

Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Epiphany Sunday 4 January 2015

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| Oakham | 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad) |
| | 10:30am Parish Communion |
| | 6:00pm Evensong |
| Whissendine | 11:00am Holy Communion |
| Ashwell | 4:00pm Evensong |
| Teigh | 9:00am Matins |
| Market Overton | 9:00am Holy Communion |
| Langham | 6:00pm Word, Worship & Response |
| Braunston | 11:00am Holy Communion |
| 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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6:00pm Word, Worship & Response

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

Opening Hymn

1. See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door.
Mary cradling the babe she bore:
the Prince of Glory is his name.
*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of Glory when he came!*
2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!
3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
sing that Beth'lem's little baby can
be the Saviour of us all.
4. Mine are riches, from your poverty;
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

Word: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

*Music: Calypso Carol, Michael Perry (1942-1996), arr Christopher Tambling
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Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading – Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gradual Hymn

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

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

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

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

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Gospel – Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Offertory Hymn

1. Joy has dawned upon the world,
promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled,
hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary.
2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky
with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life
shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast,
vulnerable and helpless.
3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
gazing at the glory;
gifts of men from distant lands
prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today,
incense, God is with us,
myrrh, his death will make a way,
and by his blood he'll win us.
4. Son of Adam, Son of heav'n,
given as a ransom,
reconciling God and man,
Christ our mighty champion!
What a Saviour, what a friend,
what a glorious mystery:
once a babe in Bethlehem,
now the Lord of history.

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Communion Hymn

1. What kind of greatness can this be,
that chose to be made small?

Exchanging untold majesty
for a world so pitiful.

That God should come as one of us,
I'll never understand.

The more I hear the story told,
the more amazed I am.

*O what else can I do
but kneel and worship you,
and come just as I am,
my whole life an offering.*

2. The One in whom we live and move
in swaddling clothes lies bound.

The voice that cried, 'Let there be light',
asleep without a sound.

The One who strode among the stars,
and called each one by name,

lies helpless in a mother's arms
and must learn to walk again.

3. What greater love could he have shown
to shamed humanity,

yet human pride hates to believe
in such deep humility.

But nations now may see his grace
and know that he is near,

when his meek heart, his words, his works
are incarnate in us.

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er wand'ring flocks by night,
behold, from out of heaven,
there shone a holy light.

2. And lo, when they had seen it,
they all bowed down and prayed;
they travelled on together
to where the babe was laid.

3. When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day:
I asked my Lord to help me
and he showed me the way.

4. He made me a watchman
upon the city wall,
and, if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all.

*Words: Traditional
Music: Traditional, arr Richard Lewis
(Anglican Hymns Old & New – 233)*

This Week

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Stephen Tatlow piano

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

1:00pm – **OAKHAM & BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION NEW YEAR LUNCH – Oakham Church Hall**

Please contact Meg Dyer (01572 771564) to confirm you can attend. The cost is £5. Please note the earlier time – see you there!

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY

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

Methodist Church Hall, Northgate, Oakham

African Dream – Diane de Wet

Non-members welcome (£3 charge).

Looking Ahead

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Morgan Overton piano

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

10:00am - 12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

Home of Beryl & David Kirtland, 25 Brooke Road, Oakham

All are welcome to call in for tea or coffee and a friendly chat.

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

7:30pm – **WHISSENDINE SAINTLY SOCIAL – The Three Horseshoes, Whissendine**

Our regular monthly gathering makes a welcome return under a different guise (previously known as Parson's Pints!). Come along to welcome in the New Year, tell us what you got for Christmas and for a chat and good company - All welcome! Venue will alternate between pubs. First Meeting at the Three Horseshoes. For more information contact John Brookes on 01644 474254

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

8:30am – **CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Victoria Hall, Oakham

Meeting Jesus at the Rutland Food Bank

Speakers from the Food Bank. Tickets (which must be obtained in advance) from Patrick or Marjorie Wilson – 01572 723288.

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

6:00pm – **HEALING EUCHARIST WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

All Saints Oakham

A quiet reflective service of Holy Communion, with opportunity for prayer and the laying on of hands and anointing – replaces Evensong.

Please pray for

- 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

Appointment of Team Vicar

We are delighted to announce that, following interview and with the agreement of representatives of the Oakham Team Ministry (South) Parishes, Bishop Donald and Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani have invited the Reverend Canon Julie Hutchinson, currently Chaplain to Bishop Donald, to become a Team Vicar within the Oakham Team Ministry, with responsibility for the Team Ministry parishes of Braunston, Brooke, Eggleton, Hambleton and Langham.

Julie has accepted this post and, subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures, she will be licensed by Bishop Donald to her new role on Tuesday 1 September at 7.30 pm.

Bishop Donald, Archdeacon Gordon and the Team Rector are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the team profile, all the arrangements for the interview day and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of these parishes in the service of Christ during this time. We ask for your prayers for Julie and Phillip, her husband, as they prepare for their return to Rutland, where they have lived and served before.

The Rt Revd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough

New This Year

What will 2015 hold?

A General Election in May: possibly the hardest to predict for a very long time. Wars and rumours of wars. Lovely heartwarming stories. Dreadful heartrending tragedies.

New Year resolutions? Not usually my thing, but can be good if they work for you.

But a fresh start is always possible with Jesus, and that's no bad thing.

New Year hopes? It's wonderful to have a glass half-full (or more), but they can let you down.

Is there really anything new under the sun? What can we rely on that is really new?

The only answer is God's love. "New every morning," says the prophet. "Look, I am making everything new" says the risen Christ.

And that really means that we can experience him new, afresh, every single day, whatever the circumstances.

Not just at the New Year, or on a birthday or anniversary. Every day.

God's new-every-morning love is his chesed (Hebrew word, two syllables, che-sed).



Steadfast love, accepting love, forgiving love, covenant love, promised love.

It is new every morning because our need of it is new every morning, and because he continues to remake, renew, all things.

Enjoy him this year. Every day. His reliability, his acceptance, his forgiveness, his commitment, his promise.

Wherever you are, whatever your situation, whatever is going on inside or outside.

Enjoy his love.

Greetings in Christ,

+ Donald

Services During The Week

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| <i>Monday</i> 5 Jan | 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> 6 Jan | 8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham | 4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham |
| <i>Wednesday</i> 7 Jan | 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> 8 Jan | 9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham 10:30 Little Angels Market Overton | 12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 12:15 Celtic Prayer Egleton 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham |
| <i>Friday</i> 9 Jan | 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 – 11 January (*Baptism of Christ*)

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

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Baptism of Christ: Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11