



Carol Service

St Peter & St Paul Market Overton



Tuesday 17 December 2019

6:30pm

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Welcome and Notices

Please sit for the choir carols and readings, stand for the congregational hymns and final reading.

Processional Hymn

1. *(Choir)* Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. *(All)* He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Words: C. F. Alexander; Music: H. J. Gauntlett, harmonised, A. H. Mann, descant, David Willcocks

Please remain standing

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight
to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels:
in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem
and see this thing which is come to pass,
and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture
the tale of the loving purposes of God
from the first days of our disobedience
unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child;
and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world;
for peace and goodwill over all the earth;
for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build.

And let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless,
the cold, the hungry and the oppressed;
the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn;
the lonely and the unloved;
the aged and the little children;
and all who know not the loving kindness of God.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us,
but upon another shore and in a greater light,
that multitude which no man can number,
whose hope was in the Word made flesh,
and with whom we for evermore are one.
These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven,
in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace:
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life:
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above
may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Carol

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
his beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and wait awhile:
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and wait awhile:
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
this fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Words: from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, compiled by Joshua Smith
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)*

First Reading – 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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn

1. Unto us is born a Son,
king of quires supernal:
see on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.
2. Christ, from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know,
becradled in the manger,
becradled in the manger.
3. (*Men*) This did Herod sore affray,
and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.
4. (*Ladies*) Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story;
and O that Mary's gentle Child
might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory!
5. (*All*) O and A, and A and O,
cum cantibus in choro,
let our merry organ go,
benedicamus Domino,
benedicamus Domino.

Words: tr G R Woodward; Music: from Piaie Cantiones 1582, arranged by David Willcocks

Second Reading – Luke 60.1-6,19

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Carol

Listen to the message that the angels bring,
telling frightened shepherds of a newborn King:
'Glory to God in heaven,
peace to the earth is given,
Christ is born, Christ is born.'

Listen to the shepherds as they shout for joy:
'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this boy.
He brings us all salvation –
give him your adoration –
Christ is born! Christ is born!'

In the stable wondering shepherds kneel in awe,
gazing at the holy baby in the straw,
'Is this the one who's given?
Yes, he's the King of heaven!
Christ is born! Christ is born!'

Join the happy shepherds as they all rejoice,
shout and sing and praise him with your heart and voice.
Born of a humble mother,
Jesus, our friend and brother,
Christ is King, Christ is King!

Words: David Illiff Music: Moravian traditional melody, arr David Illiff © David Illiff / Jubilate Hymns

Hymn

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour
was born upon this day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heavenly Father
a blessèd angel came,
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born:
the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. The shepherds at those tidings
rejoicèd much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding
in tempest, storm, and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway
this blessèd Babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling
unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy

5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Words & Music: English Traditional, arranged by David Willcocks

Third Reading – Luke 1.39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' Mary's Song of Praise And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Carol

Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus
ex Maria virgine, gaudete!

*Rejoice with heart and voice! Now is our Saviour
of the virgin Mary born – so rejoice!*

At this time our God fulfils all our expectation:
let us offer hearts and wills in rededication.

God of God when time began, Lord of all creation:
we revere the Son of Man at his incarnation.

Alleluia! Let us sing hymns of adoration:
blessing Christ our worthy King in this celebration!

Words: Piae Cantiones 1582, English words from the Latin, Michael Perry (1942-1996) © Mrs B Perry / Jubilate Hymns

Hymn

During which a collection will be taken

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.

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, descant, Thomas Armstrong

Fourth Reading – 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

O come and join the dance that all began so long ago,
when Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem.
Through all the years of darkness still the dance goes on and on,
O take my hand and come and join the song.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! O lift your voice and sing,
and open up your heart to welcome him.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! O welcome now your King,
for Christ the Lord is born in Bethlehem.*

2. Come shed your heavy load and dance your worries all away,
for Christ the Lord was born in Bethlehem.
He came to break the power of sin and turn your night to day,
O take my hand and come and join the song.

3. Let laughter ring and angels sing and joy be all around,
for Christ the Lord is born in Bethlehem,
and if you seek with all your heart, he surely can be found,
O take my hand and come and join the song.

