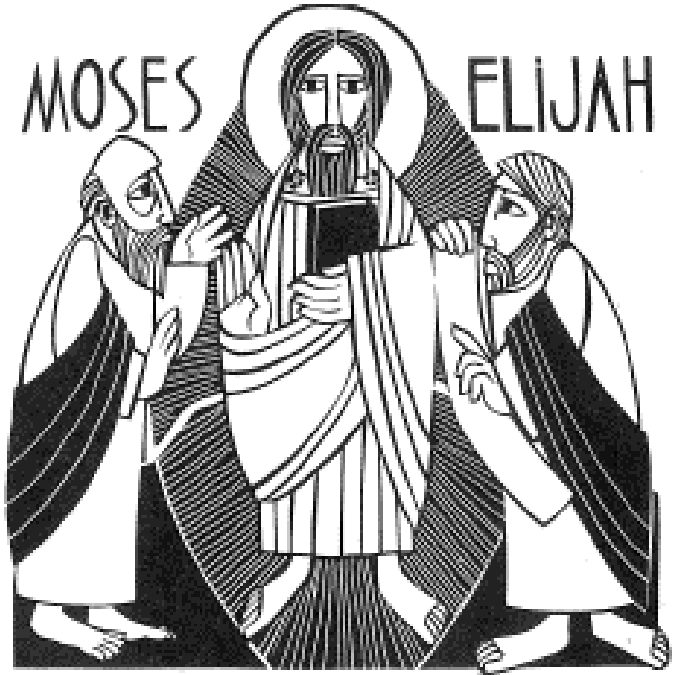


Worship for the Week

Praying, learning, serving, sharing

Sunday 11 February

Sunday next before Lent



From the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Mark 9.7



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Letter from the Team Rector

Dear friends,

We find ourselves on the verge of Lent, about to begin 40 days of preparation before Easter. But before we get to Ash Wednesday we have what is known as Transfiguration Sunday. At our church services we will read the story of Jesus going up a mountain with three of his disciples. They witness the glory of God shining in Jesus, and see two ancient heroes of the Old Testament, Elijah and Moses. It is a truly remarkable scene which defies any easy explanation or interpretation. Two things are clear though. Jesus is strengthened by a word of encouragement from his Heavenly Father 'This is my son, the beloved'. And the disciples are told by the same voice to listen to Jesus.

As Jesus sets his face towards Jerusalem this word of encouragement must have spurred him on when he felt dejected. The experience of being transformed in glory must have been deeply reassuring. This foretaste of the resurrection perhaps gave him hope in his suffering. This is an attitude that can help us all. Our present troubles are framed by the knowledge of God's love for us in Christ and by the promise of redemption. No circumstances in life can change the love God has for us, though we can feel more distant from God from time to time. And no tragedy, whether on a personal or global scale, can change God's plan to transform our world into the new creation. Hope is not wishful thinking, but a Christian attitude based on what God has done and is doing and will do. Hope is confirmed as we glimpse, as they did on the mountain, God's glory breaking into to everyday things of life.

King Charles has recently announced his cancer diagnosis. This is a way of helping others with cancer to be open and honest about their needs and to seek support and treatment. It raises awareness of the condition. Can hope break through in such a situation? If we take to heart the promises of God then yes hope can still be part of the journey through a cancer diagnosis. There will be signs of God's glory even on that hard road, as there was for Jesus on his journey. Sometimes this will be obvious, sometimes more subtle.

Please join in with as much as you can during Lent and, when it arrives, Holy Week and Easter. It is an important time of year for growing in faith, for learning to live in hope and for looking for the transforming glory of God.

With love in Christ,
Stephen

February-March 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
Ash Wednesday 14 February	10am SSJA Holy Communion with ashes 12.00 All Saints Oakham Holy Communion with ashes			
Sunday 18 February 1 st Lent	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong
Sunday 25 February 2 nd Lent	Holy Communion	All Age Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer
Sunday 3 March 3 rd Lent	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	No service (Bishop Debbie's installation at Peterborough, 3pm)

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

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The Week Ahead

Tuesday 13 February 2024

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Holy Communion

Wednesday 14 February ASH WEDNESDAY

12.00 Holy Communion with Ashing

No Music at Lunchtime this week – half term

3.45pm Rutland Junior Choirs

Thursday 15 February

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.45am Tiny Tots

Friday 16 February

10am Holy Communion

10.30 Oasis Coffee Morning

11am Stations of the Cross at All Saints

7.30pm Choir Practice

Next Sunday 18 February – The First Sunday of Lent

Readings Psalm 25.1-9; Genesis 9.8-17; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15

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

6pm Evening Prayer

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

8am Holy Communion

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading *2 Kings 2.1-12*

A reading from the book of Kings..

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

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When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *Mark 9.2-9*

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

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Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 'Parish Communion in Ordinary Time.

Opening Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*



1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Ratisbon, melody from Werner's Choralbuch Leipzig 1815, harmonised by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870) and William Henry Monk (1823-1889) (Ancient & Modern – 2)

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

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Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as

your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Jesus, on the mountain peak*



1. Jesus, on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia!

2. Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!

