in Church**

25<sup>th</sup> November

Howard Wainwright

2<sup>nd</sup> December

John King

9<sup>th</sup> December

Harry Ford

12th December

Irene Maria Raeder

(Langham)

21st December

**Harold Plester** 

"May they rest in peace"

"The Snowdrop; Winter's timid child, Awakes to life, bedew'd with tears"

Mary Robinson



## MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

2016 was a wonderful year for lunchtime recitals by Oakham School soloists in term-time and those in the holidays arranged by Kevin, with a little help from me! The year concluded with Catmose College students giving us a taste of their evening Carol Concert and on the 21st a Christmas Medley for voices and instruments, arranged by Kevin. Our thanks to everyone who has participated in and attended these recitals.

Now we are looking forward to 2017's programme, starting with Oakham School pupils:

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(4 <sup>th</sup>	No recital)	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor Shute	Violin
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25 <sup>th</sup>	Imogen Fell	Piano
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## **February**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Farmer	'cello	
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## BANK HOLIDAY ORGAN RECITAL

Our next Bank Holiday Organ Recital will be on Easter Monday 2017, when we look forward to welcoming Ivan Linford again.



Details of all Recitals from:-

Kevin Slingsby Tel: 07973 215 444

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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		
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>		Second Sunday of Christmas: Happy New Year		
•			Limited services see Pew Notice.		
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>		No music at Lunchtime		
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Epiphany: Twelfth Night Carols by Candlelight		
			St John North Luffenham		
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Friends Pantomime Trip; Dick Whittington Peterborough		
			Contact: 724103		
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>		Baptism of Jesus		
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Open House 4.Chater Road Oakham		
Thur	. 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Mothers' Union Fish and Chip Lunch then AGM		
		_	Church Hall Please contact Pamela to reserve lunch. 75537		
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>		Epiphany 2		
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Churches Together Breakfast Victoria Hall Oakham		
			Speaker: Brother Nicholas Palmer. Contact: 723288		
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.		
		6.00pm	United Service Oakham Baptist Church		
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>		Conversion of St Paul		
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	WWDP Discovery Day: Methodist Church Northgate		
			Lunch at 1.00pm. (Please ring 722968 if lunch is required		

# Editorial Note A very happy New Year to all readers and contributors and a very grateful

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note of thanks to all who help to distribute Good News throughout the group. Those who pay annually will be glad to know that the price remains at the same £6.00 per annum. For this month of January we are away on holiday from January 14<sup>th</sup> until January 30<sup>th</sup> so I ask if contributions can please be with me by **Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** so that I can prepare for printing before we go. May I remind contributors that if copy is emailed to me I shall reply I ask you to double check with me if you do not get an acknowledgement. David.

Presentation of Christ in The Temple.

#### **Team Service Patterns and Times**

Church	Week	8am	<sup>1</sup> 9:00am	10:30am	4:00pm	6:00pm
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HC – Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language)

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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)

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