

# Weekly Pewsheet

## *Service Details and Notices*

### Second Sunday of Advent

### Sunday 10 December 2017

*Services in the Team today:*

<b>Oakham</b>	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion (CW Trad)
	<b>10:30am</b> Parish Communion*
	<b>4:00pm</b> Christingle
	<b>6:00pm</b> Evensong
<b>Whissendine</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Family Service
<b>Teigh</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Ashwell</b>	<b>10:30am</b> Extended Communion*
<b>Market Overton</b>	<b>9:00am</b> Morning Worship
<b>Langham</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion*
<b>Braunston</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Sunday Worship
<b>Brooke</b>	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Hambleton</b>	<b>5:00pm</b> Carol Service
<b>Egleton</b>	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

**Please take this Pewsheet home**



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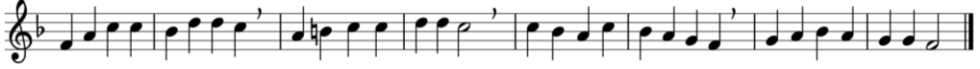
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# 8:00am Holy Communion

## 10:30am Parish Communion\*

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

### Processional Hymn\*



1. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;
4. That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapp'd in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.

Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)  
Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)  
(Ancient & Modern – 38)

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading – Isaiah 40.1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## **Second Reading – 2 Peter 3.8-15a\***

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## Gradual Hymn\*



1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty Guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Jordanis oras praevia, Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr John Chandler (1806-1876)*  
*Music: Winchester New, adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690 (Ancient & Modern – 46)*

## Gospel – Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

## Offertory Hymn



1. God has spoken – by his prophets,  
spoken his unchanging word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord;  
in the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God eternal reigns for ever,  
God the first and God the last.

2. God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one:  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
Life, before all time began,  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
God, revealed as Son of Man.

3. God is speaking – by his Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again;  
in the ageless Word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is holding fast:  
God abides, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

*Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)  
Music: Blauenwern, William Penfth Rowlands (1860-1937) – AM 337  
(Ancient & Modern – 379)*

## Communion Hymns\*



*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.*

1. For justice, for freedom,  
for mercy: hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

2. For wisdom, for courage,  
for comfort: hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

3. For healing, for wholeness,  
for new life: hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

4. Lord save us, take pity,  
light in our darkness.  
We call you, we ait:  
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

*Words & Music: Anne Quigley © 1992 Anne Quigley (Ancient & Modern – 409)*



1. Throughout a world in shadow,  
John's urgent voice we hear:  
prepare for Christ your saviour,  
the Son of God is near.  
His veiled but certain splendour  
begins to shine from far;  
he comes, his saints around him:  
the bright and morning star.

2. He gives a new beginning  
to those who turn from sin,  
who answer love with loving,  
by turning back to him.  
With all who wait with longing,  
give thanks that never cease,  
for him whom God is sending  
to visit us in peace.

*Words: Stanbrook Abbey  
Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) – A&M 709  
© 1974 Stanbrook Abbey  
(Hymns for Prayer & Praise – 107)*

## Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Advent Candle Hymn

Fine



'Christmas is coming!', the Church is glad to sing,  
and let the advent candles brightly burn in a ring.

1. The first is for God's promise to put the wrong things right,  
and bring to earth's darkness the hope of love and light.
2. The second for the prophets, who said that Christ would come  
with good news for many and angry words for some.

Words: John L. Bell (b 1949) Music: Advent Ring, John L. Bell (b 1949)  
© 1992, Wild Goose Resource Group, The Iona Community (Hymns of Glory Songs of Praise – 282)

## Final Hymn\*



1. Hills of the North, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.  
Christ comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.
2. Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.
3. Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
Your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.
4. Shores of the utmost West,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night
5. Shout, as ye journey home,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
from East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the universe be blest.

