



Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Dedication Festival Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 7 September 2014

Oakham 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad)

> 10:30am Parish Communion 6:00pm Evensong

Whissendine 11:00am Holy Communion

Ashwell 6:00pm Evensong

Teigh 9:00am Matins

Market Overton 9:00am Holy Communion

Langham 6:00pm Harvest WWR

11:00am Holy Communion Braunston

Brooke 6:00pm Evensong

Hambleton No service

Egleton 9:15am Holy Communion (CW Trad)

> 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 your pew, or would like a large print version of this Pewsheet, please ask a sidesperson.



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8:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Communion*

The Order of Service is contained in the separate Service Book.

I. We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name:

 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.

we sing his glory, tell his worth.

 Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved his life he gave.

Opening Hymn*

- Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free.
 He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.
- Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified.
 He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b 1938) Music: Fulda, from Sacred Melodies 1815, William Gardiner (1770-1853) (Ancient & Modern — 507)

Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.**

First Reading - Isaiah 61.10,11

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading* – Galatians 4.4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gradual Hymn*

- I. Ye who own the faith of Jesus sing the wonders that were done, when the love of God the Father o'er our sin the victory won, when he made the Virgin Mary Mother of his only Son.

 Hail Mary, full of grace.
- Blessèd were the chosen people out of whom the Lord did come, blessèd was the land of promise fashioned for his earthly home; but more blessèd far the Mother she who bare him in her womb. Hail Mary, full of grace.
- 3. Wherefore let all faithful people tell the honour of her name, let the church in her foreshadowed part in her thanksgiving claim; what Christ's Mother sang in gladness let Christ's people sing the same. Hail Mary, full of grace.

- 4. Let us weave our supplications, she with us and we with her, for the advancement of the faithful, for each faithful worshipper, for the doubting, for the sinful, for each heedless wanderer. Hail Mary, full of grace.
- 5. May the Mother's intercessions on our homes a blessing win, that the children all be prospered, strong and fair and pure within, following our Lord's own footsteps, firm in faith and free from sin.

 Hail Mary, full of grace.
- 6 For the sick and for the aged, for our dear ones far away, for the hearts that mourn in secret, all who need our prayers today, for the faithful gone before us, may the holy Virgin pray.

 Hail Mary, full of grace.
- 7. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father, praise thy Saviour and thy Son, praise the everlasting Spirit, who hath made thee ark and throne; o'er all creatures high exalted, lowly praise the Three in One. Hail Mary, full of grace.

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stration Coles (1845-1929) Music: Daily Daily, melody from a French Paroissien (Ancient & Modern – 318) 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

- I. Sing we of the blessèd Mother who received the angel's word, and obedient to his summons bore in love the infant Lord; sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast that child was fed who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.
- 2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through, when beneath the cross ofJesus she his weight of suffering knew, looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning high on Calvary's tree, saw the price of man's redemption paid to set the sinner free.

Offertory Hymns*

- 3. Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord, and in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word: from on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came, heavenly breath of God's own being, manifest through wind and flame.
- 4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done, and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home:
 Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, raised on high and crowned with grace, may your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

Words: George B Timms (1910-1997) Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) © from English Praise 1975, Oxford University Press (Ancient & Modern – 315)

Communion Hymns*

I. Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born, when she to Bethlem came that happy morn: how high her raptures then began to swell, none but her own omniscient Son can tell.

- 2. As Eve, when she her fontal sin reviewed, wept for herself and all she should include, blest Mary, with man's Saviour in embrace, joyed for herself and for all human race.
- 3. All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest; she kept the very fountain at her breast: the Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid a thousandfold oflove for love repaid.
- 4. Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced, near to his throne her Son his Mother placed; and here below, now she's of heaven possest, all generations are to call her blest.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Farley Castle, from Sandys's A Paraphrase upon the Psalms of David 1638

(Ancient & Modern – 314)

