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The Oakham Group*

*60p
Sept 2017*



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Marks of Mission

What is mission? The word is used to cover so many aspects of church life, in fact almost everything we do, that it can become almost meaningless. That is why I sometimes prefer the word Growth, which at least we can see and measure. So in this diocese we encourage parishes to have Growth Action Plans, rather than the more vague Mission Action Plans that are seen in some other places.

However, we must not lose the word Mission, which is vital for our living faith. So what does it mean? The Anglican Communion (the C of E and its sister churches round the world) has come up with the *Five Marks of Mission*, which I think is a very good way to focus our minds. These are

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

(Some people abbreviate these into Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. That doesn't do a lot for me, but if it helps you, use it!)

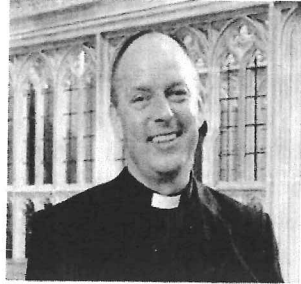
Taken together, and in their right order, these are a good summary of our calling as God's Church. Sadly, sometimes people just focus on one or two of the five, thereby losing the point that mission should cover all of life. The Anglican Communion website, in introducing the Five Marks, makes the point that the first mark, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, is talking about personal evangelism, and *"instead of being just one, albeit the first, of five distinct activities, this should be the key statement about everything we do in mission."* Similarly, former Archbishop Rowan Williams wrote that if we work towards any of the third, fourth, and fifth marks without doing the first and second, we are not doing Christian mission. In other words, the first two marks are at the very heart of what we should be doing; the last three are important once we are doing the first two. I am asking our new Mission and Development Team, based at Bouverie Court, to help us all attend to the five marks, beginning with the first. Watch this space!

With best wishes

+Donald

A new Dean has been appointed to Peterborough Cathedral

The Queen has approved the appointment of Canon Tim Sledge as Dean of Peterborough.



*Revd
Diocese
Before
the
Romsey
Abbey,*

Canon Sledge is Vicar of Romsey in the Diocese of Winchester, a post he has held since 2008. that he spent five years as Mission Enabler in the Diocese of Peterborough. As Vicar of Canon Sledge is responsible for Romsey which was originally founded as a

Benedictine nunnery in 1000 AD and is the largest parish church in Hampshire. Under his leadership the Abbey has succeeded in reversing a substantial annual deficit and growing both its congregation and its visitor numbers.

Tim, who trained as a musician, has contributed to several books on mission, in particular on faith and worship amongst young people. He chairs the Church of England's Young Vocations Strategy Group and is part of the nationally recognised Leading Your Church Into Growth team and young people.

During his time at Romsey Abbey, Canon Sledge led a seven year development plan. This focused on growing the church's work with young families and on discipleship, spirituality, community work and the creative use of buildings and heritage. He also worked with the local authority and other partners in Romsey to set up a consortium to promote the town as a visitor destination. This has resulted in a 15% increase in visitor numbers.

Tim has established a link between the Abbey and the Anglican Province of Burundi and has made several visits there with members of the congregation. He is Chaplain to the Mayors of Romsey and Test Valley, and to the Scouts and the Royal British Legion. He is also a co-founder of Triangulate, a local mental health charity, and Romsey Abbey is currently the only parish church in the country to be Mindful Employer.

The new Dean joins Peterborough Cathedral at an exciting time as it approaches the celebration of its 900th anniversary in 2018 and emerges from a period of cash flow difficulties with a robust business plan in place.

Canon Sledge said: "It is a great privilege to be invited to take up this role and I am very much looking forward to leading Peterborough Cathedral into a new phase of its life. For too long the Cathedral has been in the news because of its

financial problems and this has obscured the good work it has done, and continues to do, in ministering to the wider community. I shall be working with the Chapter and staff to help the Cathedral meet its financial targets and doing all I can to ensure that the Cathedral becomes a good news story, in every sense, for the city and the diocese.”

