



All Saints Oakham

Weekly Pewsheet

Service Details and Notices

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 9 December 2018

Services in the Team today:

Oakham	8:00am	Holy Communion (CW Trad)
	10:30am	Parish Communion*
	4:00pm	Christingle Service
	6:00pm	Evensong
Whissendine	11:00am	Family Service
Teigh	9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Ashwell	10:30am	Holy Communion*
Market Overton	9:15am	Morning Worship
Langham	11:00am	Holy Communion*
Braunston	11:00am	Sunday Worship
Brooke	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hambleton	9:15am	Holy Communion*
Egleton		No service

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

Please take this Pewsheet home



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8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Communion*

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

Processional Hymn*



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

*Ring, bells, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
W'hen he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

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

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

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

*Ring, bells, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!*

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: Personent Hodie, melody from Pia Cantiones, 1582, harmonised by Compilers of New English Hymnal, 1986

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Malachi 3.1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Second Reading – Philippians 1.3-11*

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gradual Hymn*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with various rests and dynamic markings. The melody is lyrical and repetitive, typical of a hymn tune.

1. Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.

2. Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Words & Music: Brian Doerksen (b 1965) © 1990 Vineyard Songs and ION Publishing (Ancient & Modern – 373)

Gospel – Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

Offertory Hymn



1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Words: Richard A M Gillard (b 1953) Music: Servant Song, Richard A M Gillard (b 1953), arr Betty Puklingham (b 1928)
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(Ancient & Modern – 604)

Communion Hymns*



1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come.

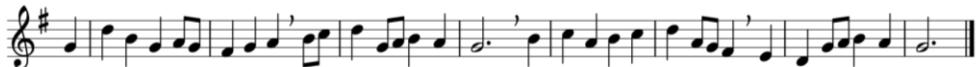
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Words: *Jordanis oras praevia*, Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr John Chandler (1806-1876)

Music: Winchester New, adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg, 1690 (Ancient & Modern – 46)



1. The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

4. The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

5. For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

Words: based on verses from *Psalms 82, 85, 86*, John Milton, the elder (c1563-1647)

Music: St Stephen (Newington), William Jones (1726-1800)
(Ancient & Modern – 51)

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Advent Wreath Prayer

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

Advent Wreath Hymn

Fine

D.C.

*'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.

Words: John L. Bell (b 1949) Music: Advent Ring, John L. Bell (b 1949)
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1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Words: Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Music: Hannover, from A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708 – AM 754
© Alexander Scott (Ancient & Modern – 569)

6:00pm Evensong

The Order of Service is contained in the separate Service Book, and the hymns are taken from New English Hymnal.

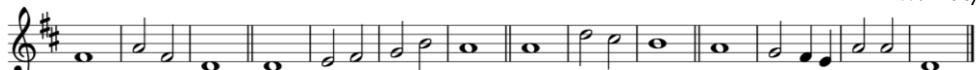
Opening Hymn

6 – Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

Responses – Ferial

Psalm 75 confitebimur tibi

T A Walmisley



- 1 Unto thee O God do | we give | thanks :
yea unto | thee do | we give | thanks.
2 Thy Name | also is · so | nigh :
and that do thy | wond-rous | works de- | clare.
3 When I receive the | con-gre- | gation :
I shall judge ac- | cor-ding | un-to | right.
4 The earth is weak and all the in- | habiter- · there- | of :
I | bear up · the | pil-lars | of it.
5 I said unto the fools; * | Deal not · so | madly :
and to the ungodly; * | Set not | up your | horn.
6 Set not up your | horn on | high :
and | speak not · with a | stiff — | neck.
7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, * | nor from · the | west :
nor | yet — | from the | south.
8 And why? * | God is · the | Judge :
he putteth down one and | set-teth | up an- | other.

