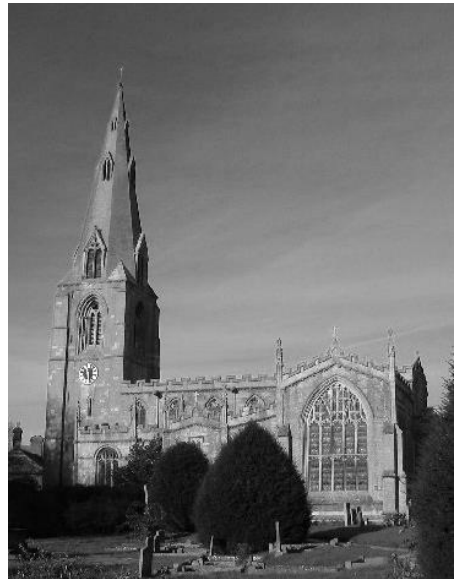




# St Peter & St Paul Langham

## *Welcome to the Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul Langham*



If you are new to this church or visiting, please make yourself known to the clergy or churchwardens.

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

### **Weekly Newsheet**

**The Epiphany  
Sunday 5 January 2014**

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For full details of services and forthcoming events please visit our website at [www.oakhamteam.org.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk)

# 6:00pm Epiphany Eucharist

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

## Opening Hymn

For I'm building a people of power  
and I'm making a people of praise,  
that will move through this land by my Spirit,  
and will glorify my precious name.  
Build your church, Lord,  
make us strong, Lord,  
join our hearts, Lord,  
through your Son.  
Make us one, Lord, in your body,  
in the kingdom of your Son.

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## Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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 60.1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

## **New Testament Reading – Ephesians 2.1-12**

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Gradual Hymn**

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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## Gospel Reading – Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:


“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Intercessions

The following response is used:



Lord Je-sus Christ, your light shines with-in us. Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me.



Lord Je-sus Christ, your light shines with-in us. Let my heart al-ways wel-come your love.

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)  
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## Offertory Hymn

1. O Christ the same, through all our story's pages  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears.  
Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,  
unchanging still, amid the passing years.  
O living Word, the source of all creation  
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze.  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

2. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing  
 our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide.  
 Still as of old upon your body bearing  
 the marks of love, in triumph glorified.
- O Son of Man, who stopped for us from heaven,  
 O Prince of life, in all your saving power,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,  
 we bring our thanks for this the present hour
3. O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
 our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
 our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
 our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain.
- O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows;  
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee.
- O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows;  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)  
 Music: Londonderry Air, Irish traditional melody, arr Christopher Norton  
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## Communion Hymns\*

1. To be in your presence,  
 to sit at your feet,  
 where your love surrounds me,  
 and makes me complete.

*This is my desire,  
 O Lord, this is my desire.  
 This is my desire,  
 O Lord, this is my desire.*

2. To rest in your presence,  
 not rushing away,  
 to cherish each moment,  
 here would I stay.

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We bow down and confess  
 you are Lord in this place.  
 We bow down and confess  
 you are Lord in this place.  
 You are all I need;  
 it's your face I seek.  
 In the presence of your light  
 we bow down, we bow down.

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## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Final Hymn\*

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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## The Coming Week

### WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

10:00am-12:00pm – **T'VICAR'S CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

**Langham Vicarage (67 Church Street)**

In aid of Syria Crisis Appeal.

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

**All Saints Oakham**

**George Smith** *tenor*

**Britten** Folksong Arrangements Vol 3

### THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

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

Contact Meg Dyer to confirm attendance at the lunch (01572 771564) £5. Guests welcome.

12:15-12:45pm – **CELTIC MIDDAY PRAYER**

**St Edmund Egleton**

Come and weave a little silence to your lips, and into your life – join us if you can. All Welcome. Further details please contact Vyv Wainwright 01572 755752.

### SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

10:00am-12:30pm – **FINANCE ROADSHOW**

**Oakham CofE Primary School**

Bishop Donald hosts the first of four spring Roadshows. Email alex.low@peterborough-diocese.org.uk if you would like to attend.

### SUNDAY 12 JANUARY

2:00-3:00PM – **GIFT (GIRLS IN FAITH TOGETHER)**

**All Saints Oakham**

Contact jess@oakhamteam.org.uk.

## Looking Ahead

### 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)

### SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

1:00pm – **TABLE TOP SALE**

**Langham Village Hall**

Tables can be booked from Ray Bailey (01572 770490). In support of Langham Church Bellingers.



## **SUNDAY 19 JANUARY**

3:00-4:30pm – **TEA PARTY**

**All Saints Oakham**

All queries to Revd Dominic Coad

## **MON 20-WED 22 JANUARY**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT**

**Launde Abbey**

A retreat led by Anthony Weaver. For more information call Launde Abbey on 01572 717254 or [www.laundeabbey.org.uk](http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk)

## **FRIDAY 24 JANUARY**

10:00am – **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – DISCOVERY DAY**

**Oakham Methodist Church**

You are invited for coffee and Egyptian cakes, and Bible Study led by Revd Audrey Atkinson. This will be followed by a presentation by Mrs Emma Dipper from Release International, who is a frequent traveller to Egypt. Finish with lunch at 1:00pm.

Please come if you can, and let Christine Carlin (01572 722698) know by Sunday 18 January for catering numbers.

