

**Food Bank donations:** February is Milk and Juice month. To cover gaps in our stock we would like to receive donations of only UHT milk and long life fruit juice during February. Cash donations to cover running costs are always welcome. Cheques made payable to Oakham Baptist Church.



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014**



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 12:30pm:** Market Overton Bowls Club Pre-Lent Lunch. Bring & Buy Stall, Raffle. Adults £3, Children £1 for Market Overton Church funds. Booking advised - ring Lin Ryder on 767666, There will be two others on Thursdays during Lent, 6 March and 3 April, and you will be entered for the Prize Draw if you attend all three!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – in Langham Village**

**Hall:** BCP Holy Communion services held at Langham, 11 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm-4:30pm:** Oakham Church Hall Come and Chat Bereavement Group. 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. If you think this might suit you, you'll be most welcome to join us.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 am:** Craft Group Meeting again, all those interested in producing items for the church sale do come along. New people very welcome the group would appreciate any knitting wool they have to spare. Please contact Pamela Woods on 01572 755371

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10am:** Bible Study 25 Willow Crescent Oakham.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm:** Houghton Weavers are appearing at St Andrews Church, Whissendine. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Contact Hilda 01664474392 or email: [handj5@talktalk.net](mailto:handj5@talktalk.net) Tony the lead singer has now recovered from his operation. If you had booked tickets in November and hadn't paid would you confirm that you still wish to come. Many thanks Hilda. Proceeds to St Andrews Church, Whissendine.

**Lent Study Groups:** Will start during the week beginning Monday 10th March. If you would like to participate, please sign the sheet on the table by the South Door of All Saints' Oakham, or in your own church, on or before Sunday 16th February. For more information, please contact Gail Rudge: 01572 755570 [rudge330@btinternet.com](mailto:rudge330@btinternet.com)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm:** Good News Van 25 Willow Crescent Oakham.

**Friends Shrovetide Party** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Church Hall Cost £5 Names on list on table near the South Door, please. Beryl Kirtland 01572 724103

**Friend's notices for AGM** on March 23rd and subscriptions in envelopes on table near South Door. Members please collect yours and help deliver others where possible. Thank you. Beryl



**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 9<sup>th</sup> February (4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent)

Ashwell	Service at Teigh
Braunston	11:00 Mattins
Brooke	08:00 Holy Communion
Hambleton	09:15 Holy Communion
Langham	11:00 Holy Communion
Market Overton	10:30 Holy Communion
Oakham	08:00 Holy Communion
	10:30 Holy Communion
	16:00 Evensong
Teigh	09:00 Holy Communion
Whissendine	16:00 Church @ 4

**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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014, Candlemas

### The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son  
was this day presented in the Temple  
in the substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Malachi 3.1 – 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### Hebrews 2,14 -18

Since, 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.

### Luke 2.22- 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and

they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have rejected these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever **Amen**

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