

# Worship for the Week

*Praying, learning, serving, sharing*

Sunday 28 January

Candlemas



Simeon took the child Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation,

*Luke 2.28-30*



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# Letter from Revd Shakeel

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will be celebrating Candlemas. You might be wondering, 'What is Candlemas? And you would not be alone in this questioning. Stephen and I have been asking ourselves the same question this week too.

Candlemas commemorates Jesus' presentation in the temple as was the Jewish Law and custom for a new baby to be presented at the temple. It was also when the mother would come for the purification rite. Whilst at the temple Jesus was seen by two elderly followers of God, Simeon and Anna. Upon seeing the Messiah, Jesus, Simeon burst into a song, which we know as the Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32). In his song, he describes Jesus as a light of revelation to the Gentiles. I quite like how the prayer book translates it as a 'light to lighten the Gentiles.' Jesus came to be a light to the world, and not just the Jewish world, but the entire world. It is this light of the world image that gave rise to the celebration of Candlemas. The church began celebrating this story with lots of candles to represent Jesus as the light of the world, and so this celebration and story came to be known as Candlemas.

What strikes me from Simeon's song is that having seen the Messiah, the promised Saviour, he finds peace. It was seeing and meeting with Jesus that Simeon found the peace which meant that even his approaching death could not take away his peace. It makes me wonder, do I feel the same way when I have met with Jesus? Do I have the peace of Christ in my life that makes all of life's worries feel insignificant? To be honest, I don't think I always do. And I ask myself 'why?' Jesus never promises us an easy life, but he did say that he would leave his peace with us. Why can I not find that peace? Is it because I am not truly seeing all the Jesus means for my life? I wonder if, like Simeon, I open my eyes to see Jesus before me, I will find myself filled with the peace of Christ. Simeon's peace from Christ is a peace that knows that Jesus is going to save the world and that everything is in his care. Maybe I need to trust that everything is in Jesus' care, and in that, I will know Christ's saving peace. If you are feeling like you are missing the peace of Christ in your life this day, use Candlemas as a time to seek God and see him for who he is: Our Saviour. And I pray that the peace of the Saviour will be known in your hearts this Candlemas.

Every blessing,

Shakeel

## January-February 2024 service plan for Oakham and Langham

\*Services in Langham are in the Village Hall at present

	Oakham 8am	Oakham 10.30am	Langham 10.30am	Oakham 6pm
Sunday 28 January Candlemas	Holy Communion	All Age Holy Communion	Morning Prayer*	Holy Communion with healing prayer
Sunday 4 February 2 before Lent	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer*	Choral Evensong
Sunday 11 February 1 before Lent	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday@6
Ash Wednesday 14 February	10am SSJA Holy Communion with ashes 12.00 All Saints Oakham Holy Communion with ashes			
Sunday 18 February 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong

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## Online Services

- The Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page, where one of the ministry team leads a live stream of **Morning Prayer at 8.30am** on weekdays and **Holy Communion or All-Age Service at 10.30am on Sundays**. These are also available on the Team website, together with the *Worship for the Week* and *Praying Alone Praying together* booklets
  - **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, available from the team office or [ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk)
- Live services can be found on the bottom right-hand side of the homepage of the Team website [www.oakhamteam.co.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.co.uk)

# The Week Ahead

## Tuesday 30 January 2024

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Holy Communion

## Wednesday 31 January

1.30pm Music at Lunchtime: George Marshall *alto saxophone*

3.45pm Rutland Junior Choirs

## Thursday 1 February

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.45am Tiny Tots

## Friday 2 February

10am Holy Communion

10.30 Oasis Coffee Morning

1.30pm Lunchtime concert: John Dobson *piano*

7pm Choir Practice

## Next Sunday 4 February – Second Sunday before Lent

**Readings** Psalm 104.26-37; Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

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

6pm Evensong

**St Peter and St Paul Langham** (Langham Village Hall) 10.30am Morning Prayer

# 8am Holy Communion for Candlemas

## Introduction

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

## Collect for Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son  
was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading *Malachi 3.1-5*