3. Swift the cloud of glory came.
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia!

4. Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation,
hear and heed him, everyone;
sing, with earth and all creation,
Alleluia!

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Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Offertory Hymn 'Tis good, Lord, to be here



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified
and our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright
and make this hill our home.

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here.
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

*Word: Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)
Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)
(Ancient & Modern – 281)*

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.

Anthem My eyes for beauty pine
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Prayer after Communion
before 'Almighty God' prayer on page 18 of the service booklet

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we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Final Hymn Shine, Jesus, shine



1. 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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6pm Second Sunday@6

What is Grace?

..... *I can do nothing to make God love me more*

..... *I can do nothing to make God love me less*

Reading Luke 15:11-32

¹¹Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’” And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’” ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’” ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. >>

³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

Praise and Worship

Hymn *Amazing grace*

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
5. Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

Confession

**My God, for love of you
I desire to hate and forsake all sins
by which I have ever displeased you;
and I resolve by the help of your grace
to commit them no more;
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We say together in faith
**All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**All for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessions

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:
All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we attend to your word and the prompting of the Holy Spirit:
All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be grasp the height, depth and breadth of your grace:
All we pray to you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world:
All we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:
All we pray to you, O Lord.

A time of quiet and reflection

We sing

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.

We pray for God's grace.
Lord, receive our praise:

All and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for the Church...
Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise:

All and hear our prayer.

We pray for the world...
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise:

All and hear our prayer.

We pray for the lost...
Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

Lord, receive our praise:

All and hear our prayer.

Hymn *In Christ alone*



1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.

The late Audrey Hardy

Audrey's funeral will take place at All Saints Oakham on Monday 19 February 11.30am. There will be a private cremation service later in the day. Please do come and join with Audrey's family in thanking God for her life.

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.

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 14 February – half term – no concert

Wednesday 21 February

Alex Forshaw piano

Wednesday 28 February

Maxim El-Sheikh voice

Friday Concerts

All Saints Concert Society

Pianist John Dobson concludes his series of Friday lunchtime concerts at All Saints at 1.30pm on **9 February**. The programme will include music by Johannes Brahms, Georges Auric, and Francis Poulenc. For more details please see posters and leaflets in church. 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 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 corinarywoods@gmail.com)

Thursdays (2nd and 4th) 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.

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.

February Church Walk

Thursday 22 February

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 10.15 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.

Lent Lunch

The Lent Lunch will be on **Wednesday 20 March** in the Church Hall, from 12.30-2pm. Thanks to people who have offered to make soup and help on the day – if you'd like to help with soup or serving on the day, please do get in touch with Ann or Liz in the office. The idea would be to have two kinds of soup, made to recipes we would provide (for consistency!) and serve throughout the time so people could drop in. There will be a sign up sheet soon. psa@oakhamteam.org.uk

Window Memorial Board

At the January PCC meeting a number of suggestions were made to the layout of the proposed board to commemorate the 2023 restoration of the windows on the north side of the church. A revised version of the board is now on display. Note that it will be twice the size of the example, ie, the same size as the brown 'first draft'. As before, please let Stephen of the churchwardens Ann and Adam know if you have any comments. *Thank you!*

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.

Washing machine needed

A young man, shortly to be moving into his own council flat and setting up home for the first time, needs a washing machine. If anyone is replacing one or knows of a spare one that could be given it would be gratefully received. Any information to Corinna Woods, 07758624658.

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.

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*



Queen Edith Festival 1024 – 2024 A.D



Anglo-Saxon re-enactment - why not join in and come dressed as an Anglo Saxon?



Displays from leading learning centres including Leicester University.



Exhibition and Book launch: 'Royal Rutland - the Story of Queen Edith.'



Meet Queen Edith (actor) the last Anglo-Saxon Queen who owned most of Rutland.



See talented Artisans at work - Mia Hansson and her Bayeux tapestry.



Activities, Crafts, Games, Performances. Try the Anglo Saxon game of Kubb and Tafl. Can you solve Queen Edith's Town Treasure Trail?

Saturday 9th March 09:30 – 13:00

All Saints Oakham

10:30 HM Lord Lieutenant of Rutland



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
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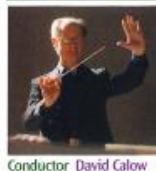
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Conductor David Calow



Violin Katherine Collison

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(£14 in advance)
Concessions on the door: £13
(£12 in advance)
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Buy your tickets in advance from:
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3 High Street,
Oakham,
Rutland.
LE15 6AH

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

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 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

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

- 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

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

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

Next before Lent	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 12 February	Psalm 30 Galatians 1	Psalm 38 Genesis 37.1-11
Tuesday 13 February	Psalm 36 Galatians 2.1-10	Psalm 33 Genesis 37.12-end
Wednesday 14 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Psalm 38 1 Timothy 6.6-19	Psalm 51 Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19
Thursday 15 February	Psalm 77 Galatians 2.11-end	Psalm 74 Genesis 39
Friday 16 February	Psalm 3 Galatians 3.1-14	Psalm 31 Genesis 40
Saturday 17 February	Psalm 71 Galatians 3.15-22	Psalm 73 Genesis 41.1-24

**Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**