Words: Editors of English Praise 1975, based on Charles E Oakley (1832-1865)  
Music: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875-1958) (Ancient & Modern – 39)



## 4:00pm Christingle

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

## 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

499 – Thy kingdom come, O God

**Psalm 40.14-21** *expectans expectavi*

*H Smart*



- 14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from | me O | Lord :  
let thy loving-kindness and thy | truth al-| way pre- | serve me.
- 15a For innumerable troubles are | come a- | bout me,  
my sins have taken such hold upon me,  
that I am not | able · to | look — | up :
- 15b yea, they are more in | number · than the | hairs of || my | head,  
and my | heart hath | fail'd me.
- 16 O Lord let it be thy | pleasure · to de- | liver me :  
make | haste O | Lord to | help me.
- 17a Let them be asham'd and con- | founded · to- | gether,  
that seek after my | soul — | to de- | stroy it :
- 17b let them be | dri-ven | backward,  
and put to re- | buke that | wish me | evil.
- 18 Let them be desolate and re- | warded · with | shame :  
that say unto me, \* | Fie up-on thee, | fie up- | on thee.
- 19 Let all those that seek thee be | joyful · and | glad in thee :  
and let such as love thy salvation say | always, · The | Lord be | prais'd.
- †20/21 As for me, \* I am poor and needy but the | Lord — | careth for me.  
Thou art my helper and redeemer; \* make no long | tarry-ing, | O my | God.  
Glory | be · to the | Father,  
and to the | Son and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is | now and · ever | shall be :  
world | with-out | end, A- | men.

**First Lesson – 1 Kings 22.1-28**

**Office Hymn**

**407** – Lord thy word abideth

**Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis – Set 10 (E flat)**

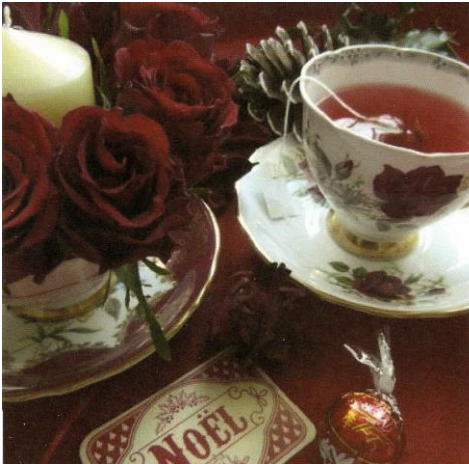
**Second Lesson – Romans 15.4-13**

**Hymn after the Prayers**

**490** – Judge eternal, throned in splendour

**Hymn after the Sermon**

**388** – Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun (*first tune*)



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 NEW party venue.  
Details on back.

## Today

4:00pm – **CHRISTINGLE**

**All Saints Oakham**

A wonderful occasion – please bring neighbours and friends to join us at this celebration.

5:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

**St Andrew Hambleton**

Please note the correct time.

## This Week

### MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

4:00-9:00pm – **LATE NIGHT**

**SHOPPING – Oakham**

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.

### TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

10:00am – **BIBLE STUDY**

**25 Willow Crescent, Oakham**

We are looking at what 'Faith' means. A welcome for newcomers. Enquiries to Catriona on 01572 770429.

1:30pm & 7:00pm – **MAPPING**

**ADVENT**

**20 Northgate, Oakham**

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

2:00pm – **RUTLAND REMINDERS**

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

Singing sessions for people with dementia – Uppingham hub. 07779 413889 or rutlandreminders.org.uk for details.

### WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

**All Saints Oakham**

**Catmose College Students**

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

**St Edmund Egleton**

7:30pm – **CATMOSE COLLEGE**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**All Saints Oakham**

### THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **ABBEY ADVENT**

**ADVENTURES – Launde Abbey**

See separate notice for details.

### FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

7:00pm – **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS**

**St Peter & St Paul Langham**

Carols to sing; Brass Band; Choir; Solos; Spojken Interludes; Mulled Wine & Mince Pies. £5 (under 16 free).

### SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

2:00pm – **NATIVITY TABLEAU**

**REHEARSAL**

**All Saints Oakham**

Please see separate notice for details.

## **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**

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**

10:30am – **SUNDAY SCHOOL  
NATIVITY**

### ***All Saints Oakham***

Please see separate notice for details.