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who

oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading** *Luke 2.22-40*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The minister moves to the font and candles are lit.*

## The Kindling of Light

Within your temple we ponder your loving kindness O Lord. As your name, so also  
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

**The light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

## Nunc Dimittis

- 1 **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.**
- 2 **For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;**
- 3 **Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;**
- 4 **To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel**

*Luke 2.29-32*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.**

## Prayer

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your  
faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these  
kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls  
dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where  
you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Responsory

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

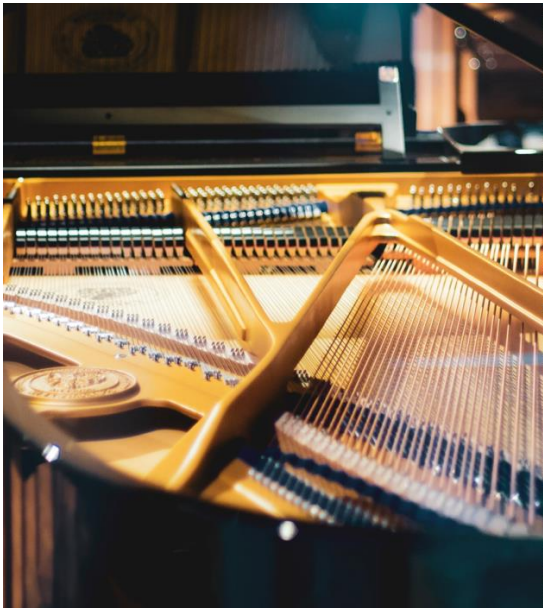
Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Friday Lunchtime Concerts  
All Saints, Oakham

**JOHN DOBSON**

*piano*

1.30pm on  
19 and 26 January  
2 and 9 February

Music by Bartok, Brahms,  
Auric, Poulenc, Berg and  
Szymanowski

*Free entry, donations welcome*  
All Saints Concert Society

# 10.30am All Age Holy Communion for Candlemas

Facebook Live – Oakham Team Ministry

The texts and prayers for this service are in the separate service booklet 'Holy Communion in the Christmas Season'.

## Opening Hymn *Living God, your love has called us*



1. Living God, your word has called us,  
summoned us to live by grace,  
make us one in hope and vision,  
as we gather in this place.

Take our searching, take our praising,  
take the silence of our prayer,  
offered up in joyful worship,  
springing from the love we share.

2. Living God, your love has called us  
in the name of Christ your Son,  
forming us to be his body,  
by your Spirit making one.

Working, laughing, learning, growing,  
old and young and black and white,  
gifts and skills together sharing,  
in your service all unite.

3. Living God, your hope has called us  
to the world that you have made,  
teaching us to live for others,  
humble, joyful, unafraid.

Give us eyes to see your presence,  
joy in laughter, hope in pain.

In our loving, in our living,  
give us strength that Christ may reign.

Words: Jan Berry (b 1953)

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Music: Abbott's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) (Ancient & Modern – 644)

The service continues on page 3 of the service booklet with the Prayer of Preparation.

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This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn *Fling wide the gates*

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*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;  
salute your king in his triumphant cause!*

1. Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord:  
let all creation greet the living Word!
2. Who has the right to worship him today?  
All those who gladly serve him and obey.
3. He comes to save all those who trust his name,  
and will declare them free from guilt and shame.
4. Who is the victor glorious from the fight?  
He is our king, our life, our Lord, our right!

*Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)*

*Music: Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)*

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(Ancient & Modern – 35)

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*The service continues on page 7 of the service booklet with the Sermon..*

## Offertory Hymn *The Servant King*



1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn.  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3. Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered.

