

Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 22 January 2017

Services in the Team today:

Oakham	8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad)
	10:30am Parish Communion*
	6:00pm Joint Service <i>at Oakham Baptist Church</i>
Whissendine	11:00am Holy Communion*
Teigh	9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Ashwell	11:00am Holy Communion*
Market Overton	9:00am Holy Communion*
Langham	11:00am Holy Communion*
Braunston	4:00pm Sing Sunday
Brooke	8:00am Holy Communion*
Hambleton	No service
Egleton	No service

*Common Worship (Contemporary)

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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4:00pm Sing Sunday

¶ *We Gather for Worship*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Hymn



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people;
light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Words: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957) Music: *Christ Be Our Light*, Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)
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¶ We Say Sorry to God

Prayer of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

¶ We Hear the Word of God

Reading – Matthew 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn



1. Christ is the world's light, he and none other:
born in our darkness, he became our brother;
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.
2. Christ is the world's peace, he and none other:
no one can serve him and despise a brother;
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.
3. Christ is the world's life, he and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.

4. Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother;
Glory to God on high.

Words Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, melody from *Paris Antiphoner 1681*, arr David Iliff (b 1939)
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¶ We Affirm our Faith

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

Hymn



1. In a world where people walk in darkness,
let us turn our faces to the light,
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,
to the daystar scattering our night.

*For the light is stronger than the darkness
and the day will overcome the night,
though the shadows linger all around us,
let us turn our faces to the light.*

2. In a world where suffering of the helpless
casts a shadow all along the way,
let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness
and proclaim the dawning of the day.

3. Let us light a candle in the darkness,
in the face of death a sign of life;
as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless,
as a sign of peace in place of strife.

Words: Robert Willis (b 1947)
Music: Let Us Light A Candle, Richard Shephard (b 1949)
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¶ We Pray to God

Prayers of Intercession

Let us worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son:
Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ:
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Father, protect in your love our neighbours,
our families and this community of which we are a part.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in fellowship with the shepherds,
the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph
and all the faithful departed,
we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:



1 Father God in heaven, Lord most high:
hear your children's prayer, Lord most high:
hallowed be your name, Lord most high
O Lord, hear our prayer.

2 May your kingdom come here on earth;
may your will be done here on earth,
as it is in heaven so on earth
O Lord, hear our prayer.

3 Give us daily bread day by day,
and forgive our sins day by day,
as we too forgive day by day
O Lord, hear our prayer.

4 Lead us in your way, make us strong;
when temptations come make us strong;
save us from all sin, keep us strong
O Lord, hear our prayer.

5 All things come from you, all are yours
kingdom, glory, power, all are yours;
take our lives and gifts, all are yours
O Lord, hear our prayer

Words: from the Lord's Prayer, James Edward Seddon (1915 - 1983)

Music: Kum Ba Yah, trad melody, arr David Peacock (b 1949)

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(*Hymns for Today's Church* – 358)

¶ The Conclusion

Concluding Sentences

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

He has come to his people and set them free.

Light has sprung up for the righteous

and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.

Glory to God in the highest

and peace to his people on earth.

Hymn



1. In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth,
Alleluia!

2. Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!

3. All who now in him believe,
Alleluia,
everlasting life receive,
Alleluia;
born of God and in his care,
Alleluia,
we his name and nature share,
Alleluia!

4. Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years,
Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!

*Words: based on John 1.1-14, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)
Music: Redland, Malcolm Archer (b 1952) (A&M 359) (Ancient & Modern – 101)*

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead us in our pilgrimage to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God who has brought us out of darkness
give us a place with the saints in light
in the kingdom of his Son.

Amen.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in our hearts and transform our lives,
to bring his light to others.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Hymn



We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God . . .

We are moving in the pow'r of God . . .

*Words & Music: Traditional African
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Today

4:00pm – **SING SUNDAY**

All Saints Braunston

Sing Sunday returns for the new year – hymns and songs, well-known and new, in the context of a simple act of worship.

6:00pm – **UNITED SERVICE**

Oakham Baptist Church

Churches Together in Oakham and District celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This Week

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

10:30am – **BIBLE STUDY**

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

We continue our study of Joshua. New folk are very welcome. Phone 01572 770429 for more information.

