

# Worship for the Week

*Praying, learning, serving, sharing*

**Sunday 4 February**

**Second Sunday before Lent**



*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 1.14*



## Oakham Team Ministry contacts

Please contact one of the Ministry Team if you would like a chat or a visit. Visit our website [www.oakhamteam.org.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk) or keep up with news on our Facebook page **Oakham Team Ministry**.

### Team Clergy

Revd Stephen Griffiths *Team Rector (Oakham & Langham)*

01572 869483 [stephen@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:stephen@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Revd Deborah Marsh *Team Vicar (Whissendine, Teigh, Ashwell & Market Overton)*

01664 474652 [deborah@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:deborah@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Revd Jenni Duffy *Team Vicar (Braunston, Brooke, Hambleton & Egleton) 07507*

442539 [jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:jenni@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Revd Shakeel Nurmahi *Team Curate* - 01572 812147

[shakeel@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:shakeel@oakhamteam.org.uk)

### Ordinands

Mrs Madeleine Morris [madeleine@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:madeleine@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mrs Alison Long [alison.long@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:alison.long@oakhamteam.org.uk)

### Lay Ministers

Mr Michael Ellard *Reader* 01572 722060 [michael@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:michael@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mr John Feehally *Reader* [john@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:john@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mr David Pattinson *Reader* 01572 723884 [david@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:david@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mr David Perril *Reader* 01664 452117 [david.perril@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:david.perril@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mr Alan Rudge *Reader* 01572 755570 [alan@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:alan@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Canon Vyv Wainwright *Reader* 01572 755752 [vyv@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:vyv@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mrs Gail Rudge *Parish Evangelist* 01572 755570 [gail@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:gail@oakhamteam.org.uk)

### Churchwardens at All Saints Oakham

Ann Blackett [ann.blackett@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:ann.blackett@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Adam Lowe 07801541389 [adam.lowe@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:adam.lowe@oakhamteam.org.uk)

### Director of Music

Harry Jacques BA(Hons), PGCE, ARCO [directorofmusic@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:directorofmusic@oakhamteam.org.uk)

### Oakham Team Office

Mrs Liz Needham *Team Administrator* 01572 724007 [office@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:office@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Office hours are Monday – Friday 9am – 1pm.

Mrs Sue Willetts *Finance Assistant* 01572 724007 [finance@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:finance@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Ann Blackett *Parishes Support Officer* 01572 724007 [psu@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:psu@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Notices or reports for inclusion in *Worship for the Week* and website should be sent by Tuesday evening to [psu@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:psu@oakhamteam.org.uk)

### Safeguarding Officers

Mrs Cally Griffiths *Oakham Parish Safeguarding Officer* 01572 869483

[safeguarding\\_oakham@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding_oakham@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Mr Derek Cullen *Oakham Deputy Parish Safeguarding Officer* 01572 490760

[derek.cullen@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:derek.cullen@oakhamteam.org.uk)

# Letter for the week

Jesus used different styles of speaking. He could be very direct as when he described what damage will be enacted consequent to anyone harming a child. There is no need to analyse further. At other times he was less definitive, leaving his listeners to make up their own minds as to what he meant. When he lists all those people who are blessed in what we call the Beatitudes, in some cases it is not clear what the result of the blessing actually is. When will the poor in spirit see God? Will that be different for them or will it come about for them earlier than for others?

Some of the parables seem intended to offer alternative or maybe extended readings. The parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan are perhaps two of the most well-known, each having apparently obvious conclusions. But does the first one only tell us of the generosity and forgiveness of God? Or should we imagine ourselves to be in the place of the three main characters in turn in order to change the perspective and extend the understanding that can be inferred of what God as Jesus wishes us to know of his kingdom?

Is the Good Samaritan merely an instruction to be kind to people who need our help or also a pointed criticism of religious scruples interfering with human need? The Bible readings are in a three-year cycle and are not simply repeated on a loop, despite that there will be many times when the Gospel reading is of a parable that we will have heard many times before and it is only too easy to 'switch off', assuming we have nothing more to learn about this story despite the efforts of the preacher to challenge us.

