

# Good News:

January 2018 60p



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seen His star  
in the East  
and have  
come to  
worship Him”**  
MATTHEW 2:2



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## Editorial

A very happy new year to you all. Very special thanks to all who over years have assisted in all the many tasks which ensure that the magazine is distributed to all its readers or have supported its production.

When I started in April 1985 it was a magazine for Braunston and Brooke only but gradually all of the parishes in the south of the Benefice joined us. It was not a Benefice then, of course and modern technology did not help us. Its name was changed from "Good News From the Gwash" to "Good News" when Oakham joined us.

Instead, a loyal band of workers met in our lounge where the central piece was a duplicator, first a smelly Banda and later rather messy stencils were rolled off, grouped into an A4 Booklet and stapled by hand.

Things are much easier, quicker and cleaner and storage also much more certain now. But 32 years have passed and I certainly had not envisaged that Meg and I would still be editing, producing and distributing the "Mag" in 2018. So we have talked about it and have decided that this will be our last year and November will see us producing our last issue ready for December. Prices will remain at 60p per copy and £6 per annum. God Bless you all.

David and Meg.

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## **Happy New Year to you all.**

Another year has just disappeared, so quickly that one wonders if we missed a couple of months, but apparently not so, apparently it is all about age. There is a legend of 'The Three Wise Men' that I rather like and thought I would retell it here as Epiphany happens early in January. This one says that the three Wise men were of very different ages. Caspar was a very young man, Melchior was a middle aged man and Balthazar was an old man.

They made that long journey of which we all know, in differing weathers, riding on the back of camels. They followed the new star, knowing that at its end would be a new King.

When they arrived at Bethlehem, they took themselves to the cave where Jesus had been born. They went in separately. Balthazar, being the eldest went first, there he found an old man of his own sort of age with whom he was quickly at home. They spoke together of gratitude and their memories.

The younger Melchior met in the cave a middle aged teacher, they talked passionately of leadership and responsibility.

When young Caspar entered he found a young prophet and they spoke words of reform and promise.

Afterwards, they met together outside and they then took their gifts of Gold and Frankincense and Myrrh and together they entered the cave. Amazingly there was nobody to be seen but an infant, just days old.

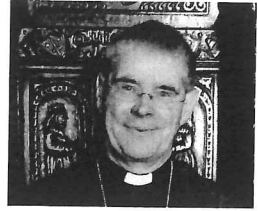
Later on they understood. The Saviour speaks to us at every stage of our lives. The elderly hear the call to integrity and wisdom. The middle aged hear the call of responsibility and constancy. The young hear the call to identity and intimacy.

May you meet Christ wherever you are in this year of 2018.

Robin Robson

## Hopes and Dreams, Prayers and Deeds

As I write this my beloved Bristol City are preparing to play the mighty Manchester United in the quarter-finals of the Carabao (League) Cup and so I'm dreaming, not of a White Christmas, but of a Wembley cup final!



Given that most of the other teams left in the competition are Premier League giants, you may well think that my dream of City lifting the trophy is as realistic as my hope of winning a recent charity Karting challenge featuring some of the Silverstone Formula One pit crews. I did win a trophy but it wasn't for coming first!

Just as for almost fifty years I have longed for my football team to win something, for over forty years I have prayed (with much greater confidence) "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". Every day with millions of Christians right across the earth I have prayed the prayer Jesus gave us and sought a more God-like world.

Each New Year offers renewed hope that the world will move closer to God's values and all his children might live in peace with justice and in closer relationship with Christ. Each New Year I try to review my own lifestyle and assess how I might contribute to achieving that alignment.

Bill Hybels, an internationally respected Church leader, once said; "the local Church is the hope of the world". As I travel around the diocese it's really exciting to see evidence of this; local Churches making a huge difference to their communities through food banks, drop-in centres, a night shelter, support for young parents, prayer visiting, clubs for older people, care for the bereaved, street pastors, ministry in prisons and hospitals, self-help groups for carers, debt counselling and many individual acts of kindness.

I love the saying that "Christians are people who allow God to do things to them in order that they might do things for others."

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have identified "serving the common good" as a key priority for the Church of England. How can your local church improve the life of your local community and how can we all play our part in answering our own prayer "Thy kingdom come"?

With my love, prayers and best wishes for 2018.

+  David Dyer

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**26 April – 4 May 2018**

*Following in the footsteps of Jesus*

Several years ago I went to a seminar at Lambeth Palace held to encourage pilgrimages to the Holy Land. The then Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, was asked ‘what is a pilgrimage to the Holy Land?’ His answer has stayed with me and I have not come across a better description – ‘a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is an opportunity to see first hand where Jesus was, to walk in his steps and yet it is also so much more than that. You cannot visit without encountering the current political situation. If you go just to see the sites it becomes little more than a trip to a religious theme park. If you go solely to focus on the politics it becomes a political field trip. An authentic pilgrimage is, has to be, a combination of the two.’