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Imogen Fell *piano*

Debussy Préludes (selections)

7:30pm – **OAKHAM PCC**

Mayhew Room, All Saints Oakham

7:30pm – **HOME GROUP**

19 Ashwell Road, Oakham

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

10:30am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**

The Sun Inn, Cottesmore

Initially meet at the pub at 10:00am to pre-order lunch, then motor to Exton

for a 5 mile walk around Exton Park. Return to the Sun Inn for lunch. Anyone wishing to walk but not stay for lunch meet around the green at Exton ready for a 10:30am start. New walkers always welcome. Group contact Dennis Corton on 01572 722272.

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

10:00am-2:00pm – **DISCOVERY DAY**

Oakham Methodist Church

10:00am Coffee, Lunch at 1:00pm.

Information provided by Christian women of Philippines will be available. Cost £5 - to reserve lunch contact Christine Carlin (01572 722698) by 23 January.

7:30pm – **RUTLAND THREE ARTS**

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Owen Lewellen: 'Highlights of Two Holidays in Sri Lanka.' £3 non-members.

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

8:00am – **HOLY COMMUNION**

All Saints Oakham

11:00am – **TEAM HOLY COMMUNION**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

A celebration of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

(Candlemas) for the whole Team.

Preacher – Revd Canon Miles Baker, Director of Mission for the Diocese of Peterborough.

6:00am – **JOINT EVENING WORSHIP**

Oakham Methodist Church

Visiting Preacher

NO OTHER SERVICES IN THE TEAM

Looking Ahead

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Emma Farmer *cello*

Grieg 'Cello Sonata in A minor Op 36
(movts 1 & 2)

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

7:30pm – **RUTLAND THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Oakham Methodist Church

The changing images of Christ in paintings. Speaker: Canon Philip Spence, Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral. Philip's art career has run alongside his church ministry both in the Methodist Church and the Church of England. A student at Stoke-on-Trent College of Art, his first job was as a figure painter with Royal Doulton Potteries. Over the years he has concentrated on cartoon drawing and illustrating books and magazines. More recently he has lectured on art and artists. This lecture will look at how the images of Christ have changed and developed over the centuries, and the part art has played in the life and mission of the Church. non-members welcome, £4.

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

John Dobson *piano*

A Composer's Life – The first of four Friday February concerts with the four piano sonatas of **Carl Maria**

von Weber, each preceded by a piece from **Franz Liszt's** *Années de pèlerinage*.

Franz Liszt *Chapelle de Guillaume Tell* from *Années de pèlerinage: Suisse*

Carl Maria von Weber *Sonata No 1* in C major Op 24

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

12:30pm – **HENRIK IBSEN – A DOLLS HOUSE – Launde Abbey**

The second of three Literature Lectures & Lunch with Dr Jane Mackay. The lecture lasts about one hour. Cost £20, including lunch. Details from 01572 717254 or info@launde.org.uk.

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

6:00pm – **ENCOUNTERING GOD IN HOLY PLACES**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

The first in a series of six talks in which local author Raymond Tomkinson draws on the Church's rich heritage in Christian spirituality to explore different aspects of encountering God as the source of grace for deeper engagement with God and with the world around us. Set within the service of **Word, Worship & Response**.

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

3:30pm – **HIGH SHERIFF'S RUTLAND SERVICE**

Peterborough Cathedral

The High Sheriff will be hosting a service on Sunday 26th February at 3.30pm in Peterborough Cathedral to

celebrate the county of Rutland. Tea, fizz and cake will be served after the service. Dr Furness is determined to fill the cathedral and the invitation is open to all. The Lord Lieutenant, Dr Laurence Howard, and the Rutland Sheriff from Vermont USA, Sheriff Stephen Bernard, will be in attendance. Details to follow but please keep this date free.

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

7:00pm – **FRIENDS' SHROVETIDE PARTY**

All Saints Church Hall, Oakham

Cost £5. Usual format, good company, Gordon's quiz, good food. Sign-up sheet in church on the table.

Please note that it is on the Monday rather than Shrove Tuesday itself.

