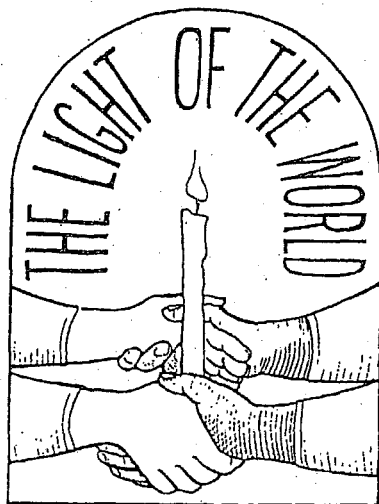


# **Good News Feb.2017**

## **From The Oakham Group.**



"My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared,  
before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of Your people Israel" Luke 2 30-31.

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## Peterborough giving generously

Peterborough Diocese is bucking the current trend for other Dioceses across the country. While many are losing numbers of clergy, with Bishop Donald's plan we are growing in clergy numbers.



Also, where the national average numbers for givers are down, in Peterborough Diocese those numbers are up.

Nationally, the number of individuals who give to their church is down by 2.1%, but in Peterborough numbers went up by 4%.

Parish finance statistics for 2014 were released last September and show lots of positive indicators.

Nationally, the average giving per person is up 4.1% - and giving as an average of a person's income, is the highest it has been at 3.5%. (This takes into account the average national income, including salaries, wages pensions benefits).

In Peterborough Diocese average giving went up by 6%.

For the Diocese, the total income that churches receive went up 9% - almost three times the national number of 3.8%.

What does this all mean?

Paul Adams, Peterborough Diocese Stewardship Officer, said: "I think nationally we're doing a better job of educating people, teaching people about giving and living generously. We have more stewardship officers nationally, than ever before."

He said that there is an overall theme for 2017.

"The message this year is about living generous lives. The Old

Testament principle of tithing is still a good and important measure, but when Jesus came, he changed everything. He gave himself completely, and he calls us to do the same.”

Paul said that living generous lives is not just about the cash.

“Our response needs to be generous in giving our time, talents and finances completely to God.”

He said that there isn't an exact figure for generosity.

“Generosity for some may be 2% or 10% or maybe even 20 – 25%. In Matthew 12 we have the story of the Widows mite: she gave all she had! The Archbishop of York is well known for saying he gives 20% of his gross income. We need to sort it out with God, from the first of what we have, not what is left over.

It's about being generous with our whole lives and everything we have.”

Paul talked about other ways in which we can give.

“One of my colleagues this week sent me a great blog that reminded me that we have the greatest gift to share – our faith – and the gift of Jesus.

If we would only talk about it and share that with others a little more. That would grow all of our churches!”

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## Come to the Bishop's Bible Day

This year the theme is *The Old Testament for the church and the world today.*



The day for anyone who uses the Bible; in their ministry, in church, in school, at work, in the community and at home.

There are two talks from Bishop Donald, and a choice of two workshops during the day.

There are many available including:

\* **Friends or Foes?** Multiculturalism in the Old Testament: exploring the contradictory traditions of ethnic purity and being YHWH's means of saving all the nations with Bishop John.

\* **The Good Shepherd:** How Jesus used Psalm 23 to describe himself and his mission with Chrys Tremththanmor

\* **Amnon and Tamar:** Top tips for avoiding Lust and Murder in everyday life. A frank and honest reflection on handling challenging issues in discipleship and accountability with Chad Chadwick

\* **What can we learn from the Life Coaches in the Old Testament?** with Adrian Holdstock

\* **Scripture in a nut shell:** Human identity, Death and Life with Charlie Nobbs

\* **Making the connection between Old and New :** When is the New more helpfully understood in the light of the Old? with Richard Ormston

***The prophet Joel:*** how deep do our reflection and penitence go?  
with Barry Morrison.

**\* Exploring the timeline of the Old Testament through  
storytelling** with Angela Hughes

**"Will you be for me a Kingdom of Priests"** (Exodus 19:6)  
What on earth are we here for? with Steve Benoy.

It all happens on **Saturday 18 March 2017**, 9:30am - 4pm at  
Northampton High School for Girls, Newport Pagnell Road,  
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Book early to ensure your place in the workshops, as places are  
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For a list of workshops or to book, ring 01604 887049 or email:  
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More information can be found at: <http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/discipleship/-3>.

The Bible day is free of charge but donations are very much  
appreciated from those who feel able to contribute towards the  
costs. These are estimated to be about £1000 (£5 per person

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# All Saints' Church Oakham

## A Composer's Life

The Four Piano Sonatas of *Carl Maria von Weber*  
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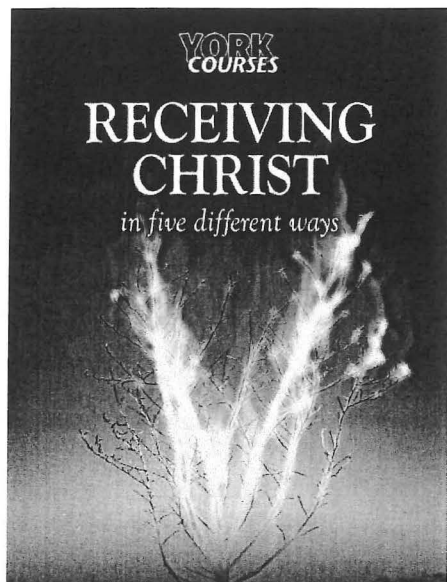
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Churches Together in Oakham and District  
Lent Course 2017  
**RECEIVING CHRIST in 5 different ways**  
Written by Canon John Young



'To all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God.' (John 1.12.)

