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Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading – Isaiah 64.1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1.3-9\*

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gradual 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.

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## Gospel – Mark 13.24-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

## Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Today

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.

# This Week

## 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](http://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

7:30pm – **HOME GROUP  
19 Ashwell Road, Oakham**

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 £2.50. Bring and buy, raffle, crafts, cakes, cards, jams and preserves. All proceeds to 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 followed by a Question and Answer session with 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](http://www.rutlandtheologicalsociety.co.uk). Non-members £4.

7:30pm – **CINEMA FOR RUTLAND**

**Rutland County Museum**

**Their Finest.** Tickets £5 from Oakham Wines, [wegottickets.com](http://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](mailto: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?.

## Looking Ahead

**TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

1:30pm & 7:00pm – **MAPPING  
ADVENT**

**20 Northgate, Oakham**

**The need for Change.** See separate notice or website for full details.

## **TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

2:00pm – **RUTLAND REMINDERS**

**Aberdeen House, 20 Stockerston Road, Uppingham LE15 9UD**

Singing sessions for people with dementia – Uppingham hub. 07779 41 3889 or rutlandreminders.org.uk for details.

## **WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

**All Saints Oakham**

**Catmose College Students**

## **THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER**

7:30pm – **ABBEY ADVENT**

**ADVENTURES**

**Launde Abbey**

See separate notice for details.

## **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**

2:00pm – **NATIVITY TABLEAU**

**REHEARSAL**

**All Saints Oakham**

Please see separate notice for details.

7:30pm – **SO MANY STARS**

**Oakham School Chapel**

Join **Chater Community Choir** for their 5th Anniversary Christmas Concert. This popular festive fixture promises the audience a good helping of Christmas cheer and angelic voices, provided by the children of Brooke Hill Academy, as well as spreading the glad tidings by raising money for *Young Minds*, the UK's leading charity championing the well-being and mental health of young people.

Performing some of their favourite seasonal classics and Christmas songs from concerts past, a mince pie or two, a glass of festive cheer and a few seasonal readings will certainly combine to get everyone in the mood for this special time of year. Tickets £5. For more details, please contact Tracy (01780 729006 or [tracy@chaterchoir.org.uk](mailto:tracy@chaterchoir.org.uk)).

7:30pm – **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

**St Mary Melton Mowbray**

Melton Mowbray Choral Society presents the first concert in the newly refurbished Church, including Handel's Messiah and favourites by John Rutter, John Williams, Philip Stopford and others. £10 on the door, or £9 in advance from Samworth Centre or 01664 850466.

## **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.**

3:30pm – **VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE**

**Langham Baptist Church**

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

**St Andrew Whissendine**

With the Team Choir Laudamus. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

6:00pm – **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**All Saints Braunston**



## SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

6:00pm – **CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**

*St Peter Brooke*

Join us for a service of favourite carols and readings, and afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.

## TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

6:30pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

*St Peter & St Paul Market Overton*

With the Team Choir Laudamus.

## WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

10:00am – **CAROL SERVICE**

*Chapel of St John & St Anne*

The new organ will also be dedicated at this service.

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

*Holy Trinity Teigh*

## THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **TOWN CAROL SERVICE**

*All Saints Oakham*

A carol service for the whole town. With the Team Choir Laudamus.

## SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

10:30am – **ADVENT 4 COMMUNION**

*All Saints Oakham*

The only morning service today.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICES

3:30pm – **JOURNEY TO JESUS**

*Braunston*

4:00pm – *Oakham, Whissendine, Ashwell*

6:00pm – *Langham, Market Overton*

## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

9:00pm – *Hambleton*

11:15pm – *Whissendine, Langham*

11:30pm – *Oakham*

## CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION

8:00am – *Oakham, Brooke*

9:00am – *Teigh, Market Overton*  
(both by extension)

9:15am – *Egleton* (by extension)

10:00am – *Oakham*

10:30am – *Ashwell* (by extension)

