

# Worship for the Week

*Praying, learning, serving, sharing*

**Sunday 7 July**

**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**



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*Mark 6.12-13*



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# Letter from the Team Rector

Dear friends,

I have finished my sabbatical and I am looking forward to seeing you all, and getting back into parish life. I have enjoyed the different aspects of my time off and I will share some of my thoughts over the coming months. If you hear me say 'During my sabbatical...' too often please feel free to stop me! One of the benefits was having time to read a bit more. I tried to read a good variety of books and I have become a little more familiar with our excellent library in Oakham. One of my favourites was a book called 'The Fens' by the archaeologist Francis Pryor. He mentions the famous tower of St. Botolph's Boston on quite a few occasions (often called the Boston 'Stump'). St. Botolph's is one of the largest parish churches in England, and a reminder of Boston's past prosperity as a port town. At 272 feet (90m) the tower dominates the surrounding area and can be seen for miles around. What makes this engineering feat all the more remarkable is that it was built during a succession of waves of the Black Death, the plague that first broke out in England in 1348 but continued throughout the next 150 years. We often assume that churches, with their towers and spires, are built for the glory of God. But they serve another purpose. They are a defiant statement that even the worst circumstances cannot stop the mission and ministry of the church. A visible church tower or spire is a comfort and an encouragement. We are not alone - God is with us. A church tower has its foundations firmly in the ground, but it points us heavenward, to the source of our hope - Jesus Christ.

This is something to hold on to as our nation enters a new chapter in its political life. I am writing before the election results are known and I won't speculate on the result. But we can be sure that Friday will bring a wide variety of reactions and emotions: for some joy, for others sorrow; for some anxiety, for others reassurance. Throughout the world, as many important elections take place this year, change is inevitable. Whether it is change for the better or for the worse, there is still a real sense that the future is uncertain. Christians look to a greater authority than politics or law or systems of government. We look beyond human leaders to the enduring kingdom of Jesus Christ. His vision for our world does not alter. His mission is not derailed by changes in our culture. There are no winners or losers in his saving grace - all are loved. The church has always been a valuable part of community life, not only offering stability in an ever changing world, but responding to the needs of society. At a time when many people are talking about the future of our nation, we can all slip a simple message into those conversations: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

With love in Christ,  
Stephen

## The Week Ahead

### Monday 8 July

10am School visit – Brooke Hill Academy

2pm Funeral of Don Munro

7.00pm Rutland Choral Society Rehearsal

### Tuesday 9 July

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Holy Communion

2.30pm Sidesmen training

### Wednesday 10 July

9am Organ repairs

1.30pm Music at Lunchtime – James Woodrow *classical guitar*

### Thursday 11 July

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.45am Tiny Tots

7pm Choir practice

7.30pm Heritage Open Evening at *Rutland County Museum*

### Friday 12 July

10am Holy Communion BCP

10.30 Oasis coffee morning

7pm Rutland Choral Society Rehearsal

### Saturday 13 July

7.30pm Rutland Choral Society Summer Concert

### Sunday 14 July – Trinity 7

**Readings** Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

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

6pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday@6

**St Peter and St Paul Langham** No service – Priesting of Cecily Nurmahi at Peterborough Cathedral

## July Services at All Saints and Langham

	<b>Oakham 8am</b>	<b>Oakham 10.30am</b>	<b>Langham 10.30am</b>	<b>Oakham 6pm</b>
Sunday 7 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Choral Evensong
Sunday 14 July <i>Trinity 7</i>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	<i>No service – Priesting of Revd Cecily Nurmahi at Cathedral</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday@6
Sunday 21 July <i>Trinity 8</i>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong
Sunday 28 July <i>Trinity 9</i>	Holy Communion	All Age Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion with Healing Prayer
Sunday 4 August <i>Trinity 10</i>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong

## 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 which is available from the team office. Please email Ann on [ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk) if you would like a copy.

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)

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# 8am Holy Communion

*The order of service is in the separate service booklet.*

## **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding;  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading Ezekiel 2.1-5**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading Mark 6.1-13**

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Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them,

'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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## **Prayer after Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# 10.30am Holy Communion

This service is streamed live on the Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page.

The texts and prayers for this service are in the separate service booklet 'Parish Communion Ordinary Time'.

## Opening Hymn *All my hope on God is founded*



1. All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
3. God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our souls delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), based on *Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983) (*Ancient & Modern* – 584)

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



## The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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### Second Reading *2 Corinthians 12.2-10*

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a

messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *Send, O God, your Holy Spirit*



1 Send, O God, your Holy Spirit  
on your people gathered here.  
Fill our hearts with gentle courage;  
let your love cast out our fear.

