



# All Saints Oakham

## *Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church*



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.

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

## **Weekly Newsheet**

**The Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 15 December 2013**

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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](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk)

# 8:00am Holy Communion

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

## 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.**

## Old Testament Reading – *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.

## **New Testament Reading – 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.

## **Gospel Reading – 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 than he.

## **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.**

## **10:30am Sunday School Nativity Tableau**

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

## **12:15pm Baptism**

### **Hymns**

**340** – One more step along the world I go

**223** – Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

# 6:00pm Evensong

The Order of Service begins on page 58 of the Prayer Book, and the hymns are taken from New English Hymnal. \*Readings set for Evensong are usually those from the Second Service Lectionary, although occasionally others may be used.

## Opening Hymn

495 – God is working his purpose out

### Psalm 14 *dixit insipiens*

1. The fool whose heart declares in pride,  
'There is no God to fear,'  
forgets the Lord's all-seeing eye  
who finds no goodness here:

2. For all have sinned and turned from God,  
not one has kept God's way;  
corrupt alike, not one does good –  
we all have gone astray.

3. Do they not know, can they not tell,  
who plan to crush the poor,  
that God is with the righteous still,  
their refuge ever sure?

4. Now come, O Lord, your people bless,  
and purify from wrong,  
that we may make your righteousness  
our everlasting song!

5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.

Words: from Psalm 14, Stephen Wilcockson

Music: Dundee, melody from the Scottish Psalter 1615 as set in Ravenscroft's Psalms 1621 (NEH 57)

## First Lesson – Isaiah 5.8-30\*

## Office Hymn

3 – Come thou long-expected Jesus

## Magnificat – Luke 1.46-55

J Turle



- 1 My soul doth | magnify · the | Lord :  
and my spirit hath re- | joic'd in | God my | Saviour.
- 2 For | he hath · re- | garded :  
the | lowli-ness | of his | handmaiden.
- †3 For be- | hold, from | henceforth :  
all gene- | rations · shall | call me | blessed.

- 4 For he that is mighty hath | magni-fied | me :  
and | ho-ly | is his | Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :  
through- | out all | ge-ne- | rations.
- 6 He hath shew'd | strength · with his | arm :  
he hath scatter'd the proud in the imagi- | na-tion | of their | hearts.
- 7 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.
- 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.

## Second Lesson – Acts 13.13-41\*

### Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2.29-32

R Baker



- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in | peace :  
ac- | cor-ding | to thy | word.
- 2 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 · 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.

### Hymn after the Prayers

456 – Teach me, my God and King

### Hymn after the Sermon

7 – Hills of the North, rejoice



## Christmas Services in the Team

### Christmas Eve Crib Services

3:30pm – **BRAUNSTON** – Journey to Jesus (*around the village*)

4:00pm – **OAKHAM**

4:00pm – **WHISSENDINE**

6:00pm – **LANGHAM**

6:00pm – **MARKET OVERTON**

### Midnight Mass

9:00pm – **HAMBLETON**

11:15pm – **WHISSENDINE**

11:30pm – **OAKHAM**

11:30pm – **LANGHAM**

### Christmas Morning Communion

8:00am – **OAKHAM**

8:00am – **BROOKE**

9:00am – **TEIGH**

9:15am – **EGLETON**

10:00am – **OAKHAM**

10:30am – **MARKET OVERTON**

10:30am – **ASHWELL**

11:00am – **BRAUNSTON**

# The Coming Week

## 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*

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**  
*All Saints Oakham*  
**Pupils of Catmose College**

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

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.

## Looking Ahead

### SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

8:00am – **HOLY COMMUNION**

10:30am – **HOLY COMMUNION**

*All Saints Oakham*

NO other services in the Team.

### WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY

10:00am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**  
*Hambleton Peninsula*

Approx 5 miles. 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 fishermens' car park at Hambleton for a 10:30am start.

## MONDAY 13 JANUARY

7:30-9:30pm – **SEEDS OF FAITH COURSE**

### *Ashwell*

The first session of a six week course for explorers or new Christians or for those just wanting a refresher on the basics of Christianity.

For further details or to book contact Jenni Duffy 01572 720064 or [jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk).

## Change of Time

There will be NO service of Holy Communion on Thursday 26th December or Wednesday 1st January. Also from Thursday 2nd January the Thursday morning Communion Service moves to a new time of **9:00am**.

## Christmas Post Box

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

## 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 three episodes are still available online until Christmas.



## Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Isaiah 7.10-16  
Romans 1.1-7  
Matthew 1.18-25

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 16 December

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

### Tuesday 17 December

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

### Wednesday 18 December

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**  
9:00am Morning Prayer **Langham**  
10:00am Holy Communion  
**St John and St Anne**  
4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**  
5:00pm Evening Prayer **Langham**  
5:30pm Christian Meditation Group  
**St John and St Anne**  
6:00pm Carol Service with mulled wine  
& mince pies **Egleton**

### Thursday 19 December

8:30am Team Holy Communion  
**Oakham**  
12:00pm Ecumenical Prayer Meeting  
**Oakham**  
4:30pm Evening Prayer **Oakham**  
7:30pm Town Festival of Nine Lessons  
& Carols **Oakham**

### Friday 20 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 Evening Prayer **Whissendine**

## Services Next Sunday

### Sunday 22 December – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

<b>Oakham</b>	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Parish Communion
		NO Evensong
<b>Brooke</b>	8:00am	Holy Communion
<b>Hambleton</b>	9:15am	Holy Communion
<b>Langham</b>	11:00am	Holy Communion
<b>Braunston</b>	6:00pm	Carol Service
<b>Market Overton</b>	9:00am	Holy Communion
<b>Teigh</b>	9:00am	Holy Communion
<b>Ashwell</b>	4:00pm	Carol Service
<b>Whissendine</b>	6:00pm	Carol Service with <i>Laudamus</i> Joint Choir

For full details of services and other news please visit [www.oakhamteam.org.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk)