



St Mary Ashwell

Service of Readings & Carols



Sunday 23 December 2018

10:30am

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Carol

12 – Hark, the herald angels sing

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah tells of Jesus, the promised Messiah, and his kingdom of peace – *Isaiah 9.2,6-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. 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.

Carol

4 – Once in royal David's city (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Second Reading

The birth of Jesus according to Matthew – *Matthew 1.18-25*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Third Reading

Luke's telling of the birth of Jesus – Luke 2.1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol

15 – Silent night

Fourth Reading

The shepherds go to find the baby in a manger – 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.

10 – While shepherds watched

Fifth Reading

The wise men follow the star to find the promised king. St Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol

7 – Away in a manger

Prayers

Response

Lord, we seek you and your love,
Come, be known among us

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sixth Reading

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.

Attributed to James Allen Francis.

Seventh Reading

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. *St John 1.1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol

13 – O come, all ye faithful (*verses 1, 2 & 3*)

Acclamation

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

For to us a child is born
to us a Son is given.

His name will be called Wonderful counsellor, mighty God,
the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Carol

16 – Joy to the world

Today

10:30am – **CAROL SERVICE**
St Mary Ashwell

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**
Holy Trinity Teigh

This Week

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*

WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER

NO MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER

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

Looking Ahead

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.

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

WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**
All Saints Oakham
John Bagley *flute* & **Viv Jackson** *piano*
Gaubert Berceuse; *Debussy* Le Petit Berger & Claire de Lune; *Mozart* Andante; *Fauré* Pavane & Morceau de Concert; *Donjon* Pan

THURSDAY 3 JANUARY

7:30pm – **CINEMA FOR RUTLAND**
Rutland County Museum
Mamma Mia - Here we go again!, a follow up to the 2008 musical, is a

romantic comedy set on a Greek island featuring a well-known cast including Lily James, Julie Walters, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Cher and Meryl Streep and inspired by the music of ABBA. This happy film which is set in the sunshine, with cheerful ABBA songs, is suitable for all the family so hope to see you there!

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.

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY

10:00am – **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

First meeting after the Christmas break. New folk are welcome. Let us help you discover the Bible.

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

2:15pm – **MU MONTHLY MEETING &**

AGM

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

Followed by tea and cakes, but **NO FISH & CHIPS THIS YEAR!** All welcome.

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, are available from Patrick or Marjorie Wilson (01572 723288) and there is a booking sheet by the South door at Oakham. Tickets should be paid for in advance and final numbers are needed by Monday 14 January..

SUNDAY 20 JANUARY

6:00pm – **CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Oakham Congregational Church

Marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No Evensong at Oakham this week.

FRIDAYS 1-22 FEBRUARY

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

John Dobson piano

A series of four recitals 'Carry on Schubert' in which John finishes the unfinished.

Please pray for

- The family an/d friends of **Jean Stafford**, whose funeral took place at Grantham Crematorium on Tuesday;
- The family an/d friends of **Brenda Tew**, whose ashes were interred at Langham on Thursday;
- The family and friends of Cecil Adcock, Christine Carlin and Neville Blake, 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.

Midweek Services

There will be no midweek services over the Christmas period, but the usual pattern of morning prayer and midweek communions at All Saints Oakham will resume on Thursday 3rd January. Communion services at the Chapel of St John and St Anne will resume on Wednesday 9th January.

Christine Carlin

We are sorry to report that Christine Carlin died on Thursday 13 December. Not only was Christine a faithful member of All Saints Oakham, but a strong member of the Mothers' Union, organiser of Women's World Day of Prayer events and secretary of the All Saints Concert Society. Her funeral will be at All Saints Oakham on Friday 11 January at 12:30pm.

Tea Party

The tea parties for this year ended on 2nd December with a very successful Christmas tea, with carols. It is very difficult to thank everyone who helped by name without possibly missing someone, so thank you to everyone who helped. We have not set a date for the next party but it will be in early March. Peter Kinal.



*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*



CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST

PRAYING FOR OAKHAM



**PERSPECTIVES FROM
COMMUNITY LEADERS**

SATURDAY 19th JANUARY

in

THE VICTORIA HALL

at 8.30 am

Tickets: £4.00



Many, many thanks to all who have contributed to Rutland Food Bank recently either by donating goods, sponsoring hampers, doing reverse advent calendars or fund raising.

Our warehouse is creaking at the seams, but we have also seen a big increase in numbers needing our help.

We will issue a new shortages poster in the New Year when we will have a clearer picture of what's needed.

Thanks again xx

*We are open Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 1:00-3:00pm
and Friday 28 December 10:00am-12:00noon*



Merry Christmas



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

www.a4r.co.uk

Phoenix Community Cinema

Cinema for Rutland
Rutland County Museum
Thursday 3 January 2019



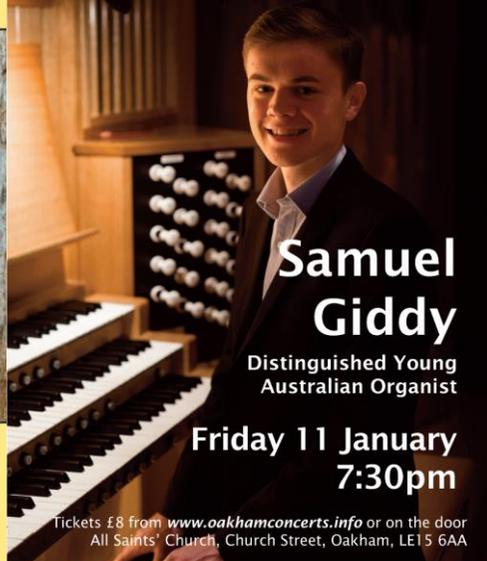
MAMMA MIA!
HERE WE GO AGAIN
MUSIC BY PHILIPpos

Tickets £5 from Oakham Wines and on the door
www.wegotickets.com
Doors and bar open at 7 for 7.30 pm

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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 or on the door
All Saints' Church, Church Street, Oakham, LE15 6AA

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**

Christmas Eve

<i>Oakham</i>	4:00 Crib Service	11:30 Midnight Communion
<i>Whissendine</i>	4:00 Crib Service	11:15 Midnight Communion
<i>Market Overton</i>	6:00 Crib Service	
<i>Langham</i>	6:00 Crib Service	11:15 Midnight Communion
<i>Braunston</i>	3:30 Journey to Jesus	
<i>Hambleton</i>		9:00 Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

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

No midweek services from Wed 26 December to Wed 2 January

Services Next Sunday – 30 December *First Sunday of Christmas*

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad)
<i>Whissendine</i>	11:00 TEAM HOLY COMMUNION

No other services in the Team

The usual pattern of midweek services will resume on Thursday 3 January

Christmas Readings

Set I: Isaiah 9.2–7; Titus 2.11–14; Luke 2.1–14

Set II: Isaiah 62.6–12; Titus 3.4–7; Luke 2.8–20

Set III: Isaiah 52.7–10; Hebrews 1.1–4; John 1.1–14

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Christmas: 1 Samuel 2.18–20,26; Colossians 3.12–17; Luke 2.41–52