- Virgin-born, we bow before thee: blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
 Mary, mother meek and mild, blessèd was she in her child.
- Blessèd was the breast that fed thee; blessèd was the hand that led thee; blessèd was the parent's eye that watched thy slumbering infancy.
- Blessèd she by all creation, who brought forth the world's Salvation blessèd they, for ever blest, who love thee most and serve thee best.
- Virgin-born, we bow before thee: blessèd was the womb that bore thee; Mary, mother meek and mild, blessèd was she in her child.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) ov Ralbh Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Music: Quem Pastores, German 15th century melody, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
(Ancient & Modern – 317)

Post Communion Prayer

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn*

- Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
- a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

 Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
 Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us

- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
 Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
 let us bring an end to fear and danger:
- 5. Let us build a house where all are named their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word.Build of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter

6:00pm Evensong

The Order of Service begins on page 58 of the Prayer Book, and the hymns are taken from New English Hymnal.

Opening Hymn

471 - We love the place, O God

Psalm 45.11-18 eructavit cor meum

R Cooke



- II Hearken O daughter and consider, * in- | cline thine | ear : forget also thine own | people · and thy | fath-er's | house.
- 12 So shall the King have | pleasure in · thy | beauty : for he is thy Lord | God and | worship · thou | him.
- 13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be | there · with a | gift : like as the rich also among the people, shall make their | supp-li- | cation · be- | fore thee.
- 14 The King's daughter is all | glorious · with- | in : her | clothing · is of | wrought | gold.
- 15 She shall be brought unto the King in | raiment · of | needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be | brought | un-to | thee.
- 16 With joy and gladness | shall they · be | brought : and shall enter | into · the | King's | palace.
- 17 Instead of thy fathers | thou shalt · have | children : whom thou mayest make | princes · in | all | lands.
- 18 I will remember thy Name from one gener- | ation · to a- | nother: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, | world with- | out | end.
 - Glory | be · to the | Father, and to the | Son and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;
 - As it was in the beginning is | now and \cdot ever | shall be : world | with-out | end, A- | men.

First Lesson - Isaiah 61.10,11

Office Hymn

184 - Shall we not love thee, Mother dear

Magnificat – Luke 1.46-55

R Cooke



- I My soul doth | magnify · the | Lord : and my spirit hath re- | joic'd in | God my | Saviour.
- 2 For | he hath · re- | garded : the | lowli-ness | of his | handmaiden.
- †3 For be- | hold, from | henceforth : all gene- | rations · shall | call me | blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath | magni-fied | me : and | ho-ly | is his | Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : through- | out all | ge-ne- | rations.
- 6 He hath shew'd | strength · with his | arm : he hath scatter'd the proud in the imagi- | na-tion | of their | hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the | mighty · from their | seat : and hath ex- | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
- 8 He hath fill'd the | hungry · with good | things : and the | rich he · hath sent | empty · a- | way.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | ser-vant | Israel : as he promis'd to our forefathers, Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

Glory | be · to the | Father...

Second Lesson – Luke 1.46-55

Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2.29-32

G | Elvey



- I Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in | peace : ac- | cor-ding | to thy | word.
- 2 For mine eyes have | seen · thy sal- | vation, which thou hast pre- | par'd be-fore the | face of · all | people,
- 3 To be a light to | lighten · the | Gentiles : and to be the | glory · of thy | peo-ple | Israel.

Glory | be · to the | Father...

Hymns

- **161** For Mary, Mother of the Lord (t 385 St Botolph)
- 336 Angel-voices ever singing

This Week

TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

7:30pm – BRAUNSTON & BROOKE WI Braunston Village Hall

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

All Saints Oakham

Oliver Smith recorder

Anon Laude novella sia cantata

Marini Sonata Decima, op. 8

van Eyck Boffons

Bassano Divisions on 'Susanne ung jour'

Rubbra Meditazioni sopra 'Coeurs Desoles'

7:30pm – HOME GROUP
19 Ashwell Road, Oakham.

THURSDAY I I SEPTEMBER

NO CELTIC MIDDAY PRAYER

Moved to next week instead.

2:15pm – OAKHAM & BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION MEETING All Saints Oakham Church Hall Rutland FoodBank – talk by Suzanne Johnson. All welcome.

