



All Saints Oakham

Advent Carol Service



Sunday 30 November 2014

6:00pm

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Matin Responary

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor,
one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

*Words: translated from the First Responary of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins (early medieval Roman rite)
Music: Palestrina (c1525-1594), adapted by Stephen Cleobury (b 1948)*

Processional Hymn

Choir only

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

All

- 2 Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.
- 3 From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds;
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

- 4 O equal to thy Father, thou!
 Gird on the fleshly mantle now;
 the weakness of our mortal state
 with deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
 and darkness glow with new-born light,
 no more shall night extinguish day,
 where love's bright beams their power display.
- 6 O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
 Eternal praise and glory be,
 whom with the Father we adore,
 and Holy spirit, evermore. Amen.

*Words: Veni Redemptor gentium, St Ambrose (c340-397) tr J M Neale (1818-1866) and others
 Music: Puer Nobis Nascitur, adapt Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), harm G R Woodward (1848-1934)
 (Ancient & Modern – 32)*

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

All **Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And 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.**

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
his beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and wait awhile:
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and wait awhile:
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
this fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Words: from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, compiled by Joshua Smith
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)*

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8 *The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile*
read by Mr John Tomalin (Lay Chair, Rutland Deanery Synod)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Carol

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new; bear his People's burden, freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.

Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.

In her womb God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected,

Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star,

stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

Words: Fred Pratt Green

Music: Piae Cantiones 1582, arr Malcolm Archer, b 1952

Please stand

Hymn

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| 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee. | 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
| 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart. | 4 By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
By thy all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne. |

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: Cross of Jesus, John Stainer (1840-1901)
(Ancient & Modern – 30)*

Please sit

Second Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6 *The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King
read by Mrs Margaret Pattinson (Churchwarden, Oakham)*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent, draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace.

Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
for we are all the people of his hand.

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

Words: Psalm 95 and 'O' Antiphons, Marty Haugen (b 1950); Music: Marty Haugen

Third Lesson

*Zechariah 9:9-10 The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace
read by Mr David Perril (Team Reader)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo,
your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on
a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to
sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Please stand

Hymn

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Men

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

Women

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

7 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe:

Men

4 O come, thou Wisdom from above
who ord'rest all things through thy love;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go:

Women

5 O come, Desire of nations, bring
all peoples to their Saviour King;
thou Cornerstone, who makest one,
complete in us thy work begun:

All

6 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr J M Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Veni Emmanuel, adapted from a French Missal by T Helmore (1811-1890), arr Paul Ledington Wright

Please sit

Fourth Lesson

Haggai 2:6-9 *The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations
read by Mrs Barbara Clemence (Governor, Oakham Church of England School)*

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Carol

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

*Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
Music: Besançon carol melody, arr Malcolm Archer (b 1952)*

Please stand

Hymn

- 1 Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.
- 2 Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.
- 3 Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
Your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.
- 4 Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night
- 5 Shout, as ye journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the universe be blest.

*Words: Editors of English Praise 1975, based on Charles E Oakley (1832-1865)
Music: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
(Ancient & Modern – 39)*

Please sit

Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-6 *The Prophet foretells the glory of the Kingdom of God*
read by Mrs Lin Ryder (Laudamus & Churchwarden, Market Overton)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Carol

I sing of a maiden that is makëless:
King of all kingës to her son she ches.
He came all so stillë there his mother was,
as dew in Aprillë that falleth on the grass.
He came all so stillë to his mother's bow'r,
as dew in Aprillë that falleth on the flow'r.
He came all so stillë there his mother lay,
as dew in Aprillë that falleth on the spray.
Mother and maiden was never none but she;
well may such a lady Goddës mother be.

Words: 15th century English
Music: Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989)

Please stand

Hymn

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: from Luke 1.46-55, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)
Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)
(Ancient & Modern – 394)

Please sit

Sixth Lesson

Luke 1, 26-38 *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*
read by Dr Margaret Foot (Laudamus & Choirmaster, Langham Church Choir)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol

O King, and Desire of all nations, thou cornerstone, who has made both one.
Come and save man, whom thou formedst from the clay.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Words: from the Latin O Antiphon
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

Please stand

Seventh Lesson

Mark 1:1-15 *Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God*
read by Revd Janet Tebby (Team Vicar)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"'. John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Vesper Responory & Collect

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you
Stand ye still and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord
Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with you

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord
In the midst of thy temple.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Music: Palestrina (c1525-1594), adapted by Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) & John Cennick (1718-1755)

Music: Helmsley, melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799),

included in John Wesley's Select Hymns with Tunes Annext 1765 (Ancient & Modern – 41)

Laudamus – joint choirs of the Oakham Team Ministry
Director of Music: **Kevin Slingsby**; Organist: **Paul Butler**
Team Rector: **Revd Canon Lee Francis-Deqhani**

This Week

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER

7:00pm – **NSPCC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

All Saints Oakham

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER

11:00am – **WHISSENDINE PRAYER GROUP**

25 The Nook, Whissendine

For details, pick up a diary from St Andrew's Whissendine, or phone 01664 474454/474360/474882.