4. So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Words: Graham Kendrick (b 1950)*

*Music: The Servant King, Graham Kendrick (b 1950)*

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*(Ancient & Modern – 489)*

*The service continues on page 12 of the service booklet.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*before 'Father of all' prayer on page 17 of the service booklet*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Final Hymn *When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day*

- 1 When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day  
the dark is behind us and spring's on the way.  
*A glory dawns in every dark place,  
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*
- 2 The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,  
the child and his parents are left on their own.
- 3 They go to the temple, obeying the law,  
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.
- 4 But Anna and Simeon recognise there  
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.
- 5 The old who have suffered and waited so long  
See hope for the world as they welcome the young.
- 6 They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,  
the joy of the Jews and the Gentile's desire.
- 7 The candles invite us to praise and to pray  
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

*Words: Elizabeth J Cosnett (b.1936)  
(Ancient and Modern 113)*

*The minister moves to the font and candles are lit.*

## The Kindling of Light

Within your temple we ponder your loving kindness O Lord. As your name,  
so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled  
with justice.

**All     The light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people  
Israel.**

## Prayer

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your  
faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these  
kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls  
dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where  
you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Nunc dimittis the song of Simeon



Lord, now let your servant go his way in peace.  
Your great love has brought me joy that will not cease.  
For my eyes have seen him promised from of old,  
saviour of all people, shepherd of one fold.

Light of revelation to the Gentiles shown,  
light of Israel's glory to the world made known.  
Glory to the Father and his only Son,  
with the Holy Spirit ever three in one.

*James Seddon (1915-1983); Luke 2:29-32  
Tune Evelyns: William Henry Monk*

## Responsory

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.**

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**Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world.**

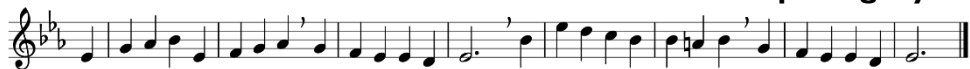
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



# 6pm Holy Communion with Healing Prayer

The order of service is in the separate booklet.

## Opening Hymn



1. The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the light has shined on them who long  
in shades of death have been.
2. For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.
3. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.
4. His righteous government and power  
shall over all extend;  
on judgement and on justice based,  
his reign shall have no end.
5. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit One.

*Words: Scottish Paraphrases 1781, John Morrison (1750-1798), based on Isaiah 9.2-7*

*Music: Dundee, melody from the Scottish Psalter 1615, as set in Ravenscroft's The Whole Booke of Psalmes 1621  
(Ancient & Modern – 52)*

## Gospel Reading Luke 2.22-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymns and songs

### *I heard the voice of Jesus say*



1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 'I am this dark world's light;  
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
 and all thy day be bright':  
 I looked to Jesus, and I found  
 in him my star, my sun;  
 and in that light of life I'll walk  
 till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius N Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: Kingsfold, melody from *English Country Songs* 1893, collected by John Alexander Fuller Maitland (1856-1936),  
 harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
 (Ancient & Modern – 669)

*Christ bids us break the bread*



1. Christ bids us break the bread  
 and share the cup he gave,  
 in token of the blood he shed  
 for those he died to save.

2. It was for us he came,  
 to bear, by human birth,  
 a crown of thorn, a cross of  
 shame,  
 for every child of earth.

3. The Saviour crucified  
 in glory rose again:  
 we here remember him who died,  
 ascended now to reign.

4. Our hearts his word obey,  
 in thankfulness and love:  
 we feed on Christ by faith today  
 and feast with him above.

5. O Christ, once lifted up  
 that we might be forgiven,  
 we take the bread and drink the cup  
 and share the life of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

Music: Eastville, Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991)

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## Great is thy faithfulness



1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)  
Music: Faithfulness (Runyan), William Marion Runyan (1870-1957)  
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(Ancient & Modern – 650)

# Lent and Easter 2024



**Easter Experience** A visual display of the key moments of Holy Week and Easter. 18-20 March. This is aimed at primary school children, but will be available for other visitors to see on those days.

**Stations of the Cross** A prayerful walk through the final journey of Jesus into Jerusalem. Hosted alternate weeks by All Saints and St. Joseph's on Fridays during Lent at 11am  
Feb 16 All Saints; Feb 23 St. Joseph's; Mar 1 All Saints; Mar 8 St Joseph's; Mar 15 All Saints; Mar 22 St. Joseph's.

**Churches Together study groups** A series of four studies prepared by Revd Shakeel reflecting on the key moments in Holy Week. The final session is at All Saints on Thursday 21 March. If you'd like to join a Lent study group please contact Patrick Wilson (Thursdays at 2.30pm) or Revd Shakeel.