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

7:30pm – RUTLAND THREE ARTS SOCIETY MUSIC GROUP Methodist Church Hall, Northgate, Oakham

Fritz (Frederick) Delius – Quintessentially English, with Charles Robertshaw Non-members welcome (£3 charge).

7:45pm – **REVERIE – WHEN MUSIC SOUNDS**

Oakham School Chapel

Professional Music in the Chapel with Oakham School Chamber Choir Reverie is an exciting contemporary vocal ensemble uniting some of Britain's very best young professional singers (including Old Oakhamian and former OCS soloist, Angus McPhee). When Music Sounds is a programme of 20th and 21st Century British choral music featuring a variety of beautiful works from some of the country's finest composers, including works by Britten, Vaughan Williams, Finzi, Walton, Howells and new commissions by Reverie's composerin-residence, Toby Young. Oakham School Chamber Choir will join Reverie to sing two works as part of this programme.

Tickets, priced £10, can be obtained from 01572 758820, Music&More (Oakham),

boxoffice@oakham.rutland.sch.uk or www.wegottickets.com.

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

I I:00am -6:00pm – PRAYER BOOK DAY

St Peter Brooke & All Saints Braunston

Sung Matins at I I:15am in

Brooke Church, is followed by a
talk on the church at 12:15pm and a
chance to view the 17th Century

Book of Common Prayer. After some
time to explore the church and village
we move to Braunston, with lunch at
the Old Plough (if pre-booked). At
3:30pm there will be a talk about

Braunston Church, followed at 4:30pm by Evensong and Compline. For details and to book lunch, please phone Mary Stewart on 01664 474353 by 10 August or pick up a leaflet in church. The services will be sung by members of Laudamus, joined by other choir members from the Deanery – music will include Tallis's anthem 'If ye love me', and a faux-bourdon setting of the evening canticles by John Holmes. Please contact Kevin Slingsby (01572 898242) if you would like to join the choir for the day or part of it.

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

10:30am – CELEBRATION OF LEE'S
10TH ANNIVERSARY – HOLY
COMMUNION
All Saints Oakham

11:45am – WHISSENDINE CHURCH PICNIC

Play Area in The Nook, Whissendine

The Church Picnic will follow the Family Service at Whissendine, with activities for the children. All the family of the Church are welcome to come along - whether you have been to the 8am or 11am service!

3:00-4:30pm – TEA PARTY
All Saints Oakham

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a cake. For further details please contact Revd Dr Dominic Coad on 01572 770024

Looking Ahead

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

10:00am - 12:00pm - OPEN HOUSE Home of Eileen & Michael Blackwood, 6 Barmstedt Drive, Oakham - All are welcome.

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

All Saints Oakham

Double bass players

Music to include:

Glière Russian Sailors' Dance
Keyper Romance & Rondo

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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. For further details please contact Vyv Wainwright 01572 755752. Please note change of date for this month.

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

7:30pm – **BRAUNSTON PCC**6 Hanbury Gardens, Braunston

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
All Saints Oakham

Stewardship presentation at all three services. Everyone at All Saints should now have received an invitation letter, either by email, or hard copy. There is a copy of the letter on page 15. If you have not received a personal

copy and think that you should be on the list, please let us know, and if you received a hard copy and would be happy to receive future communications by email, please send your email address to office@oakhamteam.org.uk.

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

FRIENDS' TRIP TO NEWSTEAD ABBEY AND HUCKNALL PARISH CHURCH

All are welcome to join us on this journey to Byron's last resting place.

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

10:30am – TEAM WALKING GROUP King's Cliffe Church

We will be walking to Blatherwycke and Fineshade, a distance of approx 6 miles. Parking is available around the church. This a the last of the summer style walks, so please bring a picnic lunch. New walkers always welcome. Group contact Dennis Corton 722272.

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

7:30pm – RUTLAND THREE ARTS
SOCIETY VISUAL ARTS GROUP
All Saints Church Hall, Oakham

Children as Book Illustrations, with John Haden.

Non-members welcome (£3 charge).

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

10:00am – BIBLE SOCIETY SPONSORED WALK

For more information contact Sally Blythin (01572 755699 or Stephan Johnson (01572 722869).