The Rt Revd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough, said:

“I am delighted at Tim Sledge’s appointment as Dean of Peterborough. He holds the values and traditions of Cathedral life and worship, while at the same time having a passion for mission and for leading people to faith in Jesus Christ. “His time at Romsey Abbey, and before that in this diocese, have shown his faithfulness to our core beliefs and values, and his effectiveness in mission. I am very much looking forward to welcoming him, and to working with him.”

The Rt Revd Tim Dakin, Bishop of Winchester, added:

“Tim’s contribution to Romsey and the wider community here has been exceptional. Under his wise and good-humoured leadership the Abbey has grown from strength to strength, developing its mission with passion, confidence and friendship. We will all be very sorry to see Tim go, and I know he will be especially missed by the community at Romsey. But I am filled with hope and encouragement for the future of Peterborough Cathedral, which I am sure will thrive with the help of Tim’s judicious and prayerful stewardship. I wish Tim every success on his return to Peterborough, and I want to thank him on behalf of the whole Diocese of Winchester for everything he has done during his nine fruitful years with us.”

The Revd Canon Jonathan Baker, Acting Dean of Peterborough, said:

“I welcome the news that Tim Sledge is to be the next Dean of Peterborough. Tim’s experience and clear focus on mission are exactly what the Cathedral community needs at this time and I am looking forward to our ministry developing with confidence and vigour with his leadership.”

Canon Sledge succeeds the Very Revd Charles Taylor who retired in October 2016. His installation service will be held at 3.30pm on Sunday 15 October 2017.

Photo above by Cheryl Craggs

Christian Aid Results May 2017

You will notice that only six churches have contributed this year. It is a reasonable total considering this situation.

	£
All Saints Oakham	648 52
All Saints Braunston	371 50
St Peter Brooke	154 19
St Edmunds Egleton	268 20
Methodist Church	604 28
Baptist Church	126 92
Total	£2,173 61

The churches not participating were asked by their PCC's to raise money for other worthwhile objectives.

Christian Aid are glad to have money raising ideas to supplement the door to door collections. All Saints Braunston had a "Big Brekkie" and Christian Aid also approved of our Lent Lunches which were described in the June magazine.

Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Peter Townsend.

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BROOKE NEWS

It was a cold, damp and dismal day in the middle of summer when we celebrated St Peter's Day, 29th June, at Brooke with a communion service at 7pm followed by local strawberries and cream and a little drop of bubbly, which cheered us all up no end. The church was resplendent with flowers on every window sill and the service was taken by Revd Canon Lee Francis – Dehqani assisted by our new curates Iain Osborne and Charlotte Osborn. Charlotte spoke on the life of St Peter and what we might learn from it and Mary Brooks continued the tradition of reading the lesson from St Peter's treasured Book of Common Prayer printed in 1627 and presented to Brooke in 1631.

A few days later on a proper warm and sunny summer's afternoon St Peter was the venue for a Summer Concert followed by tea and a wonderful selection of cakes. This little concert was the idea of Terry and Gill Greer's granddaughter Maddy and members of the talented Greer family performed several beautiful pieces for us; Maddy sang songs accompanied on the piano by her singing teacher Helen Covington, sister Hannah sang a song from 'Les Miserables' and grandfather Terry played various pieces on his oboe also accompanied by Helen Covington. The recently formed 'Riddlington Singers' came and sang for us too, it was only their third performance but I'm sure we will be asking them to return. The concert was enjoyed by a full church and all donations given will go to St Peter's fabric fund. Our grateful thanks go to all those who decorated the church, entertained us and provided the tea and cakes and well done to Maddy for the inspiration.

A Dove Cottage Day Hospice has recently opened not far from Brooke at Jubilee Farm on the Ridlington Road and a friend whose late partner had benefitted from their care and friendship during his visits there took me along to their Open Afternoon on Sat 8th July.

There was a delicious afternoon tea provided of sandwiches, cakes, strawberries and cream along with a refreshing glass of Pimms, Morris Dancers entertained us throughout the afternoon and all this with beautiful scenic views across the valley towards Ridlington.

