



St Peter and St Paul Langham

Worship for the Week

Praying, learning, serving, sharing

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 2 January 2022



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Letter from Shakeel

Dear friends,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that this your Christmas and New Year celebrations have been joyful and happy occasions.

We have reached the start of a brand new year. After a year that felt like an up and down rollercoaster, it feels almost like a relief to reach this new year. We are not out of the woods by any means, but I think reaching a new year is always a time to celebrate and give thanks for the year that has been and to look ahead to what God has for us in the year to come. I think this year past year has been a good one for the Oakham Team Ministry and for all our churches. We have all experienced challenges from Covid and elsewhere, but it hasn't stopped us, and more importantly, it hasn't stopped God from doing amazing things in our churches and our parishes. I've very much enjoyed my first six months on the team and being a part of the Oakham Team Ministry. I think one of my particular highlights from 2021 was a period in the Autumn when we had baptisms week in week out. It was amazing to be able to welcome these young children into the family of God and to celebrate God's gift of new life in a year that has centred more on loss. I'm sure you will have your own highlights and it would be great to share our memories from 2021 with each other as we embark on 2022 together.

This first week in January is still part of the twelve days of Christmas, and we are still very much in the Christmas season. This Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Christmas period. At Christmas we celebrate how Jesus, the light of the world, came into this dark world to bring life and hope to everyone. As we start this year, I believe we especially need to hold onto this Christmas hope. This theme of light in the darkness perfectly captures our need for hope in an uncertain time. Jesus is the hope for us in 2022. As a light, God is showing us the way and illuminating the path ahead. Where there is uncertainty about the coming year, we know and can trust our God who is the light of the world. I pray that this new year, our God who is light of the world, will guide you and all whom you love in 2022, leading you along paths that God has laid out for you. I can't promise this year will be easy; it will have its challenges. But we can hold onto God's promise to be our light. Let's hold on to the promise of God being our light in the darkness. The darkness shall not overcome him.

With every love and prayer in this new year.

Yours in Christ,

Shakeel

December/January service plan

	Oakham 8am	Oakham 10.30am	Langham 10.30am	Oakham 6pm
Sunday 2nd January	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday 9th January	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	2 nd Sunday @ 6
Sunday 16th January	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Sunday 23rd January	Holy Communion	All Age Service	Holy Communion	See below
Sunday 23rd January	6pm at Oakham Baptist Church. A service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity			
Sunday 30th January	Holy Communion	10.30am a shared service at Langham Parish Church		No Service

10.30am Morning Prayer

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome

Hymn vv 1,3,5

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

Confession

As we come to the Lord at the start of this New Year,
let us seek his grace to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading – *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn



I. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
shine on me, shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
shine on me, shine on me.

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Gospel Reading – John 1:1-18

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Shakeel Nurmahi

Hymn



1. Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God,
and you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

2. King of all days oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth
you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

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Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

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.

Notices

Hymn



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Blaenwern, William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937) (Ancient & Modern – 721)

Dismissal

God sent his angels from glory to bring to shepherds
the good news of Jesus' birth.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

You have heard his story,
the story of God's own Son.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

May he fill you with joy
to bring this good news to others today.

Amen. We thank you, Lord.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Resources for Worship

During this time when many of us are not able to worship together in church, there are a number of alternatives available:

Online Services

- The Oakham Team Facebook page, where one of the ministry team will lead a live stream of **Morning Prayer at 8.30am** on weekdays and **Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at 10.30am on Sundays**. These will also be available on the Team website, together with the service sheet and Weekly Pewsheets;
- **Compline**. David Perril continues a weekly service of **Compline every Wednesday at 8.30pm** on the Oakham Team Facebook page. Please use the Compline booklet which is available from the team office. Please email Liz on ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk if you would like a copy.

www.facebook.com/oakhamteam or on the church website

www.oakhamteam.org.uk . Live services can be found on the bottom right hand side of the homepage of the website.

The Week Ahead

All Saints Oakham

Tuesday 4th January

8.30am Morning Prayer (also online)

9am Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th January

10am Holy Communion at St. John and St. Anne.

10.30am Holy Communion at Langham Parish Church.

