



Sunday 8th December 2013



FAIRTRADE AND CHRISTMAS

Denise (722729) has copies of the new catalogue with the usual selection of Christmas items, and will be taking orders up to Sunday 1st of December and the stall will be in church after the 10.30am service on the 1st and 15th of December.

Tuesday 17th December, 7.30 pm: The Good News Van will be at 25 Willow Crescent

Post Box for Church Family Cards: Will be available from the 1st Sunday after Advent donations to the church fabric. Many thanks, Pat.

Sunday 10th December, 2pm: Carol Service at Rutland Memorial Hospital. All welcome.

Celtic Mid Day Prayer- Come and weave a little silence onto your lips, come and weave a little silence onto your mind and come and wind a little silence into your soul and join us for Celtic Mid day prayer on Thursday 12th December 2013 at St Edmund Egleton 12.15pm until 12.45pm. Further details from Vyv Wainwright (Reader) 01572 755752.

Labyrinth- Come and walk a labyrinth, come and walk an ancient pilgrim route, come and re-trace the steps of the journey of your life and see where God has been with you. Saturday 14th December 2013 All Saints Oakham. 10.00am until 12.00pm. Further details Vyv Wainwright (Reader) 01572 755752.

Town Church Carol Service on the 19th December: If anyone would be kind enough to make mince pies for this service we would be really grateful. Please contact Marilyn Tomalin

Thursday 12th December, 2:15pm: MOTHERS' UNION All Saints Church Hall. Monthly Meeting with Holy Communion celebrated by Revd Dominic followed by Christmas entertainment. All welcome.

Wednesday 18th December, 10am: MU Corporate Communion at St John and St Anne's Chapel

Advent Compline (Night Prayer): Sung and spoken prayers for Advent. Make a small, quiet space for God in a busy time. All Saints, Oakham, 9pm, Tuesday 10th and 17th of December.



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 15th December (Advent 3)

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

Midweek Communion Services

Tuesday	All Saints' Oakham	10.00 am
Wednesday	St John and St Anne Chapel	10.00 am
Thursday	All Saints' Oakham	8.30 am
Friday (BCP)	All Saints' Oakham	10.00 am

Every Wednesday at 5.30 pm 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.**

Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf
shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of
Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 14.4 -13

whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in

order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3.1 -12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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. **Amen.**