*Words & Music: Graham Kendrick, arr Richard Hubbard
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Fifth 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.

Hymn

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:
4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.

Words: Nahum Tate; Music: Este's Psalter 1592

Carol

Wise men seeking Jesus, travelled from afar,
guided on their journey by a beauteous star.
But if we desire him, he is close at hand;
for our native country is our Holy Land.

Prayerful souls may find him by our quiet lakes,
meet him on our hillsides when the morning breaks.
In our fertile cornfields while the sheaves are bound,
in our busy markets Lord Jesus Christ is found.

He is more than near us, if we love him well;
for he seeks us ever in our hearts to dwell.

Words: James T East (1860-1937)

Music: Jonathan Willcocks (b 1953)

Sixth Reading – 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 for Choir and Congregation

All

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

All (each time)

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

Men

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

Ladies

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

Men

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

All

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), arr Paul Leddington Wright (b 1951)

Carol

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light,
the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;
but stable and manger for God –
no small wonder!

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore
the gold and the incense, the myrrh, to adore;
but God gives his life on a cross –
no small wonder!

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,
the power, the glory, the light of his face;
but all to redeem my poor heart –
no small wonder!

*Words: Paul Wigmore (1925-2014)
Music: Paul Edwards (b 1955) © Jubilate Hymns*

Seventh Reading – 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.

Hymn

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. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ Child
bring our hearts' oblations:
5. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?
6. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
'Glory to God
in the highest'.

Words: Adeste Fideles, translated, F Oakeley, W T Brooke & others; Music: J F Wade, arr David Willcocks

Collect & Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

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!
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

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.
Hark! the herald angels sing:
 '*Glory to the new-born King!*'

Words: C Wesley, G Whitefield & M Madan; Music: J L F Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, arr David Willcocks

Organ

Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo'

J S Bach (1685-1750)

This Week

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

1:30pm – **MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME**

All Saints Oakham

Catmose College Pupils

No concert on 25 Dec or 1 Jan.

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

2:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

Chapel of St John & St Anne

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Edmund Eggleton

7:00pm – **ADVENT STUDY &
DISCUSSION GROUP**

Chapel of St John & St Anne. Love.

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

All Saints Oakham

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

7:30pm – **A QUIET CHRISTMAS
SERVICE**

All Saints Oakham

A simple service of readings, prayers and Christmas hymns for those who are bereaved, or weary, or simply prefer a less jolly, and more quietly reverent celebration of Christ's birth.

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

10:30am – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Mary Ashwell

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICES**

Whissendine & Brooke

Laudamus will be singing at Whissendine.

Looking Ahead

CHRISTMAS EVE

CRIB SERVICES

3:30pm: Journey to Jesus at Braunston;

4:00pm: Oakham, Langham,

Whissendine; 6:00pm: 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, Market Overton; 9:15am:

Eggleton; 10:00am; Oakham; 10:30am:

Ashwell; 11:00am: Braunston.

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER

10.30am-12:00pm – **COME AND CHAT**

All Saints Oakham Church Hall

All who feel they might benefit are welcome, from the recently bereaved, to those who experienced a significant loss long ago. Members of the Bereavement Supporters Group will be available to offer informal listening support and signpost to other services as appropriate. People are welcome to turn up on the day with no pre-booking required. More details on the website.

WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY

10.30am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**

Hambleton Peninsula

The next walk will be our New Year's Day walk around the Hambleton Peninsula followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at 8 Peterborough Avenue. It is

approx 5 miles (walking time 2¼ hours) and the terrain is on good tracks throughout. Please bring your lunch contributions to Peterborough Avenue for 10am then drive to the Fisherman's carpark at Hambleton for the walk to commence at 10.30am. We will car share as required. Anyone wishing to walk only meet at the Fisherman's park. To enable us to monitor numbers and lunch contributions please ring Sally or Dennis on 01572 722272.

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY

7:30pm – **EPIPHANY CAROL CONCERT**

All Saints Oakham

With the **Cambridge Fundraising Choir**.

