

Weekly Pewsheet Service Details and Notices

Christ the King Sunday 26 November 2017

Services in the Team today:			
Oakham 8:00	10:30am Parish Communion*		
Whissendine	6:00pm Evensong 11:00am Morning Prayer		
Teigh	No service		
Ashwell	10:30am Holy Communion*		
Market Overton 9:00am Extended Communion*			
Langham	11:00am Holy Communion*		
Braunston	No service		
Brooke	8:00am Holy Communion* 1:00pm Holy Baptism		
Hambleton	9:15am Extended Communion*		
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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Oakham All Saints

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

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



- I. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
- Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth: 3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!

death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:

4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!

sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:

 So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long.
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

> Words: Michael Saward (b 1932) Music: Guiting Power, John Barnard (b 1948) © Michael Saward/Jubilate Hymns (Ancient & Modern – 612)

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Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1.15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gradual Hymn*



 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets; no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.

Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

- 2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
- Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too. In the kingdom's causes let me rage with you.
- 3. Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets; curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
- Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too. Let my care be active, healing, just like you.
- 4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets, where each sign of hatred, he with love defeats.
- Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too. Where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.
- 5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets, 'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.' Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.

Walk one step before me, I will follow you.

Words: John L. Bell (b 1949) and Graham Maule (b 1958) Music: Noel Nouvelet, trad French melody © 1988 WGRG (Ancient & Modern – 563)

Gospel – Matthew 25.31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these will be as you did not do it to one of the least of these will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'



- The love of God comes close where stands an open door to let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor.
- The love of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk his way.

2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm, foregoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God ...

 The joy of God comes close where faith encounters fears, where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears.

The joy of God ...

 The grace of God comes close to those who grace is spent, when hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.

The grace of God ...

5. The Son of God comes close where people praise his name, where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.

The Son of God ...

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Communion Hymns*



 Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.

- 2. Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way;
- so, with thee beside me,
 - I shall never stray.

 Daily bring me nearer to the heav'nly shore; may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.

4. Hallow ev'ry pleasure, ev'ry gift and pain;be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.

 Day by day prepare me as thou seest best, then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

> Words: Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896) Music: Pastor Pastorum, Friedrich Silcher (1789-1860) (Anglican Hymns Old & New – 166)



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

> Words: Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé (Ancient & Modern – 838)

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn*



 Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake! God's saving news to all the nations take; proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king, that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

- 2. Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all; he will in grace respond to all who call: how shall they call if they have never heard the gracious invitation of his word?
- Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide: share God's good gifts let no one be denied; live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose, your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.
- 4. Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise! go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
- go till all nations his great name adore and serve him, Lord and king for evermore

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6:00pm Evensong

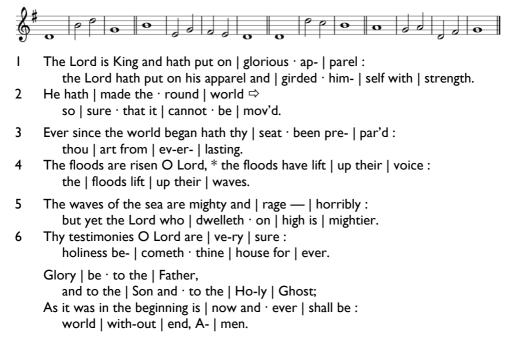
The Order of Service is contained in the separate Service Book, and the hymns are taken from New English Hymnal.

Opening Hymn

332 - All hail the power of Jesu's name

Psalm 93 dominus regnavit

T A Walmisley



First Lesson – 2 Samuel 23.1-7

Office Hymn

345 - Christ is the King! O friends rejoice

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis – Set 2

Second Lesson – Matthew 28.16-20

Hymn after the Prayers

499 - Thy kingdom come, O God

Hymn after the Sermon

352 – Crown him with many crowns

This Week

Monday 27 November

7:00pm – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Please see the website for full details.

7:00pm – PILGRIM COURSE

2 Wensum Close, Oakham

Taster session. See separate notice below for more details.

