



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 First Sunday of Christmas
Sunday 29 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 Team Communion*

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

Opening Hymn*

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields
as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

2. Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:

Words: West-country carol, possibly 18th century, adapted by Michael Arnold Perry (1942-1996)

Music: The First Nowell, English traditional melody, arranged by John Stainer (1840-1901)

from Christmas Carols New and Old 1871 (Ancient & Modern – 86)

3. At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped him;
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:

4. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with his blood our life hath bought:

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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 63.7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of
Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of
his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal
falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he
lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 2.10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again, 'I will put my trust in him.'

And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gradual Hymn*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
this, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him praise,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's Son is here,
his love all loves exceeding:
nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
the babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let every heart enthrone him:
raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the Son of Mary.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1989) and Compilers of New English Hymnal, 1986
Music: Greensleeves, English traditional melody, arranged by John Stainer (1840-1901)
from Christmas Carols New and Old 1871

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 2.13-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Offertory Hymn*

1. In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.
3. Enough for him whom cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk
and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him whom angels
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.
4. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Cranham, Gustav Holst (18784-1934) (Ancient & Modern – 68)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn*

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wring your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ the new-born King,
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.*

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions be an afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

4. Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), from Iris, 1816 and The Christmas Box, 1825
Music: French traditional carol harmonised by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
(Ancient & Modern – 59)*

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Gordon and Pamela Woods, who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary today. They will be reading at the 10:30am service today, and we join with them as they remember their special day especially in the final hymn and the organ voluntary.

Change of Time

There will be NO service of Holy Communion on 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 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

The Coming Week

WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY

10:00am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**

Hambleton Peninsula (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. Afterwards return to Peterborough Ave for lunch, with soup and drinks. Please ring Sally or Dennis, 01572 722272, if you will be coming. To **walk only** meet at the fishermen's car park at Hambleton for a 10:30am start.

THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

2:30pm-4:30pm – **COME & CHAT BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Oakham Church Hall

For all going through bereavement. You'll be able to meet others who are also going through the bereavement journey or chat to our volunteers. Clergy & other experienced listeners will also be present.

Looking Ahead

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

1:00pm – **MOTHERS' UNION LUNCH & AGM – Oakham Church Hall**

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

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY

GIFT (GIRLS IN FAITH TOGETHER)

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Contact Jess for details (jess@oakhamteam.org.uk).

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.

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

10:00am-12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

At the home of Gill & Stan Bruce, 19 Ashwell Road, Oakham.

All are welcome to call in for tea or coffee and a friendly chat.

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)

1:00pm – **TABLE TOP SALE**

Langham Village Hall

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY

2:00pm – **TEA PARTY**

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

Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 30 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 9:00 Morning Prayer <i>Langham</i>	4:30 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 5:00 Evening Prayer <i>Langham</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> 31 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 Holy Communion <i>Oakham</i>	4:00 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> 1 Jan	9:00 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i>	12:00 Bells Service <i>Langham</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 2 Jan	9:00 Team Communion <i>Oakham</i> 11:00 BCP Communion <i>Langham</i>	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 4:30 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Friday</i> 3 Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 9:00 Morning Prayer <i>Langham</i> 10:00 BCP Communion <i>Oakham</i>	12:30 Village Prayers <i>Braunston</i> 4:30 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 5:00 Evening Prayer <i>Langham</i> 6:00 Evening Prayer <i>Whissendine</i>

Services Next Sunday *5 January – The Epiphany*

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30 Parish Communion	NO Evensong
<i>Whissendine</i>	11:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 Matins	
<i>Market Overton</i>	9:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	
<i>Ashwell</i>		4:00 Church@4
<i>Langham</i>		6:00 Epiphany Eucharist
<i>Braunston</i>	11:00 Holy Communion	
<i>Brooke</i>		6:00 Evensong
<i>Hambleton</i>		
<i>Egleton</i>	9:15 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	12:15 Baptism

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