



# Weekly Pewsheet

*Service Details and Notices*

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Sunday 24 December 2017

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*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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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.

## **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.

## **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.**

## 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](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).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 <b>Crib Service</b>	11:30 <b>Midnight Communion</b>
Whissendine	4:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	11:15 <b>Midnight Communion</b>
Ashwell	4:00 <b>Carol Service</b>	
Market Overton	6:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	
Langham	6:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	11:15 <b>Midnight Communion</b>
Braunston	3:30 <b>Journey to Jesus</b>	
Hambleton		9:00 <b>Midnight Communion</b>

## Christmas Day

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

## Services During The Week

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

## Next Sunday - 31 December (First of Christmas)

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

## 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