



All Saints Oakham

# The Longest Night

A Service to Prepare for Christmas



Friday 21 December 2018

6:00pm

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*We will remain seated through the whole of the service, including the singing of carols. The service will proceed unannounced; the order of service states where we sing together and, if you wish to, please join in the responses to prayers that are printed in **bold type**.*

## **Welcome**

We meet in the name of a loving God,  
**Who knows our needs,**  
**hears our cries,**  
**and heals our wounds.**

Come, God-with-us,  
who braves our rejection and hurt,  
who holds us in acceptance and love.

Come, God-for-us,  
who whispers in our ears  
that each of us is a beloved child.

Come, God-under-us,  
who cradles us in arms  
that never grow weary.

Come, God-over-us,  
who watches in the long silence of the night,  
that we might rest in peace.

Come, God-beside-us,  
who steadies us when we falter,  
who lifts us up when we fall.

Come, God-behind us,  
who picks up the faded dreams we drop along the way,  
and patchworks them into hope.

Come, O come, Emmanuel  
**And we will rejoice forever.**

## We sing...

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

*Music: Veni Emmanuel, adapted from a French Missal by T Helmore (1811-1890)*

## Reading – Isaiah 7.14; 9.6-7

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## Reading – Luke 2:1-5

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

## **We sing...**

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee to-night.

2. O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.

## **Reading – Luke 2:7**

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## **We continue to sing...**

3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still,  
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas Angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

*Words: Phillips Brooks; Music: English traditional arr. Vaughan Williams*

## Reflection

You came as a baby, Lord.  
As a helpless little child,  
who relied on a human family to care for him.

You cried because you were hungry,  
because you were homeless,  
because you were a stranger –  
far away from home.

You still cry with hunger, Lord,  
in the voices of many that are starving.  
Your tears still flow:  
for the homeless, the lonely, the forgotten.  
You still rely on human families to care for you.  
And so, this Christmas, Lord we pray:

**Help us to be the kind of people  
who look for you in the world,  
and joyfully discover you,  
as we care for one another.  
Amen**

## We sing...

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there

*Words: Author unknown, Little children's book, Philadelphia 1885  
Music: Cradle Song, William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), harm Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975)*

## Reading – Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### We sing...

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. 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.

## Prayers

*Each section of the prayers will end*

Lord, come to your people.

*Please respond*

**In your mercy, set us free.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### We sing...

1. Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright  
round the virgin and her child:  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace;  
sleep in heavenly peace!

2. Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quail at the sight,  
glory streams from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born!'

3. Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light:  
radiant beams your holy face  
with the dawn of saving grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) Music: Stille Nacht, Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)*

### Final Prayers and Blessing

*Please feel free to stay in the quiet for as long as you need.*

## 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*

## SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER

11:00am – **TEAM HOLY COMMUNION**  
*St Andrew Whissendine*  
**No other services today except**  
**8:00am at Oakham**

## TUESDAY 1 JANUARY

11:30am – **BELLS SERVICE**  
*St Peter & St Paul Langham*

## SATURDAY 5 JANUARY

7:30pm – **EPIPHANY CAROL**  
**CONCERT**

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

## FRIDAY 11 JANUARY

7:30pm – **ORGAN RECITAL**

*All Saints Oakham*  
Distinguished young Australian  
organist, **Samuel Giddy**, returns to  
Oakham as part of a UK tour including  
Guildford, Chester and Blackburn  
cathedrals.

*J S Bach* Concerto in G Major BWV  
592; *C P E Bach* Sonata no 2 in G  
minor; *Mendelssohn* Sonata no 6 in D  
minor; *Niels Gade* Allegro Moderato  
from Drei Tonstücke; *Paul Hindemith*  
Sonata no 2 in E minor; *Percy*  
*Whitlock* Folk Tune; *Ad Wammes*  
Miroir; *Eugene Gigout* Toccata

## SATURDAY 19 JANUARY

**CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST**

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



# Earth Mission *Journey to* Jesus

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



Seasonal Refreshments  
in the Village Hall  
afterwards



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

**OTM**  
OAKHAM TEAM MINISTRY

All Saints Oakham  
**Organ Recital**

**Samuel Giddy**  
Distinguished Young  
Australian Organist

**Friday 11 January  
7:30pm**

Tickets £8 from [www.oakhamconcerts.info](http://www.oakhamconcerts.info) or on the door  
All Saints' Church, Church Street, Oakham, LE15 6AA

## Epiphany Carol Concert

in aid of Cancer Research UK's Brain Tumour Research

7.30pm, Saturday 5th January 2019

All Saints' Church, Oakham



Join Cambridge Fundraising Choir for an evening of beautiful carols, wine and mince pies!

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/EpiphanyRutland2019> or 07809 229292

All Saints Church Oakham

## Christmas Eve

4:00pm **Crib Service**

*The creation and blessing of our Crib*

11:30pm **Midnight Mass**

*Candlelit choral celebration of the first communion of Christmas*

## Christmas Day

8:00am **Holy Communion**

*Traditional said service with sermon*

10:00am **Holy Communion**

*Sung service with carols and sermon*



# 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**