2:00pm – **HOSPITAL CAROL SERVICE**
Rutland Memorial Hospital, Cold Overton Road, Oakham

Members of the public are most welcome at the annual Carol Service, which takes place in the day hospital immediately to the right of the main reception.

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Adam Hebditch *trumpet*

Music to include:

Hummel Trumpet Concerto (movts 2 & 3)

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER

10:00pm-12:00pm – **ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Rose Cottage, Brooke

Bring and Buy, Crafts, Cakes, Preserves and Raffle. Coffee and Mince pie/s only £1. Meet your friends

for a coffee and mince pie by a roaring log fire and purchase some handmade Christmas gifts. All welcome.

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 5 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **STAMFORD CONCERT SINGERS -St Andrew Whissendine**

Please join us for Christmas and much More...with the Stamford Concert Singers at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 to include mulled wine and cake from Hilda and John 01664 474392 or email: handj5@talktalk.net. Proceeds to St Andrews Church

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **SWITCHING ON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS**

The Village Green, Market Overton

Come along for some mulled wine, mince pies and carol singing.

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

Joint Carol Service with the Baptists in the Parish Church, with the Team Choir Laudamus.

Looking Ahead

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

6:00-8:30pm – **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**

All Saints Oakham

Church open for mulled wine and carols. An oasis of peace from shopping!

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

10:00am -12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

*Home of Pamela & Gordon Woods,
3 Peterborough Avenue, Oakham*

All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

10:00am – **MOTHERS' UNION**

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Chapel of St John & St Anne

Please note this replaces the usual
3rd Wednesday MU service.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Pianists

A selection of piano music from across
the centuries.

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

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.

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

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

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Communion service followed by
Christmas entertainment. All welcome.
If there are any Tuesday boxes still to
be given in, please bring them to the
meeting.

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **CAROL SINGING**

Ashwell Garden Centre

Carol singing with brass
accompaniment. Shop open. Mulled
wine and refreshments.

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **RUTLAND THREE ARTS
SOCIETY MUSIC GROUP**

*Methodist Church Hall, Northgate,
Oakham*

Desert Island Discs – Dr Laurence
Howard, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland
Non-members welcome (£3 charge).

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

2:00pm-4:00pm – **CHRISTINGLE MAKING**

All Saints Oakham

Come to help make the Christingles
and meet new friends, children
especially welcome.

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **RUTLAND CHORAL SOCIETY**
'WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS'

All Saints Oakham

Enjoy some seasonal music with audience participation, and a glass of mulled wine! Tickets £8 (children free) from 01572 460000, Music&More or wegottickets.com.

7:30pm – **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

Rutland Concert Band

Doors open and bar from 7:00pm. Tickets £10 (students £5) from Debbie (723533), Hilary (757435), Music&More or wegottickets.com.

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

11:00am – **CHRISTINGLE**

St Mary Ashwell

Inspiring childrens service with carols and the lighting of Christingles. Collection in aid of the Childrens Society.

2:00pm – **BAPTISM**

All Saints Oakham

4:00pm – **CHRISTINGLE**

All Saints Oakham

4:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

Holy Trinity Teigh

5:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Andrew Hambleton

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Peter & St Paul Market Overton

With the Team Choir Laudamus.

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Edmund Egletton

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **OAKHAM TOWN FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

All Saints Oakham

With the Team Choir Laudamus.

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

9:00am – **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

St Peter & St Paul Market Overton

10:30am – **SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY TABLEAU**

All Saints Oakham

4:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Mary Ashwell

Carols for all the family.

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Andrew Whissendine

Traditional carol service with Team Choir.

6:00pm – **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

All Saints Braunston

Carol Service for the whole village.

6:00pm – **TRADITIONAL CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

St Peter Brooke

Afterwards stay for mulled wine and seasonal nibbles.

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY

2:30pm – **ANNUAL FAMILY PANTOMIME**

Key Theatre, Peterborough

Jack and the Beanstalk. The tickets are booked – the best seats in the house! Invitations now available from the table near the South Door, from Sunday School Teachers, ASK or ASH leaders or Beryl Kirtland 01572 724103

Please pray for

- The family and friends of **Avis Doughty**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Monday;
- The family of the man killed in the crash on the M1 in Leicestershire and other victims of road accidents.
- The people of Ukraine
- The hostages held by religious extremists and their families and friends;
- The girls kidnapped in Nigeria and other victims of religious extremism;
- The victims of the Ebola outbreak and those working to stop it and to develop a vaccine;
- The people of Hong Kong;
- Simon Tyler and the MSF team in Burma;
- The people whose lives are torn apart by war and violence, especially in Syria and Iraq;
- 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;
- Lee, Janet, Hildred & Dominic, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team;

- All who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Sudan, CAR, Kenya, Syria, Somalia, Eritrea, North Korea, China, Indonesia, Northern Nigeria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt and Pakistan;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children

Oakham PCC Minutes

The minutes of the recent PCC Meeting (18 November) are now displayed on the noticeboard by the North door.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all who have knitted sheep in support of the **Oakham Travelling Nativities** which begin their journeys today. All three sets now contain a full flock of lovingly created sheep sporting an array of colours and personalities.