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.**

4:00pm – **VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE**

### ***Langham Baptist Church***

**Please note the change of time.**

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***

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.

## **Looking Ahead**

## **TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER**

12:30pm – **LANGHAM LUNCH**

### ***Langham Village Hall***

A basic two course lunch, all welcome, cost £7.50. Booking essential via Val on 756202 or Susan on 723532..

## **TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER**

1:30pm – **OAKHAM COFE SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

### ***All Saints Oakham***

## **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.

1:30pm & 7:00pm – **MAPPING**

**ADVENT – 20 Northgate, Oakham**

**Saying Yes.** See separate notice or website for full details.

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

**All Saints Oakham**

**Alison Nairn** *flute & oboe*

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**

## **SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER**

8:00am – **HOLY COMMUNION**

**All Saints Oakham**

11:00am – **TEAM HOLY**

**COMMUNION**

**St Andrew Whissendine**

No other services in the Team today.

## **MONDAY 1 JANUARY**

10:15am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**

**8 Peterborough Avenue, Oakham**

The next walk is in our now traditional peninsular walk of approx 5 miles with a bring and share lunch afterwards. Initially meet at 8 Peterborough Ave with your bring and share lunch and then drive to the fisherman's car park to begin our walk. Firm terrain throughout. Please contact Dennis or Sally Corton (01572 722272) if you wish to join us to enable us to monitor numbers and lunch contributions. Drinks and soup

will be provided. Anyone wishing to walk only, meet at the car park on Hambleton road ready for a 10:30am start.

## FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

7:30pm – **EPIPHANY CAROL CONCERT**

**St John the Baptist North Luffenham**

Cambridge Fundraising Choir present a concert in aid of Cancer Research UK's Brain Tumour Research. Tickets £10 (children free) from [cambridgechoirfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgechoirfundraising@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY 6 JANUARY

2:30pm – **SUNDAY SCHOOL PANTOMIME OUTING**

**Brooke Priory School Theatre**

Snow White, produced by RATS (Rutland Arts Theatre Company). 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. Details from Robin Robson ([robin@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:robin@oakhamteam.org.uk)).

## Please pray for

- The family and friends of **Patricia Ann Jenkin**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Tuesday;
- The family and friends of **Bessie Ash**, of Langham, whose funeral took place at Grantham crematorium on Tuesday;

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

– For the people affected by the forest fires in California and those still trying to rebuild their lives after environmental disasters;

– 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.

## **Traidcraft Christmas Sales**

Thank you to everyone who has so far placed orders from the catalogue as well as buying at the various stalls. Sales are looking healthy and I will advise a total figure in the New Year. The last date for the stall before Christmas will be after 10:30 service at Oakham on 17th December. Denise.

## **Kairos Prison Mission**

Kairos will be repeating last year's very successful mission to Stocken Prison from 12-16 March 2018, and will be seeking help to bake biscuits, create a prayer chain, and to join the visiting team during the week itself. Cathy Dyson will be preaching at Oakham about the mission on Sunday 25 February. Watch this space for more information...

## **Christmas Tree**

Thank you very much to the Co-op for donating our splendid Christmas Tree.

## **Gift Bags for Homeless**

The Foodbank have been thinking about how they might provide for homeless people, and this is a list that Heather has compiled from suggestions and looking at websites. The main concern is how much they can carry and keep dry: Socks, gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts (as vests), boxer shorts; Kendal mint cake, energy bars, chocolate, chewing gum (mouth

refresher), food vouchers e.g. Costa, MacDonalds etc; Plasters, wet wipes, antiseptic wipes, hand sanitizer, lip salve, athletes foot cream; Water bottle, torch (not battery!), stamped envelope and writing paper; Pen, soap, flannel, toothpaste and brush, deodorant, comb, ear plugs; Small holding cross and short bible verse, Beano comic, book; Waterproof drawstring bag and small polythene bags to keep everything in; Clothes and shoes also needed but storage needs to be considered. If this is something you might be interested in being involved in, please speak to Heather Day (01780 410539) or Charlotte Osborn.

