



All Saints Oakham

Advent Carol Service



Sunday 29 November 2015

6:00pm

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An Introduction to this Service

Advent Sunday marks the beginning of a period of preparation and waiting as we look towards Christmas Day and the birth of Christ. It also marks the beginning of the Church's year which proceeds through Christmas and Epiphany, to Lent and Holy Week and on to Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. Today we begin a pilgrimage through the year that follows the way of Christ on earth and so endeavours to allow his footsteps to lead our own, his story to shape our story.

For this reason, this is a service filled with movement, as the clergy and choir make their way from the west to the east end of the church. On the way, the readings will be read from the various places of our commitment to God: the doors where we enter and are sent out to the world, the font where we dedicate ourselves to God, the aisle where we share the peace and build up our common life, the lectern where we hear God's word and the pulpit where we reflect on it, the choir stalls where we worship and the altar where we receive the body and blood of Christ. So the measured steps of this service describe the pattern of our lives together, forming us as Christ's people.

The service is structured around the seven Advent antiphons, the traditional refrains used at evening prayer in the seven days before Christmas Eve. They call on God to come to us as teacher and deliverer. As we begin to measure out the days until Christmas we await the coming of the one by whose measure the true identity and destiny of the world will be revealed; he who 'fills all creations and reigns to the ends of the earth', as the first antiphon puts it.

In Him is our hope, in Him is the light that came into the world and overcomes our darkness. In Him is wisdom, salvation and redemption. He is the Sun of Righteousness who scatters the darkness from before our paths. We look for the arrival of his presence among us, now as we await Christmas, and throughout the year, in all our steps as we journey on.

Please stand as the lights are turned off

Matin Responory

The choir sings from the Trinity Chapel

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

Processional Hymn

The procession moves from the Trinity Chapel to West End of the Church.



- 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.*
- 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:
- 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:
- 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:

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

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:

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:

*Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Veni Emmanuel, adapted from a French Missal by T Helmore (1811-1890)*

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.

¶ *O Sapientia (O Wisdom)*

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O wisdom,
coming forth from the Most High,
filling all creation and reigning
to the ends of the earth;
come and teach us
the way of truth.

Advent Antiphons, The Promise of His Glory, ed Stephen Cleobury

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 24.1-11

read by Damian Thwaites (Langham)

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting-place; in whose territory should I abide? 'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance." Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place, and in Jerusalem was my domain.

¶ *O Adonai (O Lord of Lords)*

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O Lord of Lords,
and ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush,
and gave him the law on Sinai:
come with your outstretched arm
and ransom us.

Second Reading

Exodus 3.1-12

read by Jennie Page (Hambleton)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

Carol

Remember, O thou man, O thou man, O thou man,
remember, O thou man, thy time is spent:
remember, O thou man, how thou art dead and gone,
and I did what I can: therefore repent!

Remember Adam's fall, O thou man, O thou man,
remember Adam's fall from heaven to hell!
Remember Adam's fall, how we were condemned all
in hell perpetual, there for to dwell.

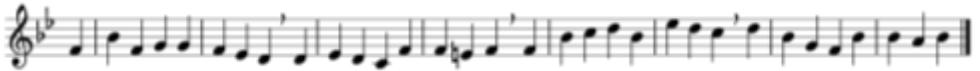
Remember God's goodnesse, O thou man, O thou man,
remember God's goodnesse, and his promise made!
remember God's goodnesse; how he sent his Sonne, doubtlesse,
our sinnes for to redresse: be not afraid!

The angels all did sing, O thou man, O thou man,
the angels all did sing upon the shepherds' hill;
the angels all did sing praises to our heavenly King,
and peace to man living with a good will.

Words: 16th century English Music: Thomas Ravenscroft, c1582-c1635

Hymn

Please stand



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| 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings. | 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay. |
| 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come. | 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more. |
| 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore. | |

*Words: Jordanis oras praevia, Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr John Chandler (1806-1876)
Music: Winchester New, adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690 (Ancient & Modern – 46)*

¶ *O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)*

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O root of Jesse,
standing as a sign among the nations;
kings will keep silence before you
for whom the nations long;
come and save us
and delay no longer.

Third Reading

Isaiah 2.2-4

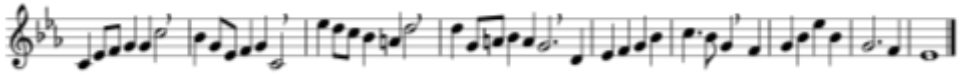
read by Margaret Pattinson (Oakham)

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Hymn

Please stand

The procession moves to the North Transept.