6pm at St John & St Anne, Oakham Christian Meditation Group

Thursday 6th January

8.30am Morning Prayer (also online)

7pm Epiphany Service.

Friday 7th January

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Oasis Coffee Morning.

Saturday 8th January

6pm Concert with Susie Hill

Sunday 9th January – The Baptism of Christ

Readings: Isaiah 43.1 – 7; Acts 8.14 – 17; Luke 3.15 – 22.

All Saints Oakham - 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion;

6pm 2nd Sunday @ 6.

St Peter & St Paul Langham – Holy Communion

Bible in a Year

Reflections on the journey - Psalm 23

This is the final prayer station in the Footsteps in Prayer journey. May you be blessed by the Good Shepherd as you look back - look to the present - and look to the future, stepping out with God into the next stage of your journey with him. If you would like to spend time reflection over the last year with Psalm 23 go to this weblink (<https://revrhona.wixsite.com/website/letters-and-revelations>).

A YouTube playlist to accompany this journey can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3gaOnoa>

A YouTube playlist of meditate reflections on the journey can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3pJBhSf>

Playlist of all of the Psalms can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3pl7068>

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News from the Team

Prayer for the Sick

We pray to you Lord Jesus Christ for those suffering in body, mind or spirit, amongst them: Katherine Richards, Patricia Mobbs, Keith Thomas, Matthew Allen, Nick Holford, Carol Scothern, Charles Lawrence, Melville Youell, Ruggles Fisher, Barbara Riddlesdell, Pat Rees.

Please phone the Team office or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk to add names to this list.

Remembering the recently departed

We remember with thanksgiving those recently departed this life, and those bereaved, amongst them: Stephen Johnson, Peter Knight, Robin Williamson, Dawn Goodwin, Mary Bagley, Frank Ash, Frances Lear.

Please phone the Team office or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk to add names to this list.

Team Administrator

After 11 years faithful service to our churches as Team Administrator Janine Weaver is moving to a new job as Property Officer for Peterborough Diocese. On Sunday 19th we said farewell to her and presented her with a leaving gift. It is good to know we will continue to see Janine at our services and events from time to time. Revd Stephen, Revd Deborah and Revd Chris are overseeing the appointment process for a new Team Administrator.
Stephen

Thursday 6th January - Epiphany

A service of Holy Communion to celebrate Epiphany on Thursday 6th January 7.30pm at All Saints Oakham.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in Oakham will be hosting a prayer breakfast at Oakham Baptist Church on Saturday 22nd January 8am-10am. On Sunday 23rd January at 6pm there will be a shared service for all the Oakham churches at Oakham Baptist Church.

Hope into Action

With the Good News of the birth of our Lord at Christmas, there comes some good news too from the Hope into Action project in Oakham.

In our first house, which we now refer to as Osprey, there have been some recent changes. In the past few days we are very pleased to say that one of our tenants has been able to move out into private rented accommodation and his place in the house has been taken up by a new tenant. The purchase and refurbishment of the second house, which we now refer to as Fieldfare, has taken a while longer than at first anticipated, but we are thrilled to say that two tenants will now be moving in before Christmas. Many people, from all churches, have been involved in enabling us to reach this point. From overseeing the legal process and managing the financial transactions, to all that's been involved in the refurbishing, redecorating and furnishing of Fieldfare. Then too, there has been the ongoing befriending and support of our tenants and liaising with the County Council – all to ensure that five formerly homeless people can now feel that they are cared for through

these practical expressions of God's love. And we want to say a special thank you too, to everyone who has so generously contributed gifts for the Christmas hampers which we will be delivering to both houses. Prayers for our tenants, and for you all, will be offered at Fieldfare this coming week. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

The project Steering Group

PS. If anyone knows of a coffee table suitable for jigsaws and a fold up jigsaw board please get in touch.
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Pastoral visits for Oakham and Langham

Please make contact with Stephen, Simon or Shakeel if you would like to arrange a home visit and/or home Communion. Now that home visiting is permitted, we are keen to re-establish links with those who would appreciate a home visit. Phone numbers and email addresses are in the front of Worship for the Week

Stephen

Home groups

Three groups are meeting regularly now.