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

FRIENDS' OF ALL SAINTS OAKHAM AGM

All Saints Oakham

We will be looking to add active committee members. Contact Beryl Kirtland (01572 724103 or beryl.kirtland@oakhamteam.org.uk).

SUNDAY 2 APRIL

7:30pm – **SONGS OF PRAISE**

All Saints Oakham

In celebration of 20 years of Rutland's regained independent status on 1 April 1997, we will be screening the episode of Songs of Praise that was broadcast by the BBC from Oakham in 1997. Come and see some familiar

faces looking a little younger! Followed by refreshments.

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL

7:30pm – **COME AND SING STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION**

St Peter Empingham

All are invited to come and sing this much-loved work. As there will only be one rehearsal (4:30pm tbc), singers will need to be familiar with the music beforehand. Some copies will be available to borrow, but please bring your own if you have one. Singers are asked to make a donation (suggested £2 each), to help cover the cost of expenses. Conducted by Jane McKee, with Andrew Reid, organ. Members of the congregation are also encouraged to come and support this act of devotion in Holy Week. Retiring collection. For further details, contact Jane McKee (janemckee21@gmail.com or 01780 762398).

Please pray for

- For the rescue of all those still trapped in Aleppo and Mosul;
- For the refugees that they may find safe refuge and a new life, and for all whose lives are torn apart by war and violence, especially the children;
- For Donald Trump and the people of America;
- For those trapped under extremist regimes and the hostages held by religious extremists and their families and friends, especially remembering the Nigerian girls;

- 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 Rutland Food Bank;
- The Drop-in Centre;
- Justin and John our Archbishops and Donald and John, our Bishops;
- Lee, Janet, Julie & Owen, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

Friends of All Saints

The Friends of All Saints Church URGENTLY need a Treasurer. The accounts are well organised on a spreadsheet to date. Can someone please look after uncomplicated finances of the group? Contact Beryl Kirtland (01572 724103 or beryl.kirtland@oakhamteam.org.uk). Please also see the diary entries for forthcoming events – Shrovetide Party (27 February), AGM (26 March) and Songs of Praise 1997 (2 April).

Traidcraft Extra Date

The stall will be at Langham after the 11:00am Candlemas service on 29th January. The dates for February at All Saints Oakham are 5th and 19th after the 10:30 service. Denise.

Fundraising 1912 style

Richard Adams has passed on a copy of a brochure for a three-day bazaar held in the Victoria Hall in December

1912 to raise funds for All Saints Oakham. A packed programme included musical recitals, dramatic productions, sideshows and competitions (including Hat Trimming for Gentlemen, Nail Driving for Ladies, Candle Lighting with one match and Memory Test). The aim was to raise £600, primarily needed (a little ironically perhaps) to replace the church heating system! Have a look at the website if you'd like to see more...

Foodbank Update

A massive thank you to all who made contributions, sponsored hampers, packed hampers and volunteered in any capacity over the festive period. 170 hampers were assembled conveyor belt style in record time at the Oakham food bank then handed out to voucher holders at both Uppingham and Oakham along with drinks and seasonal food. 19 families including 50 children from local schools were given packs to help them with the additional costs of the holidays. The food bank itself was busy too so all in all a real feeling of making a real difference to people who otherwise would have struggled. **The Foodbank is currently short of the following items – long-life fruit juice, packets of Smash, sponge puddings and long-life milk.** We have plenty of porridge oats at the moment.

Lent Course 2017

This year's Lent Course, organised by Churches Together in Oakham and District, looks at Receiving Christ in different ways. Please see the poster for full details, and sign up by Sunday 19 February.

Encountering God

A series of six talks in which local author Raymond Tomkinson draws on the Church's rich heritage in Christian spirituality to explore different aspects of encountering God as the source of grace for deeper engagement with God and with the world around us. Set within the service of Word, Worship & Response.

Traidcraft Christmas Sales

The total for sales from the Christmas catalogue amounted to a wonderful £911.32, **Thank you** so much to everyone who, once again, has contributed to this figure. As ever your purchase, however large or small, does make such a difference to the lives of the producers. The stall will be after the 10:30am services at Oakham today. Denise.

