

Oakham
Team
Ministry

All Saints Oakham

Advent Carol Service



Sunday 1 December 2013

6:00pm

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The Team Office is staffed on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am- 1pm, Thursdays 11am-3pm and Fridays by email. Notices for inclusion in the pew sheet should arrive by Wednesday at 11 am.

For full details of services and forthcoming events please visit our website at www.oakhamteam.org.uk

Please stand as the lights are turned off

Matin Responory

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor,
one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

*Words: translated from the First Responory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)
Music: Palestrina (c1525-1594), adapted by Stephen Cleobury (b 1948)*

Processional Hymn

Choir only

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

All

- 2 Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.
- 3 From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds;
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

- 4 O equal to thy Father, thou!
 Gird on the fleshly mantle now;
 the weakness of our mortal state
 with deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
 and darkness glow with new-born light,
 no more shall night extinguish day,
 where love's bright beams their power display.
- 6 O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
 Eternal praise and glory be,
 whom with the Father we adore,
 and Holy spirit, evermore. Amen.

*Words: Veni Redemptor gentium, St Ambrose (c340-397) tr J M Neale (1818-1866) and others
 Music: Puer Nobis Nascitur, adapt Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), harm G R Woodward (1848-1934)
 (Ancient & Modern – 32)*

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

All **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Carol

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
his beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and wait awhile:
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and wait awhile:
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
this fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Words: from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, compiled by Joshua Smith
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)*

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8 *The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile*
read by Mr John Tomalin (Lay Chair, Rutland Deanery Synod)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Carol

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man,
remember, O thou man, thy time is spent:
remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone,
and I did what I can: therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man,
remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell!
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all
in hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man,
remember God's goodness, and his promise made!
remember God's goodness; how he sent his Sonne, doubtlesse,
our sinnes for to redresse: be not afraid!

The angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man,
the angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill;
the angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King,
and peace to man living with a good will.

Words: 16th century English

Music: Thomas Ravenscroft, c1582-c1635

Please stand

Hymn

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| 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee. | 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
| 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart. | 4 By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
By thy all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne. |

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: Cross of Jesus, John Stainer (1840-1901)
(Ancient & Modern – 30)*

Please sit

Second Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6 *The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King
read by Mrs Margaret Pattinson (Churchwarden, Oakham)*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Advent Prose

Drop down, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

*Words: from Isaiah 45:8
Music: Rorate Coeli, plainsong*

Third Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-10 *The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace
read by Mr Alan Rudge (Team Reader)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Please stand

Hymn

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Men

- 2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

Women

- 3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

Men

- 4 O come, thou Wisdom from above
who ord'rest all things through thy love;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go:

Women

- 5 O come, Desire of nations, bring
all peoples to their Saviour King;
thou Cornerstone, who makest one,
complete in us thy work begun:

All

- 6 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
- 7 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe:

Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr J M Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Veni Emmanuel, adapted from a French Missal by T Helmore (1811-1890), arr Paul Ledington Wright

Please sit

Fourth Lesson

Haggai 2:6-9 *The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations*
read by Mrs Loveday Stevens (Oakham Evensong)

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Carol

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his People's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected,

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Words: Fred Pratt Green
Music: Piae Cantiones 1582, arr Malcolm Archer, b 1952

Please stand

Hymn

- 1 Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.
- 2 Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3 Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
Your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

4 Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night

5 Shout, as ye journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the universe be blest.

*Words: Editors of English Praise 1975, based on Charles E Oakley (1832-1865)
Music: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
(Ancient & Modern – 39)*

Please sit

Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-6 *The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God*
read by Mrs Sue Morris (Churchwarden, Market Overton)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Carol

Veiled in darkness Judah lay,
waiting for the promised day,
while across the shadowy night
streamed a flood of glorious light,
heaven'ly voices chanting then,
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men'.

Still the earth in darkness lies,
up from death's dark vale arise
voices of a world in grief,
prayers of men who seek relief;
now our darkness pierce again,
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men'.

Light of light, we humbly pray,
shine upon thy world today;
break the gloom of our dark night,
fill our souls with love and light,
send thy blessed word again,
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men'.

