



St Peter & St Paul Langham

Crib Service with Nativity Tableau



Christmas Eve 2018
6:00pm

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Welcome and Introduction

The glory of the Lord has been revealed
and all flesh shall see it together.

The four advent candles are lit

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

The shepherds kept watch by night,
and your glory shone round about them.

The darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and fill your Church with your glory.

Christ has brought us out of darkness:
to live in his marvellous light.

Carol

During which the travelling Posada sets are returned.

1. Hark! the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
Hail, the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

4. Hark! the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and others
Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)
(Ancient & Modern – 66)*

Posada Blessing

We have welcomed Mary and Joseph (and the donkey) into our homes.
This Christmas, we welcome the Lord Jesus into our hearts and lives.
May he guide us and watch over us, and those we love.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

First Reading

Carol

During which the figures of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds are placed in the church crib.

Mary and Joseph are placed

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!

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.

The shepherds are placed

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!'

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
da uns schlägt die rettende Stund'.
Christ, in deiner Geburt!
Christ, in deiner Geburt!*

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Music: Stille Nacht, Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)

(Ancient & Modern – 84)

Prayer

As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn baby Jesus,
we ask for God's forgiveness for the wrong things we have done

All say together

**Father God
we are sorry
for the things we say and do and think
which make you sad.
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.
Please forgive us
and help us this Christmas
to love you and other people more and more**

Second Reading

Carol

During which the figures of the wise men are placed in the crib

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign:

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high:

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone cold tomb.

5. Glorious now,, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia,
alleluia the earth replies:

Words & melody: John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891)

Nativity Tableau

All children who wish to take part make their way to the front of the church.

Carol

During which the figures of animals and the baby Jesus are placed in the crib.

1. *(Children)* 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.

Animals are placed

2. *(All)* 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

The baby Jesus is placed

4. 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.

Words: Author unknown, Little children's book, Philadelphia 1885

Music: Cradle Song, William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), harm Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975) (A&M – 60)

The Blessing of the Crib

Let us pray
that God our Father will bless this crib,
and that all who worship his Son,
born of the Virgin Mary,
may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father,
on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary
for us and for our salvation:
bless this crib,
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,
who is alive and reigns for ever.

Amen.

Prayers

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.**

Carol

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*
2. God of God, Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
3. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:
4. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God
in the highest:

*Words: Adeste, fideles, Latin 18th century trans Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
Music: Adeste Fideles, John Francis Wade (c1711-1786) harm Compilers of The English Hymnal 1906
(Ancient & Modern – 78)*

Blessing

Everyone is invited to come to visit and pray at the crib.

**Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas from
everyone at Langham Parish Church**

Midnight Communion is at 11:15pm tonight

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**