

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 Evensong
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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Collect

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; and 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 **Egletton**; 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 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.

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;

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- 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.

Pewsheets Deadline

A special edition of the Weekly Pewsheets 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

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.**



*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*



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

<i>Monday</i> 21 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
<i>Tuesday</i> 22 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Comm Oakham	4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham
<i>Wednesday</i> 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
<i>Thursday</i> 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
<i>Friday</i> 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)

<i>Oakham</i>	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: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52