Words: Douglas Letel Rights
Music: Glenn L Rudolph (b 1951)

Please stand

Hymn

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: from Luke 1.46-55, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)
Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)
(Ancient & Modern – 394)

Please sit

Sixth Lesson

Luke 1, 26-38 *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*
read by Mrs Lin Ryder (Laudamus)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed

by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
with gladness all her heart rejoices,
she eager wakes to greet the day.
See, her Lord from heav'm descending
with grace and truth and power undending,
her daystar dawns with brightest ray.
O come, thou blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hosianna!
We follow there the feast to share,
and taste the joys beyond compare.
Glory now to God we render,
who reigns on high in heaven'ly splendour;
let ev'ry tongue in praise unite.
Lo, we enter heav'n's bright portal
to join the song of saints immortal
with angels round the throne of light.
No mortal joy can e'er
with heav'n's true bliss compare;
Alleluia!
Rejoice below, i-o, i-o!
Sing out in dulci júbilo.

*Words: from P Nicolai, 1556-1608, English words by John Rutter;
Music: From Cantata 140, J S Bach, 1685-1750*

Please stand

Seventh Lesson

Mark 1:1-15 *Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God*
read by Revd Audrey Atkinson (Team Vicar)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"'. John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Vesper Responory & Collect

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you
Stand ye still and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord
Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you

after a short pause

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord
In the midst of thy temple.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

Music: Palestrina (c1525-1594), adapted by Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) & John Cennick (1718-1755)

Music: Helmsley, melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799),

included in John Wesley's Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed 1765 (Ancient & Modern – 41)

Laudamus – joint choirs of the Oakham Team Ministry
Director of Music: **Kevin Slingsby**; Organist: **Paul Butler**
Team Rector: **Revd Canon Lee Francis-Deqhani**

The Coming Week

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

10:00am-12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

At the home of June & Mike Churchill, 18 Peterborough Avenue, Oakham. Please note that the venues for November and December have been swapped from the original list.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Susie Bower-Brown *flute*,
Jacob Lawson *clarinet*

Solo music for flute and clarinet including works by **Finzi**

7:30pm – **HOME GROUP**

19 Ashwell Road, Oakham

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER

10:00am – **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Rose Cottage, Brooke

Bring & Buy, Crafts, Cakes, Produce, Raffle etc. Coffee and mince pies £1. All welcome.

2:30pm-4:30pm – **COME & CHAT BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Oakham Church Hall

For all going through bereavement. You'll be able to meet others who are also going through the bereavement journey or chat to our volunteers. Clergy & other experienced listeners will also be present. If you think this might suit you, you'll be most welcome to join us.

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

2:00pm – **CHRISTINGLE MAKING**

All Saints Oakham

Come to help make the Christingles and meet new friends, children especially welcome. We meet in Church this year.

7:30pm – **PEACE ON EARTH**

Oakham School Chapel

with Oakham Choral Society.

Vaughan Williams' delightful and justly popular ***Fantasia on Christmas Carols*** and ***Fantasia on Greensleeves***

open OCS's Christmas concert this year. Talented Form 6 Oakham School pupil Anson Yip is the solo pianist in **Finzi's** moving ***Eclogue*** for piano and strings. The major work in the programme is ***Dona Nobis Pacem***, **Vaughan Williams'**

passionate plea for peace written in the troubled 1930s, which he imbued with splendor and warmth for humanity – very appropriate for the season! Tickets £8 from 01572 758820,

boxoffice@oakham.rutland.uk or www.wegotickets.co.uk, or Music & More, Oakham

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

4:00pm – **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

All Saints Oakham

An inspiring children's service with carols and the lighting of Christingles. Collection in aid of the Childrens Society.

Looking Ahead

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**

High Street Oakham

The Church will be open – an Oasis of peace from shopping.

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

2:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

Rutland Memorial Hospital

All welcome.

9:00pm – **COMPLINE**

All Saints Oakham

The first of two services during Advent.

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **MUSICAL EVENING**

All Saints Oakham

An evening of Musical Theatre, Opera and Songs. Performed by international tenor **Richard Coxon** and concert pianist **Fraser Graham**. Tickets £10 (cocessions £8) from Music & More, or info@richardcoxon.co.uk.

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**

Oakham Methodist Church

with Rutland Choral Society.
Carols for Choir and Audience.

