



St Peter & St Paul Langham

Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Presentation of Christ in the Temple Sunday 1 February 2015

Oakham	8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30am Parish Communion 6:00pm Evensong
Whissendine	11:00am Confirmation
Ashwell	No service
Teigh	No service
Market Overton	No service
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

In your light shall we see light – Psalm 36.9

Welcome and Opening Sentence

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

The Lord bless us.

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

Hymn

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

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

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

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

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick
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Confession

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

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

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

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,**

through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

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

Silence is kept

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

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

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

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

Words: Robert Willis (b 1947)

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

*Music: Let Us Light A Candle, Richard Shephard (b 1949)
© The Very Revd Robert Willis (Ancient & Modern – 677)*

Gospel Reading – Luke 2.22-40

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading

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

Alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night

and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Sermon

In your light shall we see light

Creed

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

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

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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

**For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

1. In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth,
Alleluia!

2. Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!

3. All who now in him believe,
Alleluia,
everlasting life receive,
Alleluia;
born of God and in his care,
Alleluia,
we his name and nature share,
Alleluia!

4. Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years,
Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!

*Words: based on John 1.1-14, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)
Music: Redland, Malcolm Archer (b 1952) (A&M 359)
(Ancient & Modern – 101)*

The Peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

¶ *Candlemas Procession*

Before the procession these responses may be used

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

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

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

Hymn

The hymn is sung while the candles are lit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Words: Elizabeth J Cosnett (b 1936)
Music: Lourdes, French traditional melody
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(Ancient & Modern – 113)*

The president says

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

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Procession

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

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

Final Responary

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

Praise to Christ our light.

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

Praise to Christ our light.

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

Praise to Christ our light.

We stand near the place of new birth.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We turn from the crib to the cross.
Let us shine with the light of your love.

We go to carry his light.
Let us shine with the light of your love. Thanks be to God.

The Conclusion

Blessing

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

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

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

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Today

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

11:00am – **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

St Andrew Whissendine

This will be one joint service for the four Northern parishes. Bishop John Holbrook will be with us for the service, which will be followed by a shared lunch. No services in Teigh, Ashwell or Market Overton today.

This Week

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Form 6 pianists

Programme to include **Warlock** Capriol Suite (selected movts) and music by **Chopin**

7:30pm – **COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Mayhew Room, All Saints Oakham

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

12:30-2:00pm – **PRE-LENT LUNCH**

Market Overton Bowls Club

£3 for adults, £1 for children for a homemade soup, roll, cheese and tea & coffee. Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. The money raised will aid much needed building funds for Market Overton Parish Church. Booking is essential, as all seats at the table are usually taken. There will be a Prize Draw for those attending both lunches (second one is on 26 February). Please ring Lin on 01572 767666 or Corrine & Ted on 01572 813675 or email lin@ryders.org.uk. We look forward to you joining us!

7:30pm – **DEANERY SYNOD MEETING**

All Saints Oakham

Helen Briggs, Chief Executive Rutland County Council will speak about a developments related to the **Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector in Rutland**. This follows a Workshop on 17th December at which the local Churches were not fully represented. This is an important opportunity to influence change in this important area. All are encouraged to attend and ecumenical colleagues have also been invited.

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

7:45pm – **ORCHESTRAL & CHORAL CONCERT**

Oakham School Chapel

Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra & Symphony Orchestra, Martin Cropper & Peter Davis conductors. Free, but

tickets required (01572 758820 or wegottickets.com).

J S Bach Concerto for violin & oboe, BWV 1060

Handel Dixit Dominus, HWV 232

Mozart Symphony No. 40 in G minor (movt 1)

Sibelius Finlandia, op. 26

Sibelius Tiera

Looking Ahead

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Brass Ensemble

Arrangements of popular songs, to include: Keep young and beautiful, Moon River & Charleston.

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

10:00am - 12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

Home of Linda & John Allman, 11 Vicarage Road, Oakham

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

7:30pm – **RUTLAND THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Oakham Methodist Church, Northgate

Fathomless Riches – Revd Richard Coles.