Please pray for

- The family and friends of **Valerie Crowder**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Wednesday;
- The family and friends of **Anthony Watchorn**, whose funeral took place at Whissendine on Thursday;
- The family and friends of Clarice Whitwell, Rosamund Wood, Christopher White and Olive Lewis (Mary), who have died recently;
- 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;
- 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;
- The Rutland Foodbank and the Drop-in Centre;
- Justin and John our Archbishops and Donald and John, our Bishops;
- Stephen, Deborah, Chris, Iain, Charlotte & Rachel, our Team Clergy, and all lay members of the Ministry Team;



All Saints' Church
Oakham

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

a Carol Service for the
whole of Oakham

with Laudamus, Oakham Team Choir

followed by wine & mince pies

Thursday 19 December – 7:30pm

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

All Saints Youth (Year 7 upwards)
Sunday evenings fortnightly 6.30-8.00pm in term time

2 Wensum Close, Oakham LE15 6FU
(home of Revd Charlotte Osborn). See website or phone 01572 724198.

HOME GROUPS

Leader: Catriona Drye (770429)
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10.00am
25 Willow Crescent, Oakham

Leader: Patrick Wilson (723288)
2nd & 4th Thursdays 2.30pm
6 Peterborough Avenue, Oakham

Leader: Monica Compton (755734)
2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm **Oakham**

Leader: Alan & Gail Rudge (755570)
Mondays fortnightly 7.30pm
34 Church Street, Braunston

Beatitudes Home Group – Leader:
Revd Deborah Marsh (01664 474652).
First Monday of month 7–9pm
3 Paddock Close, Whissendine

EVERYDAY FAITH

Leader: Revd Stephen Griffiths
Wednesdays monthly (see calendar for dates)
All Saints Oakham

CHOIR

Laudamus Joint Choir Practice
Tuesdays 6.45-8.15pm **Whissendine Church**

Langham Choir Practice
Tuesdays before 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays
11.00am-noon **Langham Church**

BELL RINGING

Oakham Bells Tuesdays 7.30-9pm
Braunston Bells Wednesdays 7.30pm
Hambleton Bells alternate Tuesdays
7.30-9pm (with Wing)
Whissendine Bells Thu 7.30-9pm

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-3.30pm
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 alternate months 7.00pm in **Oakham Church Hall**

Come & Chat Bereavement Support Drop In Group Last Friday of each month 10.30am-12pm in **Oakham Church Hall**

Friends of All Saints Oakham
Social events throughout the year – see pewsheets for details. **Liz Plummer**
(01572 720506).

Services During The Week

<i>Monday</i> 16 Dec	08:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 11:30 Funeral Rosamund Wood Braunston	14:00 Funeral Christopher White Oakham
<i>Tuesday</i> 17 Dec	08:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 Holy Communion Oakham	14:30 Funeral Olive Lewis Langham 17:30 Evening Prayer Ashwell 18:30 Carol Service Mkt Overton
<i>Wednesday</i> 18 Dec	08:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 MU Corporate Com J&A 12:00 CTiO Prayer Mtg Cong Ch	14:00 Carol Service J&A 17:30 Meditation J&A 18:00 Carol Service Egleton
<i>Thursday</i> 19 Dec	09:00 Team Communion Oakham 09:45 Tiny Tots Oakham	12:00 Ecumenical Prayer Oakham 19:30 Carol Service Oakham
<i>Friday</i> 20 Dec	08:30 Morning Prayer Oakham 10:00 BCP Communion Oakham	13:30 Oakham CofE School Service Oakham
<i>Sat 21 Dec</i>		19:30 Quiet Christmas Oakham

Services Next Sunday – 22 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

<i>Oakham</i>	8:00 Holy Communion (CW Trad) 10:30 Parish Communion	18:00 Evensong
<i>Whissendine</i>		18:00 Carol Service
<i>Teigh</i>	9:00 Matins	
<i>Market Overton</i>		
<i>Ashwell</i>	10:30 Carol Service	
<i>Langham</i>	11:00 Holy Communion & Baptism	
<i>Braunston</i>		
<i>Brooke</i>		18:00 Carol Service
<i>Hambleton</i>	10:15 Holy Communion & Baptism	
<i>Egleton</i>		

Next Week's Readings

Fourth of Advent: Psalm 80.1-7; Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

Oakham Evensong: Psalms 113; 1 Samuel 1.1-20; Revelation 22.6-21