11:00am – *Braunston*

## Please pray for

– **Bea Bea Cox**, who will be baptised at Egleton today, and her parents **Fiona & Darren**;

– The family and friends of **Richard Meadows**, whose funeral took place at Braunston on Thursday;

– The family and friends of **Revd Brian Nicholls**, whose died recently, and whose funeral will take place at Oakham on Thursday 21 December at 11:30am;

– The children and young people killed in Leeds;

– The victims of the terror attacks and who continue to suffer from the effects of violence, especially the children;

– The situation with North Korea;

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

- Those returning to Iraq and those in Syria as they try to rebuild their lives and for the plight of the refugees from Myanmar;
- 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;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

## Hopes and Vision

We had a good gathering at the meeting last Saturday to start the process of focussing on our hopes for the future and our vision of where we should be heading under the leadership of a new Team Rector. Under the astute and encouraging leadership of Revd David Newman, Warden of Launde Abbey, we looked at our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and identified priorities for the future.

**More information is available on the website, and if you would like**

**to add to the discussion you can do so there, or directly to the churchwardens, Alison and Ann.**

## Oakham Autumn Sale

We are pleased to inform you that the Autumn Sale this year raised £2,315.22. Thank you to all who helped in any way whatsoever. It was a most enjoyable event which brought in the local community and put All Saints at the heart of a lovely Saturday in town. Elaine and Graham Peel. *Thank you also to Elaine & Graham for organising the event so efficiently in their first year in the role. They are keen to receive feedback from all helpers on how to make it even better next year, and we look forward to Saturday 17 November 2018!.*

## FoodBank Trustee Secretary

Rutland Foodbank are looking for a Trustees meeting Secretary. This is someone who can come six times a year, presently on Wednesdays, to take Minutes and write them up promptly. The person should have some experience of this, see confidentiality as paramount, would not have to be part of decision taking, and see our work as very important! Please contact Helen Baggott (hrbaggott@gmail.com or 01572 771082).

## Welcome Leaflet Distributors

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the delivery of the Welcome and Christmas Leaflets. Patrick Wilson will be giving out the leaflets and street lists to you after the 10:30am service today.

## Toilet

We are pleased to be able to tell you that the toilet in the Mayhew Room in Oakham Church has now been replaced. Apologies for the inconvenience of it not being available over the last couple of weeks.

## Mothers' Union Presentation



Congratulations to **Joyce Halliday**, who on Wednesday last week at the Rutland Care Village communion service was presented with a certificate to commemorate 60 years membership of the Mothers' Union by the Peterborough President, Barbara Haynes, pictured here with them is her son David, and some of our Oakham branch members.

## Oakham Nativity Tableau

The practise for the Nativity Tableau is on Saturday 16 December 2017 at 2:00pm in the Church. All children wanting to take part should be there. Megan Davis is in charge. Please let her know if you are coming though it is alright to turn up on that day. The Tableau will be performed during the 10:30am service on 17 December.

## Oakham Christmas Post

Oakham All Saints Scout Group is back running the local Oakham only Christmas Post scheme this year. For a small donation for each card (20-30p is our suggested donation but we are flexible and appreciate all the donations we receive) **we will hand deliver your cards to addresses in Oakham**. We will be in church morning services to collect cards on the following dates – 3, 10 & 17 December. We will also be collecting at our meetings on Monday and Thursday at the Scout Hut on Grampian Way, and have a stall planned for the Late Night Shopping event on Monday 11 December. We hope to use the money to fund all sections in terms of badges and activities and to help subsidise camps and visits.

## Revd Brian Nicholls RIP



We are sorry to report that Brain Nicholls sadly passed away last Saturday following a time of illness. Brian was well known to many of us as he was a regular celebrant at many of our Team Churches, and he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz and rest of his family at this time. Brian's funeral will take place at Oakham on Thursday 21 December at 11:30am.

