



St Peter & St Paul Market Overton

Service of Lessons & Carols



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4:00pm

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Please stand

Processional Hymn

1. *(Choir)* Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. *(All)* He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Words: C. F. Alexander; Music: H. J. Gauntlett, harmonised, A. H. Mann, descant, David Willcocks

Please remain standing

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build.

And let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the loving kindness of God.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Please sit

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*

First Lesson

Reader: A choir member

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. *Isaiah 9*

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.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing
plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

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.

Please stand

Hymn

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee to-night.

2. O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas Angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Words, Phillips Brooks; Music, English traditional arr. Vaughan Williams, descant, Thomas Armstrong

Please sit

Second Lesson

Reader: Jan Collins

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol

Born in a stable so bare,
Born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so.
Far away silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Cradled by mother so fair,
Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky.
Far away silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay;
Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Wise men from distant far land,
Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare,
Hearts with his warmth he fills.
Far away silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
Make me thy love to know.
Far away silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay;
Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Nativity Carol: Words and Music, John Rutter

Please stand

Hymn

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour
was born upon this day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heavenly Father
a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born:
the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. The shepherds at those tidings
rejoicèd much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest, storm, and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway
this blessed Babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling
unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy

5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Words & Music: English Traditional, arranged by David Willcocks

Please sit

Third Lesson

Reader: Lin Ryder

The birth of Jesus the Messiah *Matthew 1.18-25*

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.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Please stand

Hymn

1. Unto us is born a Son,
king of quires supernal:
see on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.
2. Christ, from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know,
becradled in the manger,
becradled in the manger.
3. *(Men)* This did Herod sore affray,
and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.
4. *(Ladies)* Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story;
and O that Mary's gentle Child
might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory!
5. *(All)* O and A, and A and O,
cum cantibus in choro,
let our merry organ go,
benedicamus Domino,
benedicamus Domino.

Words: tr G R Woodward; Music: from Pia Cantiones 1582, arranged by David Willcocks

Please sit

Fourth Lesson

Reader: Ted Andrews

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. St Luke 2.1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully, lullay*

O sisters too, how may we do
for to preserve this day
this poor youngling, for whom we do sing
By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging,
charged he hath this day
his men of might, in his own sight,
all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!
and ever morn and day,
for thy parting neither say nor sing
by by, lully lullay

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully, lullay*

Coventry Carol: *Words, Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15th century;
Music, modern version of original 1591 tune, arr Martin Shaw*

Please stand

Carol for Choir and Congregation

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright;
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds first saw the sight:
Glories stream from heav'n afar,
heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia:
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiance beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at the birth,
Jesus, Lord, at the birth.

Words: Josef Mohr (1792-1848) trans John F Young; Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863) arr Bob Chilcott (b 1955)

Please sit

Fifth Lesson

Reader: James Profit

The shepherds go to the manger. St Luke 2.8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Carol

Ding dong! merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riven with angel singing:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And iö, iö, iö,
By priest and people sungen:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Ding Dong Merrily on High: Words, G. R. Woodward; Music, 16th century French melody
Harmonised, Charles Wood; Oxford University Press

Please stand

Hymn

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:
4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.

Words: Nahum Tate; Music: Este's Psalter 1592

Please sit

Sixth Lesson

Reader: Valerie Kellett

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. St Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Please stand

Carol for Choir and Congregation

1. *(All)* We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:
*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*
2. *(Men)* Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign:
3. *(Ladies)* Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high:
4. *(Men)* Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone cold tomb.
5. *(All)* Glorious now,, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia,
alleluia the earth replies:

Words & melody: John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891), arr Paul Leddington Wright (b 1951)

Please remain standing

Seventh Lesson

Reader: Revd Janet Tebby

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. St John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter
long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away,
when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter,
a stable place suffic'd,
the Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim,
worship night and day,
a breast full of milk,
and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels,
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel,
which adore.
What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894); Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Address

Revd Janet Tebby

Hymn

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of Angels.
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God,
Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created.

3. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:

4. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ Child
bring our hearts' oblations:

5. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?

6. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
in the highest'.

Words: Adeste Fideles, translated, F Oakeley, W T Brooke & others; Music: J F Wade, arr David Willcocks

Collect & Blessing

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,

we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,

fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:
 'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise!
 Join the triumph of the skies!
With the angelic host proclaim:
 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord:
late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell:
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
 risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
 born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

Words: C Wesley, G Whitefield & M Madan; Music: J L F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, arr David Willcocks

Please stay for refreshments after the service

May the peace of God be with you this Christmas

Laudamus, joint choir of the Oakham Team Ministry

Organist: **Paul Butler**

Director of Music: **Kevin Slingsby**

Team Vicar: **Revd Janet Tebby**

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 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). 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>.



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



Stamford Methodist Church
Barn Hill, Stamford

Advent Prayer Labyrinth



Tuesday 22nd
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 Pym (01780) 752282

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*



*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*



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

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

Services Next Sunday

20 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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