

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 4pm:** DIY Christingle service at St Andrews Whissendine. Bring an orange to make your own Christingles!

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15 pm** in the Church Hall Oakham, at the Mothers' Union monthly meeting, the Revd Brian Nicholls will celebrate Holy Communion. This will be followed by a Beetle Drive Game with a seasonal Christmas theme, together with tea. All are welcome.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm:** "O Holy Night". Rutland Choral Society presents a programme of music for the festive season. This will be held at The Methodist Church Oakham, tickets £6.00 which includes coffee and mince pies. Please phone 01780 720160 or contact a member of the choral society.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10am:** Bible Study at 25 Williwow Crescent. All welcome.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm :** Good News Van. This will be at St John and St Anne, South Street. All welcome.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 12noon:** Open House. Please see the change of date for the next meeting. This is to be held at the home of Lyn Everitt, 9 Claresholm Close Oakham, all welcome.

#### **FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS ORDERS**

If anyone would still like to buy from the Christmas catalogue could you please let me have your order and payment by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks to all the people who have placed orders so far. Denise (722729)

**Langham Christmas Tree and Crib Festival:** Today Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am – 4pm. This will be held at St Peter and St Paul Church Langham. Admission £2.50 accompanied children free.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm:** Music at Lunchtime, GASP Choir. All welcome

**Oakham All Saints: Sunday 10.30 Rota:** If you are a reader, intercessor or communion assistant, and have not yet received the new rota, please pick one up from the kitchen at church. If you would like to receive the rota by e-mail in future, Please let me know. I have also put up the rota for Christmas in the kitchen; please do not hesitate to contact me if you are unable to attend. Many thanks, Janine



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012**



#### **WELCOME**

If you are new to this church or visiting, please make yourself known to the clergy or churchwardens.

*If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the pew where you are sitting, please inform a sidesperson before the start of the service.*

*At All Saints' Church, Oakham, large print versions of the hymns and service booklet are available. Please ask one of the sidespersons.*

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Oakham Team Office

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Services for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 2)

Ashwell	10:30	Christingle and Baptism
Braunston	11:00	Matins
Langham	11:00	Holy Communion
Hambleton	09:15	Holy Communion
Market Overton	9:00	Holy Communion
Oakham	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Holy Communion
	16:00	Christingle
	18:00	Evensong
Teigh	09:00	Holy Communion
Whissendine	11:00	Family Service

Midweek Communion Services

Tuesday	All Saints' Oakham	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	St. J. and A. Chapel	9.30 a.m.
Thursday	All Saints' Oakham	8.30 a.m.
Friday (BCP)	All Saints' Oakham	10.00 a.m.

Every Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. Christian Meditation Group at St. John and St. Anne.

**The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him Who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Jeremiah 33.14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

**1 Thessalonians 3.9 - 13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Luke 21.25 - 36**

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

**Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of Your Son our Lord; that, when He shall appear, He may not find us sleeping in sin but active in His service and joyful in His praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Amen**

**Joshua 1.1-9**

**God's Commission to Joshua**

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

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