



All Saints Oakham

A Quiet Christmas

A Simple Service
to Prepare to Celebrate
Christ's Birth



Saturday 21 December 2019
7:30pm

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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...

I. 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...

I. 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:
 holly 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 22 DECEMBER

10:30am – **CAROL SERVICE**

St Mary Ashwell

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICES**

Whissendine & Brooke

Laudamus will be singing at Whissendine.

CHRISTMAS EVE

JOURNEY TO JESUS

3:30pm – **Braunston**

CRIB SERVICES

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 – **Egleton**

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.

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

11:00am – **TEAM HOLY COMMUNION**

St Andrew Whissendine

No other services today except

8:00am at Oakham

WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY

10:30am – **TEAM WALKING GROUP**

Hambleton Peninsula

Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at 8 Peterborough Avenue. It is approx 5 miles (walking time 2½ 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.

11:30am – **BELLS SERVICE**

St Peter & St Paul Langham

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY

7:30pm – **EPHIPHY CAROL**

CONCERT – All Saints Oakham

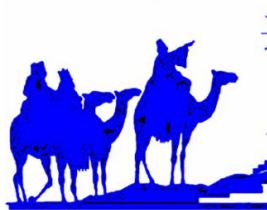
With the **Cambridge Fundraising Choir** in aid of Cancer Research UK.

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME RESUMES



*Travel with the Wise Men and the Shepherds
as they journey to Bethlehem to find Jesus*



 *The journey 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

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





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Epiphany Carol Concert

Sung by current and former Choral Scholars from Cambridge University in aid of Cancer Research UK's Brain Tumour Research



7.30pm on Saturday 4th January 2020

All Saints' Church, Oakham

To buy tickets, please visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/EpiphanyRutland2020>
or ring Susie on 07809 229292.

<http://www.artsförtheheartofengland.co.uk>