## **Plea for mince pies...**

On Thursday 21 December we join with the town for our Carol Service and offer mince pies and a bevvy afterwards. Can you help? If so, please bring your offerings before the 7:30pm service (or earlier if you are unable to come to it). We never know how many to do, but it always seems to work out well. Thank you in advance. Marilyn (01572 723184).

## **Oakham PCC Vacancies**

Following many years of service as PCC Secretary, Derek Ufton will be retiring at the end of year. We are therefore seeking a new person to take up the post, which is not an onerous one – if you feel you might be the person, please have a word with the clergy, churchwardens or

with Derek. We are also seeking someone to take on the role of Health and Safety Officer – again, if you are interested please speak to the clergy or churchwardens.

## Hopes and Vision

We had a good gathering at the meeting a week 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!*

## Mothers' Union Presentation



Congratulations to **Joyce Halliday**, who on Wednesday week last 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.

## Travelling Nativity

Don't forget to follow the progress of the Holy Family on the special blog page on the website – just follow the link from the home page, and if you are hosting them remember to send in a photo for the blog.

## 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. Remaining meetings are as follows:

**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.

## 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). 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. Her leaving service will be in the evening of Friday 2nd February (Candlemas).

**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.

# Mapping Advent

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

# 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

## Epiphany Carol Concerts

In aid of Cancer Research UK's  
Brain Tumour Research

Cambridge Fundraising Choir

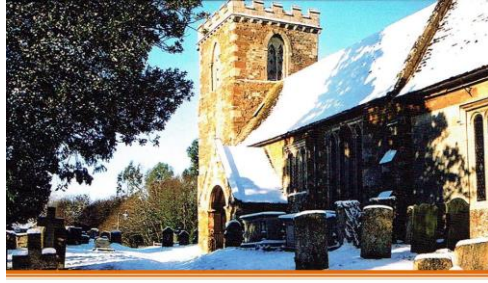


Friday 5th January, 7.30pm - St John the Baptist,  
North Luffenham, Rutland

Saturday 6th January, 7.30pm - St James the Greater,  
Leicester, Leicestershire

Tickets: £10 (free for children)

To purchase tickets, please contact  
cambridgechoirfundraising@gmail.com



## *A Candlelight Carol Service*

*St Peter, Brooke, Oakham, Rutland*



*Sunday 17th December 2017*

*At 6pm.*

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



## *Carols by Candlelight*



*All Saints' Church Braunston  
Sunday 17 December  
at 6pm*





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



*Travel with the Wise Men and the Shepherds  
as they journey to Bethlehem to find Jesus*



*The journey begins at  
All Saints Church Braunston  
Christmas Eve 3.30pm*

*Seasonal Refreshments  
in the Village Hall  
afterwards*

*Make sure you are warmly  
dressed as we shall be  
going outside  
weather permitting*



# 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 13/20/27 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> <i>11 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>12 Dec</i>	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> <i>13 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>J&amp;A</i>	12:00 <b>CTiO Prayer Mtg</b> <i>Cong Ch</i> 5:30 <b>Meditation</b> <i>J&amp;A</i> 6:00 <b>Carol Service</b> <i>Egleton</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>14 Dec</i>	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> 12:15 <b>Celtic Prayer</b> <i>Egleton</i>
<i>Friday</i> <i>15 Dec</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	

## Services Next Sunday - 17 December (The Third Sunday of Advent)

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad) 10:30 <b>Sunday School Nativity</b>	12:15 <b>Holy Baptism</b>
<i>Whissendine</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Teigh</i>	9:15 <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
<i>Market Overton</i>		
<i>Ashwell</i>		
<i>Langham</i>		4:00 <b>Carol Service</b> <i>at Baptist Church</i>
<i>Braunston</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Brooke</i>		6:00 <b>Carol Service</b>
<i>Hambleton</i>		
<i>Egleton</i>	9:15 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad)	

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Third Sunday of Advent:*

*Psalm 126; Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8,19-28*