

Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24 December 2017

Services in the Team today:

Oakham **10:30am** Team Holy Communion

*For Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services
see the back page*

*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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10:30am Team Holy Communion*

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

Processional Hymn



1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*

*When he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

2. God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.

4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: from Piae Cantiones 1582, harmonised by compilers of New English Hymnal 1986

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Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Second Reading – Romans 16.25-27*

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gradual Hymn



1. The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;

'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!*

2. 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!*

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady. *Gloria!*

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas mom,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'Most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!*

Words: Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen, Basque carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)
Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque traditional carol, arr Charles Edgar Pettman (1866-1943)

Gospel – 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.

Offertory Hymn



1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

Words: George B Timms (1910-1997)

Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

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Communion Hymns



1. The God whom earth and sea and sky
adore and laud and magnify,
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.

2. O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
wherein the Architect divine,
whose hand contains the earth and sky,
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie:

3. Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
most blest, to bring to human birth
the long-desired of all the earth.

4. O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

Words: Quem terra, pontus, aethera, Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (c535–609), translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Music: Puer Nobis Nascitur, melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571–1621), harmonised by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934) (Ancient & Modern – 316)



1. For Mary, Mother of our Lord,
God's holy name be praised,
who first the Son of God adored,
as on her child she gazed.

2. Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,
though hard the task assigned,
and by the Holy Ghost conceived
the Saviour of mankind.

3. The busy world had got no space
or time for God on earth;
a cattle manger was the place
where Mary gave him birth.

4. She gave her body as God's shrine,
her heart to piercing pain;
she knew the cost of love divine,
when Jesus Christ was slain.

5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness
and home in Galilee
there comes a joy and holiness
to every family.

6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
above all women blest;
and blest your Son, whom your embrace
in birth and death confessed.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896–1971)

Music: St Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896–1979)

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Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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.
- 3 The third is for the Baptist, who cried, 'Prepare the way.
Be ready for Jesus, today and every day.'
- 4 The fourth is for the Virgin, who mothered God's own Son
and sang how God's justice was meant for everyone.

Words: John L. Bell (b 1949) Music: Advent Ring, John L. Bell (b 1949)
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Final Hymn



1. Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, full of grace.
2. Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother
she who bare him in her womb.
Hail Mary, full of grace.
3. Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness
let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, full of grace.
4. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, full of grace.

Words: Vincent Stuckey Stration Coles (1845-1929) Music: Daily Daily, melody from a French Paroissien (A&M – 318)

Today

10:30am – **ADVENT 4 COMMUNION**

All Saints Oakham

The main morning service today.

10:30am – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Mary Ashwell

This Week

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICES

3:30pm – **JOURNEY TO JESUS**

Braunston

4:00pm – *Oakham, Whissendine*

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.

Looking Ahead

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, which should be paid for in advance. (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 **Nicola Haynes**, whose funeral took place at Market Overton on Monday;
- The family and friends of **Dennis Frank Millar**, whose funeral took place at Kettering Crematorium on Monday;
- The family and friends of **Revd Brian Nicholls**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Thursday;
- The family and friends of **Margaret Palmer**, of Oakham, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Friday;
- The family and friends of **Pat Richards**, who died recently;

- 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.

Coffee & Tea

The team that provide coffee and tea after the 10:30 service at Oakham could do with a few more members – if you feel that you could help, please contact Jill Welsh (01572 722123 or jill.welsh@oakhamteam.org.uk)

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.

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...

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.

Leaving Services

Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson's leaving service will be in the evening of Friday 2nd February (Candlemas).

Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani's leaving 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.



*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

Cinema for Rutland

Rutland County Museum

Thursday 4 January 2018



Tickets: £5 from Oakham Wines
www.wegotickets.com
and on the door

Doors and bar open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm

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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 10 Jan/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

Christmas Eve

Oakham	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 Comm (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	

Services During The Week

Wednesday 27 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A	12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg Cong Ch 5:30 Meditation J&A
Fri 29 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	

Next Sunday - 31 December (First of Christmas)

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad)	
Whissendine	11:00 TEAM HOLY COMMUNION	
Hambleton		2:00 Holy Baptism

Next Week's Readings

Christmas Eve/Day: (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

First Sunday of Christmas: Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21