2 Every perfect gift is given  
by the God whose name we bear  
to equip the saints of Jesus  
for the saving work we share.

3 Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,  
gifts of faith and healing grace,  
gifts that in the Spirit's power  
will reveal the Saviour's face.

4 All God's children, all Christ's people,  
all the saints, receive this word!  
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,  
build the body of the Lord.

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Music; LAUS DEO (Redhead no.46), Richard Redhead (1820-1901), Church Hymn Tunes, 1855*

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**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

### Offertory Hymn *Will you come and follow me*



1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?

*Verse 5 overleaf*

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

*Words: John L Bell (b 1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958)  
 Music: Kelvingrove, trad Scottish melody, arr Christopher Tambling  
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*The service continues on page 9 of the booklet. On most Sundays one of the Eucharistic prayers on page 10, 12 or 14 is used.*

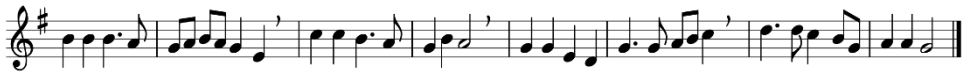
### **Prayer after Communion**

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

God of our pilgrimage,  
 you have led us to the living water:  
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 as we go forward on our journey,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Final Hymn** *Father, hear the prayer we offer*



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| <p>1. Father, hear the prayer we offer:<br/>         not for ease that prayer shall be,<br/>         but for strength that we may ever<br/>         live our lives courageously.</p> <p>2. Not for ever in green pastures<br/>         do we ask our way to be;<br/>         but the steep and rugged pathway<br/>         may we tread rejoicingly.</p> | <p>3. Not for ever by still waters<br/>         would we idly rest and stay;<br/>         but would smite the living fountains<br/>         from the rocks along our way.</p> <p>4. Be our strength in hours of weakness,<br/>         in our wanderings be our guide;<br/>         through endeavour, failure, danger,<br/>         Father, be thou at our side.</p> |
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*Words: Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)  
 Music: Sussex, English traditional melody adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
 (Ancient & Modern – 629)*

# 6pm Choral Evensong

*The Order of Service is in the Evensong booklet, and hymns re from the New English Hymnal.*

## Opening Hymn

**No. 339** Be Thou my vision

## Psalm 123

- 1 Unto thee lift I mine eyes : O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
- 2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.
- 4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.

**Glorify 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.**

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## Office Hymn

**No.393** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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**Amen.**

### **Hymn after the Prayers**

**No.420** O Jesus, I have promised

**No.486** We have a gospel to proclaim

**Voluntary**

**Summer Music at All Saints**

**Wednesday lunchtime concerts  
starting at 1.30pm**

**3 July** Tesserae *vocal group*

**10 July** James Woodrow *classical guitar*

**17 July** Joshua Davis *piano and organ*

**24 July** Andy Harris *trumpets* and Fergus Black *piano*

**7 August** Fergus Black *piano*

**14 August** James Thomas *organ*

**21 August** James Robinson *baritone tbc*

**28 Aug** John Dobson *piano*

**Bank Holiday Monday 26 August**

**Organ Recital**

Simon Johnson

*Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral*

*Organised by All Saints Concert Society*

# 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 Patrick Reilly. 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.

## Remembering the recently departed

We remember with thanksgiving those recently departed this life, among them, Sandra Kristiansen, Don Munro, Josephine Shelley and Jeff Whitefoot; we pray for the families and friends of those who have died.

The funeral of Don Munro will be on Monday 8 July at 2pm.

*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 do open the book and pray for those named in it.

## Sunday School

The final Sunday School before the summer holidays will be on 14 July.

## 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).

## Election Day...and after

There will be a prayer space in the Lady Chapel this Thursday, Friday and Saturday to reflect on the election process and the results, and to pray quietly for our country, its leaders and people as we look to the future.

## Friday 19 July

Oakham C of E Primary School will be holding their Leavers' Service on Friday 19 July, so the usual 10am BCP Holy Communion service will be at 11am and there will be no Oasis coffee morning on that day.

## House Groups

**Every other Tuesday from 10-**

**11.30am** at 56 Spinney Hill LE15 6JL.

(Corinna Woods 07758 624658, email

[corinarywoods@gmail.com](mailto:corinarywoods@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.



