



# Carol Service

St Andrew Whissendine



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6:00pm

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

## Welcome

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

#### 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*

## Prayer

My brothers and sisters: in the name of Christ I welcome you. We have come together as Christmas draws near to prepare for our celebration of the birth of God's beloved Son. Through the days of Advent we have followed the light of Christ, and now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem to acclaim with the multitude of the heavenly host the coming of the Prince of Peace. Through Scripture and silence, prayer and song, let us hear again the wonderful story of our redemption, and, hearing, let us rejoice and respond with lively faith.

*All pray in silence for a while.*

Almighty God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **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 walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish 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 rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ‘Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD. The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for 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

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!' And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned 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 Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

### Carol

○ 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,  
○ 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,  
○ 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,  
○ 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

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### 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*

## Prayers

### 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.**

### 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

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"[b]' Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### 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 with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, 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*

## Blessing

## 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)*

## Today

10:30am – **CAROL SERVICE**

*St Mary Ashwell*

6:00pm – **CAROL SERVICES**

*Whissendine & Brooke*

Laudamus will be singing at Whissendine.

## This Week

### 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**

## Looking Ahead

### 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.

11:30am – **BELLS SERVICE**

*St Peter & St Paul Langham*

## SATURDAY 4 JANUARY

7:30pm – **EPIPHANY CAROL**

### CONCERT

*All Saints Oakham*

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

## WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

**MUSIC AT LUNCHTIME RESUMES**

### Please pray for

– **Kodi Arthur Williamson**, who will be baptised at Langham today, and his parents **Jamie Williamson & Bianca Elena Barbulescu**;

– **Hudson Edward Timothy Griffin**, who will be baptised at Hambleton today, and his parents **Mark & Bobbi**;

– **Thomas Hogg & Naomi Alliston**, who were married at Oakham School Chapel on Saturday;

– The family and friends of **Rosamund Wood**, whose funeral took place at Braunston on Monday;

– The family and friends of **Christopher White**, whose funeral took place at Oakham on Monday;

– The family and friends of **Olive Lewis (Mary)**, whose funeral took place at Langham on Tuesday;

– The family and friends of Clarice Whitwell, who has 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;

### New Curate

I'm delighted to announce that we will be welcoming a new curate in 2020.

**Simon Aley** of Manton, Rutland, is currently completing his ordination training and will be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 28 June 2020 at 4pm. Please pray for Simon and his wife Carys as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives. Charlotte and Iain will remain in post until at least Easter 2020. This is the new sign-off date for curates in Peterborough Diocese. After that they

are free to respond to a call to ministry elsewhere. However they will retain the Bishop's license to serve in the Oakham Team until the end of the year should that be necessary. They will remain involved in their current areas of specific ministry as well as more generally throughout the Team until they move to a new appointment. Please pray for them as they discern the next steps that God has for them. Stephen.

## Generous Giving

On 6 October we launched our Generous Giving 'Giving for Growth' project at All Saints Oakham. Thank you to all those who prayerfully considered the challenges and opportunities we face in the area of money and giving. Whether you were able to respond with an increase in giving or not your ongoing support of our church is very much appreciated. The good news is that, when we take the tax refund from HMRC into account, we estimate that our regular giving will increase by £14,000–£18,000 in 2020, around 15%. We hope and pray this new level of giving will be sustained for the coming years. We have 4/5 new givers, which helps to compensate for the inevitable losses we see each year. It means we maintain around 135 regular givers. In addition, we have received pledges totalling approximately £2,500 for the projects we identified in the 'Giving for Growth' brochure, and promises of more when the projects get underway. Your generosity has given us the platform to

make these projects a reality. On behalf of the PCC the finance sub-committee thanks you all for your financial support of our mission and ministry.