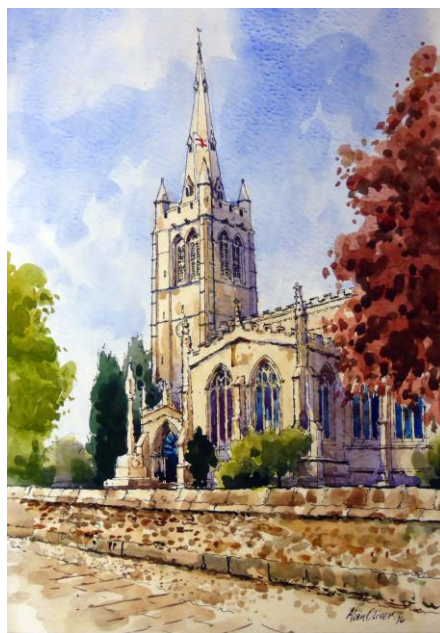
Langham Lunches

These are no longer taking place at the Wheatsheaf, but on the 3rd Tuesdays for the next 6 months (21st February being the next date) the lunches will be in the Village Hall.

Two courses £7.50, 12:30 start.
Booking essential via Val on 756202 or Susan on 723532.

All Saints Oakham Cards

The Friends of All Saints Oakham are pleased to be able to offer for sale cards featuring Alan Oliver's new painting of the church (below). They are available by the South Door, or from Friends committee members, either in notelet size (£4 for a pack of 4), or larger greeting card size (£2 each). They are suitable for all sorts of occasions (the inside being blank), and proceeds will go to church funds.



CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN OAKHAM AND DISTRICT

Celebrate
THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



A UNITED SERVICE
Will be held at **6.00 pm**
on
SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY
at
OAKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH



Women's World Day of Prayer
invite you to a



DISCOVERY DAY

Am I Being Unfair to You
Prepared by Christian Women of the Philippines

Oakham Methodist Church
Northgate, Oakham
on
Friday 27 January 2017
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

To reserve lunch or for more information please
telephone Christine Carlin on 01572 722698
£5 including lunch & drinks
RSVP by Monday 23 January 2017



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)



8:00am Holy Communion
All Saints Oakham
11:00am Team Communion
St Peter & St Paul Langham
6:00pm Joint Evening Service
Oakham Methodist Church
Sunday 29th January



All Saints' Church Oakham

A Composer's Life

The Four Piano Sonatas of *Carl Maria von Weber*

Bring Sunshine into Dark February Days



Each Sonata will be
preceded by a piece
from **Franz Liszt's**
Années de pèlerinage

Performed by
John Dobson
piano

Admission Free
Retiring Collection
for Church Funds

Four Fridays in February at 1:30pm
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th



22 January
Sing Sunday Returns!



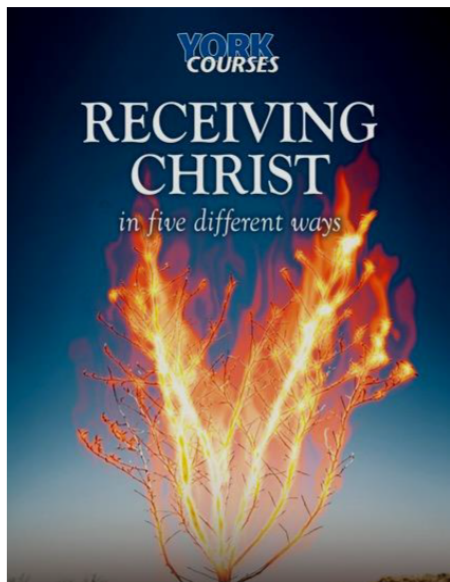
Braunston Church
4pm onwards

*An informal gathering to
SING HYMNS and SONGS old and new
A chance to worship God through music in
a variety of styles and to learn some new
material.*



*Everyone is welcome.
Refreshments afterwards*

Churches Together in Oakham and District
Lent Course 2017
RECEIVING CHRIST in 5 different ways
Written by Canon John Young



'To all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God.' (John 1.12.)

This raises big questions:
Aren't we all children of God anyway?
Just how can we receive Christ?
What does it mean to have 'a relationship with God'?