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

10:00am – **BIBLE STUDY**

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

Enquiries to Catriona Drye (01572 770429). New members are welcome.

12:30pm – LANGHAM CHURCH LUNCH – 4 Melton Road, Langham

Lunch, in aid of Crisis at Christmas. Cost £7.50. More places will be available than usual, but booking is essential via Margaret (01572 770234).

1:30pm & 7:00pm – MAPPING ADVENT

20 Northgate, Oakham

Watching and Waiting. See separate notice or website for full details.

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME All Saints Oakham Lizzie Beamish trumpet Oliver Brunt trombone W A Mozart Alleluia Anderson A Trumpeter's Lullaby and works by J S Bach and Christopher Mowat

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

II:00am – CONSECRATION OF BISHOP OF LOUGHBOROUGH Canterbury Cathedral

Consecration of Revd Canon Guli Francis-Dehqani. Coach travel will cost approximately £22, collecting from All Saints Oakham at 6:00am, then from the Co-op store. **Please note the earlier time.** The ceremony is at 11:00am and the return is at 3:00pm, giving time to eat and explore. **Please contact Janine or Sue in the office for more information and for payment (cheque or online please). The coach is full but there is a waiting list.**

6:15pm – ABBEY ADVENT ADVENTURES Launde Abbey

See separate notice or website for details.

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

10:30am-2:30pm – MARKET OVERTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Market Overton Bowls Club

Join us for lots of festive fun, including raffle, refreshments, stalls, tombola and a visit from Father Christmas. Donations for tombola and raffle prizes will be gratefully received – please contact Sarah Bateman (01572 768275, 07799 334455 or sarah.bateman@oakhamteam.org.uk).

7:30pm – ADVENT LIGHT All Saints Oakham

Rutland Choral Society present music for choir and audience, including lots of joyful carols.

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

6:00pm – ADVENT CAROL SERVICE All Saints Oakham

Come and join us for this special celebration of the start of Advent. This will be the only Team evening service of the day, but there will be normal morning services.

Looking Ahead

Monday 4 December

7:00pm – TEAM CHURCHWARDENS MEETING – St Andrew Whissendine

Meeting to discuss the allocation of the Parish Share.

7:30pm – NSPCC CHRISTMAS CONCERT – All Saints Oakham

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

3:30pm - RUTLAND REMINDERS

Brambles, Rutland Care Village

Singing sessions for people with dementia. 07779 413889 or rutlandreminders.org.uk for details. Today is the Christmas Party.

7:00pm – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Please see the website for more details.

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

10:00am – WELCOME MORNING & HOLY COMMUNION

Chapel of St John & St Anne

On St Nicholas Day we are holding a Welcome Morning: an opportunity to

sample the regular Wednesday service, and then coffee and St Nicholas biscuits. Please see separate notice below for more details.

1:30pm & 7:00pm – MAPPING ADVENT

20 Northgate, Oakham

Preparing a Place. See separate notice or website for full details.

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME All Saints Oakham Pianists Rodney Bennett Partridge Pie

8:00pm – **Abbey Advent** Adventures – Launde Abbey

See separate notice for details.

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

10:00am-12:00pm – CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The Old Rectory, Brooke

Coffee and mince pie \pounds 2.50. Bring and buy, raffle, crafts, cakes, cards, jams and preserves. All proceeds tp St Peter's Church Brooke.

10:00am-12:00pm – OPEN HOUSE Home of Norah & Ken Forrest, 4 Stud Road, Oakham

All are welcome to call in for tea or coffee and a friendly chat. Due to road works, please use the bypass and turn into Lands End Way at the M&S petrol station, then second right into Maresfield Road, and left to 4 Stud Road.

2:15pm – MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS MEETING

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Holy Communion and a talk given by Revd Canon Guli Francis-Dehqani after her consecration as Bishop of Loughborough. All are very welcome. Please note that the meeting is today rather than 14th December.

