



Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Christmas 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE – Saturday 24 December

Oakham	4:00pm Crib Service
	11:30pm Midnight Communion
Whissendine	4:00pm Crib Service
	11:15pm Midnight Communion
Market Overton	6:00pm Crib Service
Langham	6:00pm Crib Service
	11:15pm Midnight Communion
Braunston	3:30pm Journey to Jesus
Hambleton	9:00pm Holy Communion (CW trad)

CHRISTMAS DAY – Sunday 25 December

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

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Gloria



1. Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to all throughout the world.
Thanks and praise to God our Father,
love in action is unfurled.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

2. Jesus Christ is born among us,
Son of God light of the world.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Love in action is unfurled.

3. Here on earth Christ's life he gave us;
living, dying, ris'n on high.
God we praise your gen'rous spirit.
All our needs you full supply

Words: Rachel Firth (b 1973) Music: Iris, French traditional carol, harmonised by Martin Shaw (1875-1958) – AM 59

Collect

(Christmas Night)

Eternal God, who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Christmas Day)

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings – Set I

First Reading – Isaiah 9.2-7

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.

Second Reading – Titus 2.11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel – Luke 2.1-14

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. 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!'

Readings – Set II

First Reading – Isaiah 62.6-12

Thus says the LORD: Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

Second Reading – Titus 3.4-7

When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel – Luke 2.8-20

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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Readings – Set III

First Reading – Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Second Reading – Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel – 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.

Post Communion Prayer

(Christmas Night)

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Christmas Day)

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Hymn



*'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.
5. At last we light the candle kept new for Christmas day.
This shines bright for Jesus, new-born and here to stay.

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

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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.

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.

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

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