OAKHAM TEAM MINISTRY

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October 2026

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Update on the Team Rector Vacancy

from Archdeacon Alison Booker

I wanted to write with an update as we have not been able to make an appointment so far. I know this is not what we had hoped for, and I recognise the disappointment and uncertainty that many people are feeling. Please know that I care deeply about the Oakham Team and remain committed to supporting you as we move forward together.

Recently, I met with representatives from all ten PCCs. A number of important themes emerged from that meeting.

First, there was a clear desire for communication to be regular, consistent and transparent. For that reason, any update on the vacancy process will come directly from me through *Worship for the Week*. This will help ensure that everyone receives the same information and has a clear understanding of where we are in the process. Secondly, there is a need to ensure that governance and safeguarding arrangements are strong across all ten PCCs. To support this, I, together with a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, will meet with PCCs as necessary over the coming months.

Moving forward, I will review the Team profile. I am grateful to Ann Blackett, who has volunteered to undertake the editing work, with feedback being sought from congregations, Ministry Team members and support staff before it is considered by the PCCs.

We hope the following timetable will be possible:

- October: Review and edit the profile and seek feedback.
- November: Revised draft considered by PCCs.
- December: Final profile agreed by a joint meeting of all ten PCCs and interview panel representatives confirmed.
- January: Profile submitted to the Patronage Board and the timetable agreed for advertising and interviews.

Alongside this, I will be working with Ministry Team members and PCC representatives to identify and celebrate the many ways in which the Oakham Team already works well together, while also exploring opportunities to strengthen collaboration further. The quality of relationships and teamwork within a benefice is an important factor in attracting the right candidates for a Team Rector post.

Finally, several people have asked about the vacant Team Vicar post. Under the Team Ministry arrangements, this post cannot be filled until a Team Rector has been appointed. The Team Rector must be involved in the appointment process, so interviews for a Team Vicar can only take place after the new Team Rector has been instituted.

Thank you for your continued commitment, patience and prayers. The Oakham Team has many strengths, and I believe that by working together over the coming months we can place ourselves in the strongest possible position for future appointments.

Alongside our new Rural Dean, Allison Twigg (Uppingham), I will continue to support Jenni and Alison, our licensed clergy, as well as clergy with Permission to Officiate and our lay ministers, all of whom have served faithfully during this vacancy.

Archdeacon Alison
(Archdeacon of Oakham)

Our thanks go to the clergy and Readers who are supporting us in our new pattern of worship, and we pray for them with thanksgiving alongside praying for the person who God is calling to join us.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the Oakham Team, for all the gifts and blessings we enjoy across our range of parishes.

You know the needs of this Team and the unique calling of our community. As we seek a new Team Rector, we ask you to stir the heart of the person you have already chosen for this role.

Give them a clear sense of your calling, courage to step forward in faith, and a deep passion to share in our ministry and develop our collaborative team life. Grant wisdom, patience and agreement to all involved in the interview process as they read applications, shortlist, and discern your will.

While we wait, give us patience, draw us together in love and unity, keep our vision active, and prepare our hearts to welcome the shepherd you will send.

We pray all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAILY PRAYER
for the Trinity Season

The light and peace of Jesus Christ
be with you all
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Lead your people to freedom, O God.
And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

A Song of God's Greatness

Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.

The sun knows the time for its setting. ♦
You make darkness that it may be night.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Psalm 104.1, 2, 21b ,22a, 26, 32, 33, 35

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.

That this day may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind

Silence is kept.

As our daily prayer rises before you, O God,
so may the light of your presence
set our hearts on fire with love for you,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*

Let us take a moment to think back and reflect how we have been strengthened in faith, how we have known and shown the blessing of Christ in our lives in the last few days and weeks, and let us overflow with thankfulness…

Confession and Reconciliation

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *Ephesians 4.30,32*

We pause for a moment in silence, as we prepare to ask God for forgiveness …

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Collect & Bible Readings - *see relevant day*

Reflection & Time to be silent

Responsory

Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine. *from Isaiah 43*

Affirmation of Faith - *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gospel Canticles

For use at Morning Prayer:

The Benedictus - *the song of Zechariah*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

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

For use at Evening Prayer

The Magnificat – *the song of Mary*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

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.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the church, the world, the parish, our families, friends, and neighbours, those we care for, those who care for us, and those in need…

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Conclusion

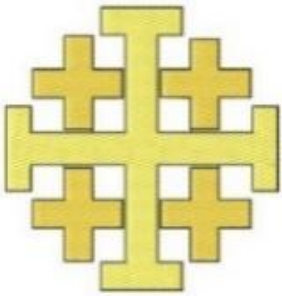
God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace, God's seal on our prayers.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Trinity 18

(4th October – Proper 22)

Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 19

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

2 One day pours out its song to another ♦
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

3 They have neither speech nor language ♦
and their voices are not heard,

4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦
and their words to the ends of the world.

5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, ♦
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, ♦
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; ♦
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; ♦
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; ♦
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ♦
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.
11 By them also is your servant taught ♦
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how often they offend? ♦
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; ♦
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, ♦
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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.