7:30pm – RUTLAND THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Oakham Methodist Church

The Kingdom of God and The Big Bang Theory (TV version): Explorations in Theology and Popular Culture. Speaker: Professor Clive Marsh, Director of Lifelong Learning, University of Leicester. The talk will explore ways in which theological ideas and concepts interweave with what crops up in everyday life – in the form of the products of media, culture and the arts, and the practices (of watching, viewing and listening) associated with them. Is there such a thing as 'theology in public'? Whether there is or not, what happens to religious believers who 'consume' such things? How does explicit religiosity relate to everyday 'meaning-making'? And what of those who are not religious who also watch TV. listen to music and play sport? Clive is Head of the Vaughan Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of Leicester, and a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church. For further information visit www.rutlandtheologicalsociety.co.uk. Non-members £4.

7:30pm – CINEMA FOR RUTLAND Rutland County Museum

Their Finest. Tickets £5 from Oakham Wines, wegottickets.com or on the door.

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

2:00pm – CHRISTINGLE MAKING

All Saints Oakham Mayhew Room

We make the Christingles for tomorrow's service. It really is fun and the more people we have the quicker it is done. People come back year after year to join in, and we generally have enough sweets for the odd snack. If you can help, please let Robin know (robin@oakhamteam.org.uk).

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

4:00pm – CHRISTINGLE All Saints Oakham

A wonderful occasion – please bring neighbours and friends to join us at this celebration. We make the Christingles the day before, on 09 December at 2pm, in the Mayhew Room in the Church. It really is fun and the more people we have the quicker it is done. People come back year after year to join in, and we generally have enough sweets for the odd snack. Please can you let me know if you would like to help?.

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

3:00-4:30pm – CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Come along and bring a friend. More details from Pam Wells (01572 755532). Please note that the Tea Parties will now take place in the Hall rather than in Church.

Please pray for

- Lucie Sophia Crosher, who will be baptised at Brooke today, and her parents Sarah & Jonathan;

 The victims of the terror attach in New York, and all who continue to suffer from the effects of violent attacks;

- The people of Spain;
- The situation with North Korea;

– The people facing severe famine in Nigeria, Somalia, Southern Sudan and Yemen;

- Peace in Syria;

- The refugees, especially those from Myanmar, 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;

- Give thanks for the release of some of the Nigerian girls, and pray for those still held captive;

- 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 Brexit negotiations, that they may be conducted with wisdom and fairness;

- The Rutland Food Bank;
- The Drop-in Centre;

– Justin and John our Archbishops and Donald and John, our Bishops;

 Lee, Julie, Iain & Charlotte, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team, especially Susan Osborne as she begins her work as a Lay Pastoral Minister;

- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

Mapping Advent

An invitation to reflect on Advent themes through art, poetry and music as well as Scripture, using the popular Mapping Advent material. Each session is a stand-alone, so please do just come to only one if that is all you can manage. The group will be led by Revd Charlotte Osborn and Ellie Dimou, and meet in Ellie's home, 20 Northgate, Oakham, LEI5 6QS, just opposite All Saints. Ellie asks if we can enter by the side gate and NOT ring the bell, so as not to disturb her landlady unnecessarily. There will be both an afternoon and an evening group, meeting on alternate Tuesday and Wednesdays as follows:

Tuesday 28th November 1:30pm and 7:00pm – Watching and Waiting Wednesday 6th December 1:30pm and 7:00pm – Preparing a Place

Tuesday 12th December 1:30pm and 7:00pm – The need for Change Wednesday 20th December

1:30pm and 7:00pm – **Saying Yes** All materials are provided, and it will not matter if you have looked at this last year, as there is much still to discover. Sessions will last for 90 minutes, and include tea/coffee. All are welcome to join as and when you are able.

Lead Theft

St Peter's Brooke has recently had about 20ft of lead guttering stolen, so please be aware and vigilant with regard to lead theft – it's obviously still happening.

Oakham Mission Giving

The annual meeting to determine how this year's Mission Giving from All Saints Oakham will be allocated takes place on Wednesday 13 December, and you are invited to let us know if you have a charity that you would like to be considered. Please speak to Lee, the churchwardens or Peter Hill, or directly to Michael Wilson (01572 720853 or

michael.wilson@oakhamteam.org.uk) or submit a suggestion via the website. We aim to achieve a balance between local, national and international charities.

