

**Team Walking Group: New Year's Day** walk around the Hambleton Peninsula (approx. 5 miles) followed by a bring and share lunch. Meet at 10 am at 19 Ashwell Road, Oakham, where transport to the fishermen's car park will be organised. Please let us know if you expect to come. All are welcome. Gill and Stan Bruce (756656).



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012**



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm:** Living Nativity at St Mary's Ashwell, come dressed to be part of the story and be prepared for a walk around the village. All welcome.

**Oakham PCC Minutes - November Meeting:** These are now displayed on the Notice Board by the north door

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 10am:** Bible Study at 25 Willow Crescent. All welcome.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm:** Good News Van at 25 Willow Crescent. All welcome.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm:** Music at Lunchtime. Terry Greer playing the oboe and Helen Covington playing the piano. All welcome. Please do note that there will be no concerts on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December or the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.

**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

**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.

**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 dates 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>.

**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.

**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

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Services for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (Advent 4)

Oakham 10:30 One Joint Service

Whissendine 18:00 Carols

### 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 Jesus Christ, Who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You: grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight; for You are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Zephaniah 3:13 -20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements  
against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Philippians 4:4 -7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,  
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to  
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about

anything, but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests  
be made known to God. And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding, will guard  
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 3:7 - 18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be  
baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who  
warned you to flee from the wrath to come?  
Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin  
to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our  
ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these  
stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even  
now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;  
every tree therefore that does not bear good  
fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And  
the crowds asked him, 'What then should we  
do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two  
coats must share with anyone who has none;  
and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even  
tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they  
asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He  
said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount  
prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him,  
'And we, what should we do?' He said to them,  
'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or  
false accusation, and be satisfied with your  
wages.' As the people were filled with  
expectation, and all were questioning in their  
hearts concerning John, whether he might be  
the Messiah, John answered all of them by  
saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is  
more powerful than I is coming; I am not  
worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will  
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His  
winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his  
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his  
granary; but the chaff he will burn with  
unquenchable fire.' So, with many other  
exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to  
the people.

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give You thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly  
gifts; kindle in us the fire of Your Spirit that  
when Your Christ comes again we may shine as  
lights before His face; Who is alive and reigns  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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