

Weekly Pewsheet Service Details and Notices

First Sunday of Christmas Sunday 27 December 2015

Services in the Team today:

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

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

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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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8:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Parish Communion*

The Order of Service is contained in the separate Service Book.

Opening Hymn*



- What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
 this, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds worship and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him praise, the babe, the son of Mary.
- Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
 Come, have no fear, God's Son is here, his love all loves exceeding: nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail, the Saviour comes, the babe, the Son of Mary.

 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, all tongues and peoples own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let every heart enthrone him: raise, raise your song on high while Mary sings a lullaby, joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1989) and Compilers of New English Hymnal, 1986 Music: Greensleeves, English traditional melody, arranged by John Stainer (1840-1901) from Christmas Carols New and Old 1871 © Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd (Ancient & Modern – 88)

Gloria in Excelsis*



 Glory be to God in heaven, peace to all throughout the world.
 Thanks and praise to God our Father, love in action is unfurled.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo Gloria in excelsis Deo Jesus Christ is born among us, Son of God light of the world.
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Love in action is unfurled.

 Here on earth Christ's life he gave us; living, dying, ris'n on high.
 God we praise your gen'rous spirit. All our needs you full supply

Words: Rachel Firth (b 1973) Music: Iris, French traditional carol, harmonised by Martin Shaw (1875-1958) – AM 59

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Second Reading – Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gradual Hymn*



- I. 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);
- ʻglad tidings of great joy l 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 glorybe to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease.'

Words: based on Luke 2.1-20, Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

Music: Winchester Old, ascribed to George Kirbye (c1565-1634) in Thomas Este's The whole booke of psalms 1592, possible derived from Christopher Tye's The Actes of the Apostles 1553 (Ancient & Modern– 89)

Gospel – Luke 2.41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. Then the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Offertory Hymn*



 See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see, the Lamb of God appears, promised from eternal years!

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem!

 Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies, he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim! 3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what your joyful news today; wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountairi steep?

- 4. 'As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light; angels, singing "Peace on earth," told us of a Saviour's birth.'
- 5. Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine, thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!

Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878) Music: Humility (Oxford), John Goss (1800-1880) (Ancient & Modern – 83)

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn*



I. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness

and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: Antioch, W Holford's Voce di Melodia c1834, arr Lowell Mason (1792-1872) (Ancient & Modern – 72)

Today

TEAM SERVICES

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

This Week

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

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY

6:00pm – WORD, WORSHIP & RESPONSE

St Peter & St Paul Langham

Celebrate Epiphany and respond to God's word in prayer and contemporary music. All welcome, refreshments afterwards.

Looking Ahead

SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

10:00am-12:00pm – COFFEE MORNING The Roost, Water Lane, Ashwell

Bring and Buy stall and Raffle. All proceeds to St Mary's Church. All are very welcome. Contact Joy (01572 759204) for more details.

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

I: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.

SATURDAY 23 JANUARY

8:30am – PRAYER BREAKFAST Victoria Hall, Oakham Welcoming the Stranger – with Andy Worthington, Director of Church Relations at Open Doors. Arranged by Churches Together in Oakham & District. Tickets (£3) are available from Patrick Wilson (01572 723288 or pcw@macace.net), and numbers are needed by Monday 18 January.

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY

4:00pm – SING SUNDAY

All Saints Braunston

An informal gathering to sing hymns and songs old and new, and put them into practice in a short service. A chance to worship God through music in a variety of styles, and to learn some new material. Everyone is welcome from across the whole Team, and there will be refreshments afterwards.

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

11:00pm – TEAM COMMUNION FOR CANDLEMAS

St Andrew Whissendine

There will also be 8:00am Communion and 3:00pm Baptism at Oakham, and 6:00pm Evensong at Brooke, but no other services in the Team.

Please pray for

- The family and friends of **Julia Stokes**, whose funeral took place at Langham on Friday 11 December;
- The family and friends of **Winifred Ethel Thornley**, of Langham, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Thursday 17 December;

- The family and friends of **Joan Vera Cramp**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Tuesday;
- The family and friends of **Anna Miller**, of Oakham, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Wednesday;
- The family and friends of **Molly** Jenkins, of Whissendine whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Tuesday;
- The family and friends of **Valerie Hood**, late of Whissendine whose funeral will take place at Grantham Crematorium on Friday 15 January;
- 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.

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.

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.



LENT 2016 The Psalms Prayers for today's church

An ecumenical course in five sessions written by 8ishop Stephen Cottrell, comprising course booklet, CD and transcript, ideal for Lent, yet not Lent-specific.

The ancient poems we call Psalms are over 2000 years old. They were written

in very different times from our own when human's could travel at the speed of a camel - not at the speed of sound. But these songs have stood the test of time for they address many of the problems we still face: violence, injustice, anger - and bewilderment. Why do the wicked prosper? Where is God when we suffer? In this 5-session course, Biahop Stephen Cottrell - a prolific and popular author - reflects on the pailms in general (and five pailms in particular). He invites us to join him as he does so.

Five Sessions:

Session 1	Paalm 100	Know that the Lord is God	
Session 2	Pseim 130	Out of the depths have I cried	
Session 3	Psalm 13	Haw long, O Lord?	
Session 4	Psalm 23	You upread a table before me	
Seution 5	Psalm 127	Unless the Lord builds the house	

The participants on the course CD are Dominican Friar Fy Timothy Radcliffe Revol John Bell of the Jona Community

Revel Probendary Rose-Hudson Wilkin, Chepisin to the Speaker of the House of Commons

Revel Dr Jane Leach, the Principal of Wasley House

If you are interested in joining a Lent Course group, please sign up on the sheet in your church as soon as possible and take a leaflet about the course. The courses will begin on the week beginning Monday 15 February



An informal gathering to SING HYMNS and SONGS old and new, put them into practice in a short service. Refreshments afterwards Everybody welcome!

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday 23rd January, 2016 8.30 am, at The Victoria Hall

Welcoming the Stranger



Andy Worthington, Director of Church Relations, at **Open Doors** Tickets: £3.00 Available from: Patrick Wilson (01572 723288 or pcw@macace.net)

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/6/13 Jan 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 28 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
Tuesday 29 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham NO Communion at Oakham	4:00 Evening Prayer Oakham
Wednesday 30 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham 5:30 Meditation J&A
Thursday 31 Dec	NO Communion at Oakham	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham
Friday I Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham NO Communion at Oakham	4:30 Evening Prayer Oakham

Services Next Sunday 3 January (The Epiphany)

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	6:00 Evensong
	10:30 Parish Communion	
Whissendine	11:00 Holy Communion	
Teigh	9:00 Matins	
Market Overton	9:00 Holy Communion	
Ashwell		4:00 Evensong
Langham		6:00 WWR
Braunston	11:00 Holy Communion	
Brooke		6:00 Evensong
Hambleton		
Egleton	9:15 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	

Next Sunday's Readings

The Epiphany: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12