

Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church



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If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the pew where you are sitting, please inform a sidesperson before the start of the service.

Large print versions of this service booklet are available. Please ask one of the sidespersons.

Weekly Newsheet

The Second Sunday of Advent Sunday 8 December 2013

Oakham Saints

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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**

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

The Order of Service is contained in the separate service booklet.

Opening Hymn*

- Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding; 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say; 'cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day.'
- 2. Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
- Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
- 3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;
- That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

 Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

> Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878) Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889) (Ancient & Modern – 38)

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.**

Old Testament Reading – 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.

New Testament Reading – Romans 15.4-13

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.

Gradual Hymn*

 How beauteous are their feet who stand on Sion's hill who bring salvation on their tongues and words of peace reveal!

2. How happy are our ears that hear this happy sound, which kings and prophets waited for, and sought, but never found! 3. How blessèd are our eyes that see this heavenly light, prophets and kings desired it long, but died without the sight!

 The Lord makes bare his arm through all the earth abroad:
 Let every nation now behold their Saviour and their God.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815) (A&M 298ii) (Ancient & Modern – 302)

Gospel Reading - 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 threshingfloor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Offertory Hymn*

 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken in the deed that made the earth.
 His the voice that called a nation; his the fires that tried her worth.
 God has spoken, God has spoken: praise God for his open word.

 Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate glorified the flesh of man;
 deeds and words and death and rising tell the grace in heaven's plan.

God has spoken, God has spoken: praise God for his open word. Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page, record of the revelation showing God to every age.
 God has spoken, God has spoken: praise God for his open word.

4. Thanks to God whose word is published in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished by the change of time and place.
God has spoken, God has spoken: praise God for his open word.

5. Thanks to God whose word is answered by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking, God is speaking: praise God for his open word.

> Words: R T Brooks (1918-1985) Music: St Helen, G C Martin (1844-1916) © 1954/1982 Hope Publishing Company (Ancient & Modern – 390)

Communion Anthem*

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, 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: 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: 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; 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)

Communion Hymn*

- I. Word of justice, alleluia, come to dwell here. Maranatha!
- 2. Word of mercy, alleluia, live among us. Maranatha!
- 3. Word of power, alleluia, live within us. Maranatha!
- 4. Word of freedom, alleluia, save your people. Maranatha!
- 5. Word of healing, *alleluia*, save your people. *Maranatha!*
- 6. Word of comfort, alleluia, bring us hope now. Maranatha!

'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come'

- 7. Word of gladness, alleluia, fill our hearts now. Maranatha!
- 8. Word of wisdom, alleluia, come, renew us. Maranatha!
- 9. Word we long for, alleluia, Word we thirst for. Maranatha!
- Key of David, alleluia, Son of Mary. Maranatha!
- II. Cry of prophets, alleluia, hope of ages. Maranatha!
- 12. Light of nations, alleluia, light in darkness. Maranatha!

Word: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957) Music: Litany of the Word, Bernadette Farrell (b 1957) (Ancient & Modern – 56)

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.**

Advent Candle Hymn*

 Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray, longing for the Day of Glory, 'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
 Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness changed for gladness on that Day.

- 2. Prophet voices loudly crying, making pathways clear;
- glimpsing glory, self-denying, calling all to hear.
- Through their message-challenged, shakenhearts awaken: God is near!

Words: Mark Earey (b 1965) Music: Angel Voices, Edwin George Monk (1819-1900) © Mark Earey (Ancient & Modern – 26)

Final Hymn*

 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun doth his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name. 3. Blessings abound where e'er he reigns: the prisoner leaps to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

4. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like incense shall arise with every morning sacrifice.

 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King;
 angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

> Word: based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Truro, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789 (Ancient & Modern – 691)

4:00pm Christingle

An inspiring children's service with carols and the lighting of Christingles. Collection in aid of the Childrens Society. The order of service is on the separate sheet.

6:00pm Evensong

The Order of Service begins on page 58 of the Prayer Book, and the hymns are taken from New English Hymnal.

Opening Hymn

466 - Thou whose almighty word

Psalm II in domino confido

J Goss



I In the Lord | put I · my | trust : how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a | bird un- | to the | hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows with- | in the | quiver : that they may privily shoot at | them · which are | true of | heart.

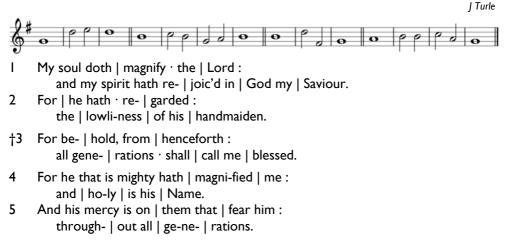
3	For the foundations will be · cast down : and what · hath the right-eous done?		
4	The Lord is in his ho-ly temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.		
5	His eyes con- sider · the poor : and his eye-lids try the children · of men.		
6	The Lord al- loweth the righteous : but the ungodly and him that delighteth in wickedness · doth his soul ab- hor		
7	Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest : this shall be their portion · to drink.		
8	For the righteous Lord lo-veth righteousness : his countenance will be- hold the thing · that is just.		
	Glory be · to the Father, and to the Son and · to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and · ever shall be : world with-out end, A- men.		

First Lesson – 1 Kings 18.17-39*

Office Hymn

12 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Magnificat – Luke 1.46-55



6	He hath shew'd strength \cdot with his arm :			
	he hath scatter'd the proud in the imagi- na-tion of their hearts.			

- He hath put down the | mighty · from their | seat : and hath ex- | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
- 8 He hath fill'd the | hungry · with good | things : and the | rich he · hath sent | empty · a- | way.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | ser-vant | Israel : as he promis'd to our forefathers, Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

R Baker

Glory | be \cdot to the | Father,

and to the | Son and \cdot to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is | now and \cdot ever | shall be : world | with-out | end, A- | men.

