

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

Services in the villages in July

Sunday 7 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	9.15am Egleton Holy Communion 11am Braunston Holy Communion
Sunday 14 July <i>Trinity 7</i>	8am Brooke Holy Communion BCP 9.15am Hambleton Holy Communion 11am Sunday Worship
Sunday 21 July <i>Trinity 8</i>	9.15am Egleton Holy Communion 11am Braunston Holy Communion 6pm Brooke Evening Prayer
Sunday 28 July <i>Trinity 9</i>	8am Brooke Holy Communion BCP 9.15am Hambleton Holy Communion 11am Braunston Sunday Worship <i>** At Egleton, 3pm – Recital by Josh Davis **</i>

Opening for private prayer

All Saints, Braunston daily 10am – 4pm.
St Peter, Brooke, daily, 10am – 5pm.
St Edmund, Egleton daily 10am – 4pm.
St Andrew, Hambleton daily 10am – 4pm.

Online Services

The Sunday morning service is usually streamed from All Saints, Oakham at 10.30am. Morning Prayer is streamed on Facebook at 8.30am, Monday to Friday each week. These can all be accessed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/oakhamteam) or the Oakham Team website (www.oakhamteam.org.uk) either live or at any time afterwards. Compline is also streamed on Wednesdays at 8.30pm on Facebook. Live services can be found on the homepage of the website.

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 2nd Sunday@6

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

9.15am Holy Communion at St Edmund, Egleton and 11am Holy Communion at All Saints, Braunston

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*

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.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 12.2-10*

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.

Gospel Reading *Mark 6.1-13*

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.

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.

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, ♦
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, ♦
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, ♦
until he have mercy upon us.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, ♦
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 5 Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, ♦
and of the contempt of the proud.

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

Summer Music at All Saints, Oakham

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

6pm Evening Prayer at St Peter, Brooke

Psalm 123

- 1 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, 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; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

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

First Reading Ezekiel 2.1-5

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ¹And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. ²And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. ³And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. ⁴For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

Gospel Reading Mark 4.25-51

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. ²And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. ⁴But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. ⁵And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. ⁶And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

And he went round about the villages, teaching. ⁷And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; ⁸And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: ⁹But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. ¹⁰And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. ¹¹ And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city. ¹²And they went out, and preached that men should repent. ¹³And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding : Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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, there is a book of names in the Trinity Chapel at All Saints Oakham.

Friday 19 July

Oakham C of E Primary School will be holding their Leavers' Service at All Saints Oakham 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.

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 Team office if you could help with this.

St Peter's Singers 50th Anniversary

This local chamber choir is celebrating 50 years of singing together by travelling round Rutland churches including Egleton and Teigh – see the poster on page 12 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 at All Saints Oakham. Children under 16 come free.

Launde Abbey Trustees

Launde Abbey, the Christian retreat house on the Leicestershire and Rutland border, is seeking new trustees to join an active trustee body offering their time and talents to support and develop its work of prayer, hospitality, community and sanctuary at both a local and national level. We are currently looking for knowledge of the hospitality industry, environmental issues (climate change or estates management), fund-raising, or finance and HR, and expect trustees to be in sympathy with our practice of the Christian faith. We want the trustee body to be gender balanced – at the moment we have more men than women – and diverse, so we will particularly welcome interest from people who bring such perspectives. The trust meets seven times a year at the Abbey on Fridays. For further details, in the first instance please write to the Chair of Trustees, Jennie Page, with an indication of why you are interested, via jennie.page@launde.org.uk

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

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).

**St Peter's Singers 50th Anniversary
Celebration Day
Saturday July 13th 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

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 on **Friday 30 August** in All Saints Church Hall, 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

- 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.



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)

The Queen, the King and the opened door.



HERITAGE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

OPEN EVENING

RUTLAND COUNTY MUSEUM

THURSDAY 11TH JULY AT 19:30

HOLY LISTENING

formation in spiritual direction

Apply today for 2025!

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 27th September, with interviews to be held on 14th & 16th October.

Please pick up the Holy Listening Brochure from church and also see a link to the video: <https://youtu.be/cEg7Mo4ZPQc> for more information.

Are you interested helping people deepen their spiritual lives?

Could God be calling you to be a spiritual director?



You're already a good listener, a person others confide in. Your faith is important to you, and you have an awareness of your spiritual journey. You're receiving spiritual direction yourself (or you're willing to).

And you're open to the experiences and stories of others, to the unique journey they may be making through life, and to the value of the different traditions and expressions of faith in which their lives are rooted.

If that sounds like you, perhaps it's time to explore a vocation as a spiritual director.

Why not join us on the *Holy Listening* journey as we learn, pray and grow together and become equipped for this unique and invaluable ministry?



Revd. Chris Webb
Course Director

HOLY LISTENING

formation in spiritual direction

Holy Listening is a Launde Abbey training course which will help you develop skills and reflective practice for a ministry of spiritual direction. We explore core aspects of Christian spirituality, and how we create and hold spaces that enable other people to hear God speaking in their lives.

Each course day we begin with prayer and reflection introducing a variety of different aspects of prayer and Christian spirituality. The main seminar of the day covers various topics associated with spiritual direction.

During the afternoon we engage in practice sessions to embed our learning. You'll be asked to share and work with your own concerns and experiences throughout the course, and a willingness to do this is essential.

You'll also keep a reflective journal throughout the course, complete some written assignments, and meet from time to time with one of the tutors.

The Team

The *Holy Listening* teaching team is led by Chris Webb, an Anglican priest with many years experience in spiritual direction.

Our other team members are John Rackley (a Baptist minister), Catherine Wright and Rhona Knight (Anglican priests) and Janet Brown (an experienced lay spiritual director).

More details about the team can be found on the website.



Praying Alone, Praying Together

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

Trinity 6	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
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.**