It struck me that there were not many Oakham faces amongst the visitors and I wondered if its presence was not well known of in this area. A registered charity, Dove Cottage's services are free of charge; guests can spend a day in a safe environment, with nursing care, activities, complementary therapies, chaplaincy support, home cooked lunches and snacks and benefit from meeting and talking to people in a similar situation to their own as well as providing carers with support and a break from their responsibilities.

Tel 01572 722630 E-mail rutland@dovecottage.org

The original Dove Cottage Day Hospice was set up in the Vale of Belvoir in 1996 and I can recommend their quaint cottage cafe (all run by volunteers) near Stathern with charity shop, garden and playground beside the Nottingham to Grantham canal. Just the place for a half day trip out for coffee/light lunch and a stroll along the canal path and if you catch the right day the parachutists from Langar airfield will come floating down nearby.

Dates for your diary;

Ride and Stride Sat 9th September

Harvest Festival Service Sun 17th September to be taken by Reader Alan Rudge at 6pm, all welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards.

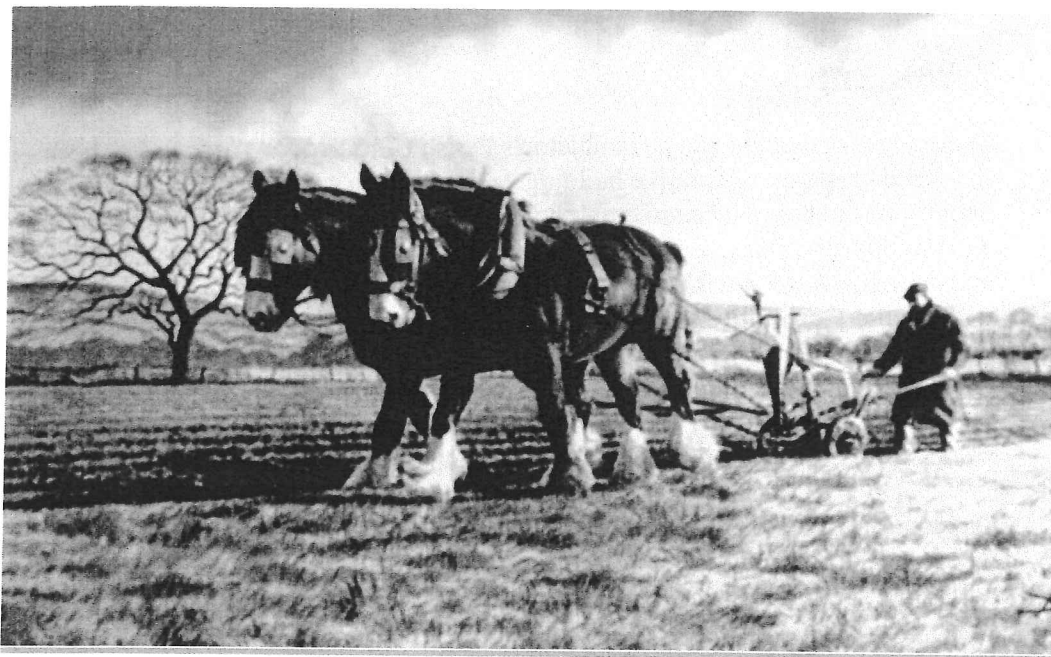


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Egleton News

During recent months when Hambleton's Parish Church of St Andrew has been the scene of major, restorative building work, Egleton's congregation has been happily augmented by Hambleton's compliment of worshippers. With an end in sight to this enterprise, we extend our appreciation of their estimable friendship and our earnest good wishes for their forthcoming blessings under a new roof and with ancillary amenities to render St Andrew's to prime condition!

On August 5th St Edmund's gave its blessing as Sam and Katie's marriage service was conducted by Canon Michael Wilson : kin and kith filled the Nave to witness the ceremony by which the happy couple became Mr and Mrs Sharpe !

