

# Weekly Pewsheet

*Service Details and Notices*

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## First Sunday of Christmas

### Sunday 31 December 2017

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*Services in the Team today:*

**Oakham** 8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad)

**Whissendine** 11:00am TEAM HOLY COMMUNION\*

**Hambleton** 2:00pm Holy Baptism

\*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. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Antioch, W Holford's Voce di Melodia c1834, arr Lowell Mason (1792-1872) (Ancient & Modern – 72)

## 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 (x2)*
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

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading – *Isaiah 61.10–62.3\**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

### Second Reading – *Galatians 4.4-7*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

### Gradual Hymn



1. 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.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away  
when he comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter  
a stable-place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for him, whom cherubim  
worship night and day,  
a breastful of milk  
and a mangerful of hay:  
enough for him, whom angels  
fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

4. Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim  
thronged the air;  
but only his mother  
in her maiden bliss  
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

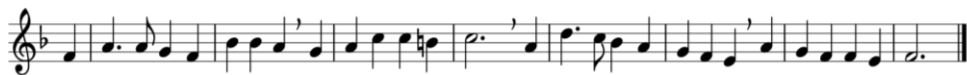
5. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part,  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

*Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Cranham, Gustav Holst (1874-1934) (Ancient & Modern – 68)*

## Gospel – Luke 2.15-21

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Offertory 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 glorybe to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease.'

*Music: Winchester Old, ascribed to George Kirbye (c1565-1634) in Thomas Este's The whole booke of psalms 1592, possible derived from Christopher Tye's The Actes of the Apostles 1553 (Ancient & Modern- 89)*

## Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Final 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*

## This Week

### 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](mailto:robin@oakhamteam.org.uk)).

## Looking Ahead

### TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

7:00pm – **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Oakham Church Hall**

See separate notice for details.

### SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

10:30am – **CONFIRMATION**

**All Saints Oakham**

The Bishop of Brixworth will be with us for a Team Service of Confirmation. **There will be no other mid-morning services in the Team**, just 8:00am Communion at Oakham & Brooke, and 6:00pm Evensong at Oakham.

## **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.

## **FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY**

7:30pm – **TEAM HOLY COMMUNION**

*St Peter & St Paul Langham*

On the Feats of the Presentation (Candlemas), the farewell service for our Team Vicar, Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson.

## **SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

10:30am – **TEAM HOLY COMMUNION**

*All Saints Oakham*

The farewell service for our Team Rector, Revd Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani. **There will be no other service in the Team today except 8:00am Communion at Oakham.**

## **Please pray for**

– **Lydia Annabelle Young**, who will be baptised at Hambleton today, and her parents **Jonathan & Lucy**;

– **Andrew Harvey & Hannah Salisbury**, who were married at Whissendine on Saturday;

– **Richard Cork & Lydia Dunbavand**, who were married in Oakham School Chapel on Saturday;

– The family and friends of **Averil Richards**, whose funeral took place at Braunston on Thursday;

– The family and friends of **Gordon Pike**, whose funeral took place at Eggleton on Friday;

– The family and friends of **Keith Shilaker**, of Oakham, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Friday;

– 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.

## **Braunston Bat Update**

The Heritage Lottery funded Bats in Churches Project has confirmed that it will provide funding in 2018 to implement temporary blocking of the bats' access routes from the south aisle ceiling space into the church and the subsequent surveys in 2018 to confirm there is no impact on the bats. The 2017 surveys concluded that the bats did not need to go inside the actual church. If the solution is successful, and can proceed without detriment to the bats, then it will most likely become a permanent installation. The work must be done during the last week in April 2018 to avoid disturbing the bats. Scaffolding will be erected inside the church under the south aisle to give access to the ceiling. And if it's successful there should be minimal bat poo inside the church. This is a fantastic result, the congregation is delighted and would like to say a big thank you to Sue Willetts who did all the hard work to

get us accepted as a pilot church for this project. Watch out for details of summer 2018 bat events where we will have a detailed opportunity again to watch the bats and when we will share the full results of the 2017 surveys which identified in detail how the various species are using the church.

## **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 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.

## 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

[www.artsforrutland.co.uk](http://www.artsforrutland.co.uk)

Phoenix Community Cinema

## Cinema for Rutland Rutland County Museum Thursday 4 January 2018



Tickets: £5 from Oakham Wines  
[www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)  
and on the door

Doors and bar open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm

Supported by: Rutland County Council, Rutland County Council, Leicestershire County Council, Phoenix, and a logo with the number 4.

# 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 10/17/3 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>1 Jan</i>	12:00 <b>Bells Service</b> <i>Langham</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>2 Jan</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	3:00 <b>Funeral</b> <i>Patricia Jenkin Oakham</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>3 Jan</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>J&amp;A</i> 11:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> <i>Langham</i>	12:00 <b>CTiO Prayer Mtg</b> <i>Cong Ch</i> 12:00 <b>Healing Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 5:30 <b>Meditation</b> <i>J&amp;A</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>4 Jan</i>	9:00 <b>Team Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i> 9:45 <b>Tiny Tots</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:30 <b>Little Angels</b> <i>Market Overton</i>	12:00 <b>Ecumenical Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 2:00 <b>Funeral</b> <i>Jeffrey Turnbull Oakham</i>
<i>Friday</i> <i>5 Jan</i>	8:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 <b>BCP Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>	11:00 <b>Funeral</b> <i>Roy Sanders Oakham</i>

## Services Next Sunday – 7 January (Epiphany)

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad) 10:30 <b>Parish Communion</b>	6:00 <b>Evensong</b>
<i>Whissendine</i>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 <b>Matins</b>	
<i>Market Overton</i>	9:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Ashwell</i>	10:30 <b>Morning Worship</b>	
<i>Langham</i>		6:00 <b>WWR</b>
<i>Braunston</i>	11:00 <b>Holy Communion</b>	
<i>Brooke</i>		6:00 <b>Evensong</b>
<i>Hambleton</i>		
<i>Egleton</i>	9:15 <b>Holy Communion</b> (CW Trad)	

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Epiphany: Psalm 72.10-15; Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12*  
*Oakham Evensong: Psalm 98; Isaiah 60.1-9; John 2.1-11*