When we hear some passages from St Paul's letters or the occasional obscure Old Testament reading we may well come away from church feeling that we have not learned a great deal when it is more that we have ailed to understand their relevance.

There is very much more in coming to church than what we take from the readings or the sermon but is it possible that we are missing chances to deepen our understanding of the message of God?

*Worship for the Week*, including the readings for the Sunday services, offers us the opportunity to reflect on these passages at a later time. Re-reading them at home gives us the opportunity to have further reflection that can be easily augmented by online articles of maybe stimulate questions to us that we could take to Stephen or Shakeel. This participatory effort may well lead us to new understandings whatever our age.

*Peter Harrison, All Saints, Oakham*

## 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 11 February <i>1 before Lent</i>	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 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Lent</i>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong
Sunday 25 February <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Lent</i>	Holy Communion	All Age Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer

## 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 [oakhamteam.org.uk](http://oakhamteam.org.uk)

*Common Worship and New Patterns of Worship, material from which is included in these services, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2005. The Scriptures quotations contained herein are the New Revised Standard Version ©1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission. All rights Reserved. All Saints Church is a member of the CCL scheme, no.245730, and of OneLicense, no.740714. Illustration by Martin Erspamer OBS/Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago.*

## The Week Ahead

### **Tuesday 6 February 2024**

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Holy Communion

### **Wednesday 7 February**

10.30am Holy Communion *Langham Village Hall*

1.30pm Music at Lunchtime: Ethan Taylor 'cello

3.45pm Rutland Junior Choirs

### **Thursday 8 February**

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.45am Tiny Tots

2pm Mothers Union *in church*

### **Friday 9 February**

10am Holy Communion

10.30 Oasis Coffee Morning

1.30pm Lunchtime concert: John Dobson *piano*

7pm Choir Practice

### **Saturday 10 February**

9.30am-12noon Pop-up café *at All Saints Oakham*

### **Next Sunday 11 February –Sunday before Lent**

**Readings** 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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

6pm Second Sunday@6

**St Peter and St Paul Langham** (Langham Village Hall) 10.30am Holy Communion

# 8am Holy Communion for Candlemas

## Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading *Proverbs 8.1-22*

A reading from the book of Proverbs..

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth –  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading *John 1.1-14***

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# 10.30am Holy Communion

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 *Thou whose almighty Word*



1. Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

2. Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

4. Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

*Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)*

*Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796) (Ancient & Modern – 810)*

The service continues on page 3 of the service booklet with the Greeting.

## Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**



## First Reading *Proverbs 8.1-22*

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth –  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading *Colossians 1.15-20*

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to

reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn** *Light of the minds that know him*



1. Light of the minds that know him,  
may Christ be light to mine!

my sun in risen splendour,  
my light of truth divine;  
my guide in doubt and darkness,  
my true and living way,  
my clear light ever shining,  
my dawn of heaven's day.

2. Life of the souls that love him,  
may Christ be ours indeed!

the living bread from heaven  
on whom our spirits feed;  
who died for love of sinners  
to bear our guilty load,  
and make of life's brief journey  
a new Emmaus road.

3. Strength of the wills that serve him,  
may Christ be strength to me,

who stilled the storm and tempest,  
who calmed the tossing sea;  
his Spirit's power to move me,  
his will to master mine,  
his cross to carry daily  
and conquer in his sign.

4. May it be ours to know him  
that we may truly love,

and loving, fully serve him  
as serve the saints above;  
till in that home of glory  
with fadeless splendour bright,  
we serve in perfect freedom  
our strength, our life, our light.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926), based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

*Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

© Timothy Dudley-Smith  
(Ancient & Modern – 709)

### **Gospel Reading** *John 1.1-14*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without

him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The service continues on page 6 of the service booklet with the Sermon..*

### Offertory Hymn *In our darkness light has shone*



1. In our darkness light has shone,  
Alleluia,  
still today the light shines on,  
Alleluia;  
Word made flesh in human birth,  
Alleluia,  
Light and Life of all the earth,  
Alleluia!

2. Christ the Son incarnate see,  
Alleluia,  
by whom all things came to be,  
Alleluia;  
through the world his splendours shine,  
Alleluia,  
full of grace and truth divine,  
Alleluia!