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

10:30am – **NATIVITY TABLEAU**

All Saints Oakham

Sunday School Nativity Play and Family Service.

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **GOOD NEWS VAN**

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

Bring & Buy, Crafts, Cakes, Produce, Raffle etc. Coffee and mince pies £1.
All welcome.

9:00pm – **COMPLINE**

All Saints Oakham

The second of two services during Advent.

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **TOWN CAROL SERVICE**

All Saints Oakham

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

10am-3pm – **PRAYER LABYRINTH FOR ADVENT**

Barn Hill Methodist Church, Stamford

The Well (the Church coffee shop) will be open to provide refreshments. All are welcome. More details from Andt Fyall (andyandhelenfall@btinternet.com).

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

7:00pm – **CAROLS & CANDLES**

St Mary Ketton

Miranda Heldt *soprano*

James Parsons *organ*

Alwyn Pollard *conductor*

A delightful concert of carols performed in traditional candlelight, with audience participation.

Fairtrade & Christmas

Denise (722729) has copies of the new catalogue with the usual selection of Christmas items, and will be taking orders up to Sunday 1 December, and will be in Oakham Church after the 10:30 service on 1st and 15th December.

Christmas Post Box

The Post Box for Church Family Cards will be available from next Sunday – donations to the church fabric please. Many thanks, Pat.

FoodBank Christmas Hampers

Rutland churches, through Foodbank, will be giving Christmas hampers to those who will struggle to buy the extra food items that make Christmas a treat. For this one project we are asking for donations of cash, rather than food. £15 will sponsor one hamper. The value of each hamper will then be increased through donations from local businesses. Donations can be given to the curate or left in his pigeonhole. Cheques made payable to Oakham Baptist Church.

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Isaiah 11.1-10
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

The Bible

Give Yourself a Bible Refresher:
Watch Channel 5, Saturday, 9 p.m.
"The Bible" Series recommended.



The Rutland Concert Band
presents

Baby it's Cold Outside!

**A sparkling programme of
Christmas Music**



**Saturday 14th December
Braunston Village Hall,
7.30pm
Mulled Wine and Nibbles**

**Advance Tickets £10/children £5
£12/£6 at the door
from**

**Pat Anderson: 01572 774388
or Music and More, Oakham**

Proceeds to All Saints' Church, Braunston-in-Rutland

All Saints Church Oakham
Oakham Town Council


Town Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

*A Carol Service for the
whole of Oakham*

All Saints Church

Thursday
19 December
7:30pm

*Collection in aid of
Church Funds &
Rutland Reminders*



With Laudamus,
the joint choirs of
the Oakham
Team Ministry

Followed by wine
and mince pies

All Saints Church Oakham

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Crib Service

The creation and blessing of our Crib

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Candlelit choral celebration of the first communion of Christmas

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion

Traditional said service with sermon

10:00am Holy Communion

Sung service with carols and sermon



Services During The Week

Monday

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**
9:00am Morning Prayer **Langham**
4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**
5:00pm Evening Prayer **Langham**
7:30pm The Light Circle **Langham**

Tuesday

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**
10:00am Holy Communion **Oakham**

Wednesday

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**
9:00am Morning Prayer **Langham**
10:00am Holy Communion
St John and St Anne
12:00pm Healing Prayer Service **Oakham**
4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**
5:00pm Evening Prayer **Langham**
5:30pm Christian Meditation Group
St John and St Anne

Thursday

8:30am Team Holy Communion
Oakham
11:00am BCP Communion **Langham**
12:00pm Ecumenical Prayer Meeting
Oakham
4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**

Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**
9:00am Morning Prayer **Langham**
10:00am BCP Communion **Oakham**
12:30pm Village Prayers **Braunston**
4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**
5:00pm Evening Prayer **Langham**
6:00pm Evening Prayer **Whissendine**

Services Next Sunday

Sunday 8 December – *The Second Sunday of Advent*

Oakham 8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Parish Communion

4:00pm	Christingle
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6:00pm Evensong

Brooke 8:00am Holy Communion
Hambleton 9:15am Holy Communion
Langham 11:00am Holy Communion
Braunston 11:00am Matins

Teigh 9:00am Holy Communion
Market Overton 10:30am Holy Communion
Whissendine 4:00pm Church@4

For full details of services and other news please visit www.oakhamteam.org.uk