

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

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

Wednesday 18th December, 1.30pm: Music at Lunchtime. A concert by Catmose College. All welcome

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

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.

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.

Team walking group: The next walk on January 1st 2014 is approx 5 miles around the Hambleton peninsula. Meet at 8 Peterborough Avenue with your "bring and share" lunch contribution at 10.00am then motor to the fishermen's car park at Hambleton.

After the walk return to Peterborough Ave for lunch where there will be soup and drinks awaiting. Please ring Sally or Dennis, 01572 722272, if you will be coming so we may monitor numbers.

Anyone wishing to enjoy the **walk only** meet at the fishermen's car park at Hambleton for a 10.30am start.

Seeds of Faith course: for explorers or new Christians or for those just wanting a refresher on the basics of Christianity. A six week course beginning Monday 13th January 2014 7:30 – 9:30pm in Ashwell. For further details or to book contact Jenni Duffy 01572 720064 or jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk



Sunday 15th December 2013



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

The Team Office is staffed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am- 1pm, Thursdays 11am-3pm and Fridays by email. Notices for inclusion in the pew sheet should arrive by Wednesday at 11 am.
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Services for Sunday 22nd December (Advent 4)

Ashwell	16:00	Carols
Braunston	18:00	Carols
Brooke	08:00	Holy Communion
Hambleton	09:15	Holy Communion
Langham	11:00	Holy Communion
Market Overton	09:00	Holy Communion
Oakham	08:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Holy Communion
Teigh	09:00	Holy Communion
Whissendine	18:00	Carols

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 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.

Isaiah 35.1-10

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;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A
highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5.7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater

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.**