## Tea Parties

We have now had the final Tea Party of the year, at which as well as partaking in the food the participants had to 'sing for their tea' as we sang a few Carols. We have averaged 30/35 to each tea party, a mixture of Church attendees and others from the town. I have to thank all the helpers (too numerous to mention by name in case I forget someone), and also the many cake, scone and sandwich makers. I must also thank the many people who 'turn up for tea' but then stay to tidy up. Finally the Davis family who provided the music for the Carols. Thank you all and see you next year (probably in February). *Merry Christmas, Peter Kinal.*

## Remembrance

The Chairman of the Oakham Branch of the Royal British Legion has written to thank All Saints Oakham for supporting the Remembrance Day service and concert. Almost £900 was raised in church for the Poppy Appeal bringing the overall sum raised this year by the branch to £20,311.34. The RBL branch particularly thanks Peter Kinal and Janine Weaver for their additional help.

## Autumn Fayre Final Total

We can confirm that the final total raised by the Autumn Fayre this year is £2706.65. Our thanks again to all the many people who contributed in any way. Next year the Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 27 June and the Autumn Fayre will be on 21 November. We hope to see you there!

## Oakham PCC – 27 November

**Finance:** pleased and relieved to report that, thanks to so many of you engaging with ‘Generous Giving’ stewardship campaign, and for your enthusiastic support of the Autumn Fayre, the budget for 2019 looks set to be achieved, with no overspend. If promises made during the campaign are met, All Saints looks set to be able to establish a more ambitious programme of mission for 2020. Finance Assistant, Sue Willetts, is busy introducing a modern accounting system which will simplify her current role, enabling her to take on much of what Peter Hill, retiring Treasurer was charged with till now. There still remains the need for an Honorary Treasurer to present and explain accounts to the PCC at their bi-monthly meetings; please step forward if you believe you can accomplish this vital role in your Church.

**Safeguarding** issues are always forefront for the PCC to consider, and grateful thanks to Ruth Bray for continuing as our Officer in Charge.

**Fabric:** repairs to plaster, gulleys, and stonework continue as funds allow. Major project ahead is the replacement of the audio system for which further funding will be needed. Moving up the list of jobs to be done is lighting – enhancement, replacement, repairs – this item now features high on our list of priorities.

**Ministry** updates: bibles to be purchased for use in Church groups; possible connection for All Saints to ‘Major Churches Network’; Samaritans Purse shoe-box appeal to be looked at again for Christmas 2020; Michael Ellard to be relicensed as a Reader in January and John Feehally to be invited to retest his Ministry as a Reader shortly.

Full minutes and reports are available on the noticeboard in the North Transept.

*Marilyn Tomalin, PCC Secretary.*

## Oakham Church Hall

Have you thought of hiring the Church hall for a ‘one-off’ party or event? The hall is available for hire for both one-off events and regular weekly/monthly events. Please contact Janine at the Church office to discuss



#### What we need for stock

Tinned potatoes  
Smash  
Sponge puddings  
Small sugar  
Washing detergent  
Size 6 nappies and pull ups



#### What we don't need

We are well stocked at present the warehouse is looking very healthy.

A massive thank you to all who donated during the Christmas period and held fund raising events for us.

Its much appreciated and means we can help those in need.



Please Support Your Rutland Foodbank

Thank You



*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*





CANCER  
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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.artsfortheheartofengland.co.uk>



## 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 23 Dec</i>	08:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>	
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## Christmas Eve

<i>Oakham</i>	16:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	11:30 <b>Midnight Communion</b>
<i>Whissendine</i>	16:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	11:15 <b>Midnight Communion</b>
<i>Market Overton</i>	18:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	
<i>Langham</i>	16:00 <b>Crib Service</b>	11:15 <b>Midnight Communion</b>
<i>Braunston</i>	15:30 <b>Journey to Jesus</b>	
<i>Hambleton</i>		9:00 <b>Midnight Communion</b>

## Christmas Day

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

<i>Thursday 26 Dec</i>	09:00 <b>Communion</b> <i>Oakham</i>
<i>Friday 27 Dec</i>	08:30 <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Oakham</i>

## Services Next Sunday - 29 December

### *First Sunday of Christmas*

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

**No other services in the Team**

## 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:* Isaiah 63.7-9; Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23