



All Saints Oakham

Celebrating New Ministry

The Institution of
The Revd Stephen Robert Griffiths

by The Bishop of Peterborough

and the Induction by
The Archdeacon of Oakham

as Team Rector in the
Oakham Team Ministry

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St Andrew Whissendine
Holy Trinity Teigh
St Mary Ashwell
St Peter & St Paul Market Overton
St Peter & St Paul Langham
All Saints Braunston
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Introduction

The arrival of a new Parish Priest marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry for priest and people. It is right that this be marked by a special service, as the people, the new minister, and representatives of the wider community come together with the Bishop to celebrate, with prayer for God's blessing on the years ahead.

In this service traditional and new features are combined, and the celebration of a new ministry is in the context of the Christian Church's main act of worship, the Holy Communion. Often called the Eucharist (from the ancient Greek word for Thanksgiving) this focuses on Jesus Christ, his self-giving love for us, and particularly his death on the cross for our redemption.

In the first part of the service the Patron, the Registrar and the Archdeacon are involved. The Patron is an individual, or a group of people, or a corporate body, with the historic responsibility for nominating a new priest to the Bishop.

The Registrar is the Diocesan Lawyer, responsible among other things for ensuring that the legal aspects of choosing and appointing a new priest are carried out correctly.

The Archdeacon is a senior priest appointed by the Bishop, whose responsibilities include oversight of the 'temporal' aspects of church life such as buildings, church property and churchyards. The Archdeacon shares with the Bishop in the care and oversight of the clergy

The Gathering

The Rural Dean of Rutland, The Reverend Jane Baxter, welcomes the people and gives out any notices.

The Greeting

All stand and face the main door of the Church

Standing at the door, the Bishop says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Who is worthy to serve the Lord
or to enter his house?

All Those who have clean hands and a pure heart.

*The Bishop and new priest move to the font, to remind us of the
new beginning of baptism.*

Prayers of Penitence

The Bishop says

Jesus says: Unless I wash you, you have no share with me

Mr Michael Hinman, Reader in the Oakham Team Ministry, says

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:
“You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.”

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, we know that the harvest is plentiful
but the labourers are few.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you appointed us
to go and bear fruit that will last.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

*Revd Steve Barnwell, Minister of Oakham Baptist Church,
pours water into the font and says*

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
in order to make her holy by cleansing her
with the washing of water by the word,
so as to present the church to himself in splendour,
without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind.

Ephesians 5:25-27

The Bishop sprinkles water on the people and says

God, who saves us
through the washing of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit:
forgive you your sins,
cleans you from evil,
and equip you for service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Processional Hymn



1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Words: Discendi, amor santo, Bianco da Siena (d 1434) tr Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)
Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) (Ancient & Modern – 238)*

All sit

The Bishop introduces the service informally, and then says

God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. The whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom. To serve this royal priesthood, God has given a variety of ministries.

Our Lord Jesus Christ calls some of our brothers and sisters into the ordained ministry so that the whole people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.

They are to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being.

They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling.

With the Bishop and their fellow lay and ordained colleagues, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we may all grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

Today we celebrate a new chapter of this ministry in the life of the People of God called to serve Christ in this place. We give thanks for those who have been called to minister here, asking for God's blessing and guidance for us all to share in the building up of the kingdom.

The Presentation

Representatives of the Oakham Patronage Board stand before the Bishop with the new Team Rector designate, the Churchwardens flanking them, and Sir Laurence Howard says

Bishop Donald, we present Stephen Robert Griffiths,
to serve as Team Rector of the Oakham Team Ministry.

Bishop I thank you for your presentation.
Churchwardens and people of these parishes:
Do you welcome Stephen to serve here?

All **We do.**

Bishop Will you support and uphold Stephen in his new ministry?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Bishop Will you share with him in worship and witness, mission and pastoral care?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Bishop Stephen, I ask you in the presence of this congregation:
Do you believe that God has called you to this place?

Priest I do.

Bishop Are you willing to undertake this ministry?

Priest I am.

