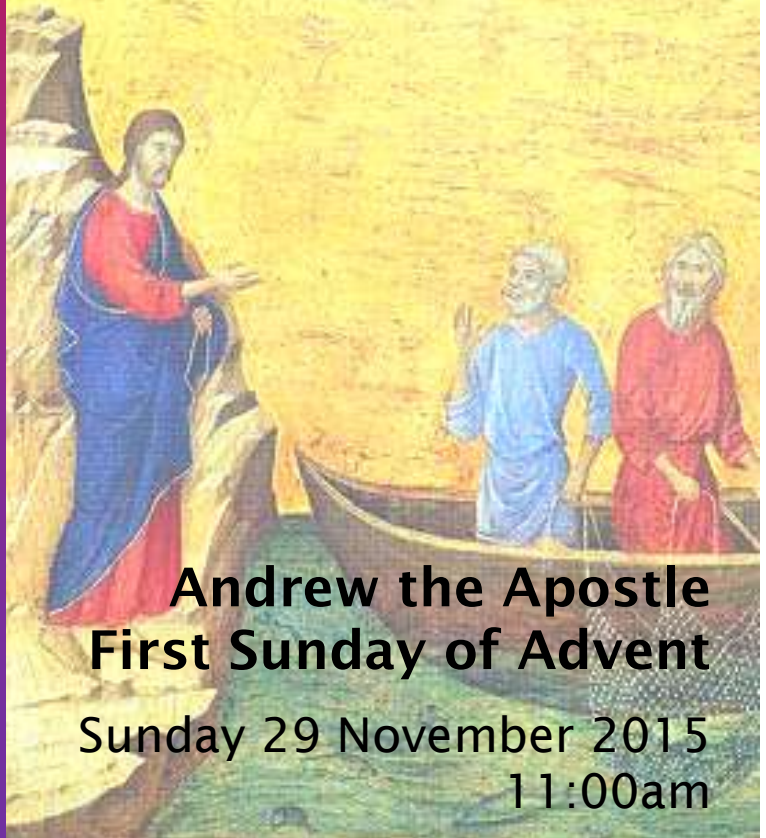




St Andrew Whissendine

Patronal Holy Communion



**Andrew the Apostle
First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday 29 November 2015
11:00am

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Services in the Team today:

Oakham

8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad)
6:00pm TEAM ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Whissendine

11:00am Patronal Communion

Hambleton

9:15am Patronal Communion (CW Trad)

No other services in the Team

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 Pewsheets, please ask a sidesman

Please take this Pewsheets home

11:00am Patronal Holy 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

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.**

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 **A candle burns, sign of our longing.
God of anticipation, come to us again this Advent.
May your longing live within us,
burning as a light in our lives.. Amen.**

Talk

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. **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

First Reading – Isaiah 25.6-9

Please sit

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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.

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.

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.

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
Glory to you, O Lord.

All

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.**

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



1. 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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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.*

All With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

All With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

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 Hymns



1. Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God,
and you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

2. King of all days oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth
you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

Words & Music: Tim Hughes
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1. Into the darkness of this world,
into the shadows of the night,
into this loveless place you came,
lightened our burden, eased our pain,
and made these hearts your home.
Into the darkness once again,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come with your love to make us whole.
Come with your light to lead us on,
driving the darkness far from our souls:
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

2. Into the longing of our souls,
into these heavy hearts of stone,
shine on us now your piercing light,
order our lives and souls aright,
by grace and love unknown,
until in you our hearts unite –
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

3. O Holy Child, Emmanuel,
Hope of the ages, God with us,
visit again this broken place,
till all the earth declare your praise
and your great mercies own.
Now let your love be born in us –
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come in your glory, take your place,
Jesus, the Name above all names,
we long to see you face to face:
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Words & Music: Maggi Dawn (b 1959) © 1993 Kingsway Songs (Ancient & Modern – 40)



1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Words & Music: David J Evans (b 1957) © 1986 worshiptogether.com songs (Ancient & Modern – 358)

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

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

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