

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm:** St Andrews Whissendine Concert of Christmas music by MOSALC a choir of 8 voices in the style of Swingle Singers. Tickets £7.00 to include wine in the interval, tel 01664 474096



**Sunday 9th December 2012**



**Jubilee Oak Tree Planted:** As part of the project coordinated by Oakham Town Partnership to plant 60 Oak Trees in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, one tree has been planted in All Saints' Churchyard. We are most grateful to the Halliday family for covering the cost of this.

**Thursday 13th December, 12.15 pm:** Celtic Mid Day Prayer led by Vyv Wainwright (Reader) St Edmund Egleton. Weave a little silence into your life and come and join us for prayer. All are welcome.

**Oakham All Saints Scout Group:** Will be collecting Christmas cards as has been done in previous years, the box for donations and cards will be located in church. The collection date are as followed, 9<sup>th</sup> December after the Christingle and Evensong service. The 16th December at the Nativity service and also at the Evensong service. Delivers take place week commencing the 17<sup>th</sup> of December to the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Team Walking Group:** There will be a 5 mile walk on New Years Day. More details next week. Stan and Gill Bruce 756656

#### FAIRTRADE

Sales for November were £218.27. This excludes the Christmas orders which I will advise in January - in the meantime **many many** thanks to everyone who has ordered from the Christmas catalogue - your support really does make a difference. The stall is here after today's 10.30 service and again on 16th December. Denise

**Wednesday, 19th December 10am :** Mothers' Union Corporate Communion in St John and St Anne's. Please note the new starting time which will be used from now on at all future MU Wednesday Corporate Communion services.

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

**Thursday 13th 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.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10am:** Bible Study at 25 Willow 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.

**Oakham All Saints: Sunday 10.30 Rota:** From now on Anne Venning has taken over the role of putting together the readers and intercessors for the 10.30 rota. Please could you let her know if you wish to be added to the list. Tel 01572 770444.



#### 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

The Team Office is staffed each weekday morning from 9.15am. Notices for inclusion in the pew sheet should arrive by Wednesday at 11am.

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Services for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 3)

Ashwell	09:00	Holy Communion
Brooke	19:00	Carols
Braunston	11:00	Carols
Langham	18:00	Carols
Egleton	09:15	Holy Communion
Hambleton	16:00	Carols
Market Overton	18:00	Carols
Oakham	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Nativity
	12:00	Baptism
	18:00	Evensong
Teigh	16:00	Carols
Whissendine	11:00	Holy Communion

#### Midweek Communion Services

Tuesday	All Saints' Oakham	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	St. J. and A. Chapel	10.00 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**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, Your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, to Whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Malachi 3.1 – 4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Philippians 1.3 – 11**

My brothers and sisters,

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ

Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Luke 3.1 – 6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,  
‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

**Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven, Who sent Your Son to redeem the world and will send Him again to be our Judge: give us grace so to imitate Him in the humility and purity of His first coming that, when He comes again, we may be ready to greet Him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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**Isaiah 43.1 – 7**

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
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