Collect

The Bishop introduces a period of silent prayer, then prays the Collect

God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servant Stephen
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – James 3.13–4.3,7-8a

Read by Mrs Debbie Sowter, Churchwarden of St Peter & St Paul Langham

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



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| 1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart: | 2. Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight: |
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3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far from foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: based on Veni, Creator Spiritus, Latin 8th or 9th century, tr John Cosin (1594-1672)
Music: Veni Creator (Mechlin), plainsong mode viii (Ancient & Modern – 241)

The Gospel – Mark 9.30-37

Read by Revd Deborah Marsh, Team Vicar

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit that shall last.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Right Reverend Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough

All sit for the sermon

A time of silence is kept after the sermon

The Institution and Induction

Declaration and Oaths

The congregation remains seated

The Registrar says

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

In the declaration you are about to make will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and in making him known to those in your care?

Priest I, Stephen Robert Griffiths, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The Priest takes the Bible in his right hand and faces the people

I, Stephen Robert Griffiths, do swear by almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: so help me God.

Still holding the Bible the Priest faces the Bishop

I, Stephen Robert Griffiths, do swear by almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Peterborough and his successors in all things lawful and honest: so help me God.

The Priest signs the Declaration and Oaths then kneels before the Bishop

Institution

Bishop I ask you now to join me in prayer for Stephen,
that God may bless him in his ministry,
so that Christ may be shown forth in your witness together in this place.

A period of silent prayer

Bishop Almighty God,
who on the Day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit
to the disciples with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to proclaim your gospel,
hear our prayer for Stephen and for all your faithful people,
that in the power of the same Spirit,
we may witness to your truth,
and draw all to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution,
then hands it to the new Team Rector, saying*

Stephen, receive the Cure of Souls which is both yours and mine,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop blesses the Priest, saying

God give you grace to fulfil your ministry,
reverence in the celebration of the sacraments,
faithfulness in proclaiming the word,
zeal in mission, diligence in pastoral care,
tenderness in comforting,
power in healing the wounds of his people,
and humility, self-sacrifice and courage in all things.
May you follow the steps of our Lord
and lead others in the way of eternal joy.

All **Amen.**

Induction

The Team Rector stands, and the Bishop addresses the Archdeacon

Archdeacon Gordon, I have instituted Stephen as Team Rector of these parishes. By this Mandate, I now charge you to induct him and to support and defend him in his ministry.

The Archdeacon leads the Priest to his stall, where he sits. The Archdeacon says

By virtue of this mandate, I, Gordon John Steele, Archdeacon of Oakham, install you Stephen Robert Griffiths, into the real, actual and corporeal possession of the parishes of The Oakham Team Ministry with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging and I install you in the seat of the Team Rector of these parishes.

The Priest kneels, and the Archdeacon blesses him with these words

The Lord himself is your keeper; the Lord is your defence upon your right hand. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is even he that shall keep your soul. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

All **Amen.**

Welcome

The Parish Priest stands beside the Bishop

Bishop Here is your new Team Rector, greet him warmly!

The Rural Dean introduces those who will give brief welcomes on behalf of the parish, the deanery, other churches and the local community.

The new Team Rector responds briefly and gives out any necessary notices.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

Bishop God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

All may share a handshake or other greeting

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection is taken for the work of recruiting and training new clergy, and the Holy Table is prepared for the Communion



1. Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.
3. Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5. Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

All remain standing

The Bishop presides at the Holy Communion, assisted by the Parish Priest.

Bishop The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Bishop Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us upon the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because within the royal priesthood of your Church
you ordain ministers to proclaim the word of God,
to care for your people
and to celebrate the sacraments of the new covenant.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Ho-ly, ho-ly,
 ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are
 full - of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bishop Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood
 of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant;
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

Priest Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Bishop And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung

Je - sus, Lamb - of - God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of sour sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Bishop God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All sit or kneel until directed to receive communion.

The clergy and people receive communion. Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive. If you would rather not receive you are invited to come forward with this booklet in your hands for a prayer of blessing.

Anthem during Communion

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.

Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus;

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Words: Song of Solomon 8.7,6; John 15.13, 1 Peter 2.24, 1 Corinthians 6.11; 1 Peter 2.9; Romans 12.1
Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

Hymns during Communion



1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3. Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Words: Graham Kendrick (b 1950) Music: The Servant King, Graham Kendrick (b 1950)
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1. Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.

2. Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.

5. Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet
let it still be me.

3. Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.

4. Take the little child in me
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.

Words: John L Bell (b 1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958)
Music: Take This Moment, John L Bell (b 1949)
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Prayer after Communion

All stand

The Team Rector leads the people in this prayer

All Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen
the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies
which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Into the World

The Bishop, the Archdeacon and the new Parish Priest are led by the Churchwardens to the bell and the new Priest tolls the bell.

They then move to the main door of the church where a churchwarden gives the Priest the church keys and says:

Receive these keys and let the doors of our churches be open to all.

Looking out of the church door the Bishop says

May God's blessing be on your ministry
in these parishes and beyond,
through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Fanfare for Nottingham (Naji Hakim)

The choir and other ministers process out of the church.

All are warmly invited to stay for refreshments.

Organist: Paul Butler

Director of Music: Kevin Slingsby

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This Week

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

7:15-9:15pm – **ALPHA COURSE LAUNCH SUPPER**

Oakham Baptist Church

See separate notice for details.

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

6:45-8:15pm – **PDCF REHEARSAL**

St Andrew Whissendine

Directed by Kevin Slingsby. In place of our usual practice.

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Alina Maries-Reim 'cello

J S Bach 'Cello Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV 1008 (extracts); **Lutoslawski** Grave; **Popper** Tarentella, Op 33

7:30pm – **HOME GROUP**

19 Ashwell Road, Oakham

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

10:30am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**

High Street, Waltham on the Wolds

The next walk is the last of our summer style walks when a picnic lunch is required and is approx. 6 miles. Start and parking at the SE end of the high street (after the sharp left turn onto the high street from Wymondham). Stephan to lead. New walkers always welcome simply turn up suitably attired. Group contact Dennis Corton on 01572 722272.

7:30pm – **OAKHAM PCC**

Mayhew Room, All Saints Oakham

7:30pm – **RUTLAND THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Oakham Methodist Church

Poetic Vision and the New Testament – Speaker: Dinah

Livingstone. What is poetic vision and how does it shine? Is the shining supernatural?

The talk will begin with these questions and then look closely at some poetic

visions and actual poems in the New Testament. Dinah Livingstone's ninth

poetry collection is *The Vision Splendid* (Katabasis 2014). She has given many

poetry readings in London, throughout Britain and abroad. Her most recent

prose book is *The Making of Humanity: Poetic Vision and Kindness* (2017). She is

also a translator with a special interest in Latin American writing. Among those she

has translated are Jon Sobrino (liberation theologian), Ernesto Cardenal (poet),

poets of the Nicaraguan Revolution and Carlos Mejia Godoy's *Misa campesina*

(Peasant Mass). Since 2004 she has edited the SOF Network magazine *Sofia*, which

explores religion as a human creation.

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

7:00-9:00pm – **PDCF REHEARSAL**

St Lawrence Towcester

Directed by Kathryn Haworth and accompanied by Michael Tinsley.

FRI-SUN 28-30 SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND

We are invited to join in the National Prayer Weekend 2018! Last year thousands of Christians across the UK were able to show God's love and concern by praying for their local community. Our local churches will be

arranging different events to enable this in Oakham and District – what this space for more information. *'Jesus said that we are the light of the world and we don't need to hide our light away. We can take it out onto the streets and share the love of God with those around us.'* Take a look at our website to see a short video explaining more about the weekend and a link to the website.

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

8:00am – **HOLY COMMUNION**

All Saints Oakham

9:00-10:30am – **TEAM BREAKFAST**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

Come and join us for breakfast before the Team Service. A good opportunity to meet together with friends and those from the other churches. Organised by Langham Choir. **Please note that breakfast is in the Church, not the Village Hall as advertised last week.**

11:00am – **TEAM HOLY COMMUNION**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

The only mid-morning service in the Team, when our new Team Rector, Revd Stephen Griffiths will preside and preach.

5:00pm – **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

St Edmund Egleton

6:00pm – **EVENING SERVICE**

Oakham Methodist Church

Our regular Fifth Sunday joint evening service with the Methodist Church, which will be part of the National Prayer Weekend. The preacher will be our Team Rector, Revd Stephen Griffiths. It is followed by the concert...