The **Bible Society Action Group** has raised £585 from their recent **Sponsored Walk** and **Songs of Praise**. We would like to say thank you to all who supported either or both events. *Sally Blythin & Stephan Johnson.*

Langham Book Sale

There is now a selection of books and magazines for sale in Langham Church in aid of church funds. If you have any to donate please ring 01572 757080 for collection. The books (including children's) and magazines are on the old piano near the font. Have a browse and donate what you can. For any other details contact Gill Manning - 757080

Oakham Stewardship Renewal Report – November 2014

Firstly can I say thank you, on your behalf, to John King, Peter Hill and Gordon Woods for all their hard working during this campaign. And then, thank you to all the congregation for the way you have responded. Over 60% of people who have responded so far have increased their giving. **(Two thirds of those approached have responded. If you haven't let us have your response - please do!)** The result is that planned giving will have improved our annual income, after allowing for the tax refund, by £16,000 a year. That's an increase of 15%, very much in line with the last 2 campaigns. The good news is – that should just about enable us to break even in 2015, despite rising costs. (On the bread line, but maybe the “give us this day our daily bread” line is no bad place to be.) The not so good news is that in 2016 and 2017, with costs continuing to rise, life will be more difficult. Neither does the campaign result give us any scope to put money aside for repairs and improvements - and with the boiler failing again I don't need to tell you that some repairs are becoming urgent. So thank you, and keep on thinking about the stewardship of all your resources. *David Pattinson.*

Give As You Live

We would like to share with you a new way you can support the church - at no extra cost to you. It's called Give as you Live, and all you have to do is shop online with your favourite stores, just like you already do. Give as you Live

brings together thousands of retailers that have signed up to donate to our church a percentage of every online purchase you make. Just by shopping online with stores including John Lewis, Amazon and Expedia, you could raise money for your local church, without adding to the cost of the shopping.

It is easy to sign up – go to <http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/allsaintsoakham> and support us every time you fill your basket (donations will be credited to your own church). If you have any problems, please speak to Beryl Kirtland or Kevin Slingsby.

Foodbank Christmas Hampers

Sponsor a Hamper for £15. Rutland Foodbank will be giving Christmas Hampers to those who will struggle to buy the extra food items that make Christmas a treat. For this project we are asking for donations of cash, rather than food. £15 will sponsor one hamper. If you can help, please give your donation to Revd Dominic Coad – please make cheques payable to Rutland Foodbank.

Fairtrade for Christmas

Today is the last day for orders from the Christmas catalogue with all the usual lovely selection of cards, gifts and foods on offer. If you would like to place an order please ring me on 722729. In previous years you have been very generous supporting the work of Traidcraft at this time of year - please help to make this year a good one too! Thank you. Denise.



Switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights in Market Overton

Saturday 6th December 6pm

Village Green

Come along for some mulled wine, mince pies and carol singing. Be in with a chance of being the one who turns on the lights! And there will be a special visit from the man in the red suit!!

All welcome for this special evening

RUTLAND CONCERT BAND

present

A FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Saturday 13th December

Langham Parish Church

7.30pm

Tickets £10 (£5 students)

available from: Music & More, Oakham or

Debbie 01572 723533, Hilary 01572 757435

or online at www.wegottickets.com/venue/14946

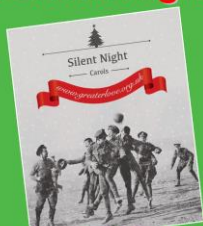
Doors open & bar available from 7pm

Substantial nibbles will be served during the interval

All proceeds to Church funds



Christmas starts with a Silent Night



Rutland Garden Centre
Ashwell

Carol Singing
and festive evening

Friday Dec 12th 6.30pm

Christmas starts with Christ

St Mary's Church
Ashwell



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Wonderful Christmas

A joyful evening of traditional carols and modern Christmas songs

Rutland Choral Society

Incorporating Rutland Singers

with the choir of English Martyrs Academy

Tickets £8 (children under 14 free)

including a glass of mulled wine

from choir members, Music&More, 01572 460000 or wegottickets.com

All Saints' Church, Oakham
Saturday 13 December – 7:30pm



Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 1 Dec	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 7:30 Light Circle Langham
<i>Tuesday</i> 2 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham
<i>Wednesday</i> 3 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 9:00 Morning Prayer Langham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A	12:00 Healing Prayer Oakham 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham 5:00 Evening Prayer Langham 5:30 Meditation J&A
<i>Thursday</i> 4 Dec	9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham 10:30 Little Angels Market Overton	11:00 BCP Communion Langham 12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
<i>Friday</i> 5 Dec	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 – 7 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30 Parish Communion	6:00 Evensong
<i>Whissendine</i>	11:00 Holy Communion	
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 Matins	
<i>Market Overton</i>	9:00 Holy Communion	
<i>Ashwell</i>		4:00 Evensong
<i>Langham</i>		6:00 Carol Service
<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)	

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Advent 2: Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8