



St Andrew Whissendine

Service of Lessons & Carols



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6:00pm

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Please stand

Processional Hymn

1. *(Choir)* Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. *(All)* He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

*Words: C. F. Alexander; Music: H. J. Gauntlett, harmonised, A. H. Mann,
descant, David Willcocks*

Please remain standing

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build.

And let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the loving kindness of God.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Please sit

Carol

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady abeen heavenè queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias!

Words: anon, 15th century Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

First Lesson

Reader: Kevin Slingsby, Director of Music

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head. Genesis 3

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Please stand

Hymn

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee to-night.

2. O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas Angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Words, Phillips Brooks; Music, English traditional arr. Vaughan Williams, descant, Thomas Armstrong

Please sit

Second Lesson

Reader: Marilyn Hind-Woodward, PCC Member

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah. *Isaiah 9*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing
plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Carol

Ding dong! merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riven with angel singing:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And iö, iö, iö,
By priest and people sungen:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers:
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

*Words, G. R. Woodward; Music, 16th century French melody
Harmonised, Charles Wood; Oxford University Press*

Please stand

Hymn

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour
was born upon this day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heavenly Father
a blessèd angel came,
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that inBethlehem was born:
the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. The shepherds at those tidings
rejoicèd much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest, storm, and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway
this blessèd Babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling
unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy

5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Words & Music: English Traditional, arranged by David Willcocks

Please sit

Third Lesson

Reader: Hilary Maunders, Music Group

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night, when Christ was born!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
so, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
in all our trials born to be our friend;
he knows our need, he guardeth us from danger;
behold your King! Before the Lowly bend!

Words: John Sullivan Dwight; Music: Adolphe Adam

Fourth Lesson

Reader: Dr Peter Furness, Bell Ringer

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. St Luke 2.1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol

Torches, torches, run with torches,
all the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
come and sing your song to him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby,
ah, Rora, my love, Roro;
sleep you well, my heart's own darling,
while we sing you our Roro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry,
joy and mirth and joy again;
lo, he lives, the King of heaven,
now and evermore. Amen.

*Words: from the Galician, trans J B Trend;
Music: John Joubert (b 1927)*

Please stand

Hymn

1. Unto us is born a Son,
king of quires supernal:
see on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.

2. Christ, from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know,
becradled in the manger,
becradled in the manger.

3. *(Men)* This did Herod sore affray,
and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.

4. *(Ladies)* Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story;
and O that Mary's gentle Child
might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory!

5. *(All)* O and A, and A and O,
cum cantibus in choro,
let our merry organ go,
benedicamus Domino,
benedicamus Domino.

Words: tr G R Woodward; Music: from Piaie Cantiones 1582, arranged by David Willcocks

Please sit

Fifth Lesson

Reader: Ann Salisbury, Open Doors

The shepherds go to the manger. St Luke 2.8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Carol

A little child there is yborn,
eia, eia, susanni,
and he sprang out of Jesse's thorn,
alleluia, alleluia,
to save all us that were forlorn.

Now Jesus is the childes name,
eia, eia, susanni,
and Mary mild she is the dame,
alleluia, alleluia,
and so our sorrow is turned to game.

It fell upon the high midnight,
eia, eia, susanni,
the stars they shone both fair and bright,
alleluia, alleluia,
the angels sang with all their might.

Three kings there came with their presents,
eia, eia, susanni,
of myrrh and gold and frankincense,
alleluia, alleluia,
as clerkes sing in their sequence.

Now sit we down upon our knees,
eia, eia, susanni,
and pray we to the Trinity,
alleluia, alleluia,
our help, our succour for to be,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words: anon 15th century Music: Malcolm Archer (b 1952)

Please stand

Hymn

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:
4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.

Words: Nahum Tate; Music: Este's Psalter 1592

Please sit

Sixth Lesson

Reader: Linda Arnold, Parish Council & PCC Secretary

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. St Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter
long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away,
when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter,
a stable place suffic'd,
the Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim,
worship night and day,
a breast full of milk,
and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels,
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel,
which adore.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894); Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Please stand

Carol for Choir and Congregation

1. *(All)* We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. *(Men)* Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign:

3. *(Ladies)* Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high:

4. *(Men)* Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone cold tomb.

5. *(All)* Glorious now,, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia,
alleluia the earth replies:

Words & melody: John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891), arr Paul Leddington Wright (b 1951)

Please remain standing

Seventh Lesson

Reader: Revd Charlotte Osborn, Curate

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. St John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of Angels.
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*
2. God of God,
Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created.

3. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:
4. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ Child
bring our hearts' oblations:
5. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?
6. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
in the highest'.

Words: Adeste Fideles, translated, F Oakeley, W T Brooke & others; Music: J F Wade, arr David Willcocks

Collect & Blessing

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:
 'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise!
 Join the triumph of the skies!
With the angelic host proclaim:
 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord:
late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell:
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
 risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
 born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

Words: C Wesley, G Whitefield & M Madan; Music: J L F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, arr David Willcocks

Please stay for mulled wine and nice pies after the service

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.

1:30pm – **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

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.

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 £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 Burchnell**, 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, washing-up 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 £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



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All Saints' Church
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Town Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

a Carol Service for the
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with Laudamus, Oakham Team Choir

followed by wine & mince pies



Thursday 21st December - 7:30pm



Stepping out
into
the unknown

Journey to Jesus

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



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

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

<i>Monday</i> <i>18 Dec</i>	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>19 Dec</i>	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 Holy Communion <i>Oakham</i>	6:30 Carol Service <i>Mkt Overton</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>20 Dec</i>	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 MU Corporate Com <i>J&A</i>	12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg <i>Cong Ch</i> 5:30 Meditation <i>J&A</i> 6:00 Carol Service <i>Teigh</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>21 Dec</i>	9:00 Team Communion <i>Oakham</i>	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 7:30 Carol Service <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Friday</i> <i>22 Dec</i>	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 BCP Communion <i>Oakham</i>	

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

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