7:45pm – **AUTUMN SONG**

Oakham Methodist Church

A welcome return of French violinist Isabelle Flory, with the Tudor and Cantus Choirs, Barry Collett piano, Thomas Keogh organ, Alwyn Pollard conductor, including choral and violin works by Elgar, Kreisler and Parry's I was glad and Blest pair of sirens. Tickets at the door or from 01780 721005.

Looking Ahead

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER

7:15-9:15pm – **ALPHA COURSE**

Oakham Baptist Church

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER

7:00-9:00pm – **PDCF REHEARSAL**

Holy Trinity Rothwell

Directed by Kathryn Haworth and accompanied by Stephen Barber.

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHEON**

All Saints Oakham

Emilia Hubbard oboe

Britten Metamorphoses after Ovid (selections)

Grovez Sarabande et Allegro

FRI/SAT 5/6 OCTOBER

7:30pm – **COMEDY AT WHISSENDINE**

Whissendine Village Hall

Two hilarious comedy plays –

Menopause Madness and **Sticky**

Situation. Licensed bar from 7:00pm. See poster or website for more details.

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

FRIENDS VISIT TO NEWARK

National Civil War Centre

Do join us for a visit to this fascinating and informative new museum. Newark is an historic market town, with many attractions and places of interest. Apart from the museum itself, with its interactive galleries and history of Newark, there is a wonderful parish church dating back to the 12th century, a ruined castle and town trails detailing different aspects of Newark's architectural history. The large Saturday market will also be running and the market place is surrounded by small, cobbled lanes just waiting to be explored. We shall leave Oakham around 9:15am in private cars and meet at the museum at 10:30 for a welcome refreshments, before our self-guided visit. There will then be plenty of free time for people to decide which activities to follow, before meeting up again for the journey home. The cost will be £13, which includes entry to the museum, refreshments on arrival and a contribution to the driver's petrol and car parking charges. Please sign up on the sheet by the south door in the usual way. Cash and cheques payable to 'Friends of All Saints Church Oakham', can be left in the Friends pigeon hole in the Mayhew Room or given to Liz Plummer by 30th September. For more information please call 01572 720506

10:00am-3:30pm – **COME AND SEE**

The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, Peterborough, PE5 7AX

We will be exploring the invitation held out to us in the Gospel to 'Come and see'. The day will include time to reflect on our own experiences of God, some

reflections from Sr Rachel, as well as time to be alone and quiet. Open to all. Please bring a packed lunch. Reserve a place via the website or for more information please contact: Sr Rachel Overton sister.rco@icloud.com.

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

All Saints Oakham

Services at 8:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

FAIRTRADE STALL

All Saints Oakham

The Traidcraft Fairtrade stall will be in Church after today's 10:30am service. Do come and have a look at what Traidcraft has to offer. Thank you, Denise.

11:00am – **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

St Andrew Whissendine

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER

10:00am – **MU DEANERY QUIET MORNING**

Uppingham Church

10:00am Holy Communion, followed by coffee, Quiet Time, and then lunch (cost £5). If you hope to go, need a lift, or have spaces available in your car, please contact Helen Bush (01572 720129). Her answerphone is always on for messages.

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

10:00am-12:00pm – **OPEN HOUSE**

Home of Pat & Don Munro, 10 Cricket Lawns, Oakham

All are welcome to call in for tea or coffee and a friendly chat.

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER

10:30am – **HANDICRAFT GROUP MEETING**

8 Peterborough Avenue, Oakham

As the time of the Autumn Sale approaches we will be meeting to sort patterns, fabrics and wools. Any donations of unwanted handicraft materials would be gratefully received. All are welcome. Sally Corton (01572 722272)

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

5:30pm – **DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL – Peterborough Cathedral**

Our choirs will be joining others from the Diocese, and RSCM awards will be presented. All welcome to join the congregation.