Richard Coles is a musician, journalist and Church of England priest. He is known for having been the multi-instrumentalist who partnered Jimmy Somerville in the 1980s band The Communards. After ordination in

2005 he was a curate at St Botolph's Church, Boston and then at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. He has been chaplain of the Royal Academy of Music. In January 2011, he was appointed as the parish priest of St Mary the Virgin, Finedon in the Diocese of Peterborough. Since March 2011 he has been the regular host of BBC Radio 4's Saturday Live programme. "Fathomless Riches" is the title of his autobiography. £5 per attendance or £20 for six meetings. For further information visit www.rutlandtheologicalsociety.co.uk.

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

11:30am – **JERWOODS SHOWCASE**
Oakham School Chapel

Oakham's youngest students in seven different ensembles, choral and instrumental. Free, but tickets required (01572 758820 or wegottickets.com).

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

Methodist Church Hall, Northgate, Oakham

A Composer Speaks – **Neville Favell**
Non-members welcome (£3 charge).

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

7:00pm – **FRIENDS' SHROVETIDE PARTY**
Oakham Church Hall

Food and Entertainment; bring your own wine or beer. Please put your name on the list by the south door at All Saints Oakham for catering.

ASH WEDNESDAY

18 FEBRUARY

10:00am – **HOLY COMMUNION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Chapel of St John & St Anne

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

All Saints Oakham

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Penny Campling *piano*

Brahms Intermezzo in A major

Haydn Andante con variazioni

Bach Prelude and Fugue in G minor No 16

7:30pm – **SUNG HOLY COMMUNION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

St Peter Brooke

With the Team Choir Laudamus

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

2:30-4:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm – **BODEN PARTY**

Langham School Hall

Fancy trying Boden's new Spring Range for women and children? 20% off everything, plus free delivery and returns. Tea, coffee & cakes in the afternoon (£2 entrance), fizz and nibbles in the evening (£3 admission). **Held in aid of Langham CofE Primary School.** See boden.co.uk.

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY

7:30pm – **CELLO RECITAL**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

Gabriel Francis-Dehqani *cello* with
Fraser Graham *piano*

Gabriel is an aspiring young 'cellist, and this programme demonstrates his appetite for music of different genres, with a programme including Brahms, Shostakovich as well as the premier of several movements from Peter Wittchell's 2011 Cello Sonata. Doors open and bar from 7:00pm. Tickets £10 (students £5) from Debbie (723533), Hilary (757435), Music&More or wegottickets.com. Proceeds in aid of Langham Parish Church.

Please pray for

- **Olivia Mould, Imogen Mould, Emily Martin** and **Nicholas Martin**, who are being confirmed at Whissendine today.
- The family and friend of **John Callaghan** who died last Tuesday;
- Victims of religious extremism especially the people of Pakistan, and the girls kidnapped in Nigeria
- The victims of the Ebola outbreak and those working to stop it and to develop a vaccine;
- The hostages held by religious extremists and their families and friends;
- The people of Ukraine;
- 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

General Synod

The General Synod of the Church of England meets in London from Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 February. During this time the Archbishops of Canterbury and York would like to encourage people throughout the dioceses and parishes to pray for the life of General Synod and the wider church, using the prayer overleaf.

'Come and Sing' Crucifixion

On Palm Sunday evening at 6pm there will be a 'Come and Sing' Crucifixion (by John Stainer). A rehearsal at 3pm will be followed by tea at 5pm, when members of the Lent Ecumenical Groups will join together at the end of their course. All singers are warmly invited to join us – if you are familiar with the work, or are a reasonable sight-reader, you can join us for the afternoon rehearsal, but if you would like to do a little more work on it

beforehand we will be rehearsing it at our Laudamus practices on 10 & 24 February and 10 & 24 March. The work includes a number of congregational hymns, and with written reflections from the Lent Groups will make a fitting act of worship to conclude the Lent course. Please talk to Kevin Slingsby (01572 460000) for more details.