- 9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup and the | wine is | red :
it is full mix'd and he | pour-eth | out of · the | same.
- 10 As for the | dregs there- | of :
all the ungodly of the earth shall | drink them · and | suck them | out.
- 11 But I will talk of the | God of | Jacob :
and | praise — | him for | ever.
- 12 All the horns of the ungodly | also · will I | break :
and the horns of the | righteous · shall | be ex- | alted.

Glory | be · to the | Father,
and to the | Son and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is | now and · ever | shall be :
world | with-out | end, A- | men.

First Lesson – *Isaiah 40.1-11*

Office Hymn

3 – Come thou long-expected Jesus

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis – Set 7

Second Lesson – *Luke 1.1-25*

Hymn after the Prayers

388 – Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

Hymn after the Sermon

377 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Supermarket/ Church Donations



To help with your selection of gifts we thought that it would be helpful if we outlined our current requirements:

Sponge puddings	Tinned ham/ corned beef
Coffee	500 g sugar
Jam	Toothbrushes
Smash	Washing capsules
Rice	Deodorant
Tinned potatoes	Nappies (not newborn)
Custard	Tampons



Currently we have enough stock of:



Pasta	Cereal
Tinned beans	Soup
Tinned tomatoes	Toothpaste
Tea	Pet food



Please Support Your
Rutland Foodbank
Thank You

Today

4:00pm – CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

All Saints Oakham

This Week

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

4:00-9:00pm – LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Oakham

All Saints will be open for refreshments and an oasis of calm amidst the hustle & bustle.

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

11:00am – ADVENT REFLECTIONS

45 Trent Road, Oakham

See separate notice for details

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

10:00am-1:00pm & 7:30pm-9:00pm –

ADVENT PRAYER LABYRINTH

Stamford Methodist Church, Barn Hill, Stamford

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

All Saints Oakham

Harington School students

7:30pm – ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Chapel of St John & St Anne

See separate notice for details

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

2:15pm – MOTHERS' UNION

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Holy Communion (celebrated by Revd Stephen Griffiths), followed by Christmas readings and tea. All welcome.

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

10:00am-12:00pm – OPEN HOUSE

*Home of Araminta & Tony Mathias,
2 Lodge Gardens, Oakham*

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

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

11:00am -2:00pm – CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Market Overton Bowls Club

Stalls, raffle, carols, Santa's grotto, tombola, books, refreshments. Proceeds to St Peter & St Paul Market Overton. More information or to book a stall – Sarah Bateman (07799 334455).

2:00pm – NATIVITY TABLEAU

REHEARSAL

All Saints Oakham

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

10:30am – SUNDAY SCHOOL

NATIVITY – All Saints Oakham

11:00am – CAROL SERVICE

St Peter & St Paul Market Overton

12:15pm – HOLY BAPTISM

All Saints Oakham

3:00pm – CAROL SERVICE

St Peter & St Paul Langham

With Laudamus Team Choir

5:00pm – CAROL SERVICE

St Andrew Hambleton

6:00pm – CAROL SERVICE

St Andrew Whissendine

With Laudamus Team Choir

6:00pm – CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

All Saints Braunston

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

6:00pm – CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

St Peter Brooke

Seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Looking Ahead

MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

7:30pm – CATMOSE COLLEGE CAROL

CONCERT – *All Saints Oakham*

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

11:00am – ADVENT REFLECTIONS

2 Wensum Close, Oakham

See separate notice for details

7:30pm – CHRISTMAS IN THE CHAPEL

Uppingham School Chapel

With Rutland Concert Band, presented by Rutland Lions. Tickets £8 from Fords of Oakham.

WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER

1:30pm – MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

All Saints Oakham

Catmose College students

2:00pm – CAROL SERVICE

Chapel of St John & St Anne

6:00pm – CAROL SERVICE

St Edmund Egleton

7:30pm – ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Chapel of St John & St Anne

See separate notice for details

THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

1:30pm – OAKHAM COFE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

All Saints Oakham

7:30pm – OAKHAM TOWN FESTIVAL

OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

All Saints Oakham

With Laudamus Team Choir

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER

6:00pm – LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

All Saints Oakham

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

10:30am – CAROL SERVICE

St Mary Ashwell

6:00pm – CAROL SERVICE

Holy Trinity Teigh

CHRISTMAS EVE

JOURNEY TO JESUS

3:30pm – *Braunston*

CRIB SERVICES

4:00pm – *Oakham, Whissendine*

6:00pm – *Langham, Market Overton*

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

9:00pm – *Hambleton*

11:15pm – *Langham, Whissendine*

11:30pm – *Oakham*

CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY COMMUNION

8:00am – *Oakham, Brooke*

9:00am – *Teigh*

9:15am – *Market Overton, Egleton*

10:00am – *Oakham*

10:30am – *Ashwell*

11:00am – *Braunston*

TUESDAY 1 JANUARY

10:15am – TEAM WALKING GROUP

Hambleton Peninsula

There is no walk in December, therefore the next walk will be our

new year walk around the Hambleton peninsula which is approx 5 miles and is on good tracks.

Please meet initially at 8 Peterborough Avenue at 10:15am with your Bring and Share lunch then motor to the Fisherman's carpark to begin the walk. Afterwards return to Peterborough Ave for lunch where hot soup and drinks will also be available. Please ring Dennis or Sally Corton (01572 722272) if you wish to walk and to enable us to monitor lunch contributions. Anyone wishing to walk only meet at the Fisherman's carpark ready for a 10.30am start.

**11:00am – BELLS SERVICE
St Peter & St Paul Langham**

SATURDAY 5 JANUARY

**6:00pm – EPIPHANY CURRY EVENING
4 Melton Road, Langham**
Booking essential on 01572 770234 or 01572 723532.

7:30pm – EPIPHANY CAROL CONCERT

All Saints Oakham
Concert by Cambridge Fundraising Choir in aid of Cancer Research UK.

SATURDAY 19 JANUARY

**CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST
Victoria Hall, Oakham**
Praying for Oakham – Perspectives from Community Leaders. Tickets £4.

Please pray for

- **Daniel Cole & Caroline Sowter**, who were married at Langham on Saturday;
- The family and friends of **Mike Gidlow**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Thursday;
- The family and friends of Gladys Brown, Bernard Gandy, Michael McKenzie and Jean Stafford, who have died recently;
- For the victims of environmental disasters and all those still trying to rebuild their lives;
- 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;
- Stephen, Deborah, Iain & Charlotte, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team;
- Madeleine McCann and her family and all missing children.

Traidcraft Sales

November was an amazing month – the total for all sales was an outstanding £824.25, thank you SO much to everyone who has supported the stall in its various forms, I look forward to reporting another good month for December. Denise.

Autumn Sale

The total figure for the Autumn Sale now stands at £2506. Many thanks again to all who have contributed in any way to this wonderful amount. Date for you diary, with slight name change: Saturday 16th November – **Autumn Fayre 2019.**

Christ the King – Icon of Love

This is the title of a new book by Revd Raymond Tomkinson. For many centuries Christians have found the symbol of the cross to be a source of inspiration. Reflections in this book explore the less well-known cross which depicts Christ reigning as king of heaven and earth. Flyers with more information are available in Oakham church, and the book can be ordered from www.kevinmayhew.com.

Michael Pooley RIP

Michael Pooley, formerly a bell ringer & choir member of All Saints Oakham, died peacefully at home in Durham on 12th November 2018.

Christmas Post

Oakham All Saints Scout Group will be hand delivering Christmas post in Oakham in return for a small donation. The Post Box will be in Oakham Church from 2nd to 16th December.

Oakham Nativity Tableau

All those children wishing to take part in the Oakham Nativity Tableau on 16 December are invited to come to the rehearsal on 15 December at 2:00pm in the church where roles will be allocated and a practise will take place. We are short of children this year and may invite the odd adult to spontaneously take part!

