



Sunday 23rd December 2012



All Saints Autumn Sales raised £1552.00. Many thanks to those who contributed gifts, helped at the stalls or supported on the day or at the market. Gordon and Pamela.

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).

Monday 24th December, 3.30pm: Journey to Jesus. Starting at All Saints Braunston, come warmly clothed and enjoy the experience. Followed by seasonal refreshment. For any questions call 755570.

Tuesday 8th January, 10am: Bible Study at 25 Willow Crescent. All welcome.

Tuesday 15th January, 7.30pm: Good News Van at 25 Willow Crescent. 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.

Church Diaries:

Please note that the church dairies are with us now and are located on the table by the south door as you enter. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Janine

Saturday 12th January, 10.30 - 12 noon Ashwell Coffee Morning at The Roost, Water Lane, Ashwell. Bring and Buy, Coffee and home make biscuits, Raffle in aid of funds for the Hearing Loop at St Mary's. For further details Tel: Sally (723743) or Joy (759204) Do join us for a coffee, all very welcome.



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 30th December (Christmas 1)

Team Sunday

Oakham 8am and 10.30am

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

God our redeemer, Who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son: grant that, as she looked for His coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet Him when He comes again as our Judge; Who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Micah 5:2 – 5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Hebrews 10:5 – 10

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39 – 45

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, Who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us Your servants with Your grace, that in all things we may embrace Your holy will and with her rejoice in Your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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