## Music at Lunchtime

**Summer concerts organised by All Saints Concerts Society**

**Wednesday 10 July**

James Woodrow *guitar*

**Wednesday 17 July**

Joshua Davis *organ and piano*

**Wednesday 24 July**

Andy Harris *trumpets* and Fergus Black *piano*

All concerts begin at 1.30pm.

We do need more help with the concerts – the programme has been arranged, but if anyone could help with a little occasional ‘housekeeping’ we would be very grateful. This would include welcoming the musicians, giving a brief introduction and thanks at the concert and making sure donations are collected and brought to the office afterwards. Please speak to Ann in the office or Michael Latham at the 8am service.

## Open House

The final Open House of this season will be on **Tuesday 6 August** at Jill Welsh’s home, 9 Glen Drive, from 10am-12noon. We’re now beginning to put together next year’s programme and are looking for new people to add to the list of hosts. It might sound daunting to have 10 or 20 people round for tea and coffee for a couple of hours, but it’s also great to have a houseful occasionally and you can always ask for help! You’d also be serving the church community, as Open House is such a good way to get to know people and provides some extra ‘social life’ for people who otherwise don’t get out

much. Please consider hosting an Open House – for more information please contact Sarah Bilsdon on 01572 723507.

## Sidesmen (and women)

*From Peter Kinal*

Hello everyone, I am holding a short meeting in Church on **Tuesday 9 July** at 2.30pm for sidesmen and women. If anyone wants to consider helping in this role at Church and would like to attend the meeting please feel free to come along.

## Friends Theatre Trip A Midsummer Nights Dream Saturday 13 July

**Tolethorpe Open-Air Theatre**

*Don’t forget to put your payment for this in the Friends pigeonhole in the Mayhew Room. Cash or cheques made payable to ‘Friends of All Saints Church Oakham’ must be given to Brenda Blandford in advance.* The Friends are having their annual trip to the Tolethorpe theatre on Saturday 13 July for the Matinee performance of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Nights Dream. The cost is £21.50 per person and there are tickets available for the 11.30 am Matinee performance. The group will meet about 11am in the gardens and weather permitting, picnic in the gardens afterwards. (Your picnics and folding chairs etc can be left in cars and collected once the performance is over.) Please contact Brenda 01572 812953 if you would like a lift and she will make arrangements for car sharing etc.

## Thursday Prayers

The weekly ecumenical Prayer Meeting, currently at Oakham Methodist Church on Thursdays at 1.00 pm, will be moving to St Joseph's Church on Station Road from Thursday 4 July until the end of August.

## Church Projector

The lead which connects the projector to the mains has gone missing. If you've used the projector this year, could you please check that you haven't taken it home by mistake, or try to remember where you last saw it. Please let Derek Cullen or the Team Office know if you can help with this. Thank you.

## Missing Music

Have you or your family ever sung in the choir in our churches?

If so, could you please check to see if you still have any music lying around at home. We are particularly short of the yellow *The Oxford Book of Easy Flexible Anthems*. If you find anything, please return it to All Saints. (No questions asked - no pressure!) Thank you.

*Helen Gammage* (choir librarian)

## St Peter's Singers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This local chamber choir is celebrating 50 years of singing together by travelling round Rutland churches including Teigh and Egleton – please see the poster on page 22 for details of times and places, and please do support them as they celebrate and also raise funds for Rutland Historic Churches.

## Rutland Choral Society

7.30pm, Saturday 13 July

### All Saints Oakham

*Music for a Summer Evening*

A mixed programme of music including Bob Chilcott, Karl Jenkins, Rodgers & Hammerstein and much more! Tickets £14, available from Choral Society members and Ann in the Team Office. Children under 16 come free.

## Autumn Fayre 2024

### Saturday 16 November

It's never too early to look ahead and begin to get ready for the Autumn Fayre which is such an important part of our fundraising and our parish life.

We hope that you will support us by:

- **making jam** and marmalade, pickles and chutneys,

- **home-made** craft items knitted, sewn, patchworked or otherwise. If you would like to help by knitting hats or other items, please contact Patsy Clifton, who has lots of wool, much of it brand new and unused, which needs turning into saleable goods!