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER

5:00pm – **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
St Andrew Hambleton

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

12:00 for 12:30pm – **FRIENDS TIDE LUNCH**

Whitwell Harbour Bar & Restaurant

Speaker – David Clark, Chairman of Rutland Foodbank. Invitation to members of the Friends will be sent out at the beginning of October and Liz will be at the service at Langham on 30th September and the following Sunday 7th October at 10.30 at Oakham with the letters to give out. For anyone who is not yet a member of the Friends but who would like to come along to the lunch, you would be most welcome, so please use the sign-

up sheet at the south door. I would be most grateful if the return slip and money could be sent back to me promptly, as I do need to give the Harbour Cafe plenty of notice regarding numbers etc. For more information call Liz Plummer (01572 720506).

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

9:30am-12:00pm – **ALL SAINTS**
AUTUMN SALE – All Saints Oakham

Please pray for

- **Henry Mauklick & Charlotte Crawford**, who were married at Hambleton on Saturday;
- For the family and friends of Ruth Watchorn, Betty Minor, Guy Robinson, Paddy Brook, Daniel Freeman, Adam Thwaites & Joyce Halliday who have died recently;
- For the victims of Hurricane Florence, and all those still trying to rebuild their lives after environmental disasters;
- The victims of terror attacks and who continue to suffer from the effects of violence, especially the Rohingya and Kachin people in Burma;
- 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 help and a safe place for the refugees;
- 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;
- For all those involved in planning and running the Alpha Course this autumn;
- The Rutland Food Bank;
- The Drop-in Centre;
- Justin and John our Archbishops and Donald and John, our Bishops;
- Deborah, Iain & Charlotte, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team, and Revd Stephen Griffiths as he prepares to join the Team;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

Joyce Halliday RIP

It is with regret that we announce the death of Joyce Halliday, regular member of the congregation at Oakham. Joyce's funeral service will take place on Friday 5th October at 12 noon.

Independent Examiner Needed

An Independent Examiner is needed for Whissendine PCC (St Andrew's Church) accounts. If you are interested in volunteering for this role please contact the treasurer, Rosemary Powell, for an informal discussion (whisstreasurer@btinternet.com or 07753 326147). You do not need a formal accountancy qualification, just some experience of business and financial matters and ideally charities.

Smalls for All – Bra Recycle

BRAS! If you're having a clear out please note that most charity shops don't take bras but as they often cost us a lot of money they are too nice to throw in the bin. A UK based charity that sends unwanted bras to African villages to improve hygiene and prevent the rape of young girls and women, as wearing a bra in some villages is a sign of wealth, status and power. If the bra is too tatty they recycle the material and metal to raise money to buy underwear. So if you're throwing out your old bras, whatever state they are in free up some space in your drawers, save them from going to landfill. Please send them here instead – Smalls for All, 108 Buchanan Crescent, Eliburn, Livingston, EH54 7EF.

Please Pray for Licensed Lay Ministers

On Saturday 29th September we are celebrating and giving thanks to God for licensed lay ministry in our diocese. We will be licensing new lay ministers and also re-licensing all the existing ones. This will be a great day and a sign of how lay ministry is flourishing both in our diocese and also in the Church of England. Please could I therefore ask you to kindly include all the licensed lay ministers in our team, Readers, Lay Evangelists and Lay Pastoral Ministers who are being relicensed, in your prayers. Please give thanks to God for all that they do and please pray for their continuing ministries and hard work in our team. Many thanks, Vyv Wainwright, Reader, Oakham Team Ministry and Deputy Warden of Readers, Diocese of Peterborough.

Bamboo Cups

Our very own, diocesan-branded bamboo cups. Each year, 100 billion single use coffee cups end up as landfill. Our 12oz reusable coffee cup is made with natural bamboo fibre – one of the world's most sustainable resources. Fully dishwasher safe, suitable for hot and cold drinks, with a resealable 'no-drip' lid. (Not suitable for microwave.) Bring and re-use at diocesan events. Keep in the car. Great gifts for church members. Discounts & extra loyalty stamps at high-street coffee shops when you use your bamboo cup. And a great conversation-starter about caring for God's creation. Order yours now – £7 each – orders@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

Friends Outing to Tolethorpe Theatre

On Saturday 28th July a group of 20 of the Friends met in the grounds of Tolethorpe Manor to enjoy a picnic and a drink together, before the matinee performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (The Royal Shakespeare Company are also presenting the Comedy this season). The Stamford based theatre placed the time-line successfully in a pub in the wartime 1940s, complete with a uniformed American GI, and a jazz trio and singer in the pub, (originally The Inn). The big message of the play is "do not mess with other peoples' wives, or they will sort you out". The plot revolves around Falstaff who has wicked designs, and cast as a Home Guard sergeant!... (possibly guess who?). Much fun is had at his expense, including the audience.