Advent Reflections

Are you ready for Christmas? Put down the wrapping paper and come to one (or more!) of the Advent reflections happening in Oakham this December. Give yourself some space to remember the reason for the season. This year there will be (1) a **Tuesday late-morning group** to meet 11:00am on Tuesdays – 4th (2 Wensum Close), 11th (45 Trent Road), 18th (2 Wensum Close) – **Bible study around Advent themes**; (2) a **Wednesday evening group**, 7:30pm at the Chapel of St John & St Anne on Wednesdays (5th, 12th, 19th) –

Contemplation through word and music on Advent themes. Come to all or any of the sessions, depending on when you can. For more information please talk to Revd Stephen, Revd Iain or Revd Charlotte or Ann Blackett (Oakham churchwarden).

Travelling Nativity and Posada

Don't forget to send a picture (landscape) of the Holy Family visiting your home to the website blog – email it to tn@oakhamteam.org.uk and it will appear!

Mary Willows

Mary's many friends here will, we are sure, be glad to hear that she has moved to live with her daughter Ann. Iain spoke to her this week, and she sounds very happy and grateful for all the care, prayer and loving messages she has received. You might want to send a card to her at: 12 Osprey Close, Broughton Astley, LE9 6RS.

Celebrating over 40 years of Good News!

Some things just happen, and the Parish Good News Magazine has for so many years 'just happened' thanks to David and Meg Dyer's faithful service. David started the magazine initially as a Braunston parish news sheet in the late 70's. That morphed into *News from the Gwash* in the early 80's supporting the first amalgamation of village parishes. With growing success it became the Oakham Team Good News magazine covering all the parishes, yet the production and editorial staff remained David supported by Meg. In the early days

there were no PCs and electronic printers so it was even more of a challenge than today. December will be David's last edition in charge and we want to take this opportunity to thank them for their faithfulness and dedication to making the magazine happen every month come rain or shine. For many people producing and editing the parish magazine would be their main act of service but for the Dyers it has been just one of many, many areas of service to Christ in Rutland and the wider church. To David & Meg – **thank you** from all your readers and God bless you! P.S. We await with interest the deliberations of the working party on how and what form the *Good News* will take in the New Year.

Carols for the Housebound

The recently formed and flourishing Sunday Night Youth Group would like to come to sing carols to any who are housebound early one evening before Christmas. If you have names to suggest of those who would appreciate this, please let Charlotte know (01572 724198 or charlotte@oakhamteam.org.uk or).

Vote at Oakham Tesco during Nov & Dec!

Next time you are in Tesco Oakham remember to vote for All Saints' Church, Braunston **Bats in Churches** project for funding of up to £4,000 by Tesco's Bags of Success scheme. The final funding depends on voting in the Oakham Tesco store between 1st November and 31st December.



 **Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR**

This is just a guide we will be very grateful for any donation. Please see our Rutland food bank Facebook page or website see below. Our contact details are info@rutlandfoodbank.org or telephone 07582783363.

1 Tinned Potatoes	2 Cordial	3 Washing Capsules	4 Nappies size 4or5	5 Smash	6 Bags for Life
7 Jam	8 Custard	9 Sponge puddings	10 Tin opener	11 500 g sugar	12 Jar of coffee
13 Deodorant	14 Corned beef	15 Rice	16 Pull up nappies	17 Sponge Puddings	18 Toothbrushes
19 Cereal bars	20 Baby wipes	21 Tin opener	22 Chocolate bars	23 Rice pudding	24 Tinned ham

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Registered Charity in England & Wales (1110522.)