- **donating** good quality Raffle and Tombola prizes

- **saving** bric-a-brac

Once the summer holidays are properly over we will ask you to begin to bring your items to church, but for the moment please start planning and getting busy! *Pam Gilbert and Patsy Clifton*

## Hope into Action - project lead

Churches Together in Oakham is looking for a volunteer (2-4 hours per week) to lead the local Hope into Action (HiA) project. Oakham HiA has

two houses which provide accommodation for up to four tenants who would otherwise be homeless. The project leader works alongside the Empowerment Worker (a paid role, employed by Oakham Baptist Church) and leads the steering group (made up of other volunteers, a treasurer, investor representatives, and Churches Together representative). You will have responsibility for the overall management of the project, ensuring a wide variety of tasks are undertaken, and for liaising the HiA head office (HiA is a nationwide Christian charity). The role is for a practicing Christian who can prayerfully guide the project and care for all those involved with it.

Please ask Stephen for a role description or a conversation or contact the outgoing project lead Tom Bowring [tom@oakhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:tom@oakhambaptist.org.uk)

## **Meditation Group**

Oakham Christian Meditation Group meets every Wednesday evening at 6.00 at the chapel of St John and St Anne, Oakham. The group has been ecumenical from its very beginnings and all are welcome. Usually people gather from 5.30 in the common room for tea, then move into the chapel. The meditation begins with a introduction and a short reading, and with some reflective music before settling into silence lasting 20-25 minutes, a time when people put down distractions and simply sit in God's presence, perhaps using a short mantra – such as *Jesus, remember me* – as a focus. The time is brought to a close with the return of quiet music. *You can just turn up!*

## **Queen Edith – a follow-up**

*From Paul Wiggin*

*Sharing the key learning points from the Queen Edith book and the Queen Edith Festival.*

*A drawing of an outcome Heritage vision which comes from these learning points and research, will be on display at the History Open Evening on 11th July (see poster on page 16).*

### **The book, 'Royal Rutland – the story of Queen Edith'**

- The book by Pauline Stafford provides us with the key to rediscovering 600 years of Anglo-Saxon history and the creation of Roteland - 'the land belonging to Rota' (Jill Bourne).

- Rota was a minor king among the loose federation of Anglo-Saxon tribal groups known as the Middle Angles. He was a king of considerable power and importance- no other unit of land of such size in England is named after one man (JB).

- Queen Edith was the last Anglo-Saxon queen to hold these lands in Roteland.

### **The Queen Edith Festival**

- The Festival was a huge success because of the support and enthusiastic contribution from many different groups including re-enactors, artisans, educators, church members, dancers, actors, dignitaries, local businesses and history groups.

- Over 600 visitors of all ages (inside/outside All Saints and around Oakham) came to the Festival to discover more about Queen Edith and the Anglo-Saxon heritage of Roteland.

- Roteland is not a county but a kingdom; a Pre-Mercian, Middle Angles Kingdom, the boundaries of which may go back into the Iron Age or even earlier (JB).
- Rutland is of World Heritage importance as it is the only preserved Kingdom of Middle Angles in England.

## **Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary (GSS)**

*From Steve Powers*

**Guild Office, All Saints Oakham  
7.30pm Thursday 25 July**

You may have noticed me wearing a medallion when serving, particularly for 'high days' and if you looked more closely, when I'm just wearing my cassock, a small enameled badge. They both signify that I'm a brother of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary. Who you may ask?

*'The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary was founded in 1897 and is a Catholic society of altar servers in the Church of England. It seeks to deepen the spiritual life of its members and to help them to become more worthy of their high office.'*

I was in my late teens when I became a 'Probationer' member, where I had been a choir boy, then server at the Church of St. Bartholomew. I attended Guild Office services at many churches throughout the Diocese of Gloucester with fellow members of the Chapter of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, which was centered around St Mary's Prestbury, near Cheltenham. Over the years I have attended Guild festivals as far away as Liverpool Cathedral, St Stephen Gloucester Road, London and the annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury

Abbey, where I was privileged to read at the morning high mass on one occasion and one of four servers who carried the bier holding the statue of our Lady through the streets of Glastonbury during the Evensong procession. Since my wife Sue and I moved to Oakham nearly two years ago, from the Forest of Dean district, where I was head server at St Michael and All Angels for best part of 40 years, I've joined the team at All Saints and been made very welcome. The nearest GSS Chapter to Oakham is near Kettering and I am now a member of the Chapter of St. Luke and so far have managed to attend two of their Guild Offices, held in Churches not far from Corby.

With Stephen Griffiths' permission, the St Luke Chapter will be singing (in plain song) their Guild Office at All Saints on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 7.30pm, with some light refreshments to follow. They have their own organist who has played our organ at some time in the past.

It would be a joy if my fellow servers, or those of you intrigued to find out more, could join us that evening. There literally could be only a handful of the St Luke Chapter who will attend, but they are just like me and you, faithful servers in their home parishes.

