

Braunston Saints

Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 20 December 2015

Services in the Team today:

Oakham 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad)

10:30am Sunday School Nativity
NO Evensona

Whissendine 6:00pm Carol Service

Teigh 9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Ashwell 4:00pm Carol Service

Market Overton 10:30am Family Service

Langham 11:00am Holy Communion

Braunston 6:00pm Carols by Candlelight

Brooke 6:00pm Candlelit Carol Service

Hambleton No Service

Egleton 9:15am Holy Communion (CW Trad)

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 Pewsheet, please ask a sidesman

Please take this Pewsheet home



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The Team Office is staffed on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursdays 11am-3pm and Fridays by email. Notices for inclusion in the pew sheet should be sent to notices@oakhamteam.org.uk or delivered to the office by Wednesday at 11 am.



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God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading – Hebrews 10.5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel – *Luke 1.39-45*

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my

womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today

The 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.

This Week

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

CRIB SERVICES

3:30pm **Braunston** (Journey to Jesus – through the village); 4:00pm **Oakham** & **Whissendine**; 5:30pm **Langham**; 6:00pm **Market Overton**.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

9:00pm Hambleton; 11:00pm Langham; 11:15pm Whissendine; 11:30pm Oakham.

CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION 8:00am Oakham & Brooke; 9:00am Teigh & Market Overton; 9:15am Egleton; 10:00am Oakham; 11:00am Braunston.

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER

TEAM SERVICES

The only services in the Team today will be 8:00am (Said Communion) and 10:30am (Sung Communion) at **Oakham**.

Looking Ahead

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.

11:30am - BELL SERVICE St Peter & St Paul Langham

SATURDAY 2 JANUARY

2:30pm – FRIENDS PANTOMIME VISIT Key Theatre, Peterborough

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY

10:00am - 12:00pm - OPEN HOUSE Home of Jan & Ian Williamson, 10 Edmonton Way, Oakham

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

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY

1:00pm – OAKHAM & BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION

All Saints Oakham Church Hall Fish & Chip Lunch followed by AGM. To book your lunch please contact either Meg Dyer (771564) or Pamela Woods (755371). Cost £5. Friends and family welcome.

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

11:00pm – TEAM COMMUNION FOR CANDLEMAS

St Andrew Whissendine

Please pray for

- The family and friends of Norman Thorpe, whose funeral took place at Whissendine on Tuesday;
- The family and friends of Ronald Cooper, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Thursday;
- The family and friends of Carol Gibson, whose funeral took place at Whissendine on Friday;
- 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.

Pewsheet Deadline

A special edition of the Weekly
Pewsheet will be produced for
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
services, and the deadline for this and
the Sunday 27 December (First
Sunday after Christmas) edition will
be Monday 21 December 11am.
The deadline for the Sunday 3 January
(Epiphany) edition will be
Wednesday 23 December 11am
(i.e. a week earlier than usual).

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 or supported the event. 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. Amounts received by each church are - Oakham £907.41, Langham £296.84, Braunston £328.93, Brooke £201.91, Hambleton £3041.63, Egleton £299.79, Whissendine £220.97, Teigh £122.76, Ashwell £67.84, Market Overton £286.06. Oakham's proceeds will be added to the fabric fund.

Children's Society Collection

Last week's Christingle Service at Oakham raised £269.31 for the Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

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.

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.

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

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Crib Service

The creation and blessing of our Crib

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Candlelit choral celebration of the first communion of Christmas

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion

Traditional said service with sermon

10:00am Holy Communion

Sung service with carols and sermon



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 Fyall (01780) 762282



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.



Seasonal Refreshment 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 Dec/6 Jan/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

Monday 21 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
Tuesday 22 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Comm Oakham	4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham
Wednesday 23 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Carol Service J&A 10:30 Holy Comm Ashwell	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham 5:30 Meditation J&A
Thursday 24 Dec Christmas Eve	3:30 J'ney to Jesus Braunston 4:00 Crib Service Oakham 4:00 Crib Service Whissendine 5:30 Crib Service Langham 6:00 Crib Service Mkt Overton	9:00 Holy Comm Hambleton 11:00 Midnight Comm Langham 11:15 Midnight Comm Whiss'ne 11:30 Midnight Comm Oakham
Friday 25 Dec Christmas Day	8:00 Holy Comm Oakham 8:00 Holy Comm Brooke 9:00 Holy Comm Teigh 9:00 Holy Comm Mkt Overton 9:15 Holy Comm Egleton	10:00 Holy Comm Oakham 10:30 Holy Comm Ashwell 11:00 Holy Comm Braunston

Services Next Sunday 27 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30 Team Holy Communion	NO Evensong
No other services in the Team		

Christmas Readings

Oakham 11:30pm, Egleton, Langham, Brooke: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14 Oakham 8:00am & 10:00am: Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.1-14

Whissendine, Teigh, Ashwell, Market Overton: Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.8-20

Egleton, Braunston: Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Christmas: I Samuel 2.18-20,26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52