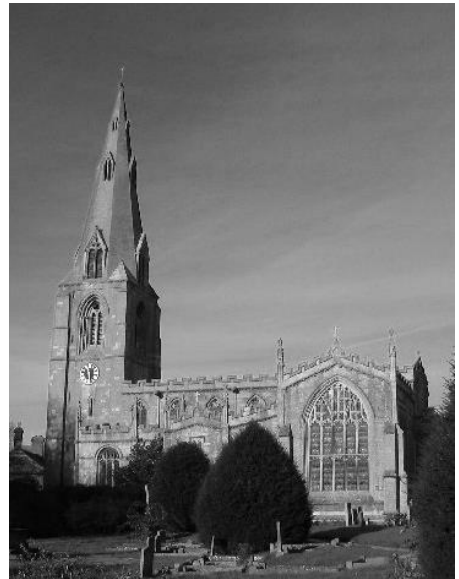




St Peter & St Paul Langham

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

**Presentation of Christ
in the Temple (Candlemas)
Sunday 2 February 2014**

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For full details of services and forthcoming events please visit our website at www.oakhamteam.org.uk

6:00pm Word, Worship & Response

In your light shall we see light – Psalm 36.9

Welcome and Opening Sentence

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with us.

All **The Lord bless us.**

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this service, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Hymn

1. Like a candle flame,
flick'ring small in our darkness.
Uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia,
come to save us, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

3. Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
or his holy fire.

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick
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Confession

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in 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.**

Hymn

1. In a world where people walk in darkness,
let us turn our faces to the light,
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,
to the daystar scattering our night.

*For the light is stronger than the darkness
and the day will overcome the night,
though the shadows linger all around us,
let us turn our faces to the light.*

2. In a world where suffering of the helpless
casts a shadow all along the way,
let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness
and proclaim the dawning of the day.

3. Let us light a candle in the darkness,
in the face of death a sign of life;
as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless,
as a sign of peace in place of strife.

Words: Robert Willis (b 1947)

Music: Let Us Light A Candle, Richard Shephard (b 1949)

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Gospel Reading

This acclamation may herald the Gospel reading

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature.

All **Alleluia.**

Today the Blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with the law.

All **Alleluia.**

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

All **Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.**

Luke 2.22-40 – Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

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.

Sermon

In your light shall we see light

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Anthem

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*Words: Psalms 5.8, 4.9
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory 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 Peace

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe.
You make our darkness to be light.
For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *Candlemas Procession*

Before the procession these responses may be used

All We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,
in the midst of your temple.

All Open to us the gates of righteousness,
that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

All God is the Lord who has shown us light.
Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.

Hymn

The hymn is sung while the candles are lit

1. When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

2. The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.

3. They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

4. But Anna and Simeon recognize there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

5. The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

6. They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

7. The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

Words: Elizabeth J Cosnett (b 1936)

Music: Lourdes, French traditional melody

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The president says

All Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe.
Blessed be God for ever.

Your light shines on us
and all peoples shall see your glory.

All Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,
bearing witness to your truth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light,
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The ministers and people go in procession to the font. A large cross may be placed there. As they process they sing Nunc Dimittis

Procession

Lord God, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as promised in your word;
my eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people, and their light.

*Words: from Nunc Dimittis, unknown
Music: Yorkshire (Stockport), John Wainwright (1723-1768)
(The Presbyterian Hymnal 1990 – 604)*

Final Responary

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We stand near the place of new birth.

All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We turn from the crib to the cross.

All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

All **Let us shine with the light of your love. Thanks be to God.**

The Conclusion

Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill us with radiance
and scatter the darkness from our path.

All **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden our eyes and warm our heart.

All **Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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.

rutland.foodbank.org.uk

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Isaiah 58.1-9a(b-12)

I Corinthians 2.1-12(13-16)

Matthew 5.13-20

The Coming Week

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Alice Ellman-Brown *soprano*

Quilter Five Shakespeare Songs

Sondheim Two Songs from Sweeney Todd

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

12:30pm – **PRE-LENT LUNCH**

Market Overton Bowls Club

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!

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. If you think this might suit you, you'll be most welcome to join us.

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

10:30am – **CRAFT GROUP MEETING**

All Saints Oakham

The group will start meeting again today, and all those interested in producing items for the Church sale, please do come along. New people are very welcome. The group would appreciate any knitting wool or

materials you have to spare. Please contact Pamela Woods on 755371.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY 7/8 FEBRUARY

**SNOW WHITE AND THE 7 NOT
PARTICULARLY TALL PEOPLE**

Whissendine Village Hall

STARS annual pantomime – Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm; Saturday matinee at 2:30pm. Tickets £6 (£5 concessions) from Mace Store, Whissendine or 01664 474964.

