

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 13 December 2015

Services in the Team today:			
Oakham 8:0	Oam Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30am Parish Communion 2:30pm Baptism 4:00pm Christingle 6:00pm Evensong		
Whissendine	11:00am Family Service		
Teigh	6:00pm Carol Service		
Ashwell	9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)		
Market Overton	4:00pm Carol Service		
Langham 3:30pm Carol Service at Baptist Church			
Braunston	11:00am Morning Prayer 2:00pm Baptism		
Brooke	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)		
Hambleton	5:30pm Carol Service		
Egleton	No Service		
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If you wish to receive Holy Communion in your pew, or would like a large print version of this Pewsheet, please ask a sidesman

Please take this Pewsheet home



St Peter Brooke

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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 – Philippians 4.4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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 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 I 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). 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.

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lust 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' 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 the joint choirs of the Oakham Team Ministry Followed by wine and mince pies

With Laudamus,

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@aakhamteam.org.uk)

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

All Saints' Church Braunston

Sunday 20 December

at 6pm

Carols by Candlelight

Follow the STAR

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

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The journey begins at All Saints Church Braunston Christmas Eve 3.30pm

Seasonal Refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards

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



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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 Ist 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

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

Services Next Sunday 20 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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

Next Sunday's Readings

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