This raises big questions:  
Aren't we all children of God anyway?  
Just how can we receive Christ?  
What does it mean to have 'a relationship with God'?

In a course crammed with discussable questions, John Young teases out from the New Testament at least three different ways in which we receive Christ. John's course booklet is supplemented by four leading Christians, from a variety of backgrounds, on the course CD. Together they demonstrate that St John's theology in his magisterial Gospel has very practical implications for our day-to-day lives.

- Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God**
- Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy**
- Session 3: Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion**
- Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship**
- Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27)**

The participants on the course CD are:

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Margaret Sentamu

Revd Dr Ken Howcroft, former President of Methodist Conference

Theodora Hawksley, RC Sister and Theologian

If you would like to participate in this year's Lent Course, please sign up on the sheet in your church by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the very latest.**

The courses will start in the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Mothers' Union January Meeting

The hearty portions of fish and chips were particularly welcome on such a damp and dreary day, as it was, on the first MU meeting of the New Year. Committee members had kindly provided good selection of hot and cold desserts, so an excellent lunch was enjoyed by all.

This was followed by the AGM, which was chaired by Pamela Woods in the absence of Meg Dyer. The reading of the minutes of the last AGM reminded us of the interesting and varied programme which we had had during the previous twelve months. The wine tasting evening in May had been a successful fund raiser resulting in a substantial sum donated to the Frances lunch project in Kettering. This imaginative scheme provides lunches, during school holidays, for children who would normally have a free school meal.

The programme for 2017 promises to be equally varied and interesting. The next meeting will be at 2.15pm, on Tuesday 9th February. A talk entitled "Love and Marriage in the 17th Century" will be given by Anne Blackett, one of our Church Wardens.

Helen Bush.

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## Braunston News

### Sing Sunday

4.pm Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>

We all want to sing the old familiar hymns to their traditional tunes and Sing Sunday is an opportunity to come and do that. There is also the challenge to tackle some of the tremendous number of new hymns and worship songs which we hear on Songs of Praise and in other churches.

These we practice first and then knit all of the mixed selection for the day into a simple service. Come along and help to contribute to the success of this chance to sing your heart out.

### Lent and our Giving

Lent is a time when many of us give up something for Lent. The real basis for that is that what we save in doing so can be part of our charitable activities. For many years now we have collected throughout Lent up to, and including Easter Day for **WATERAID**.

We start again on the First Sunday in Lent and “**the little red bucket**” will be at every service and at the **Monday evening Lent Course which starts on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>**, to accept contributions.

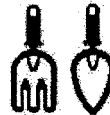
Our target for this year, and targets are always meant to be beaten is **£200**.

If you haven't signed up for the Lent Course details and a list to sign are in church or ring Alan and Gail on 755570.

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## BROOKE NEWS

Once again St Peter was aglow with twinkling candles and fairy lights for our popular and well attended Candlelit Carol Service on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The Rev Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani led the service of seven carols and readings which were read by Edward Baines, William Bell, Mary Brooks, Robert Eayres, Terry Greer, Margaret Lamb and Sue Tyers. Connie Beadman played the organ, John Beadman and his team of bell ringers rang a welcoming peal as everyone arrived for the service on a dark winter's night. Terry and Gill Greer's granddaughter Maddie charmed us all as she sang a beautiful solo for the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'. Afterwards there were seasonal refreshments of mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles kindly provided by Derek Harrington and the Brooke ladies. The collection this year will be given to Christian Aid.

St Peter was resplendent with red and green floral decorations and a pretty Christmas tree for the 8am Christmas Day communion service which was taken by the Rev Brian Nicholls. A special little person also joined us for a blessing as her father had done one Christmas Day when he was just three weeks old. Joining us was the 7week old daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Crosher, her parents and grandparents had been married at Brooke and her great grandparents the late John and Pauline Jenkinson were previous long term residents of Brooke.

And to amuse those of you trying to stick to New Year resolutions a couple of 'typos' .....

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance".

"The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

## Egleton News

Many of St Edmund's loyal worshippers, constantly congregating through the changing seasons of the year, are scattered far and wide when Christmas Day dawns and yet, year by year the ancient Church, delightfully adorned "and looking its best", hosts a comparable assembly of welcome folks, from the village and neighbouring corners of Rutland, eager as ever to hail "the ever-blessed morn, to hail redemption's happy dawn " in a rousing sequence of praise and thanksgiving. Such was the setting on Christmas Day '16 when the few Egleton folk - at home for Christmas- were complemented once again by a goodly company of parishioner's kith & kin , as well as visitors from further afield.