Christmas is coming...

Oakham Late Night Shopping will be on Monday 11th December, and the church will be open as an oasis of calm amid the bustle of the rest of the town. If you are able to help serving mulled wine and mince pies, or can just be in church to meet people, please speak to Araminta Mathias.

Ecclesiastical Insurance

Ecclesiastical, who insure the church, are celebrating their 130th anniversary by offering a donation of \pounds 130 to the church for every new home insurance policy taken out before December 2018. If you think it would be worth getting a quote for your own house insurance, please see the website for more details.

Oakham Stewardship

We are pleased to report that the response to the recent stewardship campaign has been good, and that 74% of those responding have increased their giving, which will lead to about a $\pounds 15/16,000$ increase in planned giving for next year. Thank you to everyone who has responded positively to the scheme. If, however, you are one of those who have not responded, please be assured that it is not too late, and Gordon will be pleased to receive you completed pledge form.

Staffing News

Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson. We are pleased to announce that Julie has been appointed to a house-for-duty post at Harston in the High Framland Benefice, a rural benefice between Grantham and Melton Mowbray. She and Phillip will be moving at the end of January – details will be advised soon.

Revd Canon Lee Francis-

Dehqani. Lee, Guli and family will be moving to Leicester during February half-term as Guli takes up her post as Bishop of Loughborough, and Lee's farewell service will be a Team Communion at Oakham on Sunday 18th February at 10:30am.

Leaving Presents

The Oakham churchwardens are organising leaving presents for Lee and Guli, and if you would like to make a contribution you can do so directly to them, or via the village churchwardens.

Churches Together in Oakham and District

Foodbank. At the recent meeting, we were advised that the Rutland Foodbank needs more volunteers and contributions of both food and cash as the numbers of recipients increase following the changes to benefits.

Welcome Leaflet. The leaflets to welcome newcomers to Oakham with information about the churches. together with the Christmas Services leaflets and a small gift to hang on a Christmas tree, would be distributed to all the new housing in the town and particularly on Oakham Heights (now about 650 houses), by five teams each from one of the churches in the first week of December. **Our** share will be about 130 houses and we therefore need a team of volunteers to do this. With 10 people that will be just 13 houses each! Please speak to Kevin Slingsby or Patrick Wilson if you can help.

CTiO Breakfast. This will be on 20 January with a speaker from the Cinnamon Network and the occasion be used to promote the Lent Course.

Lent Course. Inter-church groups for this will use the York Course materials *On the Third Day* starting in the week beginning 18th February, with a united service on Palm Sunday, 25th March.

Pantomime

On 6 January 2018, we are going to the RATS (Rutland Arts Theatre

Company). They are putting on Snow White, at Brooke Priory School Theatre, in Station Road, Oakham, starting at 2.30pm. Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for children, the Church will pay £5 towards Sunday School, ASH or ASK pupils. Afterwards we shall have fish and chips together. Please can you let me know as soon as possible if you are interested, then I can get the tickets. If there is anyone else in the congregation who would also like to come, please let me know. Robin Robson (robin@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Traidcraft Fairtrade Christmas Catalogue

The Autumn catalogue is now out with all the usual wonderful range of Christmas cards, foods and present ideas. If you would like a copy please do get in touch (01572 722729 / 07981 639649 or fairtrade@oakhamteam.org.uk). Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support of Fairtrade. Denise.

St Nicholas Day – Welcome Morning and Holy Communion – 10:00am 6th December

Every Wednesday at 10:00am there is a celebration of Holy Communion in the **Chapel of the St John and St Anne's almshouse charity, in St Anne's Close, Oakham**. This offers a warm, simple celebration of the Eucharist: short, with no hymns or sermon, and the chapel has toilet facilities. There is also an opportunity for a chat afterwards in the almshouse lounge. Why not add this to your weekly routine? It could combine with a trip to the market, for you or a carer. On St Nicholas Day (Wednesday 6th December) we are holding a Welcome Morning: an opportunity to sample the service, and then coffee and St Nicholas biscuits. Please come. On **Wednesday 20 December** the service will be the **Carol Service**, including the dedication of the new organ.