## Holy Week

**Monday 25 March** 7.30pm Compline at Braunston

**Tuesday 26 March** 7.30pm Compline, venue tbc

**Wednesday 27 March** 7.30pm Compline at Langham Parish Church

**Maundy Thursday 28 March** 7.30pm Holy Communion and the washing of feet at All Saints Oakham, followed by Vigil until 10pm

### **Good Friday 29 March**

10am The Litany at St. John and St Anne

10.30am Churches Together Walk of Witness starting at St. John and St. Anne, concluding with an outdoor service 10.45am at the Buttercross in the Market Place

12noon-1pm Good Friday liturgy and devotions at All Saints

2pm-3pm Bible meditation and quiet

### **Easter Day at All Saints Oakham**

6am Sunrise service with Holy Communion and breakfast

8am Holy Communion followed by coffee

10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

6pm Churches Together service at *Oakham Baptist Church*

# News from the Team

## Prayer for the Sick

We pray to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for those suffering in body, mind or spirit, among them Georgina Siward. Jack Pearce's name is now in the book in the Trinity Chapel. We also pray for those we know, those who have no-one to pray for them and for all who care for and support them in any way.

## Remembering the recently departed

We remember with thanksgiving those recently departed this life, among them Stanley Stubbs, Barbara Rudkin, Mabel Bevan and Audrey Hardy; and we pray for the families and friends of those who have died.

*Please phone the Team office or email [notices@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:notices@oakhamteam.org.uk) to add names to these lists.*

## Prayer for those with long term illness

Every week we update the list of those who are sick and have asked for prayer. This list is mainly for people with urgent or particular needs over the short term. Their names are mentioned in the intercessions. For those with ongoing health issues or who are in constant need of care, we keep a book of names. This is kept in the Trinity Chapel. Whenever you are in church please feel free to open the book and pray for those named in it.

## Ride and Stride 2023.

Thank you to everyone who rode, strode and drove around our Rutland churches on what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year. All Saints Oakham has received £700 as its share of funds raised through the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. The Trust provides grants to Rutland churches and we have been the beneficiaries of many grants over the years. Please look out for future dates and join in this important and enjoyable event.

## Mothers Union Travelling Nativity 2023

A huge thank you to all the people who took part in last year's Travelling Nativity. Thanks also to everyone who knitted sheep to accompany the Holy Family on their journey around the town. *Denise McDonald on behalf of Oakham Mothers Union*

## Our lighting scheme

Thanks to the generosity of worshippers over the Christmas period, the fund now stands at almost £30,000. There have been some generous donations in memory of parishioners who have died, and welcome donations have also recently been made by some of Oakham's businesses, for which we are extremely grateful.

We now have the faculty for the lighting scheme from the Diocesan Advisory

Committee and the Chancellor of the Diocese. This legal permission to proceed with the scheme will remain valid for 18 months. Our lighting advisor is in the process of drawing up a technical description of the proposed work, and when this is ready we will go out to tender. Only then will we know the precise cost of the work. If we are to be in a position to carry out the work in the early months of 2025 as we hope, we will have to know that we have sufficient funds available or forthcoming before we sign a contract. So much fund-raising remains to be done. But we have made a good start, and we hope for continued support from both the congregation and from the local community. *Michael Latham*

## **Window Memorial Board**

Unfortunately the initial plan for a wall mounted window memorial board was not approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

The PCC is working on alternative ways to commemorate those who were named in remembrance and as sponsors. This should be resolved by Easter 2024, later than planned, but on the anniversary of the completion of the work.

There is an example of what the memorial board might look like by the North Door in All Saints Church. The PCC will consider the design and the colours and how best to progress this at its January meeting.

## **Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals**

I have been arranging musicians for the Wednesday lunchtime recitals when Oakham School isn't involved for the last four or so years. For health reasons I am finding it more difficult to organise this and I am therefore looking for someone to take this over. I am happy to help as much as possible over the short term but if we want this valuable way of raising funds for the church to continue then there must be a successor.