Tuesdays (2nd and 4th) at 10am at 25 Willow Crescent (Catriona Drye 770429).

Thursdays (2nd and 4th) at 2.30pm at 6 Peterborough Avenue (Patrick Wilson 723288).

Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) at 7.30pm at The Vicarage (Cally Griffiths 869483).

Please make contact if you would like to know more or register your interest in joining.

All Saints Benefice Bereavement Support Group.

Losing a loved one is painful. It may also be complicated, long lasting and revive in response to life's stresses. The All Saints Bereavement Support Group aims to accompany and comfort people as they carry their grief, whatever their faith (or none) and however long ago their loss. We offer the following services.

1 Drop-In Group in All Saints Church Hall on the last Friday of the month between 10.30 and 12.00noon. All are welcome. Members of the Support Team will be there to listen, provide tea or coffee, and can signpost to other services if needed. There is no need to book - just turn up on the day.

2 One-to-one Support. We have a limited capacity for one to one support

– either in people's homes, at the Church or over the phone. We can only offer this to people who live in the parishes of the Oakham Team, but you do not need to be part of the church or have a faith. Contacts are bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk

Sian Cheverton 01572 755286

Madeleine Morris 07754 414437

3 Remembering. As part of our church services, those who have died and their families are remembered in prayer - particularly in the early weeks and on 'year's mind'.

We also send out first anniversary cards to the next of kin listed on the church registers, to let people know they and their loved ones are remembered. Annual All Souls Services are held in early November in many of our churches for those who have died.

RUTLAND & MELTON CANCER SUPPORT GROUP HELP FOR CANCER PATIENTS & CARERS

Just over twenty years ago, a nurse called Carol Morton returned to her flat in Oakham having had major cancer surgery. She felt extremely lonely,, missing the wonderful care which she had received in hospital. As a result of this, she started the Rutland and Melton Cancer Support Group, which has been befriending and helping cancer patients in this area ever since then.

Did you know that voluntary help for cancer patients in Rutland is now almost non-existent? Very sadly, Dove Cottage Day Hospice at Ridlington has had to close, (although the wonderful volunteers who helped there are hoping to continue keeping in touch with their visitors), the Macmillan Befriending Service run from Uppingham has also closed, as has the Holly hocks Support Group in Ketton. This leaves a big gap in the care of cancer patients in Rutland.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT IIT CAREFULLY

Like so many other charities, the two Lock-Downs have proved very difficult for us as well. Without our monthly meetings in both Oakham and Melton, and the impossibility of visiting people in their own homes, we have found it hard to keep in touch.

We have also lost some valued members of our committee, who wished to retire but had remained until life returned to normal before resigning. We need to replace them urgently SO WE ASRE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP....

Firstly, are you a cancer patient who would appreciate joining a group which offers friendship and support to any local cancer patient.

Secondly, do you have any spare time and would like to do something which will make a difference to the lives of local cancer patients? We are looking for help running a befriending service, or a few hours a month on the administrative side. Or would you be prepared just to attend and help at the monthly meetings in either Oakham or Melton? If you are interested in joining us, please telephone Christabel Price 01572 823201 or Caroline Hattee 07711 630866

Praying Alone

Praying Together

Daily Prayer This Week

Morning Prayer is streamed live on Facebook at 8.30am from Monday to Friday, and is available after that on Facebook and the website.

Readings & Collect Prayer for Daily Prayer
in the coming week



Readings

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 3 January	Psalm 127 Colossians 2.8 – end	Psalm 2 Ruth 1
Tuesday 4 January	Psalm 89.1 – 37 Colossians 3.1 – 11	Psalm 87 Ruth 2
Wednesday 5 January	Psalm 48 Colossians 3.12 – 4.1	Psalm 97 Ruth 3
Thursday 6 January	Psalm 18.1 – 30 Colossians 4.2 – end	Psalm 46 Ruth 4.1 – 17
Friday 7 January	Psalm 99 Matthew 20.1 – 16	Psalm 118 Jeremiah 23.1 – 8
Saturday 8 January	Psalm 46 Matthew 20.17 – 28	Psalm 36 Jeremiah 30.1 – 17

Collect

**God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.**