## Late Night Shopping

Oakham Late Night Shopping will be on Monday 11th December, and All Saints 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. Meanwhile, at the Buttercross, Oakham Baptist Church will be hosting Crib, Crackers & Carols, with a live interactive Nativity, children's cracker making with Christmas music, punch and nibbles.

## Posada – Travelling Nativity

Today, Advent Sunday, the travelling nativities start their journey from Oakham and Langham, and last night from Whissendine, going from house to house. If they are to visit you, you will know, but this year **everyone can join in** by following their journeys on the special blog page on the website. If you are hosting the Holy Family, you will find an invitation with instructions on how to email a photo with a short resumé of their progress, which will automatically be added to the blog within half an hour, so **let's all follow their progress on oakhamteam.uk** (follow the link on the front page).

## Oakham PCC

At the meeting on 20 November Gordon reported the results of the **stewardship campaign** (details elsewhere) – there would be a letter of thanks from Lee to all givers; **alms box** – we now have agreement for a new one, which will be installed as soon as possible; **church toilet** – this would be completely refurbished soon, thanks to funding from the Church Hall committee; other minor maintenance matters were discussed; **Deanery Synod** – the programme for 2018 was outlined; health & safety – a written policy is in progress; Christmas leaflet – this is available, and in addition to usual outlets will be distributed to Oakham Heights with the CTiO welcome leaflet; mission

giving – the planning meeting will be on Tue 19 Dec. For more details see the full minutes on the North Door noticeboard.

## Oakham Stewardship

We want to say thank you to God, and to all parishioners involved, for the response to the recent stewardship campaign. The highlights are:

- 75% of those who responded have increased their giving.
- The total annual giving by gift aid, (which is an important figure to track, as it represents our regular committed income), should increase from what we expect to be £86,000 in 2017 to £98,000 in 2018.
- Together with the tax reclaim, it represents an increase of £15,000 in our annual income. That's slightly better than our three previous campaigns, where the figure was around £12/13,000.
- It will cover 75% of our budgeted total expenditure for the year.
- It means that the loss projected for this year of £7,000 should become a surplus next year of £2,000, despite increased expenses. For those who have increased their giving, can we remind you that you need to advise your bank to amend your standing order.

And for those who have yet to return their pledge form, it is not too late - Gordon will be delighted to receive your form, either in church or at 3 Peterborough Ave. Again thank you.

## 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, LE15 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.

## Ecclesiastical Insurance

Ecclesiastical, who insure the church, are celebrating their 130th anniversary by offering a donation of £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.

## 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.

## 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.

# Consecration of the Bishop of Loughborough

Recd Canon Guli Francis-Dehqani was consecrated as the first Bishop of Loughborough on Thursday 30 November in Canterbury Cathedral, and a good number of people from the Oakham Team were privileged to be in the congregation to support her and her family. *With thanks to Richard Adams and Jane Ince for the photos.*



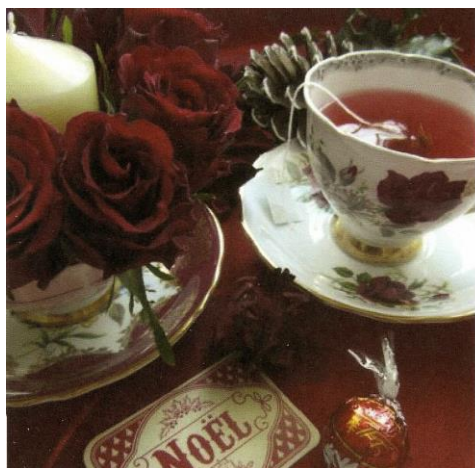
## St Nicholas Day – Welcome Morning and Holy Communion – 10:00am 6th December

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.

## 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.



An INVITATION just for you...  
To our Christmas

# Tea Party

Sunday December 17th  
3pm - 4.30pm

*Come along and bring a friend*  
Contact Pam 01572 755532

**Please note:**

Our Christmas Tea Party will be held this time at the  
Church Hall, Oakham.