Second Lesson – John 1.19-28*

Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2.29-32

- I Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in | peace : ac- | cor-ding | to thy | word.
- For mine eyes have | seen · thy sal- | vation,
 which thou hast pre- | par'd be-fore the | face of · all | people,
- 3 To be a light to | lighten · the | Gentiles : and to be the | glory · of thy | peo-ple | Israel.

Glory | be \cdot to the | Father,

and to the | Son and \cdot to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is | now and \cdot ever | shall be : world | with-out | end, A- | men.

Hymn after the Prayers

5 – Hark, a herald voice is calling

Hymn after the Sermon

499 – Thy kingdom come, O God

*Readings set for Evensong are usually those from the Second Service Lectionary, although occasionally others may be used.

The Coming Week

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 – ADVENT COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER) All Saints Oakham

Sung and spoken prayers for Advent. Make a small, quiet space for God in a busy time.

WEDNESDAY II DECEMBER

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME All Saints Oakham Edwin Lambert trumpet, Alexander Bower-Brown horn, William Guy trombone Music by Glière, Mowat and Pergolesi

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

12:15-12:45pm – CELTIC MIDDAY PRAYER

St Edmund Egleton

Come and weave a little silence onto your lips, come and weave a little silence onto your mind and come and weave a little silence into your soul and join us if you can. All Welcome. Further details please contact Vyv Wainwright 01572 755752.

2:15pm – MOTHERS' UNION All Saints Church Hall

Monthly Meeting with Holy Communion celebrated by Revd Dominic Coad followed by Christmas entertainment. All welcome.

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

6:00pm – CAROL SERVICE & CHRISTINGLE St Andrew Hambleton Followed by supper.

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

10:00-12:00pm – LABYRITH All Saints Oakham

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. Further details please contact Vyv Wainwright (Reader) 01572 755752.

7:30pm – CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS Oakham Methodist Church

with Rutland Choral Society. Carols for Choir and Audience.

7:30pm – RUTLAND CONCERT BAND Braunston Village Hall

Baby It's Cold Outside – a sparkling programme of Christmas music, with mulled wine & nibbles. Tickets ± 10 (children ± 5) in advance ($\pm 12/\pm 6$ on the door) from Pat Anderson (01572 774388) or Music & More, Oakham

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

10:30am – NATIVITY TABLEAU All Saints Oakham

Sunday School Nativity Play and Family Service.

Looking Ahead

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 7:30pm – GOOD NEWS VAN 25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

9:00pm – ADVENT COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER) All Saints Oakham

Sung and spoken prayers for Advent. Make a small, quiet space for God in a busy time.

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

10:00am – MOTHERS' UNION CORPORATE COMMUNION Chapel of St John & St Anne

7:30pm – CATMOSE COLLEGE CAROL CONCERT All Saints Oakham A musical celebration of Christmas.

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 7:30pm – Town Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

All Saints Oakham

A carol service for the whole of Oakham, by joint invitation of All Saints and the Town Council. If anyone would be kind enough to make mince pies for this service we would be really grateful – please contact Marilyn Tomalin

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

I0am-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 (andyandhelenftall@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.

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

8:00am – HOLY COMMUNION 10:30am – HOLY COMMUNION All Saints Oakham NO other services in the Team.

Fairtrade & Christmas

The Fairtrade stall will be in Oakham Church after the 10:30 service next Sunday, 15th December.

Christmas Post Box

The Post Box for Church Family Cards is now available – donations to the church fabric please. Many thanks, Pat.

Travelling Cribs

A huge Thank You to all knitters. We have enough sheep to cover 3 Travelling Nativities which started their journey last Sunday, and are fully booked from until Christmas Eve. 68 families will host the Holy Family for I night each. Please keep knitting your sheep as I am now starting to collect for next year! Jenni Duffy.

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.

Logo

We now have a new logo for the Oakham Team Ministry, which you will see on the front of this week's pewsheet. In due course this will appear on all our publications, and we hope will help to promote a more unified feel to the Team.

The Bible

Give Yourself a Bible Refresher: Watch Channel 5, Saturdays 9 pm "The Bible" Series recommended. The first two episodes are still available online until Christmas.



Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11

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 9 December

8:30am Morning Prayer Oakham
9:00am Morning Prayer Langham
4:30pm Evening Prayer Oakham
5:00pm Evening Prayer Langham

Tuesday 10 December

8:30am Morning Prayer Oakham10:00am Holy Communion Oakham

Wednesday II December

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**

- 9:00am Morning Prayer Langham
- 10:00am Holy Communion St John and St Anne
- 10:30am Holy Communion Ashwell
- 4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**
- 5:00pm Evening Prayer Langham
- 5:30pm Christian Meditation Group St Iohn and St Anne

Thursday 12 December

- 8:30am Team Holy Communion **Oakham**
- 12:00pm Ecumenical Prayer Meeting Oakham
- 12:15pm Celtic Prayer with Silence **Egleton**
- 4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**

Friday 13 December

- 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 Carol Service & Christingle
 - followed by supper *Hambleton*
- 6:00pm Evening Prayer Whissendine

Services Next Sunday

Sunday 15 December - The Third Sunday of Advent

Oakham	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Sunday School Nativity Tableau
	12:15pm 6:00pm	Baptism Evensong
Egleton Braunston Langham Brooke	9:15am 11:00am 3:30pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Joint Carol Service in the Baptist Church Carol Service
Ashwell Whissendine Teigh Market Overton	I 0:30am I I :00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Christingle Holy Communion Carol Service Carol Service with Laudamus Joint Choir

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