If you would like more information please contact Paul on 01572 720631 or on email [paulritabutler@btinternet.com](mailto:paulritabutler@btinternet.com)

## **Music at Lunchtime**

### **Wednesday 31 January**

George Marshall *alto saxophone*

### **Wednesday 7 February**

Ethan Taylor *'cello*

Concerts are in All Saints Church and begin at 1.30pm.

## **Friday Concerts**

### **All Saints Concert Society**

Pianist John Dobson continues his series of Friday lunchtime concerts at All Saints at 1.30pm on **26 January** and **2 and 9 February**. The programmes include music by Brahms, Auric, Poulenc, Berg and Szymanowski. For more details please see posters and leaflets in church. Please do support these concerts by John, who is a regular supporter of the work we do at All Saints. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

## Ordinands

Please keep the ordinands from our team in your prayers: George Brett (Trinity College Bristol), Alison Long and Madeleine Morris (training with Stephen), Nat Stiles (training with Deborah).

## Home groups

**Every other Tuesday from 10-11.30am** at 56 Spinney Hill LE15 6JL. (Corinna Woods 07758 624658, email [corimarywoods@gmail.com](mailto:corimarywoods@gmail.com))

**Thursdays (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) at 2.30pm** at 6 Peterborough Avenue (Patrick Wilson 723288).

Please get in touch if you are thinking of joining a group; you are welcome to come and see whether you feel it's the right place for you.

## Open House

The next Open House will be on **Thursday 8 February** at Liz Needham's house, 14 Vicarage Road. All are welcome - this is a good and easy way to meet people or catch up with those you haven't chatted to in a while. For details about Open House please contact Sarah Bilsdon on 01572 723507.

## Mothers Union

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 8 February** at 2pm in church, and the speaker will be Geraldine Feehally.

## Pop-up café

Thank you to everyone who helped with the pop up café and activities on Saturday. The next pop up café with

Valentine Day themed crafts and biscuit decorating will be held in Church on **Saturday 10 February** from 9.30- 12. Please come along and invite friends and family! *Madeleine Morris*

## Friends Shrovetide Party

The Friends are holding the annual Shrovetide Party and Quiz on **Tuesday 13 February** at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please sign up in the usual way, **WITH YOUR PHONE NUMBER**, by Sunday 11 February, at the absolute latest. We need accurate numbers for catering purposes. The cost is £6 and you will need to bring your own soft drinks, wine or beer with you. You may pay on the door or pay Liz Plummer in advance. 01572 720506.

## Volunteers wanted - Open the Book

Open the Book is a project run by the Bible Society which has the aim of bringing stories from the Bible to all children in primary schools. We have a small team of six in Oakham run by volunteers from the Baptists, Methodists and All Saints and we go into the two local schools which are not Church Schools (Catmose and Brook Hill) once a month. The materials we use are produced by the Bible Society and are very carefully written. We must keep to the script and not preach or evangelise. Children of all faiths and none enjoy the assemblies for the wonderful stories that they are - and on which so much of our art and culture is based. We all enjoy it as well - it's great fun! We would love to involve more



people in the group. It is not very time consuming - once a month we meet together on a Tuesday to plan our assembly and then deliver the story to each school on the next Thursday. The story is read by a narrator and any dialogue is simply repeated by the 'actor' - no learning lines! Basic costumes and simple props help to bring the stories to life and we try to involve children from the school as 'extras' - disciples, soldiers, bystanders etc. If you think you would like to be involved with the team or could offer to help with making simple props or costumes please have a word with me, *Helen Gammage*

## Can you help?

We are currently recruiting new Sidesmen and women to join the team, We have had a good response but could do with a couple more to fill out the team. The duties are minimal and very straightforward, and you would be on duty only once a month at the most. If you think you could help, please see Andy Compton or email the office.

### Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Spring 2024



Pot noodles  
Tinned carrots  
Jars of jam & spread (not marmalade)  
Porridge  
Washing-up liquid  
Deodorants for women & men  
Pump handsoap  
Non-bio washing pods/tablets



### Not Needed at the Moment

We are well stocked with soups, tinned peas, tinned fish, cereals and squash so please do not donate these at the moment

**Please note we cannot accept alcohol, fresh, homemade, open or out of date foods**



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07582 783363 or email us [info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk)

36 Melton Road, Oakham, LE15 6AY (next to Domino Pizza)

We are open to receive donations Mon-Fri 10.00 – 12.00

## Queen Edith was married and consecrated on the 23rd January 1045 A.D.



All Saints  
Oakham Rutland  
Royal  
Millennium  
embroidery  
goldwork



### 23 January 1045 AD

979 years ago on this day, Edith was married and consecrated. 'The practice of consecrating queens was relatively new in England, largely a product of the tenth century'. Pauline Stafford: *Royal Rutland - the Story of Queen Edith*. The accompanying poster celebrates this event with a display of the intricate flower goldwork on the altar cloth embroidered by the All Saints Artisans for the Royal Millennium. The talented artisans involved in making this fabulous work of beauty are detailed on the back of the embroidery: Madge Armitage, Joan Gilman, Joyce Halliday, Sue Reilly, Barbara Wainwright, Ruth Watchorn, Brenda Weatherhogg, under the direction of Ruth Chamberlin.

## All Saints Pastoral group

If you or someone you know is feeling lonely or isolated, or is struggling to get out and about at the moment, please get in touch with the new Pastoral Group at All Saints Oakham. We provide Pastoral Visiting to those in need, whatever the reason. We can bring Holy Communion to you in your home, or just come for a chat, All volunteers are fully DBS cleared and safeguarding trained. For more information, please contact [pastoralsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:pastoralsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk) or telephone All Saints Church on 01572 724007. The office is usually staffed from 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday. Please note this is not a professional counselling service.

## Bereavement Support

The next **Drop-In** for people looking for help and comfort after a bereavement (no matter how long ago) will be on **Friday 26 January** in the Church Hall from 10.30am -12 noon. All are welcome, no charge, no booking required. Members of the All Saints Bereavement Support Group will be there to listen, provide tea and coffee and can signpost to other services if needed.

**One to one support.** We have some limited capacity for one to one support, whether in people's homes, in Church or on the phone. We can only offer this to people who live in the parishes of the Oakham Team but you do not have to be part of the church or have a faith. Contacts are

[bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk) or Madeleine Morris 07754 414437

There are also three *Bereavement Help Points* (BHPs) in Rutland, drop-in groups set up with the support of local hospices. They are open to all, free of charge and do not need to be booked in advance. More information on 01733 225927 or [www.bhprutland.com](http://www.bhprutland.com)

- Oakham BHP opens every Monday (not Bank Holidays) 2-4pm in the Fire Station on South Street.
- Uppingham BHP is every Thursday 3-5pm in The Falcon Hotel.
- Ketton BHP is on Mondays (not BHs) 2-4pm in Ketton library.

***Details of various local support organisations can be found on one of the boards in the South porch.***

# Praying Alone

## Praying Together



### *Daily Prayer This Week*

Morning Prayer is streamed on the Oakham Team Ministry page on Facebook at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There is also a service of Compline at 8.30pm on Wednesdays.

The services are available after that on Facebook and on the OTM website. Service booklets are available from the Team Office or online at [Online services – Oakham Team Ministry](#)

### Readings and Collect Prayer for this week

<b>Epiphany 4</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Monday 29 January	Psalm 126 Matthew 27.11-26	Psalm 127 Genesis 18.1-15
Tuesday 30 January	Psalm 132 Matthew 27.27-44	Psalm 135 Genesis 18.16-end
Wednesday 31 January	Psalm 119.153-end Matthew 27.45-56	Psalm 136 Genesis 19.1-3,12-29
Thursday 1 February	Psalm 143 Matthew 27.57-end	Psalm 138 Genesis 21.1-21
Friday 2 February	Psalm 144 Matthew 28.1-15	Psalm 145 Genesis 22.1-19
Saturday 3 February	Psalm 147 Matthew 28.16-end	Psalm 148 Genesis 23

**God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**