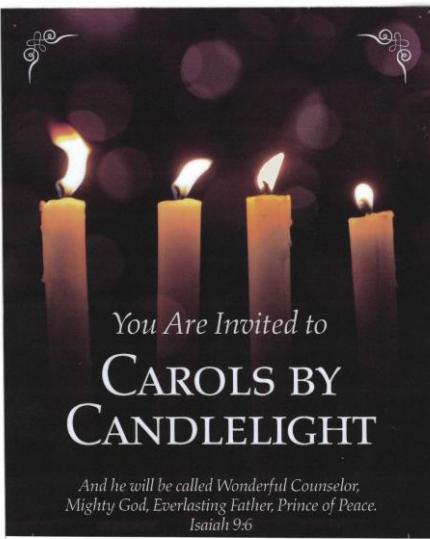
Advent Reflections

Chapel of St John and St Anne, Oakham
Wednesdays 5, 12, 19 December, 7.30pm

Prayer and contemplation
on Advent themes in word
and music



And a morning Biblical Study group meeting at 11am on Tuesdays:
4th (2 Wensum Close), 11th (45 Trent Road), 18th (2 Wensum Close)



The invitation features four lit candles of varying heights against a dark background with bokeh light effects. The text is arranged vertically on the right side of the candles.

You Are Invited to
**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**

*And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6*

Sunday 16th December 6pm
All Saints Braunston

Rutland Lions present
Christmas in The Chapel

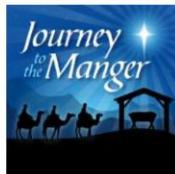
A Sparkling Programme of Christmas Music
by **The Rutland Concert Band**
in aid of **Rutland Food Bank Christmas Parcels**
on **Tuesday 18th December, at 7.30pm**
in **Uppingham School Chapel,**

High Street West
Tickets: £8.00 adults from
Uppingham Sports & Books & Fords of Oakham



Stamford Methodist Church
Barn Hill, Stamford

Advent Prayer Labyrinth



Wednesday 12th December 2018
10am – 1pm & 7.30pm – 9pm
in the church.

Pray for the world, for others
and for yourself

A warm welcome awaits you

For more information contact Rev Andy Fyall (01780) 762282



Discover what's happening
and find your way to the stable

The mission begins at
All Saints Church Braunston
Christmas Eve 3.30pm



Seasonal Refreshments
in the Village Hall
afterwards

Make sure you are warmly
dressed as we shall be
going outside
weather permitting

**All Saints' Church
Oakham**

**Town Festival of
Nine Lessons & Carols**

a Carol Service for the
whole of Oakham

with Laudamus, Oakham Team Choir

followed by wine & mince pies

Thursday 20th December – 7:30pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST

PRAYING FOR OAKHAM



PERSPECTIVES FROM
COMMUNITY LEADERS

SATURDAY 19th JANUARY

in

THE VICTORIA HALL
at 8.30 am

Tickets: £4.00

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 – year 7 upwards) Sunday evenings fortnightly 6:30-8:00pm in term time

2 Wensum Close, Oakham LE15 6FU
(home of Revd Charlotte Osborn).

Programme on website or phone 01572 724198.

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

Braunston Bells Wednesdays 7:30pm

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..

Bereavement Supporters Training

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

Services During The Week

Monday 10 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham	
Tuesday 11 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	5:30 Evening Prayer Ashwell
Wednesday 12 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion J&A	12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg Cong Ch 5:30 Meditation J&A
Thursday 13 Dec	9:00 Team Communion Oakham 9:45 Tiny Tots Oakham	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 12:15 Celtic Prayer Egleton 12:00 Burial Bernard Gandy Braunston
Friday 14 Dec	8:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 BCP Communion Oakham	12:00 Funeral Michael McKenzie Langham

Services Next Sunday – 16 December

Third Sunday of Advent

Oakham	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30 Sunday School Nativity 12:15 Holy Baptism	6:00 Evensong
Whissendine	11:00 Holy Communion	6:00 Carol Service
Teigh		
Market Overton	11:00 Carol Service	
Ashwell		
Langham		3:00 Carol Service
Braunston		6:00 Carol Service
Brooke		6:00 Carol Service
Hambleton		5:00 Carol Service
Egleton	9:15 Holy Communion	

Next Sunday's Readings

Third of Advent: Psalm 146.4-10; Zephaniah 3.14-20; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18
 Oakham Evensong: Psalm 50.1-6; Isaiah 35; Luke 1.57-66