

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday 17 December 2017

Services in the Team today:

Oakham	8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30am Sunday School Nativity
Whissendin	e 6:00pm Carol Service
Teigh	9:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Ashwell	No service
Market Ove	rton No service
Langham 4	1:00pm Carol Service at Baptist Church
Braunston	6:00pm Carol Service
Brooke	6:00pm Carol Service
Hambleton	No service
Egleton	9:15am Holy Communion (CW Trad)

*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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Braunston Saints

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Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24*

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel – John 1.6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you?' Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord", as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today

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.

This Week

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..

1:30pm – OAKHAM COFE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE All Saints Oakham

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.

I:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

All Saints Oakham

Alison Nairn flute & oboe NO concerts on 27 Dec or 3 Jan

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.

Looking Ahead

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

II:00am – TEAM HOLY COMMUNION

St Andrew Whissendine

No other services in the Team today.

Monday I 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.co m.

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).

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY

8:30am – CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST

Victoria Hall, Oakham

Mr Mike Royal, from The Cinnamon Network will speak about the Network and its role in helping local churches to serve their communities. Cost $\pounds 4$ – tickets from Patrick or Marjorie Wilson (01572 723288).

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

7:30pm – LENT COURSE TRAINING All Saints Vicarage, Vicarage Road, Oakham

Training session for Group Leaders.

Please pray for

The family and friends of Jean
Smith, whose funeral took place at
Langham on Tuesday;

The family and friends of **Bill Burchnall**, whose funeral took place at Egleton on Wednesday;

- The family and friends of **Frank Oliver**, of Oakham, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Thursday;

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

- The family and friends of **Pat Richards**, who died last Monday;

- 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;

 Dedicated and effective action against climate change and the pollution of our seas;

-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.

Lay Bereavement Support Service

After two workshops, we are pleased to report we have group of volunteer visitors. We plan to continue to meet monthly to learn from each other, pray and support each other. The next meeting will be 7pm on Tuesday 9th January in the Church Hall. If you have any questions, please ask Susan Osborne (07926 833684), Sian Cheverton (01572 755286) or Madeleine Morris (07754 414437) or one of the ministry team.

Foodbank Update

The Foodbank is currently short of the following items - sponge puddings, packets of smash, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, tinned carrots and peas, jam, long life fruit juice, long life milk, deodorant, shower gel/soap, shampoo, razors & shaving foam, toothbrushes & toothpaste, washingup liquid, washing powder/gel, nappies & toilet rolls. We have plenty of cereals and porridge, baked beans, tea, sanitary items, pasta and pasta sauces, fizzy drinks and cordials at the moment. Thanks as ever for your ongoing support.

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. Today at Oakham is the last date for the stall before Christmas. 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 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 for the last time today. We will also be collecting at our meetings on Monday and Thursday at the Scout Hut on Grampian Way. 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.

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. The remaining meetings is as follows:

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.

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.

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.

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

Christmas: (I) Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14; (II) Isaiah 62.6-12; Titus 3.4-7; Luke 2.8-20; (III) Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

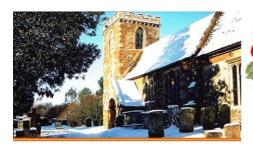


An INVITATION just for you... To our Christmas



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.



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.







All Saints' Church Braunston Sunday 17 December at 6pm



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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



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 20/27 Dec/3 Jan

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 18 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	
Tuesday 19 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	6:30 Carol Service Mkt Overton
Wednesday 20 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 MU Corporate Com J&A	12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg Cong Ch5:30 Meditation J&A6:00 Carol Service Teigh
Thursday 21 Dec	9:00 Team Communion Oakham	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 7:30 Carol Service Oakham
Friday 22 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 BCP Communion Oakham	

Christmas Eve

Oakham	10:30 Advent 4 Communion 4:00 Crib Service	11:30 Midnight Communion
Whissendine	4:00 Crib Service	11:15 Midnight Communion
Ashwell	4:00 Carol Service	
Market Overton	6:00 Crib Service	
Langham	6:00 Crib Service	11:15 Midnight Communion
Braunston	3:30 Journey to Jesus	
Hambleton		9:00 Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:00 Parish Communion
Teigh	9:00 Extended Communion
Market Overton	9:00 Extended Communion
Ashwell	10:30 Extended Communion
Braunston	11:00 Holy Communion
Brooke	8:00 Holy Communion
Egleton	9:15 Extended Communion