3. All who now in him believe,  
Alleluia,  
everlasting life receive,  
Alleluia;  
born of God and in his care,  
Alleluia,  
we his name and nature share,  
Alleluia!

4. Christ a child on earth appears,  
Alleluia,  
crown of all creation's years,  
Alleluia;  
God's eternal Word has come,  
Alleluia,  
he shall lead his people home,  
Alleluia!

*Words: based on John 1.1-14, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)  
Music: Redland, Malcolm Archer (b 1952) (A&M 359) (Ancient & Modern – 101)*

*The service continues on page 9 of the service booklet. On most Sundays one of the Eucharistic Prayers on page 10, 12 or 14 is used.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*before 'Almighty God' prayer on page 18 of the service booklet*

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Final Hymn**



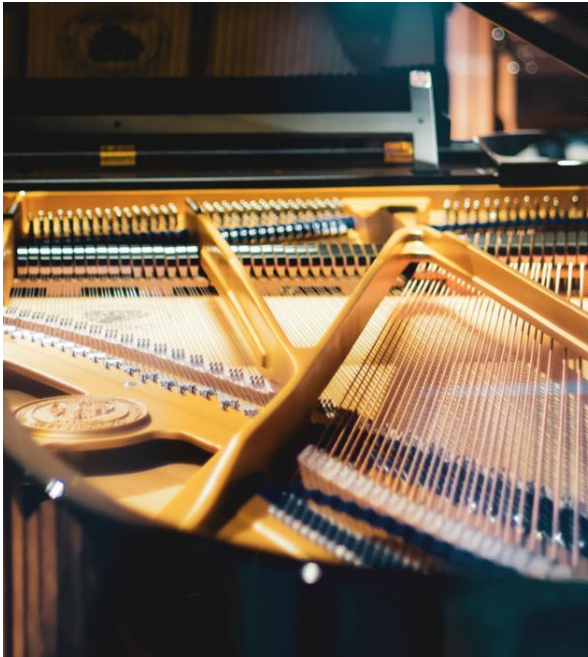
1. Christ is the world's true light,  
its captain of salvation,  
the daystar clear and bright  
of every land and nation;  
new life, new hope awakes,  
where peoples own his sway:  
freedom her bondage breaks,  
and night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet,  
their ancient feuds forgetting,  
the whole round world complete,  
from sunrise to its setting:  
when Christ is throned as Lord,  
lands shall forsake their fear,  
to ploughshare beat the sword,  
to pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great name  
unite us all who own thee;  
cast out our pride and shame  
that hinder to enthrone thee;  
the world has waited long,  
has traivailed long in pain;  
to heal its ancient wrong,  
come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

*Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)*

*Music: Nun Danket, melody in Johann Crüger Praxis Pietatis Melica 1647,  
harmony chiefly from Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Lobgesang 1840 (Ancient & Modern – 610)*



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

# 6pm Choral Evensong

*The Order of Service is in the separate booklet and the hymns are taken from the New English Hymnal.'*

## Opening Hymn

**No.377** Immortal, invisible

## Psalm 104.24-37

24. O Lord how manifold | are thy | works :  
in wisdom hast thou made them all, the | earth is | full of thy | riches.
25. So is the great and | wide sea | also :  
wherein are things creeping innumerable, both | small and | great | beasts.
26. There go the ships, and there is | that Le- | viathan :  
whom thou hast made to | take his | pastime there- | in.
27. These wait | all upon | thee :  
that thou mayest give them | meat in | due | season.
28. When thou givest it | them | they | gather it :  
and when thou openest thy hand | they are | filled with | good.
29. When thou hidest thy face | they are | troubled :  
when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned a- | gain to  
their | dust.
- 30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they | shall be | made :  
and thou shalt re-| new the | face of the | earth.
31. The glorious majesty of the Lord shall en-| dure for | ever :  
the | Lord shall re-| joice in his | works.
32. The earth shall | tremble • at the | look of him :  
if he do but | touch the | hills • they shall | smoke.
33. I will sing unto the Lord as | long as I | live :  
I will praise my God | while I | have my | being.
34. And so shall my | words | please him :  
my | joy shall | be in the | Lord.
35. As for sinners, they shall be consumed | out of the | earth :  
and the un- | godly shall | come to an | end.
- 35a. Praise | thou the | Lord : O my | soul | praise the | Lord.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**First Reading** *Proverbs 8.1-22*

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth –  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Office Hymn**

**No.343** Bright the vision that delighted

## Gospel Reading – John 1,1-14

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 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.