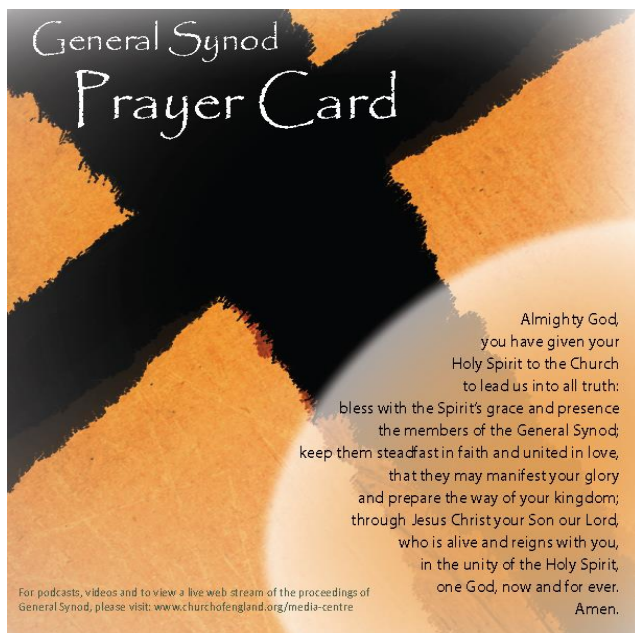
Oakham APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 26 April, following a joint 10am Parish Communion. At this meeting we will need to elect new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and a new Churchwarden, and the PCC will subsequently be looking to elect a new treasurer. Please give prayerful consideration to whether you might be

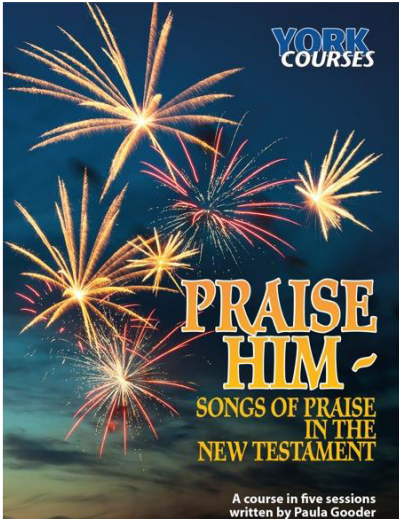
able to fulfil one of these roles – more details can be obtained from current PCC members or the Churchwardens. In preparation for the APCM, all Church organisations are asked to prepare the usual report on their activities over the past year. This should be submitted by Palm Sunday, 29 March, to the usual 'notices' email address. Please let us have any photographs that you have of activities over the past year as well.

Lent Courses

Lent Courses start the week beginning 23 February. If you would like to take part please sign up on the sheets available in all churches BEFORE 8 February to allow enough time for the material to be ordered. Full details can be seen on page 15.



Praise Him – Songs of praise in the New Testament



We are used to singing hymns of praise when we go to church but often we miss the hymns and poems that are there in the New Testament. This course will explore five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith.

An ecumenical course in five sessions written by Dr Paula Gooder ideal for Lent, yet not Lent-specific.

1. Gratitude (Ephesians 1.3-14)
2. Image of God (Colossians 1.15-20)
3. Humility (Philippians 2.5-11)
4. New birth (1 Peter 1.3-12)
5. Word made flesh (John 1.1-14)

The course booklet, written and introduced by New Testament scholar [Dr Paula Gooder](#) includes a good selection of questions at the end of each of the five sessions, designed to stimulate wide-ranging discussion.

The participants on the course CD are [Archbishop Justin Welby](#), [Sister Wendy Beckett](#) and actor [David Suchet CBE](#).

Methodist [Moira Sleight](#) provides the Closing Reflection at the end of each session.

Please sign up on the sheets available in all Team Churches.

Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 26 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
<i>Tuesday</i> 27 Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham
<i>Wednesday</i> 28 Jan	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
<i>Thursday</i> 29 Jan	9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham 10:30 Little Angels Market Overton	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
<i>Friday</i> 30 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 – 8 February (Second Sunday before Lent)

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Whissendine	11:00 Confirmation	
Teigh		
Market Overton		
Ashwell		
Langham		6:00 WWR
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Brooke		6:00 Evensong
Hambleton		
Egleton	9:15 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	

Next Week's Readings at Holy Communion

Second before Lent: Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14