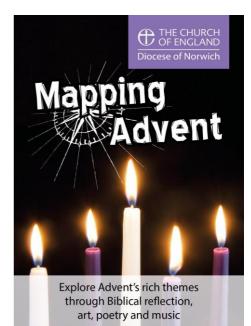
Pilgrim Course

This is a series in Christian discipleship produced by the Church of England, commended in The Times as a skilful blend of ancient and modern. There will be a taster session tomorrow evening, Monday 27th November, 7:00-8:30pm, at 2 Wensum Close, Oakham, prior to assessing how much interest there might be for running a whole course of six weeks in the new year. All welcome, no need to have been to the introductory presentation. If you have any questions about the course meanwhile, please address them to Charlotte (01572 724198 or charlotte@oakhamteam.org.uk or), or go to the website:

http://www.pilgrimcourse.org.

Rutland Foodbank Christmas Hampers

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. The hampers will include mince pies, Christmas puddings, chocolates and even family games. We are still in need of more cash donations. £20 will sponsor one hamper but any amount is welcome – cheques made payable to 'Rutland Foodbank'. Donations can be made to the Team Office at Oakham, or via team ministers in the villages, by 7 December if possible.







Abbey Advent Adventures

Launde Abbey is hosting a series of three advent themed evenings and everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the three evenings:







Thursday 30 November, 6.15pm

Exploring Compassion & Friendship with Rev Helen Newman followed by optional 7.30 pm Launde Food Night with dishes from around the world (£16 per head for 2 courses, advanced booking for meal essential on 01572 717254)

Wednesday 6 December, 8pm

Candlelit prayer and scripture, song and silence with Emily Walker inspired by the multicultural, monastic Taizé community in France followed by hot chocolate and cake

Thursday 14 December, 7.30pm

Exploring Listening and Hoping with Rev David Newman followed by seasonal refreshments

> Contacts for further information Rev Alison Booker 0116 259 6321 Sue Sills 01664 454584 Miriam Stoate 0116 259 7609

Regular Groups & Activities

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

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 5-11) Sundays 10:30am (except 3rd) Oakham Church Hall

Fishes Club (up to age 10) Sundays 11:00am (except 2nd) Whissendine Church

ASH&ASK (All Saints Hub/Kids – aged 11-16) Second/Fourth Sundays 10:30am in term time Oakham School Bowes Room

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: 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 St Andrew's House Group - Leaders: **Revd Chris Bamber** (01664 474360), Jane Beynon (474882) & Catherine Wilson (474556). 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 11:00am-12:00pm Langham Church

Bell Ringing

Oakham Bells Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm Langham/Braunston/Brooke Bells Wed 7:30pm 6/13 Dec/29 Nov

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

Monday 27 Nov	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	
Tuesday 28 Nov	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	
Wednesday 29 Nov	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A 11:00 Funeral of Richard Meadows Braunston	12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg Cong Ch 5:30 Meditation J&A
Thursday 30 Nov	9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham 10:30 Little Angels Market Overton	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham
Friday I Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 BCP Communion Oakham	

Services Next Sunday - 3 December (The First Sunday of Advent)

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30 Parish Communion	6:00 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
Whissendine	11:00 Holy Communion & Baptism	
Teigh	9:00 Matins	
Market Overton	9:00 Holy Communion	
Ashwell	10:30 Morning Worship	
Langham	9:00 Posada Workshop	
Braunston	11:00 Holy Communion	
Brooke		
Hambleton		
Egleton	9:15 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Advent: Psalm 80.1-7; Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37 Advent Carol Service: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-11; Exodus 3.1-12; Isaiah 2.2-4; Isaiah 42.5-9; Isaiah 9.2,6-7; Zechariah 9.9-10,16-17; Matthew 1.18-23