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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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)

¶ O Clavis David (O Key of David)

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O key of David
and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison,
and break down the walls of death.

Fourth Reading

Isaiah 42.5-9

read by Keith Thomas (Oakham)

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Carol

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay,
and in his nostrils breathed life e'en as the scriptures say.
And then in Eden's paradise he placed him to dwell,
that he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

*Now let good Christians wake from sleep, let darkness turn to day,
and sinners find in mutual love the straight and glorious way.*

And thus within the garden he was set therein to stay;
and in commandment unto him these words the Lord did say:
'The fruit which in the garden grows to thee shall be for meat,
except the tree in the midst thereof, of which thou shalt not eat:'

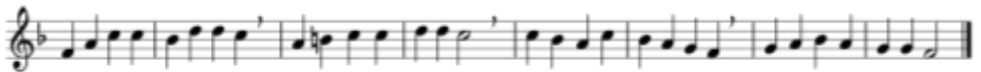
‘For in the day thou shalt it touch or dost to it come nigh,
if so thou do but eat thereof then thou shalt surely die.’
But Adam he did take no heed unto that only thing,
but did transgress God’s holy law, and so was wrapt in sin:

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he for mankind bore;
his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore;
and then, for to redeem our souls, from death and hellish thrall,
he said his own dear Son should be the Saviour of us all:

*Words: Some Ancient Christmas Carols 1822, Davies Gilbert (1767-1839) and others
Music: traditional, arr David Willcocks (1919-2015) & KLS*

Hymn

Please stand



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| 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
‘Christ is nigh,’ it seems to say;
‘cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.’ | 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven; |
| 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies. | 4 That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near. |
| 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run. | |

*Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
(Ancient & Modern – 38)*

¶ O Oriens (O Morning Star)

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O morning star,
splendour of the light eternal
and bright sun of righteousness:
come and bring light
to those who dwell in darkness
and walk in the shadow of death.

Fifth Reading

Isaiah 9.2,6-7

read by Alan Rudge (Reader)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Carol

Veiled in darkness Judah lay,
waiting for the promised day,
while across the shadowy night
streamed a flood of glorious light,
heaven'ly voices chanting then,
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men'.

Still the earth in darkness lies,
up from death's dark vale arise
voices of a world in grief,
prayers of men who seek relief;
now our darkness pierce again,
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men'.

Light of light, we humbly pray,
shine upon thy world today;
break the gloom of our dark night,
fill our souls with love and light,
send thy blessed word again,
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men'.

*Words: Douglas Letel Rights
Music: Glenn L Rudolph (b 1951)*

Hymn

Please stand

The procession moves to the Chancel.



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

¶ *O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)*

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O king of the nations,
you alone can fulfil their desires:
cornerstone, binding all together:
come and save the creature
you fashioned
from the dust of the earth.

Sixth Reading

Zechariah 9.9-10,16-17

read by Lin Ryder (Market Overton)

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. On that day the Lord their God will save them, for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

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)*

Hymn

Please stand



- 1 Lift up your heads ye mighty gates,
 behold the King of glory waits,
the King of kings is drawing near,
 the Saviour of the world is here.
- 2 O blest the land, the city blest,
 where Christ the ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes
 to whom this king in triumph comes.
- 3 Come then, O Saviour, and abide;
 our hearts to thee be open wide;
may all thy inward presence feel,
 to all thy grace and love reveal. Amen.

Words: George Weissel (1590-1635), tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and editors of NEH
Music: Gonfalon Royal, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947) – AM 257
(New English Hymnal – 8)

¶ O Emmanuel

Please sit

Antiphon

The choir sings

O Emmanuel,
our King and Lawgiver,
hope of the nations
and their saviour:
come and save us,
O Lord our God.

Seventh Reading

Matthew 1.18-23

read by Revd Hildred Crowther (Assistant Priest)

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Carol

Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum
benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus.
Sancta Maria Mater Dei ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc
et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

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

Please stand



- 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**

Today

8:00am – **HOLY COMMUNION**

All Saints Oakham

9:15am – **PATRONAL COMMUNION**

St Andrew Hambleton

11:00am – **PATRONAL COMMUNION**

St Andrew Whissendine

6:00pm – **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

All Saints Oakham

Come and join us for this special celebration of the start of Advent. This will be the main Team service of the day.