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

7:00pm – CHORAL FESTIVAL REHEARSAL
St Andrew Whissendine

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

6:00pm – HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG

St Peter Brooke

With the Team Choir, Laudamus.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

5:30pm – CHORAL FESTIVAL REHEARSAL

Peterborough Cathedral

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

7:00pm – CHORAL FESTIVAL REHEARSAL

All Saints Oakham

SATURDAY II OCTOBER

5:30pm – PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

Peterborough Cathedral

Choirs from all over the Diocese will be singing, including our own – please do come and join us for the service if you can.

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

6:30pm – 'COME AND SING' FAURE REQUIEM

St John's Church Peterborough

Rehearsal at 4:30pm. Please contact Kevin Slingsby if you are interested. Please note change of date from 9 November.

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

3:00pm – **SONGS OF PRAISE FOR BIBLE SUNDAY**

Oakham Baptist Church

More information to follow.

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

1:30pm – ALL SAINTS AUTUMN SALE All Saints Oakham

Please keep the date free, as helpers and buyers will be needed. The Craft Group are busy making items to sell and would willingly receive any materials you have to spare. Please contact Pamela Woods on 01572 755371 or Sally Corton on 01572 722272.

Please pray for

- The family and friends of those who have died recently Malcolm
 Whitefield, whose funeral was last Monday at Oakham; Jean Parsons and Christine Cowell, whose funerals were last Tuesday at Oakham, Nelly Footitt whose funeral was last Thursday at Whissendine, and Tunstall Bates, whose funeral is tomorrow (Monday) at 2:30pm at Oakham; The family and friends of Tunstall Bates, who died last Friday
- The family and friends of Philip Quinton who died recently
- The hostages geld by religious extremists and their families and friends
- The victims of the landslide in Japan
- Lucia, Pearl Lee's great-granddaughter who is to have a major operation in September

- The victims of the Ebola outbreak and those working to stop it
- The family and friends of Jean Lee who died recently especially Terry, Siobhan and Hannah.
- The girls kidnapped in Nigeria and other victims of religious extremism;
- The families of those who died in the air disaster in the Ukraine
- Simon Tyler and the MSF team in Burma:
- The people whose lives are torn apart by war and violence, especially in Gaza, Israel, Syria, Iraq & Ukraine;
- The Rutland Food Bank;
- The Drop-in Centre for more people to join the cooking team;
- Justin and John our Archbishops and Donald and John, our Bishops;
- All who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Sudan, CAR, Kenya, Syria, Somalia, Eritrea, North Korea, China, Indonesia, Northern Nigeria, Iran, Egypt and Pakistan;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

Harvest Festivals

The first harvest service of the season will be the WWR service at Langham at 6:00pm today. Others in the team are on 21 Sep (9:00am Market Overton, 6:00pm Teigh), 28 Sep (11:00am Braunston, 5:00pm Egleton), 5 Oct (8:00am/10:30am/6:00pm Oakham, 6:00pm Brooke, 6:00pm Ashwell) and 12 Oct (11:00am Whissendine, 5:00pm Hambleton).

Choral Societies start

The Oakham Choral Society started last Tuesday (6:15-7:45pm in the school chapel), and is singing Handel's Messiah this term. If you would like something a little lighter, the Rutland Choral Society starts tomorrow (Monday 8 September, 7:30-9:15pm) including music by Rutter and Chilcott. For more information on joining them, see their websites, www.oakhamchoralsociety.org.uk and www.rutlandchoralsociety.org.uk.

Pianist needed

A pianist is needed for Pram & Toddler Services on alternate Monday afternoons from 2-3pm during term time. Please contact Jenni Duffy on jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk or 01572 720064 if you can help.

Fairtrade

Sales for July and August amounted to £183.75. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this figure – the next stalls will be after the 10.30 service on Sunday 7th and Sunday 21st September. Denise

Rutland Foodbank

The Foodbank now opens regularly at the back of 40 Melton Road, Oakham (behind Rutland Radio) on Monday & Wednesday (Ipm-3pm) and Friday (I0am-I2pm). We are grateful for your continuing support – please bring food donations to the collection points in all of our churches – we are currently short of instant mash and sponge puddings!