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

2:00-3:00pm – **GIFT**

(GIRLS IN FAITH TOGETHER)

The Shed (Oakham Baptist Church)

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

Looking Ahead

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

10:00am – **BIBLE STUDY**

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

All welcome

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

7:30pm – **COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Mayhew Room, All Saints Oakham

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

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

St Edmund Egleton

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

**2:15pm – OAKHAM & BRAUNSTON
MOTHERS' UNION MEETING**

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

We are very pleased to welcome Jenni Duffy who will be coming to speak to us on The Work of the Parish Evangelist and encourage members to support “one of our own” as we learn more about the important outreach work carried out in the Benefice.

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

7:30pm – HOUGHTON WEAVERS

St Andrew Whissendine

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Contact Hilda 01664 474392 or email: 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. Proceeds to St Andrew's Church, Whissendine

www.houghtonweavers.com/

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

7:30pm – GOOD NEWS VAN

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

7:30pm – SPRING CONCERT

All Saints Oakham

Bridget Hardy *mezzo-soprano*

Isaac Nakhimovsky *viola*

Ralph Woodward *piano*

Music by **Mozart, Schubert, Brahms & Britten**

Tickets £10 from Music&More, Kevin (460000) or www.oakhamconcerts.info

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

9:30 am -4:00pm – BISHOP'S BIBLE DAY

Northampton High School for Girls

A day for anyone who uses the Bible in their ministry, in church, in school, at work, in the community, at home. Booking is required – please see the new *Good News* magazine for full details and booking form.

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

7:00pm – FRIENDS SHROVETIDE PARTY

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Cost £5. Please add your names to the list on the table by the South Door at All Saints Oakham.

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00am – HOLY COMMUNION

Chapel of St John & St Anne

**12:00pm – HOLY COMMUNION &
LITANY (BCP)**

All Saints Oakham

7:30pm – SUNG EUCHARIST

St Mary Ashwell

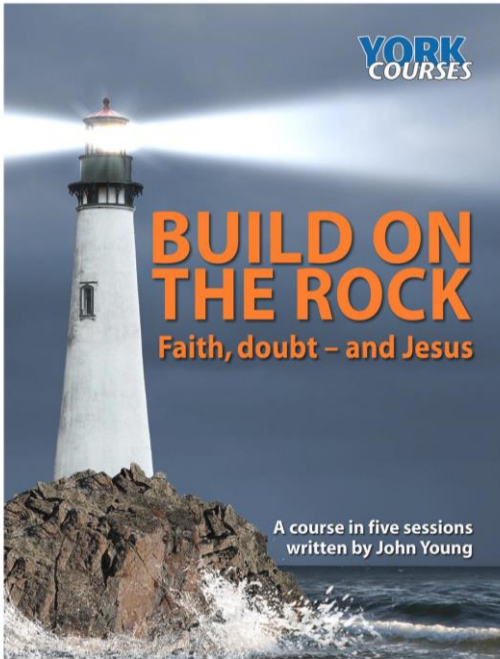
SUNDAY 23 MARCH

11:45am – FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS

OAKHAM AGM

All Saints Oakham

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LENT STUDY GROUPS

BUILD ON THE ROCK

(Matthew 7.24) starts by looking at faith and doubt. Is it wrong – or is it normal and healthy – for a Christian to have doubts? Is there any evidence for a God who loves us? We hear from many witnesses. At the heart of a Christian answer stands Jesus himself. We consider his 'strange and beautiful story' and reflect upon his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance.

"The York Courses are a good brand. They help remind church members of their faith, serve useful sharing on Christian basics and engage with big issues facing humanity."

Rev'd John Twisleton, Jan 2013

A course in five sessions comprising course booklet, CD and transcript:

Session (1) Believing and doubting

Session (2) Jesus - our teacher

Session (3) Jesus - our saviour

Session (4) Jesus - conqueror of death

Session (5) Jesus - Lord and brother

If you would like to participate in this year's Lent Study Groups, please sign on the list in your church on or before **Sunday 16th February**. The groups will meet from the week beginning **Monday 10th March**.

We endeavour to make the groups as ecumenical as possible so that there is opportunity for good discussion.

If you would like any more information, please contact:
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viola

Ralph Woodward
piano



Saturday 22 February 7:30pm

Tickets £10 Music&More

01572 460000 www.oakhamconcerts.info

Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 3 Feb	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 9:00 Morning Prayer <i>Langham</i>	2:00 Pram & Toddler <i>Oakham</i> 4:30 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 5:00 Evening Prayer <i>Langham</i> 7:30 Light Circle <i>Langham</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> 4 Feb	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 Holy Communion <i>Oakham</i>	4:00 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> 5 Feb	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 9:00 Morning Prayer <i>Langham</i> 10:00 Holy Communion <i>J&A</i>	12:00 Healing Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 4:30 Evening Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 5:00 Evening Prayer <i>Langham</i> 5:30 Meditation <i>J&A</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 6 Feb	9:00 Team Communion <i>Oakham</i> 9:45 Tiny Tots <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> 7 Feb	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

9 February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

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