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## Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading – *Zephaniah 3.14-20*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

### Second Reading – *1 Peter 1.1-9*

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel – Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



Come and be part of telling the Christmas story. Dress in costume, follow Mary & Joseph looking for lodging, and end up at the stable for refreshments. For all the family together.

Info from Revd Janet: 474096 or email: [janet@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:janet@oakhamteam.org.uk)

## Today

3:30pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

**Langham Baptist Church**

Joint Langham village carol service.

4:00pm – **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

**All Saints Oakham**

Everyone is welcome at this special service, when the Church will be transformed by the magical light from all the lighted Christingles.

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**

7:00pm – **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**Costa Coffee, Oakham**

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

Christmas Special, with live Christmas Music and Carols.

Sunday Night Live offers top quality live entertainment from all around the UK 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 is usually held on the last Sunday of each month, although this month is earlier than usual.** Doors open at 7pm.

## This Week

### MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

10:00am – **OAKHAM COFE SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**All Saints Oakham**

6:00pm – **LIVING NATIVITY**

**St Andrew Whissendine**

Come dressed in costume to take part in the journey with Mary & Joseph looking for lodging, starting from St Andrew's and ending at the White Lion.

6:00pm – **BROOKE HILL SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**All Saints Oakham**

### TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

3:30pm – **RUTLAND REMINDERS**

**Brambles, Rutland Care Village**

Singing sessions for people with dementia – Christmas party for both groups. 07779 413889 or [rutlandreminders.org.uk](http://rutlandreminders.org.uk) for details.

7:30pm – **RUTLAND CONCERT BAND**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Oakham School Chapel**

Joined by Rutland Choral Society.

**NO GOOD NEWS VAN today**

### WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

10:00am – **MOTHERS' UNION**

**CORPORATE COMMUNION**

**Chapel of St John & St Anne**

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

**All Saints Oakham**

**Pupils of Catmose College**

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.

### **SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER**

3:00pm – **CAROL SINGING**

*Ashwell Garden Centre*

With musicians from the Rutland Concert Band, and seasonal refreshments.

### **SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER**

Tea Party at Oakham is cancelled.  
Details of future parties available soon.

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.

## Looking Ahead

### **TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER**

from 10:00am – **ADVENT PRAYER  
LABYRINTH – Stamford Methodist  
Church, Barn Hill, Stamford**

Come and spend time with God... Pray for the world and for others... A warm welcome awaits you for as long or short a time as you wish. For more information contact Rev Andy Fyall (01780) 762282.

### **FRIDAY 1 JANUARY**

10:30am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP  
Hambleton Peninsula**

A walk of approx 5 miles. Lunch will be a bring and share at 8 Peterborough Avenue. Initially meet at 8 Peterborough Avenue at 10:15am with your lunch contributions then motor to the fishermen's car park. After the walk we will return to Peterborough Avenue for lunch. Hot soup and drinks will be provided. Please contact Dennis or Sally on 01572 722272 to enable us to monitor numbers and contributions.

### **SATURDAY 2 JANUARY**

2:30pm – **FRIENDS PANTOMIME  
VISIT**

*Key Theatre, Peterborough*

### **SUNDAY 31 JANUARY**

11:00pm – **TEAM COMMUNION FOR  
CANDLEMAS**

*St Andrew Whissendine*

## Please pray for

- **Freddie James Maycock**, who will be baptised at Oakham today, and his parents Owen Maycock & Amy Hana;
- **Henrietta Rose Cook**, who will be baptised at Braunston today, and her parents Timothy & Hayley;
- **Richard Girwood & Peta Stead**, who were married in Oakham School Chapel on Saturday;
- The family and friends of **John Robinson**, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Friday 4 December;
- The family and friends of **Norman Thorpe** and **Carol Gibson**, whose funerals take place at Whissendine this week;
- The family and friends of **Sheila Williamson** of Langham, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Wednesday;
- For those affected by the recent floods;
- For the climate change talks in Paris;
- 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.

## Christmas Card Delivery Service

Oakham All Saints Scout Group are running a Christmas Card Delivery Service again this year – we are raising funds for new tents and a marquee for our summer events. Please support us by dropping your fully addressed (but not stamped) Christmas cards into All Saints Church or the Scout Hut. We will be delivering through to 22nd December. The suggested donation is 20p per card.

## Oakham Christmas Cards

Christmas cards to All Saints Oakham friends can be left in the box at West Door. Donations for the Boiler/Fabric Fund (in a separate envelope marked Christmas) should please be put into the Box on South door. The cards will hang in Church at the Christmas Season.

## Thank You

Very many thanks to all the people who helped at and supported the All Saints Autumn Sale. The total taking will exceed £1,700.

## Ride and Stride Record Total

September's Ride & Stride raised a record £22,571, and thanks go to all who took part in any way. An excellent £11,548 of the total was raised in our own Team churches, of which the 50% refund (£5774) will shortly be received by the individual churches.

## New Team Website

The new Team website is now live, 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](mailto: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.

## 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 **today**. 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.

## Donations for the Refugee Crisis

Christian Aid is working with churches and other agencies in supporting humanitarian efforts taking place in Europe and the Middle East.

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



All Saints Oakham

## Christingle Service

*All welcome*



Collection  
in aid of the  
Children's  
Society

**Sunday 13 December  
4:00pm**



Stamford Methodist Church  
Barn Hill, Stamford

## Advent Prayer Labyrinth



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December  
from 10am

Come and spend time with God  
Pray for the world and for others

*A warm welcome awaits you*

For more information contact: Rev Andy Pydd (01780) 762282

All Saints' Church Oakham  
Oakham Town Council

## Town Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

*A Carol Service for the  
whole of Oakham*

All Saints Church

Thursday  
17 December  
7:30pm

*Collection in aid of  
Church Funds &  
Breast Cancer Centre, Glenfield*

With Laudamus,  
the joint choirs of  
the Oakham  
Team Ministry

Followed by wine  
and mince pies



## Carols by Candlelight



All Saints' Church Braunston  
Sunday 20 December  
at 6pm



## Christingle and Blessing of the Crib



Come dressed as a character from the Christmas story and play your part. No rehearsals necessary! More information from Revd Janet (474096; janet@oakhamteam.org.uk)

St Andrew's Church Whissendine  
Christmas Eve, 4 p.m.



Follow the STAR 

Travel with the Wise Men and the Shepherds  
as they journey to Bethlehem to find Jesus



Seasonal Refreshments  
in the Village Hall  
afterwards

Make sure you are warmly  
dressed as we shall be  
going outside



# 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 30/16/23 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> <i>14 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Oakham CofE Sch</b> <i>Oakham</i>	2:00 <b>Pram &amp; Toddler</b> <i>Oakham</i> 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 6:00 <b>Brooke Hill Sch</b> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>15 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	4:00 <b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>16 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>J&amp;A</i>	4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 5:30 <b>Meditation</b> <i>J&amp;A</i> 6:00 <b>Carol Service</b> <i>EgletonA</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>17 Dec</i>	9:00 <b>Team Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i> 9:45 <b>Tiny Tots</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:30 <b>Little Angels</b> <i>Market Overton</i>	12:00 <b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Friday</i> <i>18 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	4:30 <b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>

## Services Next Sunday

***20 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)***

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad) 10:30 <b>Sunday School Nativity</b>	NO Evensong
<i>Whissendine</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Market Overton</i>	10:30 <b>Family Service</b>	
<i>Ashwell</i>		4:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Langham</i>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Braunston</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Brooke</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Hambleton</i>		
<i>Egleton</i>	9:15 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad)	

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Fourth Sunday of Advent: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45*