As you may be aware, Bishop Donald is leading his second Peterborough Diocesan Pilgrimage next year, offering another chance to walk together in the footsteps of Jesus, to meet, listen to and support the Christians living there and to observe the effects of the difficult political situation there today.

The pilgrimage is offered through Lightline Pilgrimages, a company who work hard to support Christian businesses in the area. Along with visiting sites such as the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth, we will be travelling through the West Bank to Bethlehem to stay within the walls of the blockade on Manger Square. Finally, we will arrive at the ancient city of Jerusalem, spiritual home for the three Abrahamic faiths.

Along the way we will meet those who live and work here, hearing their story as well as engaging afresh with those familiar gospel passages as we encounter the various sites. Each day there will be an opportunity to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ story in the place where he lived and ministered, to pray and worship together, as well as observe how the daily lives of the ‘living stones’ of this land are affected by the politics of this age.

If you would like more information please do contact me (details below) or see the Diocesan website, <http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk>. For more details of the itinerary and booking forms.

*Revd Paula York*  
*revpaulayork@gmail.com*

## Faithful Tudor Queen celebrated at Peterborough Cathedral



From 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January the life of Henry VIII's first wife, Katharine of Aragon, will be celebrated at Peterborough Cathedral with a Tudor themed festival. There are events, tours and services attended by schoolchildren, civic dignitaries and members of the public of all ages. Katharine was buried at Peterborough Abbey (now the cathedral) in January 1536, having died at nearby Kimbolton Castle following her exile from court. The Abbey was considered suitably grand for a royal princess, but far enough away from London not to attract hostile attention from subjects who disapproved of the King's new Queen, Anne Boleyn.

The schoolchildren attend a commemoration service on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January and stay on for an activity day. Katharine of Aragon's story helps them to learn about Tudor life, but also about various aspects of faith, as Alex Carton, Schools and Families Officer at the Cathedral explains:

"Katharine was a woman who demonstrated Christ-like forgiveness and love. Her difficult life shows how, in spite of suffering, it is possible to be loving and forgiving." Katharine's moving last letter to King Henry is read during the commemoration service and includes, "a few words of the health and safeguard of your soul which you ought to prefer before all worldly matters, and before the care and pampering of your body, for the which you have cast me into many calamities and yourself into many troubles. For my part, I pardon you

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our eagerly awaited Christmas meeting was not a disappointment! In fact, it was a wonderful occasion: a Holy Communion Service, provided by our newly consecrated Bishop of Loughborough. The week before, a goodly number of people had made the pilgrimage to Canterbury to witness Guli's Consecration. Now 32 of us were privileged to be given communion by Guli, assisted by Robin Robson. The new Loughborough chalice was used. Harold Killingback of Brooke has made this (a man of many talents!)

Two new members were enrolled and welcomed.

As is our tradition, Christmas fayre followed, kindly provided by Committee members.

A question and Answer Session confirmed what we had thought, that Guli will make a wonderful Bishop! Pamela Woods presented her with a glass vase, engraved with the Mothers' Union emblem.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 2.15 p.m. Before this, we'll have fish & chips. at 1 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please 'phone Pamela Woods, tel. no. 755371, to place your order. As always, everyone welcome. New programme available – please come!

Christine Carlin

### CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST

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## **Braunston News**

A very Happy New Year to everyone.

### **The Advent Fayre**

Records were broken and the Advent Fayre was a great success, not just in terms of the money raised but as a village event to which more people of all ages came and clearly enjoyed themselves.

Good organisation, good communication and significant effort over a long period of planning and preparation made the day work. Many thanks to those who planned, those who worked so hard on the day and to those who came.

### **Journey to Jesus**

The Christmas Story is so well known and Journey to Jesus is so much a part of our Christmas Calendar that there is a danger that we take it and the hard work and meticulous preparation that goes into it, for granted. Yet every year is different with a new group of participants and carefully thought out perceptions of the of the traditional story.

We should be so thankful that our younger people are eager to take part, that our experienced want to join them and that they all work so hard to get the message clear and well presented.