7:00pm – **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

Costa Coffee, Oakham

Meet Friends... Hear Great Music... Be Inspired...

Sunday Night Live offers top quality live entertainment from all around the UK (from Freights (Country/Indie) this month) with a twist of faith, all from the comfort of your local coffee shop. We would love to see you at our live music events at the Costa Coffee Oakham.

Why not join us and bring a friend to our FREE event. Sunday Night Live will be held on the last Sunday of each month, doors open at 7pm.

7:30pm – **BRAUNSTON BLOKES CLUB**

The Blue Ball, Braunston

Pre-Christmas pub games night

This Week

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

10:00am – **BIBLE STUDY**

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

We continue our study of the women of the Old Testament. **Change of date from 24 November.**

10:00am - 12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

Home of Jenni & Gerry Duffy, 2 Water Lane, Ashwell

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

11:00am – **ST ANDREW'S HOME GROUP**

68 Sherrard Close, Whissendine

This is the new name for the Whissendine Prayer Group. All are invited to join with us to reflect on the village, read scripture and pray, for about an hour. Enquiries to Chris Bamber (01664 474882) or Jeff Eaves (01664 474454).

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Pianists

Solo piano favourites by *Debussy*

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

10:00am – **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Rose Cottage, Brooke

Bring yourself and your friends to enjoy coffee and mince pies and good company in the cosy atmosphere of Rose Cottage. Spoil yourself buying

from Brooke's wonderful choice of cakes, preserves, Christmas cards, crafts, books etc and maybe win a prize on the raffle as well.

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.

Looking Ahead

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

6:00-8:30pm – **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**

Oakham Town Centre

7:00pm – **NSPCC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

All Saints Oakham

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

2:00pm – **RUTLAND REMINDERS**

Aberdeen House, 20 Stockerston Road, Uppingham LE15 9UD

Singing sessions for people with dementia – Uppingham hub. 07779 413889 or rutlandreminders.org.uk for details.

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Jessica Tomey violin

To include:

Bach Prelude (Partita No. 3 in E major)

Wieniawski Legende, op. 17

2:00pm – **HOSPITAL CAROL SERVICE**

Rutland Memorial Hospital

All are welcome to join the staff and patients for their annual carol service, with singing led by the choir from Oakham Church of E School, and followed by refreshments.

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

12:15-12:45pm – **CELTIC MIDDAY PRAYER**

St Edmund Egleton

Come and weave a little silence onto your lips, mind and life, and enjoy a time of prayer and silence. All Welcome. For further details please contact Vyv Wainwright 01572 755752.

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

Oakham Church Hall

Holy Communion followed by Christmas entertainment. All welcome.

7:00pm – **A CHRISTMAS EVENING**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

An informal and fun concert, with carols for all, music, poetry and anecdotes, including Laudamus, joint Team choir and children's band from Langham School. Mulled wine and mince

pies. Collection in aid of Langham Church. The concert will be recorded by Rutland Radio for broadcast on Christmas Day.

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

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

Methodist Church Hall, Oakham

The Music Group present **Desert Island Discs**, with Dr Sian Cheverton. £3 charge for non-members.

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

3:00pm – **AFTERNOON TEA**

Langham Baptist Church

For carers, elderly, housebound and all who would like to sing and have a good afternoon. Please phone Rosie on 01572 723723.

7:30pm – **A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

All Saints Oakham

Come and join Rutland Choral Society for some much-loved favourites, including music from the Messiah and carols by John Rutter. £8 in advance from Music&More or wegottickets.com, £10 on the door.

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

3:30pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

Langham Baptist Church

Joint Langham village carol service.

4:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Peter & St Paul Market Overton

With joint choir Laudamus.

5:30pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Andrew Hambleton

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

Holy Trinity Teigh

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

10:00am – **OAKHAM COFE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

All Saints Oakham

6:00pm – **BROOKE HILL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

All Saints Oakham

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **RUTLAND CONCERT BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Oakham School Chapel

Joined by Rutland Choral Society.

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Edmund Egleton

7:30pm – **CATMOSE COLLEGE**

CAROL CONCERT

All Saints Oakham

THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER

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

All Saints Oakham

Town and church join together for the traditional carol service, with joint choir Laudamus.