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

### Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Hymn after the Prayers

**No.355** – Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round

### Hymn after the Sermon

**No.334** – All creatures of our God and King

### Voluntary



# Lent and Easter 2024



## **Ash Wednesday (14 February) 12noon**

Holy Communion with Ashing - All Saints Oakham

**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. You are welcome to join the ecumenical group which will meet at All Saints at 7pm on Wed 21 Feb, Wed 28 Feb, Wed 6 March, Wed 13 March and Thu 21 March. If you prefer a daytime 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 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.

## Thank You

Last week's 10.30 Candlemas service was made so much brighter by the group of young servers carrying cross and candles and incense boat and making it more of a celebration. They were all terrific. Thanks also to Pat, Steve and Madeleine who helped!

## Wednesday Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer on Facebook on Wednesdays is back, with Chris Baker leading. If you would like to start joining in the online services please contact the office or the clergy who can provide the prayer booklet, and a copy of the NRSV bible which we use at Morning Prayer

## Music at Lunchtime 1.30pm, All Saints Oakham Wednesday 7 February

Ethan Taylor *'cello*

*Wednesday 14 February – half term*

## Wednesday 21 February

Alex Forshaw *piano*

## Friday Concerts

### All Saints Concert Society

Pianist John Dobson continues his series of Friday lunchtime concerts at All Saints at 1.30pm on **2 and 9 February**.

The programmes will 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.

## All Saints Concerts

All Saints Oakham is very blessed to have the Concerts Committee which organises the Wednesday lunchtime recitals when Oakham School is on holiday, plus evening concerts and the Bank Holiday organ recitals. Paul, who has been organising the Wednesday concerts, is having to take time off for health reasons, so we are looking for someone who might be able to help with this and to join the committee to support this part of their work.

If you would like to know more, please contact Ann in the Team office [ps@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:ps@oakhamteam.org.uk) and she will put you in touch with the committee. The Concert Society makes a great contribution not only to the musical life of Oakham, opening our doors to the wider community, but also financially, as the funds they raise also support All Saints. Please think about whether you could help. *Thank you!*

## 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

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.

## Lent Lunch

Pre-Covid, the Lent Lunches run by Churches Together in Oakham were a familiar part of the season. It's a bit

close to Lent to pull a whole season of lunches out of the hat this year, but we would like to run a Lent Lunch on one Lenten Wednesday in the Church Hall. However, to do this we would need people to make soup in sufficient quantities, and to help set up, service and clear away afterwards. Could we do this? Contact Ann or Liz in the office if you would like to help, and we can see what might be possible.

[ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk)

## February Church Walk

The February walk will be based at The Plough, Greetham, LE15 7NJ. It will be a 4.3 mile circular walk via Exton Estate and Greetham Golf Club, returning to the Plough for lunch.

It will start at 10.30am and meals should be pre-booked from 10.15am. at the Plough. Parking is limited, so car sharing is advisable if possible. Lunch should be served at approximately 12.45 - 1.00pm. Please contact Russell (07422950625) if you will be joining the walk in order to advise the landlord of expected numbers.

## 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 considered the design and the colours and how best to progress this at its January meeting.

## **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).

## **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 still 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.

## **Could you be the missing link?**

The small group of volunteers that produces the twice-yearly magazine *The Link* for parishes within Oakham Team Ministry, needs active help with the sale of advertisements to cover the cost of printing each edition. Support material and initial contacts provided. An essential role to ensure the continued distribution of this well-regarded magazine. Please ring Brian Chester, responsible for design and production of *The Link*, for more details. 01572 757600.