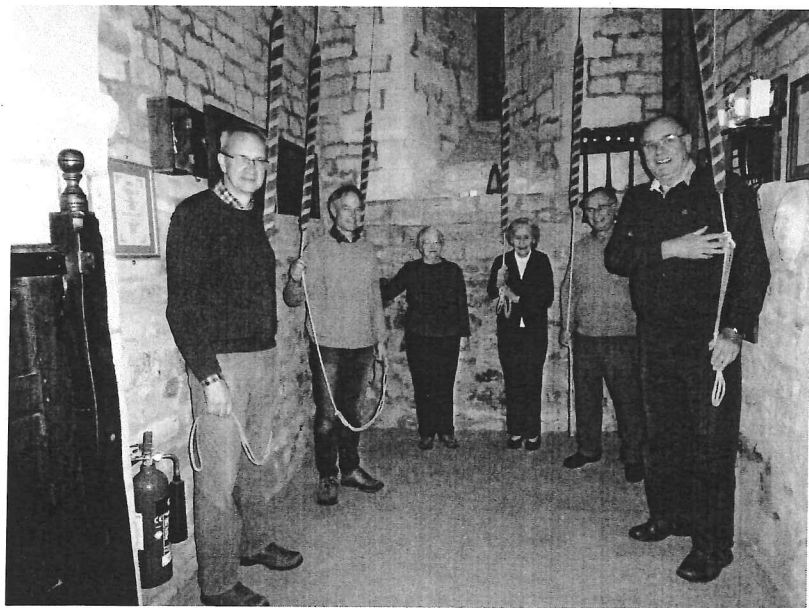
Many thanks to Alan and Gail, to all who participated and to the many who came.

Every time and every way, in which church and the community comes together and make positive impacts enriches and strengthens us all.

## BROOKE NEWS

St Peter has unfortunately joined the many churches to have had lead stolen from their roofs; the theft is thought to have occurred on 11<sup>th</sup> November but did not come to light until a few days later when it rained and water began to come through the roof. Not only was lead removed but parts of the Collyweston roof were also damaged making the cost of repair and replacement even greater.

A quarter peal of "Norwich Surprise Minor" was successfully rung in 42 minutes on the bells at St.Peter, Brooke before Evensong on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November in memory of Dr. Ernest Kellett of Market Overton, who died recently. Ernest was a ringer and often attended Brooke Church with his wife Valerie. Those taking part were Rob Morris, Richard Beadman (Conductor), Peggy Jennings. Valerie Kellett, Alan Ellis and David Couldwell.



The christening of Lucie Sophia Crosher took place at Brook on 26<sup>th</sup> November, her grandmother and parents were married at Brooke. Lucie visited St Peter for Christmas morning service last year when she was just a few weeks old and is planning to return again this Christmas morning.

Our annual Christmas Coffee morning took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December on one of the days my grandmother would have referred to as 'one of the dark days before Christmas'. This year it was held at the home of Barbara Clemence and Barbara tells me that she held the first Christmas Coffee Morning there in 1994. Plenty of coffee, mince pies, goods for sale, raffle prizes, log fires and friendly chatter soon made everyone forget about the weather and by the time we left the rain had stopped and the sun was out. Many thanks to Barbara, to all who gave or helped and also to those who attended a total of over £461 was raised.



Harold Killingback writes - Back in 1996, when I was still doing some silversmithing, I made a Communion cup and paten. Each was set with four star diopside stones. These look like shiny black domes but, when lit by a single point of light, there is a four ray star (a Cross) which is not in or on the stones but floats just above each of them, moving if the light source, the eye or the stone is moved. See photo attached.

When I learned that Guli Francis- Dehqani was to be consecrated as the first Bishop of Loughborough (a suffragan Bishopric of Leicester) I thought they might need new Communion Plate. I offered my work to Guli and she graciously accepted. I presented the cup and paten at the Service of Welcome for Guli at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, 2nd December. This service took place two days after Guli was consecrated Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral.

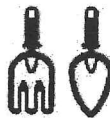
The Welcome service emphasised the multicultural composition of Leicester, with prayers in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Filipino, Chinese, Shona, Tamil, and German!

The Communion plate is to be known as the Loughborough Chalice and Paten. It will first be used at a Mother's Union service in Oakham Parish Hall on Thursday 7th December. Joan and I have been invited to be present. Joan and I wish Guli, Lee and their family every happiness as they take up their new work.

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## Egleton News

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She was quick to renew her acquaintance by returning on December 13<sup>th</sup> so as to direct St. Edmund's traditional Service of Lessons And Carols. A large congregation of parishioners, with eager allies from neighbouring parishes was assembled- from four generations – all having their part in this hallowed, endearing Festival. In further fine traditional fashion, there was mulled wine, mince pies etc. to complement this happy anticipation of Christmas.