In a course crammed with discussable questions, John Young teases out from the New Testament at least three different ways in which we receive Christ. John's course booklet is supplemented by four leading Christians, from a variety of backgrounds, on the course CD. Together they demonstrate that St John's theology in his magisterial Gospel has very practical implications for our day-to-day lives.

- Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God**
- Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy**
- Session 3: Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion**
- Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship**
- Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27)**

The participants on the course CD are:

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Margaret Sentamu

Revd Dr Ken Howcroft, former President of Methodist Conference

Theodora Hawksley, RC Sister and Theologian

If you would like to participate in this year's Lent Course, please sign up on the sheet in your church by **Sunday 19th February at the very latest.**

The courses will start in the week beginning **Monday 6th March.**

Encountering God...

Local author Raymond Tomkinson draws on the Church's rich heritage in Christian spirituality to explore different aspects of *Encountering God* as the source of grace for deeper engagement with God and with the world around us.

5 February – **Encountering God in Holy Places**

5 March – **Encountering God in Everyday Life**

2 April – **Encountering God in Music**

7 May – **Encountering God in Holy Scripture**

4 June – **Encountering God in Creation**

2 July – **Encountering God in Visual Images**

Raymond recently retired as chaplain, spiritual director and teacher in Christian spirituality at Ripon College Cuddesdon, an Anglican theological college and seminary near Oxford.

He has a background in monastic life, in nursing and as a parish priest. He has lived in Oakham with his wife Rose for the past ten years and near to their daughter, son-in-law and their two grandsons.

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Word, Worship & Response

St Peter & St Paul Langham

First Sunday of the month at 6:00pm

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 (age 4-11)
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 12/13)
Second/Fourth Sundays 10:30am
Oakham School Bowes Room

ASK (All Saints Kids – aged 14-16)
Second/Fourth Sundays 10:30am
Mayhew Room/OS Bowes Room

HOME GROUPS

Leader: Catriona Drye (770429)
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:30am
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: Michael Hinman (722061) &
Monica Compton (755734)
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30pm **Oakham**

Leader: Alan & Gail Rudge (755570)
Mondays fortnightly 7:30pm
34 Church Street, Braunston

Leader: Jo Gluning (767235) &
Janet Tebby (01664 474096)
Tuesdays fortnightly 2:30pm
20 Berrybushes, Market Overton

St Andrew's House Group – Leaders:
Revd Chris Bamber (01664 474360),
Jane Beynon (474882) & **Jeff Eaves**
(474454). Tuesdays fortnightly 11:00am
Whissendine (phone for venue)

CHOIR

Laudamus Joint Choir Practice
Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm
Whissendine Church

Langham Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays
12:00-1:00pm **Langham Church**

Market Overton Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays
5:45-6:30pm **Market Overton Church**

BELL RINGING

Oakham Bells Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm
Langham/Braunston/Brooke Bells
Wed 7:30pm 25 Jan/1/8 Feb

Whissendine Bells as announced

MOTHERS' UNION

Oakham & Braunston 2nd Thursday
2:15pm **Oakham Church Hall**;
Corporate Communion 3rd Wednesday
10:00am **Chapel of St John & St Anne**

OTHER GROUPS

Drop-In Centre Tea, coffee, chat &
lunch Wednesdays 10:00am-4:00pm
Oakham Congregational Church

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 Prayer requests can be
made in strictest confidence to **Mary**
Willows (01572 756264) who will then
inform the chain.

Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 23 Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	2:00 Pram & Toddler Oakham
<i>Tuesday</i> 24 Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	
<i>Wednesday</i> 25 Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A 11:00 Holy Communion Ashwell*	12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg Cong Ch 5:30 Meditation J&A
<i>Thursday</i> 26 Jan	9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham 10:30 Little Angels Market Overton	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham
<i>Friday</i> 27 Jan	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 BCP Communion Oakham	

*The Croft, Cottesmore Road, Ashwell

Services Next Sunday – 29 January (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	6:00 Joint Service at Oakham Methodist Church
<i>Langham</i>	11:00 TEAM HOLY COMMUNION	

No other services in the Team

Next Sunday's Readings

The Presentation of Christ: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40