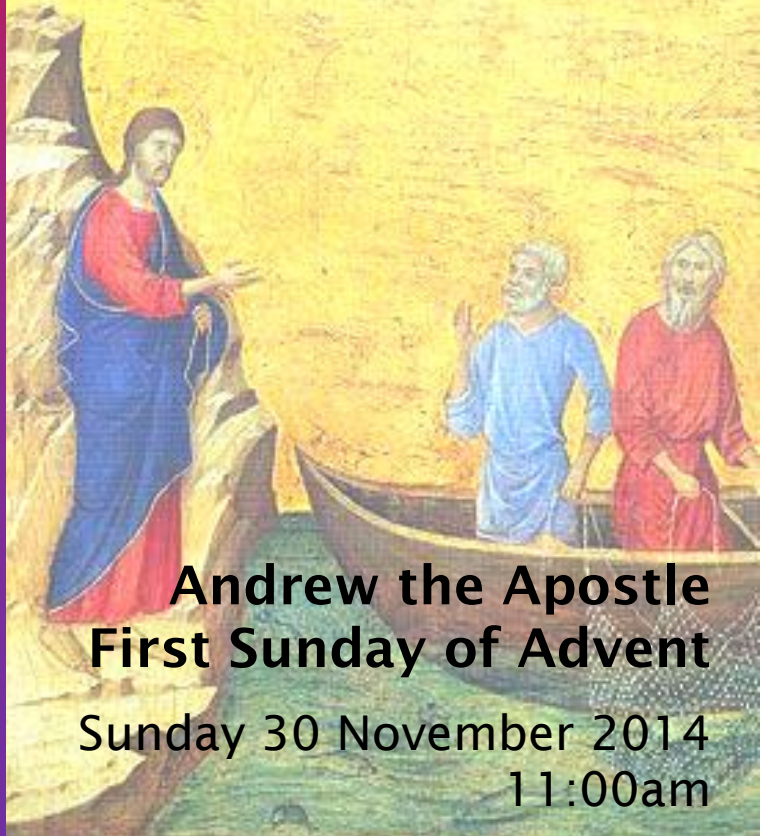




St Andrew Whissendine

# Patronal Team Communion



**Andrew the Apostle  
First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 30 November 2014  
11:00am**

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# 11:00am Team Patronal Communion

## ¶ *The Gathering*

### Opening Hymn

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Word: John L Bell (b 1949)  
Music: Kelvingrove, Trad Scottish, arr John L Bell  
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(Ancient & Modern – 510)*

### The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

*All*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle  
to remember all the faithful people  
who journeyed with God long ago.  
These people listened to God and trusted God.  
They went on a journey to obey God.  
We are also on a journey of faith, to know God better.

**All** **Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world,  
be with us on our journey through Advent,  
that we may know you better. Amen.**

## Prayer of Preparation

*Sit or kneel*

**All** **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer of Penitence

Jesus said to his apostles,  
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'  
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The president declares God's forgiveness.*

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

*All* **Amen.**

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ  
and brought his brother with him:  
call us by your holy word,  
and give us grace to follow you without delay  
and to tell the good news of your 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Please sit*

### **First Reading – Isaiah 52.7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading – Romans 10.12-18

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me':
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred  
leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love Me more.'
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
that we love him more than these.
5. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)  
Music: St Andrew, Edward Henry Thorne (1834-1916)  
(Ancient & Modern – 324)*

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 4.18-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from

there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

*Stand*

*All* **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Presentation of Banner by the Fishes Group

Welcome to Robin Robson as Reader

### Prayers of Intercession

*Sit or kneel*

*These responses may be used*

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

*All* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### The Peace

*Stand*

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*You are now invited to exchange a sign of this peace in greeting your neighbours.*

### Offertory Hymn

I. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people;

light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*



2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

Words: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)  
Music: *Christ Be Our Light*, Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)  
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(Ancient & Modern – 42)

## Preparation of the Table

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.  
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All** **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All** **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All** **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All** **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All** **As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**All** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Sit or kneel*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All** **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.**  
**And 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*All Christians are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this, perhaps by carrying this service booklet with you.*

## Communion Hymn

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!**

1. Prepare the way for the Lord.  
Make a straight path for God.  
Prepare the way for the Lord.

2. Rejoice in the Lord always:  
God is at hand.  
Joy and gladness for  
all who seek the Lord.

3. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.  
All the earth will see the Lord.

4. I waited for the Lord.  
God heard my cry.

5. Our eyes are fixed  
on the Lord our God.

6. Seek first the kingdom of God.  
Seek and you shall find.

7. O Lord, show us your way.  
Guide us in your truth.

*Words: from Psalm 27.14, Isaiah 40.3, Philippians 4,4-5, Psalm 70.4, Isaiah 40.5,  
Psalm 38.15, Psalm 123.2, Matthew 6.33, Psalm 86.11, Taizé Community  
Music: Jacques Baerthier (1923-1994)  
(Ancient & Modern – 53)*

## Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All** **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

# ¶ *The Dismissal*

## Start of the Posada Journey

Eternal God, Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are always present in the world,  
unseen and often not acknowledged.  
Help us to experience the joy of looking forward this Advent  
and make it a time of new beginnings.

As we welcome these figures into our homes  
may we welcome the Lord Jesus into our hearts and lives this Christmas.

*All* **Amen.**

## Final Hymn

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.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

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.

4. By thine 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, from The Crucifixion, John Stainer (1840-1901)  
(Ancient & Modern – 30)*

## Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Our Lord says: 'I am coming soon'.

*All* **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

*All* **Amen.**

# Today

## **CHRISTMAS TREE & CRIB FESTIVAL St Peter & St Paul Langham**

Today is your last chance to visit – it will be open until 4pm, and light refreshments will be available in the church.

## **6:00pm – ADVENT CAROL SERVICE All Saints Oakham**

The start of Advent will be marked as usual in a very special way with the Advent Carol Service, an occasion for the whole Team to gather and look forward to the coming of our Saviour in words and music, with the Team Choir Laudamus.

# This Week

## **MONDAY 1 DECEMBER**

### **7:30pm – 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.

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

*All Saints Oakham*

**Pianists**

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.

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.

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.

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 Egleton*

## **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.*

## 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.

## 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.giveasyolive.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.



## Switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights in Market Overton

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wegottickets.com/venue/14946)

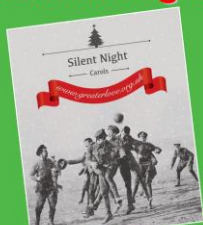
Doors open & bar available from 7pm

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://wegottickets.com)

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



## Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 1 Dec	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> 2 Dec	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Oakham 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> Oakham	4:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham
<i>Wednesday</i> 3 Dec	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Oakham 9:00 <b>Morning Prayer</b> Langham 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> J&A	12:00 <b>Healing Prayer</b> Oakham 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham 5:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Langham 5:30 <b>Meditation</b> J&A
<i>Thursday</i> 4 Dec	9:00 <b>Team Communion</b> Oakham 9:45 <b>Tiny Tots</b> Oakham 10:30 <b>Little Angels</b> Market Overton	11:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> Langham 12:00 <b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> Oakham 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> Oakham
<i>Friday</i> 5 Dec	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

## Services Next Sunday – 7 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

<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>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 <b>Matins</b>	
<i>Market Overton</i>	9:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Ashwell</i>		4:00 <b>Evensong</b>
<i>Langham</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Braunston</i>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Brooke</i>		6:00 <b>Evensong</b>
<i>Hambleton</i>		
<i>Egleton</i>	9:15 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad)	

## Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

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