On August 6th Sunday Service of the Eucharist was conducted by Canon Julie who received a cordial welcome return to duty in St Edmund's after her prolonged spell of absence through illness . She was accompanied by her newly-ordained colleague , the Reverend Ian Osborne who was making his first acquaintance with Egleton's parish and people: he, in turn, received a warm greeting and served as Preacher in the service sequence.

On August 15th, the newly acquired Viscount 'Chorum Forty' Organ was installed in St Edmund's sanctuary ; its melodious powers will provide a splendid resource , to the benefit of all who find part in the forthcoming services in St Edmund's endearing church.

August, then, has been studded with enriching moments : September will bring us into the spirit of Harvest Festival and on September 24th the lovely Church will be adorned with "the fruits of his creation: thanks be to God....for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while men are sleeping ; future needs in earth's safe keeping THANKS BE TO GOD " Harvest Thanksgiving Worship is to begin at 5.00 pm ! The traditional Auction of parishioners' "harvest store" will follow the Service and then will come the time-honoured Harvest Home Supper, to be served in the Village Hall.

All these hallowed features of our cherished Festival Day to which all parishioners, past and present, and all friends and visitors are bade welcome, most warmly, so as to enter into this inspiring, highlight occasion in St Edmund's annual calendar :

"for the harvests of his spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good all men inherit, thanks be to God :
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us ;
most of all, that Love has found us, THANKS BE TO GOD ! "

[Fred Pratt Green 1903-2005]

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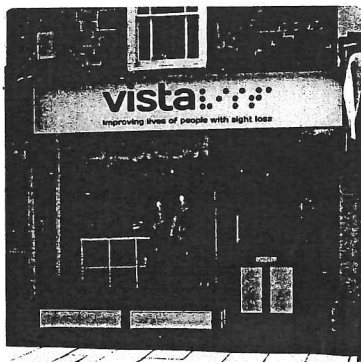
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Hambleton News

St Andrew's Church roof repairs are now completed and we are delighted to tell you about our re-opening service.

There will be a celebration SONGS of PRAISE at **4 pm on Sunday 10th September** to which all are invited. Then stay with us for a glass of wine and some refreshments afterwards.

We are also pleased to advise that our HARVEST FESTIVAL service will be **at 5 pm on Sunday 8th October.**

Langham News

The lazy month of August hopefully leaves us all refreshed and keen to get back into routine and new events.

Our special event in September is the Harvest wine tasting and Italian nibbles event on Saturday, the 16th at 7.30 in the church. "Bat and Ball"

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on the 17th at 11.00a.m.

For many years we have worked towards the idea of a servery and toilet facilities within the church. A second meeting with the DAC was held recently providing very helpful ideas towards achieving our ambition. The wheels grind slowly, but we look forward to the end result – tripping over steps with makeshift means of making refreshments available and the longish trek, with key holding escort, to the loo are rather tedious.

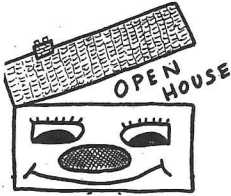
Village lunches continue to make good social gatherings. The village hall lunch on third Tuesdays in the month reaches mostly a different group of people attending the church lunch on fourth Tuesdays, though there is some overlap.

The Summer evening at the Ruddles was a huge success. The weather was perfect, Tony and Trish are fantastic hosts, the food was really great and the band so relaxing to have in the background. Their garden is magnificent. Thank you so much – also it raised a good sum for Langham church.

It is good to see our Vicar, Julie, gradually coming back into circulation after her long illness.