**Illustration of the pre-Norman,  
Anglo-Saxon royal hall within Queen  
Edith's royal manor in Oakham, based  
on information found at the royal  
Saxon manors of Rendlesham and  
Wychurst.**



The High Sheriff of Rutland's  
Charity Concert Series



# Movies & Musicals!

Saturday 9th March  
2024 7.00pm

Oakham School Chapel

*David Calow - Conductor*  
*Katherine Collison - Violin*

Star Wars  
The Sound of Music  
How to Train Your Dragon  
Evita  
Schindler's List  
Send in the Clowns  
Harry Potter  
Star Trek  
Out of Africa  
James Bond *and more!*

follow us on   

[www.rutlandsinfonia.org.uk](http://www.rutlandsinfonia.org.uk)

Event produced by Rutland Sinfonia Productions Limited Company Number 11070992

# Rutland Sinfonia

Honorary President  
Sir Laurence Howard KCVO OBE

Musical Patrons  
Eduardo Vassallo Robert Markham

Music Director Paul Hilliam  
Associate Conductor David Calow  
Leader Katherine Collison



Conductor David Calow



Violin Katherine Collison

Tickets on the door: £15  
(£14 in advance)  
Concessions on the door: £13  
(£12 in advance)  
Children & Students under 18: £5  
Students in full time education: £5

Buy your tickets in advance from:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
0333 666 3366

£1.80 fee applies to telephone bookings

Or in person from:

Oakham Wines  
3 High Street,  
Oakham,  
Rutland.  
LE15 6AH

The Oundle Bookshop  
13, Market Place,  
Oundle,  
Peterborough.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, OAKHAM



*Pop-up*  
**CAFE**

*Saturday Feb 11th*  
*9.30-12.00*



**CHILDREN'S CRAFTS**



**DECORATE YOUR  
VALENTINE  
BISCUIT!**



## 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. Please contact:

[bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk)

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***



**Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés** offer local support for people who need immediate help with their mental health. The cafes are drop-in centres for anyone to come and talk about their mental health – no appointment needed.

A project funded by the NHS and hosted by Pepper's – A Safe Place

- Neighbourhood Mental Health Café
- Open Thursdays 5.30-8.30pm and Sundays 4-7pm
- Open to all who are aged 18+ - no referral needed, simply come along

The café will offer one-to-one listening and help clients develop future support plans. For anyone struggling with their mental health and needing immediate support, please come along. We provide a welcoming drop-in centre for anyone to come and talk, have a cup of tea or coffee in a relaxed and safe space. Experienced listeners on hand and transport options available.

Contact 07955 344126 email [nmc@peppersasafeplace.co.uk](mailto:nmc@peppersasafeplace.co.uk)

Pepper's – A Safe Place, (2a High Street, Oakham LE15 6AL)

## 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



Registered Charity in England & Wales Number 1158460

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

## **Prayer and action for the Holy Land**

### ***A few things to consider:***

If you can give a donation you might like to support Christian Aid's relief operation **christianaid.org.uk**. There is a specific web page for the Middle East Crisis Appeal. We can also process cash donations in yellow envelopes marked **Christian Aid**. Christian Aid is considering how to support the Israeli communities devastated by Hamas as well as the needs of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. Their work is done in the context of the entire Middle Eastern region.

### ***A prayer for each day***

God, hear our prayers for peace in the Middle East.

May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.

We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss of life.

God, may the injured and distressed know your healing presence.

May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths of justice, mercy and peace.

We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every life.

May the clamour of violence cease,

replaced by the beating of swords into ploughshares.

In the name of Jesus, Amen

# Praying Alone

## Praying Together



### *Daily Prayer This Week*

Morning Prayer is streamed on the Oakham Team Ministry page on Facebook at 8.30am from Monday-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>2 before Lent</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Monday 5 February	Psalm 2 2 Timothy 4.1-8	Psalm 4 Genesis 29.31-30.24
Tuesday 6 February	Psalm 5 2 Timothy 4.9-end	Psalm 9 Genesis 31.1-24
Wednesday 7 February	Psalm 119.1-32 Titus 1	Psalm 11 Genesis 31.25-32.2
Thursday 8 February	Psalm 15 Titus 2	Psalm 18 Genesis 32.3-30
Friday 9 February	Psalm 19 Titus 3	Psalm 22 Genesis 33.1-17
Saturday 10 February	Psalm 23 Philemon	Psalm 24 Genesis 35

**Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**