



All Saints Oakham

# Sunday School Nativity

Sunday 20 December 2015

10:30am

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## Opening Carol

1. See him lying on a bed of straw,  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore –  
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came!*

4. Mine are riches, from your poverty,  
from your innocence, eternity;  
mine forgiveness by your death for me,  
child of sorrow for my joy.

2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
to see the saviour of the world!

3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;  
sing that Bethlehem's little baby can  
be the saviour of us all.

## Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us confess our sins.

You were born for our salvation: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace: Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Nativity

*Presented by the Sunday School and ASH group*

## Carols

### *Sung during the Nativity*

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.

### *Children only*

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

### *All*

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

# The Advent Wreath

*As the fourth Advent Candle is lit we pray*

## *Advent 4*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children  
who long for your coming. Amen.**

*We sing the Advent Candle Song*

## *Advent 1*

Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
‘Come, Lord, soon,’ we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
changed for gladness on that Day.

## *Advent 2*

Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message – challenged, shaken –  
hearts awoken: God is near!

## *Advent 3*

John the Baptist, by his preaching  
and by water poured,  
brought to those who heard his teaching  
news of hope restored:  
‘Keep your vision strong and steady,  
and be ready for the Lord.’

## *Advent 4*

Mary’s gift, beyond all telling,  
was to give Christ room.  
She gave God a human dwelling  
in a mother’s womb.  
Who could guess the final story?  
– cross and glory; empty tomb!

## Carol

### *During which our offerings are received*

1. 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.

2. 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 sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

5. 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.

3. Enough for him, whom cherubim  
worship night and day,  
a breastful of milk  
and a mangerful of hay:  
enough for him, whom angels  
fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

4. Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim  
thronged the air;  
but only his mother  
in her maiden bliss  
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

## Meditation

### *Led by members of the ASK group*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love.

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy.

## Carol

## Blessing

## 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 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;
- 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](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.

## 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>.

## 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.

**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*

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

## Services Next Sunday

### 27 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad) 10:30 <b>Team Holy Communion</b>	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