OAKHAM NEWS

Wednesday, 13th September



All welcome
Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon

FROM OAKHAM PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

30th June *Max Oliver Smith*
 Zara Rose Cleaver
 Guy Oliver Thewlas



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

Holy Matrimony

7th July *Mark & Debbie Davis (Blessing)*
8th July *David North & Marissa Watts*
5th August *David Buttle & Julie Deacon*
13th August *Richard Dalby & Darlene Doerkson (Blessing)*

"We wish them every happiness"

Burial Office in Church

28th July *Ron Blackburn*
7th August *Margaret Baker*

"May they rest in peace"



MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Our Summer Recitals have been well attended and, we hope, enjoyed by all. Special thanks to soloists who gave their valuable time to entertain us. Oakham School soloists are now back from holidays to give recitals as follows:

SEPTEMBER

6 th	<i>Peter Davis</i>	<i>Piano</i>
13 th	<i>Holly Singlehurst</i>	<i>Soprano</i>
20 th	<i>William Collison</i>	<i>Clarinet</i>
27 th	<i>Grace Muris</i>	<i>Soprano</i>



OCTOBER

4 th	<i>Morgan Overton</i>	<i>Clarinet</i>
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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 RECITALS

The last in this year's series was at 11.15 a.m. on Monday, 28th August by *David Price* from Thailand.

Our thanks to him for offering to come and play for us. Lunch afterwards was much appreciated.

Our next Bank Holiday Organ Recital will be on Easter Monday, 2nd April, 2018.

Francis-Dehqani, 'cello, with **Peter Davis**, piano, was enjoyed by a large audience and raised much needed funds for All Saints' Church. Our grateful thanks to them both.

Details of all Recitals from:-

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SEPTEMBER (Holy, Barley and Fruit Month)

Fri. 8 th	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs. 14 th	Holy Cross Day
Thurs. 21 st	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Fri. 29 th	St. Michael and All Angels



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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Wednesday, 4th October, 2017

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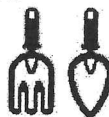
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Diary Dates September

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Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel All Saints. (1st Wed.)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
Thur		12.15pm	Evangelical Prayer Meeting All Saints Oakham
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Sept			
Sun	3 rd		Trinity 12
Fri	8 th	10.00am	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friends Coffee and Cake Morning A.S Church Hall
Sat	9 th	All Day	Ride and Stride all Rutland Churches
Sun	10 th	3.00pm 4.00pm	Trinity 13. Tea Party All Saints Oakham St Andrew Hambleton Songs of Praise
Mon	11 th		Last Day for October Mag Contributions
Wed	13 th	10.00am *****	<u>Open House 14 Bowling Green Close Oakham</u> Please note: This is a change of venue.
Thur	14 th	2.15pm	Holy Cross Day Mothers. Union All Saints Church Hall
Sat	16 th	7.30pm	Italian Wine Tasting. St.Peter and St Paul Langham Book with Debbie on 722353
Sun	17 th	11.00am 6.00pm	Trinity 14 St Peter & St Paul Langham Harvest. St Peter Brooke Harvest Festival
Thur	21 st	10.00am	St Matthew Mothers' Union Corporate Communion St J and St A
Sat	23 rd		Friends Rutland Churches Excursion. Details All Saints Oakham
Sun	24 th	4.00pm 5 00pm	All Saints Braunston Harvest Festival Trinity 15 Egleton Harvest Service, supper and sale.
Fri	29 th		St Michael and all Angels
Oct			
Sun	1 st		Trinity 16: All Saints Oakham Harvest Festival
Wed	4 th	10.30am	WWDP Coffee Morning St Joseph's
Sun	8 th	5.00pm	St Andrew Hambleton Harvest Festival

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*		ChES
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			² HC		
	3				**	
Braunston	1,3			² HC		
	2			² SW		
	4				SS	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		² HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		² HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3			² HC		
	2			² FS		
	4			² MP		
Teigh	1		¹ MA			
	2		¹ HC(B)			
	3					ES
Ashwell	1			¹ MW		
	2,4			¹ HC		
Market Overton	1,4		¹ HC			
	2		¹ MW			

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)

SW – Sunday Worship (informal worship)

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

MA/ES/ChES – Matins/Evensong/Choral Evensong

MP/MW – Morning Prayer/Morning Worship

WWR – Word, Worship & Response (contemporary worship)

* FSB even months / FC odd months with Baptism at 12:15pm

** under review

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