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

3:00-4:30pm – **TEA PARTY**

All Saints Oakham

For further details, please contact Joyce Wells on 07779 242745 or Pam Wells on 01572 755532. All are welcome, especially those who might otherwise be at home alone on a Sunday afternoon.

4:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Mary Ashwell

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Andrew Whissendine

With joint choir Laudamus.

6:00pm – **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

All Saints Braunston

6:00pm – **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

St Peter Brooke

Sing your favourite carols, listen to traditional lessons and readings, and afterwards enjoy mulled wine, tasty nibbles and good company.

SATURDAY 2 JANUARY

2:30pm – **FRIENDS PANTOMIME VISIT**

Key Theatre, Peterborough

Aladdin – A Magical Family Pantomime. Cost £13.50 each, with the usual £5 discount for Sunday School members, ASK and ASH. If you would like to go can you please let Beryl know as soon as possible. 01572 724103 or berylk@oakhams.uk.com.

Please pray for

- **Simon Williams & Lauren Humphreys**, who were married at Oakham on Friday;
- The family and friends of **Richard Day**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Tuesday;
- The family and friends of **Peter Maxwell**, whose funeral will take place at Market Overton tomorrow;
- The family and friends of **Vera Joan Wass**, whose funeral will take place at Marholm Crematorium tomorrow;
- The family and friends of **John Robinson**, whose has died recently;
- For the victims of terrorist atrocities, especially those killed in Paris and those killed in the Russian airliner crash;
- For those trapped under extremist regimes and the hostages held by religious extremists and their families and friends;
- For a just solution to the immigration problem and those desperate to start a new life in Europe;
- Victims of religious extremism and persecution especially in Sudan, CAR, Kenya, Syria, Somalia, Eritrea, North Korea, China, India, Northern Nigeria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, and Pakistan;
- The people whose lives are torn apart by war and violence, especially in Ukraine, Syria and Iraq;
- The Rutland Food Bank;
- The Drop-in Centre;
- Justin and John our Archbishops and Donald and John, our Bishops;

- Lee, Janet, Julie, Hildred & Dominic, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

New Team Website

The new Team website goes live today, but we need your help to make sure that it is kept up-to-date and as fully informative about what is going on as possible. If you already send reports for the magazine please let us have them for the website as well, preferably with some good pictures too (send them to notiices@oakhamteam.org.uk). We need good pictures as well, so if you have any please let us know, and if you are organising an event please take some pictures, or ask us if you would like someone to come and take some. please talk to Kevin Slingsby or one of the Communications Group if you have any questions.

All we like sheep...



All these excited sheep are getting ready to go on their journey with the Oakham Travelling Nativity during Advent. Are YOU hosting it this

year??? Contact me on jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk to put your name on the list. Many thanks to all the knitters – the sheep are gorgeous!

Oakham PCC

At the meeting on 17 November the following items were discussed:

- (1) £7000 is needed for repairs to the church clock – an appeal will be launched after the boiler project is complete;
- (2) A report on the recent PCC away day highlighted the new website, Experience Easter, Guided Prayer and Discipleship, and the forthcoming Welcome Leaflet;
- (3) Mission giving and 2016 Budget were approved;
- (4) a new Treasurer is still needed;
- (5) the Fabric Group are overseeing the boiler project, and will appoint a project manager to work with the architect to progress the project further – more detailed costs will be available by the next meeting;
- (6) the future of the Garden of Remembrance will be considered over the coming months, with advice from the DAC. Please see the minutes displayed by the North Door for full details.

Traidcraft Christmas Orders

Just a reminder that the last date for Christmas orders is Sunday 13th December. If anyone else would still like to order please do get in touch. Thank you. Denise 722729.

Mince Pies needed!

If you are able to supply some mince pies for the Town Carol Service on Thursday 17 December, please have a word with Marilyn Tomalin (01572 723184).

Rutland Foodbank Christmas Hampers.

Once again, Rutland Foodbank will be giving Christmas Hampers to those in our county who may struggle to buy those small luxuries that make Christmas a celebration. This year the hampers will include mince pies, Christmas puddings, chocolates and even family games. We are seeking cash donations. £15 will sponsor one hamper but any amount is welcome. Cheques made payable to 'Rutland Foodbank'. Donations please to the curate's pigeon hole at Oakham, or via team ministers in the villages.