Earlier in that same December day, the bell tolled sadly as family and friends gathered at St. Edmund's for the funeral of Mr William Robert (Bob) Burchnall. He has been much missed from his faithful participation in the life and times of Egleton through recent years. He left Rutland for Berkhamstead in Hertfordshire. There he joined his son Graham with his wife Nicky and sons William and Oliver.

Bob had a profound affection for Rutland, its gracious charm and ample wild life, not least. He was buried close to his wife Jan in St. Edmund's Church yard and so maintains his precious ties with the Church he loved, among the people he cherished and where he served his loyal term as a Church Councillor.

Long links with Oakham School as both Head of Geography and Housemaster, endeared him to a host of pupils; many were present among the assembled congregation to hear a loving, admiring eulogy to his Father by Graham; one other admiring student and one grateful grandson, in turn read from Scripture and literacy choices evoking Bob's faith and his passions, all in testimony to a good and faithful man; deeply endearing, much lamented, forever esteemed.

St Edmund's has mourned, too, with the family of Gordon Pike of Oakham, who, over many a recent year, was a faithful worshipper with the congregation. Despite besetting ill-health Gordon had established his firm commitment to St. Edmund's as his spiritual haven, together with his wife Diane. His courageous pilgrimage, in face of mounting adversity, has been fortified by his own faith and by ceaseless loving care.

Neville Ashton

### Hambleton News

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Hambleton Hall Hotel held their Christmas Concert in St. Andrew's. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a huge Christmas tree and candles which lit both the Church path and the Church itself.

Tim Hart opened the Concert and then the Reverie Choir began with "Once in Royal David's City". Many other carols followed, some Choir only and some including the congregation. The Service was enjoyed by all and was followed by many with Dinner at Hambleton Hall.

Louise Everett

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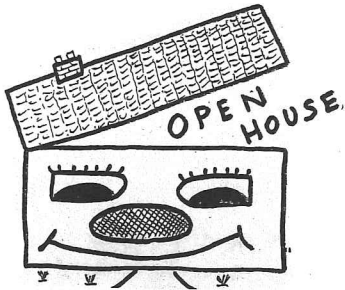
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#### Memorial Service

5<sup>th</sup> December      Pat Jenkin

#### Burial Office in Church

21<sup>st</sup> December      Revd. Brian Nicholls

*"May they rest in peace"*



### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

No Discovery Day this year but please make a note in your diary that the SERVICE will be at the Baptist Church, Melton Road, Oakham, on FRIDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2018, at 2 p.m. Hope you can come!

## MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

2017 was another wonderful year, with music supplied by our soloists, plus Catmose College and Oakham School soloists, as usual. I now know that 2018 will be too! Oakham School Spring Arts Diary gives details. Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals are as follows:-

### JANUARY

3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Recital)	
10 <sup>th</sup>	George Cook	Baritone
17 <sup>th</sup>	Alina Maries-Reim	'cello
24 <sup>th</sup>	William Collison	Tenor
31 <sup>st</sup>	William & James Speakman	Organ



### FEBRUARY

7<sup>th</sup> Tom Clough Tenor

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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 To Feb	19 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	A series of Four Sonatas: "To a Wild Rose" <b>John Dobson: Piano. All Saints Oakham.</b>
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.15am	<b>A Very Happy New Year to All Readers</b> <b>Walking Group meets 8 Peterborough Avenue.</b>
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Epiphany Concert: St John North Luffenham</b> <b>Cambridge Fund Raising Choir for Cancer Research</b>
Sat.	6 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	<b>Epiphany</b> <b>Sunday School Panto. Outing Brooke Priory Theatre</b>
	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Epiphany 1</b>
Tues	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lay Bereavement Support Group: Church Hall</b>
Thur	11 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	<b>Mothers' Union Lunch Oakham Church Hall</b> <b>followed by the A. G. M. Ring Pamela 755371</b>
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Epiphany 2</b>
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Open House: 5 Suthern Close
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	<b>Churches Together Breakfast Victoria Hall</b> <b>Mr Mike Royal: The Cinnamon Network</b>
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>		Epiphany 3
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Lent Course Training for Group Leaders. The Vicarage
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Presentation of Christ</b>
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evening	Canon Julie's Leaving service .

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## 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*		ChES
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	3				**	
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			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2			<sup>2</sup> FS		
	4			<sup>2</sup> MP		
Teigh	1		<sup>1</sup> MA			
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)			
	3					ES
Ashwell	1			<sup>1</sup> MW		
	2,4			<sup>1</sup> HC		
Market Overton	1,4		<sup>1</sup> HC			
	2		<sup>1</sup> 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 pewsheets or website for details – [www.oakhamteam.org.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk))

