

All Saints Oakham

The Blessing of the Crib



Christmas Eve 2019
4:00pm

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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

1. 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. 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. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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;
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
Music: Melody by Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876), harm Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)
(Ancient & Modern – 81)

The First Christmas

A reading of the Christmas story during which Mary and Joseph are placed in the crib.

Carol

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!
- 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!'
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)
(Ancient & Modern – 84)*

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

The angels are placed

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)*

Carol

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.

Some 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.**

Carol

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| 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:
<i>O come, let us adore him, (x3)</i>
<i>Christ the Lord!</i> | 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: |
| 2. God of God,
Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created: | 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.



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

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*)
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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).