Open Doors

Open Doors is an organisation which supports persecuted Christians around the world through prayer, advocacy, training, literacy programmes and economic aid. Each year they publish a 'World Watch List', highlighting the 50 countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. They will be launching the 2016 list in January in Parliament, hosted by a Cabinet Minister. We are all encouraged to invite our MPs to attend this launch, so that the message of the persecuted church reaches our decision-makers. Could you invite your MP? Go to this internet site to see how to invite them:

<http://bit.ly/wwl-2016>. Contact Brian Maunders at Whissendine for more information: 01664 474349

Sunday Tea Parties

Forthcoming parties will be on 20 December and 24 January. Volunteers are needed, both to bake in advance and to help on the day - for further details, please contact Joyce Wells (07779 242745) or Pam Wells (01572 755532). All are welcome to attend, especially those who might otherwise be at home alone.

Donations for the Refugee Crisis

The images of desperate refugees crossing the Mediterranean in unstable boats, or packed illegally into lorries, or protesting 'We are human beings too' in the port of Calais, are a distressing reminder of the shocking refugee crisis that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945. Christian Aid is working with churches and other agencies in supporting humanitarian efforts taking place in Europe and the Middle East. Their partners can provide essential humanitarian supplies such as food, fuel for cooking, hygiene and sanitation kits, water containers and cash assistance, as well as psychological support for those who are suffering as a result of the conflict.

Donations to Christian Aid will be gratefully received by the treasurer, or you can donate through their website directly at <http://bit.ly/refugeeappeal>.

Regular Groups & Activities

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Pram & Toddler Service (age 0-4)
Mondays 2:00pm during term-time
Oakham Church

Tiny Tots (age 0-4). Thursdays 9:45am
during term-time. **Oakham Church**

Little Angels (age 0-4) Thursdays 10:30
(term-time) **Market Overton Church**

Sunday School (up to age 10)
Sundays 10:30am (except 3rd)
Oakham Church Hall

Fishes Club (up to age 10)
Sundays 11:00am (except 2nd)
Whissendine Church

ASH (All Saints Hub – aged 11-13)
Sundays 10:30am (10 January)
Oakham Church

ASK (All Saints Kids – aged 14-16)
Sundays 10:30am (as announced)
Oakham Church

HOME GROUPS

Leader: Catriona Drye (770429)
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:00am
25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

Leader: Stan Bruce (756656)
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30pm
19 Ashwell Road, Oakham

Leader: Patrick Wilson (723288)
2nd & 4th Thursdays 2:30pm
6 Peterborough Avenue, Oakham

Leader: Jenni Duffy (720064) &
Monica Compton (755734)
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30pm **Oakham**

Leader: Alan & Gail Rudge (755570)
Mondays fortnightly 7:30pm
34 Church Street, Braunston

**Leader: Revd Janet Tebby & Lin
Ryder** (01572 767666)
Thursdays fortnightly 2:00pm
Market Overton

CHOIR

Oakham Choir Practice
Thursdays before 2nd & 4th Sundays
7:00-8:15pm **Oakham Church**

Whissendine Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 2nd & 4th Sundays
8:00-9:00pm **Whissendine Church**

Market Overton Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 2nd & 4th Sundays
6:30-7:00pm **Market Overton Church**

Langham Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays
12:00-1:00pm **Langham Church**

Laudamus Joint Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
7:00-8:30pm **Whissendine Church**

BELL RINGING

Oakham Bells Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm
Langham/Braunston/Brooke Bells
Wed 7:30pm 9/16/23 Dec

Whissendine Bells as announced

MOTHERS' UNION

Oakham & Braunston 2nd Thursday
2:15pm **Oakham Church Hall**

OTHER GROUPS

Drop-In Centre Tea, coffee, chat &
lunch Wednesdays 10:00am-4:00pm
Oakham Congregational Church

Come & Chat Bereavement Group
1st Thursday 2:30-4:30pm
Oakham Church Hall

Oasis Tea, coffee, biscuits and & chat
Fridays 10:30-11:30am
Oakham Church Mayhew Room

Open House Monthly coffee morning in
someone's home – see Diary for details..

Prayer Chain Requests in strictest
confidence to **Mary Willows** (01572
756264) who will then inform the chain.

Services During The Week

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

Services Next Sunday

6 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 WWR
<i>Braunston</i>	11:00 Holy Communion	
<i>Brooke</i>		6:00 Evensong
<i>Hambleton</i>		2:00 Baptism
<i>Egleton</i>	9:15 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent: Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6

Oakham Evensong: Isaiah 40.1-11; Luke 1.1-25