A well told moral of a tale, and a brilliant comedy updated. Potentially, for that afternoon rain was forecast, but the auditorium is covered. All was delightfully dry and fine until the moment to leave the theatre, when suddenly the rain tipped down. It was a bit of a shock to grab umbrellas, put on macs and hoods, hold wheel-chairs, and find walking sticks at a moment's notice. But as we were so fortunate to have a full afternoon of such good weather and quality entertainment, until that moment's reminder, a soaking did not seem to matter. This visit has now become a regular one of late for The Friends, and we await the 2019 Season Programme, with the trio of plays, with anticipation. *JH*.

National Prayer Weekend

Join with Christians across the UK from Orkney to Penryn in this year's National Prayer Weekend, 28-30 September! You could pray by yourself, gather some friends, in your small group, or even encourage your whole church to pray for your community. We are getting very excited about seeing God answering prayer in local communities across the UK. Have a look at the website for more information. The joint service with the Methodist Church at 6:00pm on 30 September will focus on the initiative.

Alpha Course

Churches Together in Oakham are running an **Alpha Course** this autumn, to be held at the Baptist Church. Alpha

is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. The local launch supper will be on **Monday 24th September, at 7:15pm, at Oakham Baptist Church**. There will be a supper and a guest speaker and for those who then decide to sign up for the course, it will run on consecutive Mondays from the 1st October to 3rd December. People can sign up via the OBC church website or by emailing us at alpha@oakhambaptist.org.uk. There are also invitation cards at the back of church which can either be filled in and handed to one of the ministry team, or dropped off at the Baptist Church. This is an ideal opportunity to experience the Alpha Course for yourself, and/or invite a friend who may be asking questions of faith that you struggle with too, to come along with you to the introductory supper on 24th September. If you have any further questions, please contact a member of the ministry team, who will be pleased to help. As always, there is no commitment expected at this first meeting, but names of attendees should be given beforehand, either by phone to the church office on 01572 724990, or by email to alpha@oakhambaptist.org.uk.

Subsequent meetings will be at the same location on Monday evenings, 7:15pm-9:15pm, until 3rd December. The Away Day will be on 10th November, 10:00am-4:00pm. As well as thinking about joining the course, or inviting a friend to, there are opportunities to help run the course, and all offers of help on the team will be welcomed, whether to cook, wash up, pray, lay tables, move chairs, lead a small group, or even provide small flower arrangements for the tables. If you are interested, there will be an **Alpha Training Evening on Monday 3rd September, 7:15pm-9:15pm** at OBC, which is open to anyone. It will be a 'dress rehearsal' for the forthcoming Alpha launch and an opportunity for all to see what Alpha is about and to incorporate some training for those involved at the coal face. A meal will be served. If you would like to come along, please sign up with Sue and Merv Bamber at alpha@oakhambaptist.org.uk or tel 01572 812882 as soon as possible. No cost involved – a fun evening for all.

Friends Coffee & Cakes Morning

A morning with the Rutland Food Bank and surprise visit by The High Sheriff. Into early Autumn, on a bright morning, and after some welcome rain the day before, Church members and some friends held a Coffee and Cakes Morning in aid of working funds for the Rutland Food Bank. From 10:00am until midday, the doors of the Church Hall on Friday 7th September were open for free

coffee. The lovely cakes contributions were on offer at a modest price per slice. Richard was a great salesman and additionally sold whole cakes when requested as a take-home option. Liz poured the coffees, and Patsy was in charge of the Raffle tickets, with back up from general workers Janet and Janet, front of house and behind the scenes. We were joined by movers and shakers from the Food Bank who came to talk informally among the coffee drinkers. It was definitely the 'place to be' in Oakham that Friday morning. The sales, raffle and 'donations to basket' raised nearly £400. With Gift Aid where appropriate, together with any final donations (*thank you*), the total will be presented as a cheque to the Food Bank administration at our Tide Lunch (All Saints Day) on 1st November at the Rutland Water

