



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 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 22 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

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Communion*

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

Opening Hymn*

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.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
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.
4. By thine 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, from The Crucifixion, John Stainer (1840-1901)
(Ancient & Modern – 30)*

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 7.10-16

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

New Testament Reading – Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn*

1. 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?

2. 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.

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

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

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: from Piae Cantiones 1582, harmonised by compilers of New English Hymnal 1986

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(Ancient & Modern – 75)

Gospel Reading – Matthew 1.18-25

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child

conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Offertory 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.*
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:
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.
4. O come, thou key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
5. 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: from the Latin Advent Antiphons, tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Veni Emmanuel, melody adapted from a French Missal, Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)
(Ancient & Modern – 45)

Communion Anthem*

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)

Communion Hymn*

1. People, look east to see at last
hopes fulfilled from ages past:
now in the promise of the morning,
see, a brighter day is dawning,
rich with the visions long foretold,
prophets' dreams from days of old.

2. God reaffirms the gracious call:
words of welcome meant for all ;
comfort enough for all our sorrows;
justice shaping new tomorrows.
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,
freed to praise and serve the Lord.

3. Now, with the coming of the light,
darkest fears are put to flight ;
see how the clouds of gloom are clearing-
blown aside by hope's appearing.
Jesus, the Light of all our days,
comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

4. Born of our race, a child so small —
hail the promised Lord of all!
Nailed to a cross for our salvation,
he shall rule God's new creation.
Lift up your eyes, and look again:
see, he comes in power to reign!

Words: Martin Leckebusch (b 1962)

Music: Besancon Carol, French traditional carol, harm Barry Rose (b 1934) (Ancient & Modern – 47)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Hymn*

1. 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, shaken—
hearts awaken: God is near!

3. John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'

4. Mary's gift, beyond all telling
we recall today:
Son of God within her dwelling
born to show the way.
Who could guess the final story?
— cross and glory; Easter Day!

Words: Mark Earey (b 1965) Music: Angel Voices, Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

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Final Hymn*

1. Lift up your heads ye mighty gates,
behold the King of glory waits,
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Saviour of the world is here.

2. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this king in triumph comes.

3. Come then, O Saviour, and abide;
our hearts to thee be open wide;
may all thy inward presence feel,
to all thy grace and love reveal. Amen.

Words: George Weissel (1590-1635), tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and editors of NEH
Music: Gonfalon Royal, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947) – AM 257
(New English Hymnal – 8)

Services During The Week

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

8:30am Morning Prayer **Oakham**
3:30pm Journey to Jesus **Braunston**
4:00pm Crib Service **Oakham**
4:00pm Crib Service **Whissendine**
6:00pm Crib Service **Langham**
6:00pm Crib Service **Market Overton**
9:00pm Holy Communion **Hambleton**
11:15pm Midnight Mass **Whissendine**
11:30pm Midnight Mass **Oakham**
11:30pm Midnight Mass **Langham**

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion **Oakham**
8:00am Holy Communion **Brooke**
9:00am Holy Communion **Teigh**
9:15am Holy Communion **Egleton**
10:00am Holy Communion **Oakham**
10:30am Holy Communion **Mkt Overton**
10:30am Holy Communion **Ashwell**
11:00am Holy Communion **Braunston**

Services Next Sunday

Sunday 29 December – The First Sunday of Christmas

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

NO other services in the Team

Looking Ahead

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 fishermen's car park at Hambleton for a 10:30am start.

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

1:30pm – **MOTHERS' UNION**

LUNCH & AGM

Oakham Church Hall

Contact Meg Dyer to confirm attendance at the lunch (01572 771564) if you have not already signed the list. Cost will be £5. Guests welcome.

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. Members of all team churches are welcome.

For further details or to book contact Jenni Duffy 01572 720064 or jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk.

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

8:30am – **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OAKHAM & DISTRICT**

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Victoria Hall

Speaker – Revd J G Jamieson, Chaplain Kendrew Barracks. Tickets £3 from Patrick or Marjorie Wilson (01572 723288)

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**.

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Isaiah 63.7-9

Hebrews 2.10-18

Matthew 2.13-23

For full details of services and other news please visit

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IN OAKHAM AND DISTRICT

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th January, 2014

8.30 am

The Victoria Hall

Speaker: Rev. J.G. Jamieson

Chaplain at Kendrew Barracks.

Tickets: £3.00, from

Patrick or Marjorie Wilson

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