*Steve Powers*

## **Holy listening**

We have been running the Holy Listening Course here at Launde Abbey for a number of years now. The Holy Listening Course is designed for those who feel called to accompany others in

their spiritual journey and to help them deepen their life with God.

Starting now, we are seeking interested applicants to form our cohort for 2025 and 2026. Applications must be submitted by Friday 27 September, with interviews to be held on 14 and 16 October.

There are some leaflets by the West door, or see the link:

<https://youtu.be/cE97Mo4ZPQc> for more information.

## **Friends – your help needed**

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Oakham is a charitable organisation, which was established in 1993.

The current focus is to provide varied social events and trips at a reasonable cost. In general, trips break-even and only generate a surplus when the coach is completely filled. The balance of the surplus is generated through raffles, subscription income, Gift Aid and keeping expenses to a minimum. This focus, after removing exceptional items, can leave an annual surplus, which is used to fund church projects. In recent years we have given generously to the church: £15,000.00 towards the new Sound System, £4,500.00 to the Windows Restoration Project, over £2,000.00 so far to the new Lighting Project and countless smaller sums for a

banners, display stands, card machines, signage and sashes etc.

Membership is open to all and currently stands at about 110. In order to encourage the widest possible membership, the subscription has remained at £5 per person per calendar year since founding in 1993 but I would like to stress that not being a member of Friends does not preclude anyone from attending one of our events.

However, I have decided that the time has now come for me to step down from the Chairman's role after the AGM in March 2025. I shall have dedicated myself to the Friends for seven years but really need someone younger to take over now. It is not an onerous task but does require both good organisational and computer skills. The ideal situation would be for someone to step forward and volunteer but I fear it will be more a case of gentle persuasion and/or arm twisting and of course, it would be good for someone to be able to come along to Committee meetings now and go through a period of hand-over. Please do think about whether it is something you could do; there would be plenty of help and guidance available and we would all be so sad if the Friends as an organisation had to close due to lack of support. Please call Liz Plummer on 01572 720506 if you feel you can help. Thank you.

**St Peter's Singers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration Day  
Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> in Rutland**



**Programme**

- 10.00-10.25 Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church, Tickencote  
10.45-11.10 St Peter & St Paul Church, Exton  
11.45-12.15 Holy Trinity Church, Teigh  
12.35-13.00 St Edmund's Church, Egletton  
14.20-14.45 St Andrew's Church, Stoke Dry  
15.15-15.45 St Luke's Church, Tixover  
16.00-16.30 Evening Prayer St Mary's Church Doddington

St Peter's Singers is a chamber choir with a very good reputation and a strong local following. Based at Peterborough Cathedral, the choir gives concerts and sings services at churches mainly, but not exclusively, within a radius of around 25 miles of Peterborough: <http://www.stpeterssingers.org.uk/>

St Peter's Singers was, we think, founded in 1973 or 1974, and to mark our fifty years of music-making, we have arranged a special day for members past and present - an informal singing tour of beautiful churches in and around Rutland. As a way of saying thank you for the beauty and witness of these churches and for being allowed to sing to celebrate our choir, we will be making a donation and any received on the day, towards the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. In our choice of pieces we will aim to sing something contemporaneous to each building.

All visitors are welcome to our short informal musical offering in each church

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Tickets are also available from members and on the door.  
Children under 16 are free.



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**The Queen,  
the King  
and the opened door.**



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## **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 July and then Friday 30 August** 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.

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.

## **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.



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*See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children, and love one another. Follow the example of the wise and good and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come*

*From the Evening Prayer of the Northumbria Community*

# Praying Alone

## Praying Together

### *Daily Prayer This Week*

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

### **Readings and Collect Prayer for Daily Prayer in the coming week**



<b>Trinity 6</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Monday 8 July	Psalm 126 Luke 20.41-21.4	Psalms 127 1 Samuel 5
Tuesday 9 July	Psalm 132 Luke 21.5-19	Psalm 135 1 Samuel 6.1-16
Wednesday 10 July	Psalm 119.153-end Luke 21.20-28	Psalm 136 1 Samuel 7
Thursday 11 July	Psalm 143 Luke 21.29-end	Psalm 138 1 Samuel 8
Friday 12 July	Psalm 144 Luke 22.1-13	Psalm 145 1 Samuel 9.1-14
Saturday 13 July	Psalm 147 Luke 22.14-23	Psalms 148 1 Samuel 9.15-10.1

**Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**