Harbour Restaurant at Whitwell. The Food Bank cannot function without a building from which to operate, generating basic costs, and this is where our cash donation is aimed. So thank you to everybody for your valued work and contributions of all kinds. The 'icing on the cakes', so to speak, to our greatest pleasure and delight, was a visit by Mrs M S Jarron, Rutland's High Sheriff, who formally attended our event as an extension of her visit to the working Food Bank Store in Oakham that morning. All Saints makes a small annual contribution to the Rutland Food Bank within the accounts but in addition the Harvest Festival this year will receive storeable food contributions as part of the services on 7th October.
JH – 19/09/18.

OAKHAM METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 19.45

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Come and see...

Saturday October 6th 2018
10.00am – 3.30pm

Led by

Sr Rachel Overton

(Part of The Annunciation Trust)

During this day, we will be exploring the invitation held out to us in the Gospel to 'Come and see'.

What does it mean to each of us to hear and respond to those words - not just once, but to constantly engage with looking further, looking more deeply and being willing to turn aside from our preoccupations in order to pay attention to God?

The day will include time to reflect on our own experiences of God, some reflections from Sr Rachel, as well as time to be alone and quiet.

The day is open to all, and for those who have no previous experience of quiet days and silence, guidance will be given as how to spend times of quiet.

Venue: The Cedar Centre, Church Walk, Castor, Peterborough PE5 7AX.

Cost: A suggested contribution of between £20 - £25 to the Annunciation Trust (see below).

Please bring a packed lunch – hot drinks will be provided.

For more information please email: sister.rco@icloud.com

Regular Groups & Activities

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Tiny Tots (age 0-4). Thursdays 9:45am during term-time. **Oakham 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 6:45-8:15pm
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 Oct/26 Sep/3 Oct
Whissendine Bells Thu 7:30-9:00pm

MOTHERS' UNION

Oakham & Braunston 2nd Thursday
2:15pm **Oakham Church Hall**;
Corporate Communion 3rd Wednesday
10:00am **Chapel of St John & St Anne**

TEAM WALKING GROUP

Fourth Thursday of month, with pub lunch during winter and picnic during summer. See pew sheet for details.
Dennis Corton (01572 722272)

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

Bereavement Support Group
Second Tuesday of every month 7:00pm
in **Oakham Church Hall**

Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 24 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 11:00 Funeral <i>Betty Minor</i> <i>Langham</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i> 25 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 Holy Communion <i>Oakham</i> 12:00 Funeral <i>Daniel Freeman</i> <i>Oakham</i>	12:00 Funeral <i>Adam Thwaites</i> <i>Langham</i> 1:00 Funeral <i>Paddy Brook</i> <i>Whissendine</i> 5:30 Evening Prayer <i>Teigh</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> 26 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 Holy Communion <i>J&A</i> 12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg <i>Cong Ch</i>	3:00 Funeral <i>Ruth Watchorn</i> <i>Oakham</i> 5:30 Meditation <i>J&A</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 27 Sep	9:00 Team Communion <i>Oakham</i> 9:45 Tiny Tots <i>Oakham</i>	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 2:00 Funeral <i>Guy Robinson</i> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Friday</i> 28 Sep	8:30 Morning Prayer <i>Oakham</i> 10:00 BCP Communion <i>Oakham</i>	
<i>Saturday</i> 29 Sep	1:00 Wedding <i>Darren Johnson</i> & <i>Claire Hardy</i> <i>Oakham</i>	2:00 Wedding <i>Simon Breannon</i> & <i>Shaza Mark Braunston</i>

Services Next Sunday – 30 September *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00am Holy Communion (CW Trad) 6:00pm Evening Service <i>at Oakham Methodist Church</i>
<i>Langham</i>	11:00am TEAM COMMUNION <i>preceded by breakfast from 9:00am</i>
<i>Egleton</i>	5:00pm Harvest Festival

No other services in the Team

Next Sunday's Readings

Eighteenth after Trinity: Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50