## **SUNDAY 26 JANUARY**

2:00-3:00PM – **GIFT**

**(GIRLS IN FAITH TOGETHER)**

**The Shed (Oakham Baptist Church)**

Contact Jess for details  
([jess@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:jess@oakhamteam.org.uk)).

9:30AM-4:30PM – **A QUIET DAY**

**Launde Abbey**

Led by the Warden, Revd Alison Christian. Details from [guli.francis-dehqani@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:guli.francis-dehqani@peterborough-diocese.org.uk)

## **SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

7:30pm – **PENNYLESS FOLK TRIO**

**Langham Village Hall**

Tickets £10 from Debbie (723533) or Hilary (757435).

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## **Bank Holiday Organ Recitals**

The All Saints Concert Society organises organ recitals every Bank Holiday Monday at Oakham.

This year we will welcome **Roxanne Summerfield** (Assistant Organist at St James the Greater, Leicester) on Easter Monday (21 April); **Shanna Hart** (Organ Scholar Elect at Selwyn College, Cambridge) on May Day (5 May); **Peter Davis** (Director of Music at Oakham School) for Spring Bank Holiday (26 May) and **Robert Gower** for the Summer Bank Holiday (25 August).

The recitals are followed by a simple ploughman's style lunch in the Church Hall. We need some new volunteers to help prepare these – either as an organiser (team leader) or a helper in someone's team. If you think you can help, please talk to Christine Carlin, Kevin Slingsby or Paul Butler.

## **Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion**

Isaiah 42.1-9

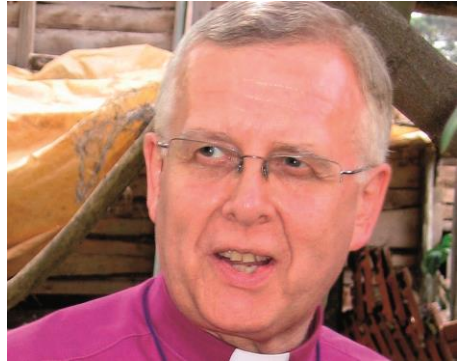
Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-17

# Reflecting on what has been

*Rt Revd Donald Allister, the Bishop of Peterborough writes*

**New Year greetings to you. Of course it isn't everyone's New Year. Chinese, Jewish and Moslem calendars start at different times of year, and we have tax years starting in April and academic years starting in September (or August in Scotland). But we are used to January, and it seems to work as well as any other time of year.**



New Year is an important opportunity to reflect on what has been: to remember God's faithfulness, to recall the ups and downs of the last twelve months, to learn whatever lessons we should be learning. And it is one of our best chances (alongside Easter and maybe the summer holidays) to look ahead: not necessarily with formal new year resolutions, but perhaps with a firm intent to put right a few wrongs or omissions, or to look for new opportunities of witness or service.

So go for it! Learn from 2013, and be closer to Jesus in 2014.

My hope for 2014? That we as a diocese will continue to grow numerically, in depth of love and commitment, and in our outreach to the needy and those who don't yet know Christ. I'll be talking to the clergy, churchwardens and church treasurers about all this in the early months of the year.

Growth can be painful: it involves change and sometimes discomfort. But what a privilege, what a joy, to be called by our Lord to be part of the adventure of building his Church and Kingdom. I hope and pray that you and your parish are ready to join me in this. We are not going into decline, and we are not going to stand still. We are going to work with Jesus in building, growing, and sharing his love with many who don't yet know.

2014 may bring us deep sorrows or great joys, or even both. It may seem like just another year, or like the best year ever. But whatever it holds, let's enter it together, determined to join in with God's mission in Peterborough Diocese.

+ Donald

**T'VICAR'S  
CHARITY  
COFFEE MORNING**



**IN AID OF**



**10 am—12 noon**

**Wednesday 8th Jan**

**@ Langham Vicarage**

**(67 Church Street)**

***Everyone welcome***

## Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 6 Jan	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Oakham 9:00 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Langham	2:00 <b>Pram &amp; Toddler</b> Oakham 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham 5:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Langham 7:30 <b>Light Circle</b> Langham
<i>Tuesday</i> 7 Jan	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Oakham 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> Oakham	4:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham
<i>Wednesday</i> 8 Jan	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Oakham 9:00 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Langham 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> J&A 10:30 <b>Holy Communion</b> Ashwell	4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham 5:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Langham 5:30 <b>Meditation</b> J&A
<i>Thursday</i> 9 Jan	9:00 <b>Team Communion</b> Oakham 9:45 <b>Tiny Tots</b> Oakham	12:00 <b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> Oakham 12:15 <b>Celtic Prayer</b> Egleton 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham
<i>Friday</i> 10 Jan	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Oakham 9:00 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Langham 10:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> Oakham	12:30 <b>Village Prayers</b> Braunston 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham 5:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Langham 6:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Whissendine

## Services Next Sunday

### *12 January - The Baptism of Christ*

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad) 10:30 <b>Parish Communion</b>	6:00 <b>Evensong</b>
<i>Whissendine</i>		4:00 <b>Church@4</b>
<i>Teigh</i>		
<i>Market Overton</i>	10:30 <b>Family Communion</b>	
<i>Ashwell</i>	9:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
<i>Langham</i>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Braunston</i>	11:00 <b>Matins</b>	
<i>Brooke</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
<i>Hambleton</i>	9:15 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad)	
<i>Egleton</i>		

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