Lee - 10 Years

In September, Lee will have been at All Saints for 10 years and we would like to celebrate this with him. Any contributions for this would be greatly appreciated – please see either Margaret or Alison.

Give As You Live

To sign up go to http://www.giveasyoulive.com/joi n/allsaintsoakham If you have any problems, please speak to Beryl Kirtland or Kevin Slingsby.

All Saints Flower Guild

All Saints Flower Guild are looking for new members to join them to help decorate the church for various festivals throughout the year. Previous experience of flower arranging is not necessary. Anyone with some experience would be very welcome to join the Altar Pedestal rota. Please contact Anna Oliver on 01572 756845 or flowers@oakhamteam.org.uk.



TEA PARTY:

Date: Sunday 14th September 2014

Time: 3 - 4:30pm

Venue: All Saints' Church, Oakham

For further details, please contact

Revd Dr Dominic Coad on 01572 770024



Stewardship 2014

Before coming to Oakham I served under a faithful and experienced Team Rector in London. He taught me many things that I have never forgotten; but one thing he got wrong. He told me that one of the major things I would worry about would be the financing of the Parish. He said that it would keep me awake at night. Even before I arrived, I was aware of how the people of the Parish bore the financial responsibility for the ministry and mission of God. That was and remains impressive, an achievement borne of hard work and sacrifice over many years. It has allowed me to sleep easily in my bed.

But that is not to say that we should rest on our laurels, resourcing a parish of this size is an ongoing challenge. That is why over recent years we regularly review the finances of the Parish, and I am writing to you to ask you to play your part in the challenges that lie before us. Today, at all three services I will preach on Christian Stewardship and Christian attitudes to money. I consider it both a duty and a privilege to do so. By a happy coincidence this Sunday also marks the traditional dedication festival of Oakham Church. Originally our church was dedicated not just to All the Saints but to the Blessed Virgin Mary and All the Saints. If we look at the life and witness of Mary we see how she gave all she had to cooperate with the mission of God to the world. Likewise we are called to this spirit of generous giving and self-offering, which includes of our money and resources.

I am grateful to the Parochial Church Council and our Treasurers who ensure that our finances and accounts are very well ordered. In 2013 our income just exceeded our expenditure, but if we are to accomplish the things we wish in this next three years, we need to reconsider both our priorities and resources. All of this will be presented to the parish on Sunday 21st September 2014 during our 8am; 10.30am and 6pm services. This letter is your invitation to attend. Afterwards you will receive a pack outlining the message of our stewardship campaign and an opportunity to respond. Those not present will have this material delivered to them, there is no hiding! I believe this prayerful presentation will allow each of us to play our part in meeting our financial challenges.

This Stewardship campaign comes as I celebrate 10 years as your vicar. I have learnt so much from working with you. It has been and continues to be a deep joy, not least when I see the generosity that comes from thankful hearts.

Freely we have received and we ought to therefore freely give.

Yours in gratitude

Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani

Services During The Week

Monday 8 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 9:00 Morning Prayer Langham	2:00 Pram & Toddler Oakham 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham 5:00 Evening Prayer Langham
Tuesday 9 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham
Wednesday 10 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 9:00 Morning Prayer Langham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A 10:30 Holy Communion Ashwell	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham 5:00 Evening Prayer Langham 5:30 Meditation J&A
Thursday 11 Sep	9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
Friday 12 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 9:00 Morning Prayer Langham 10:00 BCP Communion Oakham	12:30 Village Prayers Braunston 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham 5:00 Evening Prayer Langham

Services Next Sunday - 14 September (Holy Cross)

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	6:00 Evensong
	10:30 Parish Communion	
Whissendine	8:00 Holy Communion	
	11:00 Family Service	
Teigh		
Market Overton		6:00 Evensong
Ashwell	9:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	
Langham	11:00 Holy Communion	
Braunston	11:00 Matins	
Brooke	8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)	
Hambleton	9:15 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	
Egleton		

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Numbers 21.4-9; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17