# Mapping Advent

Explore Advent's rich themes through Biblical reflection, art, poetry and music

All Saints Oakham

# Advent Carol Service



Sunday 3 December 2017  
6:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL

## Christmas

# COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2017  
AT A NEW VENUE

THE OLD RECTORY, CHURCH LANE, BROOKE  
10 - 12 O'CLOCK

BRING AND BUY, RAFFLE, CRAFTS, CAKES, CARDS,  
JAMS AND PRESERVES

COFFEE AND MINCE PIES £2.50

All profits to St Peter's Church, Brooke.

## Cinema for Rutland Rutland County Museum

Thursday 7 December 2017



Tickets: £5 from Oakham Wines  
[www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)  
and on the door

Doors and bar open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm



# Late Night Shopping

Shopped out?

Join us in Church for an oasis of calm and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 11th December  
4:00pm – 8:30pm  
All Saints' Church Oakham



EMICS AND OAKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH INVITE YOU TO




# Crib, Crackers and Carols

...OH AND A MINCE PIE OR TWO!

WHERE: BUTTERCROSS, MARKET PLACE, OAKHAM  
DATE: 11TH DECEMBER 4-9PM  
FRUIT PUNCH AND CHRISTMAS NIBBLES

LIVE INTERACTIVE NATIVITY "GET IN THE PHOTO"  
FREE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER MAKING  
TOWN CAROL SINGING AT 7.30PM  
CATMOSE JAZZ BAND  
PERFORMANCES BY CATMOSE AND HARRINGTON CHOIRS

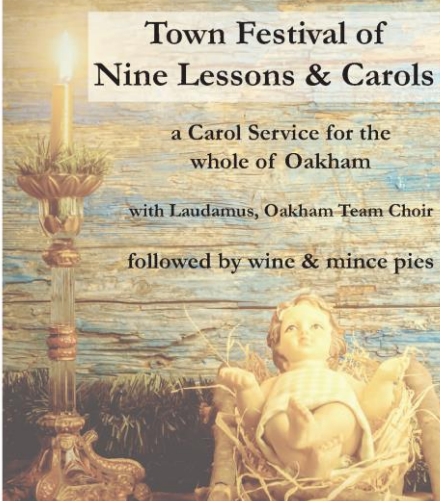
All Saints' Church  
Oakham

## Town Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

a Carol Service for the  
whole of Oakham

with Laudamus, Oakham Team Choir  
followed by wine & mince pies

Thursday 21st December – 7:30pm



# 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 6/13/20 Dec  
**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> 4 Dec	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>	7:30 <b>Light Circle</b> <i>Langham (1)*</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> 5 Dec	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	3:00 <b>Funeral</b> <i>Patricia Jenkin</i> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> 6 Dec	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>J&amp;A</i> 11:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> <i>Langham</i>	12:00 <b>CTiO Prayer Mtg</b> <i>Cong Ch</i> 12:00 <b>Healing Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 5:30 <b>Meditation</b> <i>J&amp;A</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 7 Dec	9:00 <b>Team Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i> 9:45 <b>Tiny Tots</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:30 <b>Little Angels</b> <i>Market Overton</i>	12:00 <b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Friday</i> 8 Dec	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	

\*check venue

## Services Next Sunday – 10 December (The Second Sunday of Advent)

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad) 10:30 <b>Parish Communion</b>	4:00 <b>Christingle</b> 6:00 <b>Evensong</b>
<i>Whissendine</i>	11:00 <b>Family Service</b>	
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
<i>Market Overton</i>	9:00 <b>Morning Worship</b>	
<i>Ashwell</i>	10:30 <b>Extended Communion</b>	
<i>Langham</i>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Braunston</i>	11:00 <b>Sunday Worship</b>	
<i>Brooke</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
<i>Hambleton</i>		4:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Egleton</i>		

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Second Sunday of Advent: Psalm 85.8-13; Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8*  
*Oakham Evensong: Psalm 40.14-21; 1 Kings 22.1-28; Romans 15.4-13*