

# Worship for the Week

*Praying, learning, serving, sharing*

**Sunday 7 July**

**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**



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.

*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

at All Saints, Oakham

## 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-August services at Oakham 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	No service – <i>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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# 10.30am Holy Communion

## Opening Hymn *Glorious things of thee are spoken*



1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

3. Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807) (A&M 641)*  
*Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*  
*(Ancient & Modern – 761)*

## 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.**

## 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 *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*



*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

1. You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.

2. Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.

*Words: Margaret V Old (1932-2001) Music: Skye Boat Song, Scottish Folk Melody arr Peter Nardone (b 1965)  
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## Gospel Reading *Mark 6.1-13*

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

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

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.



This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

**Intercessions**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn** *How deep the Father's love for us*



1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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**Anthem during Communion** *Proclaim, proclaim the story*

*Nick Fawcett*

## 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.**

### Closing Hymn *Christ is the one who calls*



1. Christ is the one who calls,  
the one who loved and came,  
to whom by right it falls  
to bear the highest name:  
and still today  
our hearts are stirred  
to hear his word  
and walk his way.

2. Christ is the one who seeks,  
to whom our souls are known.  
The word of love he speaks  
can wake a heart of stone;  
for at that sound  
the blind can see,  
the slave is free,  
the lost are found.

5. Christ is the one who sends,  
his story to declare;  
who calls his servants friends  
and gives them news to share.  
His truth proclaim  
in all the earth,  
his matchless worth  
and saving Name.

3. Christ is the one who died,  
forsaken and betrayed;  
who, mocked and crucified,  
the price of pardon paid.  
Our dying Lord,  
what grief and loss,  
what bitter cross,  
our souls restored!

4. Christ is the one who rose  
in glory from the grave,  
to share his life with those  
whom once he died to save.  
He drew death's sting  
and broke its chains,  
who lives and reigns,  
our risen King.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)*  
*Music: Love Unknown, John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962)*  
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# News from the Team

## Prayer for the Sick

We pray to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for those suffering in body, mind or spirit 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 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 at All Saints Oakham and you are encouraged to open the book and pray for those named in it whenever you pass by.

## Ordinands

Don't forget to 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).

## Thursday Prayers

The weekly ecumenical Prayer Meeting, currently at Oakham Methodist Church on Thursdays at 1pm, will be moving to St Joseph's Church on Station Road from Thursday 4 July until the end of August.

## Music at Lunchtime

### **All Saints Oakham**

All concerts begin at 1.30pm

### **Wednesday 10 July**

James Woodrow *guitar*

### **Wednesday 17 July**

Joshua Davis *organ and piano*

### **Wednesday 24 July**

Andy Harris *trumpets* and Fergus Black *piano*

*Summer concerts organised by All Saints Concerts Society.*

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 if you could help with this.

## **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 – see the poster on page 14 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.

## **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!*

## **Missing Music**

Have you or your family ever sung in the choir at Langham, Oakham, Whissendine or any of 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 Oakham. (No questions asked - no pressure!) Thank you.

*Helen Gammage (choir librarian)*

## **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)

## 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. For more details, see the link: <https://youtu.be/cE97Mo4ZPQc> for more information.

## 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** in All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Oakham, 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.

**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, Egleton  
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.

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



HERITAGE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

OPEN EVENING

RUTLAND COUNTY MUSEUM

THURSDAY 11TH JULY AT 19:30

# Praying Alone

## Praying Together



### *Daily Prayer*

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>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.**