In the much regretted absence of the Reverend Julie - to whom our renewed, prayerful good wishes are extended- we have had occasion to offer a cordial and grateful welcome to Lee, our Benefice Rector and to Owen our Curate and, not least, to Julie's husband Philip who, amongst his sequence of services with us , conducted our Christmas Day celebration.

In giving WELCOME to FEBRUARY we can offer these lines composed by P A Ropes, long ago now, but timeless in their simple , endearing charm, not to mention their urgent, price-tagged plea for the swift return of Spring , in all its widespread glory !:

Jonquils and violets smelling sweet in the grey, unblossoming street -  
These to our midwinter bring the first , frail beauty of the Spring .  
Sixpence - sixpence for the Spring !

For south wind and bird on wing ; pennies for a priceless thing !  
Glory of flower cups, flower eyes; wild, soft grace under iron skies;  
Deathless in the gift They bring, though they die at evening :  
Sixpence - sixpence for the Spring !

## Hambleton, News

Tendered prices have been received for replacement of the nave and aisle slate roofs. Funds and permissions are in place and the planned start date is 9<sup>th</sup> January. The work will take four to five months during which time the church will be closed. Alternative venues for services are being considered.

The annual concert by Hambleton Hall in St Andrew's Church was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December and featured the renowned music ensemble, the Reverie Choir who royally entertained 120 guests.

The church was beautifully decorated by Hambleton Hall in time for our Christmas Carol Service with Christingle led by Lee on 11<sup>th</sup> December. A congregation of 53 was greeted by the bell ringers led by Araminta and her team from Oakham.

Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed afterwards and £350 was collected for The Children's Society.

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## Langham News

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-centered, but anything may now be planned! Watch this space. We have had one very useful and exciting meeting with others planned.

Unfortunately Julie is still unwell, but we are being very well looked after. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery. Candlemas at Langham was well supported by the Benefice with an uplifting sermon from Rev Canon Miles Baker. Earlier in January we had Bishop John to preach.

### Forthcoming Events:

- February 25<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night. Village Hall  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Lent Lunch 12.30 Village Hall  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Penniless' Singers

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### OPEN HOUSE 2017



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**Elizabeth & Brian Nicholls**

28 Heron Road

All welcome

Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon

## **WOMENS'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

All Saints Church Oakham

Fri March 3rd 1.30pm

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## MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Oakham School soloists are continuing to entertain us on Wednesdays at Lunchtimes. Their programme will be:

### February

1<sup>st</sup>            *Emma Farmer*            'cello

8<sup>th</sup>            *Morgan Overton*            *Piano*

and then at half-term we have an ex-Oakham School Master!

15<sup>th</sup>            *John Bagley*            *Flute*  
                  *and Viv Jackson*            *Piano*

22<sup>nd</sup>            *Vocal Ensemble*  
                  *and Imogen Fell*            *Harp*

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

### 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:-

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February 2<sup>nd</sup>            Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
Christingle



February 14<sup>th</sup>            St. Valentine's Day ♥♥♥

February 24<sup>th</sup>            St. Matthias, the Apostle

February 28<sup>th</sup>            Shrove Tuesday



Day.	Date		February
<b>Reg Events</b>			
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 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
Fri	Feb Only	1.30pm	<b>Carl Maria von Weber: A Composer's Life</b> <b>Each Friday a Sonata: Performed by John Dobson</b>
<b>Feb</b>			
Thur	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b> <b>Rutland Theological Society: Oakham Methodist Church</b>
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	<b>Fourth Sunday Before Lent</b> <b>Encountering God in Holy Places:</b> St Peter and St Paul Langham: Raymond Tomkinson
Thur	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Mothers' Union All Saints Oakham Church Hall.
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Third Sunday Before Lent</b>
	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Valentine. Open House: 28 Heron Road
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Second Sunday Before Lent.</b> <b>Final Day to sign up for a Lent Course</b>
	24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St Matthias</b>
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Langham Quiz Night Village Hall</b>
	26 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	<b>Sunday Before Lent.</b> <b>High Sheriff's Rutland Service Peterborough Cathedral</b>
	28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Shrove Tuesday.</b>
<b>Mar</b>	1st		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	6th		<b>Lent Courses begin</b>

## Team Service Patterns and Times

Church	Week	8am	<sup>1</sup> 9:00am <sup>2</sup> 9:15am	<sup>1</sup> 10:30am <sup>2</sup> 11:00am	4:00pm	6:00pm
Oakham	1,2,4	HC(T)		<sup>1</sup> HC		ES
	3	HC(T)		<sup>1</sup> FSB/FC*		
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	3				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2			<sup>2</sup> SW		
	4				SS	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		<sup>2</sup> HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		<sup>2</sup> HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2	HC(B)		<sup>2</sup> FS		
Teigh	1		<sup>1</sup> MA			
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)**			
	3					ES
	4		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)			
Ashwell	1				ES***	ES***
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)**			
	3			<sup>2</sup> FS		
	4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
Market Overton	1,4		<sup>1</sup> HC			
	2				ES***	ES***
	3		<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk))