A reading from the book of the Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:
[2] I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; [3] you shall have no other gods before me.
[4] You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
[7] You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
[8] Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. [9] For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
[12] Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
[13] You shall not murder.
[14] You shall not commit adultery.
[15] You shall not steal.
[16] You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
[17] You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.
[18] When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, [19] and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' [20] Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians 3: 4*b*-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

[7] Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. [8] More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. [10] I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, [11] if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12] Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21: 33-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

[33] 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. [34] When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. [35] But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36] Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. [37] Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." [38] But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." [39] So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40] Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' [41] They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

[42] Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

[43] Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. [44] The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

[45] When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. [46] They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Alternative responses which may be used during the intercessions

V: That we may know Christ **R: and the power of his resurrection**
or
V: Root your people **R: firmly in your love**

Post communion prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints forever.
Amen.

Trinity 19
(*11th October – Proper 23*)

Collect Prayer

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

1 Alleluia.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦
for his faithfulness endures for ever.
2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord ♦
or show forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are those who observe what is right ♦
and always do what is just.
4 Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people; ♦
visit me in the day of your salvation;
5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen
and rejoice in the gladness of your people, ♦
and exult with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned like our forebears; ♦
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
19 They made a calf at Horeb ♦
and worshipped the molten image;
20 Thus they exchanged their glory ♦
for the image of an ox that feeds on hay.
21 They forgot God their saviour, ♦
who had done such great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham ♦
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, ♦
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

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.

A reading from the book of the Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' [2] Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' [3] So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. [4] He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' [5] When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' [6] They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

[7] The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; [8] they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' [9] The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. [10] Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

[11] But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? [12] Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. [13] Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' [14] And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

A reading from the letter to the Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask
you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in
the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose
names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is
pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things
that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will
be with you.

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

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22: 1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call
those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again
he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my
dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come
to the wedding banquet." 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm,
another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed
them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and
burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited
were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to
the wedding banquet." 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom
they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not
wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a
wedding robe?" And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him
hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth." 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Alternative responses which may be used during the intercessions
V: Lord, by your power and your presence **R: provide us with peace.**
V: As you have called us **R: Lord, we come.**

Post communion prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Luke the Evangelist

(18th October)

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 147: 1-7

1 Alleluia.
How good it is to make music for our God, ♦
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the broken-hearted ♦
and binds up all their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars ♦
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦
make music to our God upon the lyre.

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.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16: 6-12a

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy
Spirit to speak the word in Asia. [7] When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted
to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; [8] so, passing by Mysia, they
went down to Troas. [9] During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of
Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' [10] When
he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being
convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

[11] We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to
Neapolis, [12] and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia
and a Roman colony.

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

A reading from the Second letter to Timothy 4: 5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out
your ministry fully.

[6] As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has
come. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] From
now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have
longed for his appearing.

[9] Do your best to come to me soon, [10] for Demas, in love with this present world, has
deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
[11] Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.
[12] I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. [13] When you come, bring the cloak that I left with
Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. [14] Alexander the
coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. [15] You also
must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

[16] At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be
counted against them! [17] But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through
me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was
rescued from the lion's mouth.

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 10: 1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to
every town and place where he himself intended to go. [2] He said to them, 'The harvest is
plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest. [3] Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into
the midst of wolves. [4] Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.
[5] Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" [6] And if anyone is there
who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.
[7] Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer
deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. [8] Whenever you enter a
town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; [9] cure the sick who are
there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you.

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

Alternative responses which may be used during the intercessions

V: Spirit of God **R: guide us and strengthen us.**
V: You, O Lord, **R: are the ground of our being.**

Post communion prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the 20th Sunday after Trinity:

(For use during the week)
God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Last After Trinity, Bible Sunday
(25th October – Proper 25)

Collect Prayer

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning;
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, that through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm 119: 9-16

9 How shall young people cleanse their way ♦
to keep themselves according to your word?

10 With my whole heart have I sought you; ♦
O let me not go astray from your commandments.

11 Your words have I hidden within my heart, ♦
that I should not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; ♦
O teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling ♦
of all the judgements of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies ♦
than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments ♦
and contemplate your ways.

16 My delight shall be in your statutes ♦
and I will not forget your word.

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.

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah 8: 1-4*a*, 5-6, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. [2] Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. [3] He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. [4] The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. [6] Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. [8] So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

[9] And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. [10] Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' [11] So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' [12] And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

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

A reading from the letter to the Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. [13] Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Gospel Reading – Matthew 24: 30-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. [31] And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

[32] 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [33] So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [34] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [35] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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

Alternative responses which may be used during the intercessions
V: Word of life **R: reveal to us your glory.**
V: Lord of grace and glory **R: Lead us from despair to hope.**
V: You are the Lord: **R: there is no other.**

Post communion prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bred of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace.
And in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices from the Team

Working as a Team

At the most recent meeting with Archdeacon Alison, we were prompted to think of how we can work better as a Team in our area of Rutland. One simple way is by advertising and supports events in the other churches, so we are including some of the forthcoming events in the team this month

Safeguarding training

As you are probably aware, being a member of the PCC entails holding a current DBS disclosure and some safeguarding training, all of which needs to be refreshed every three years. There are three training modules required – Basic Awareness, Foundation and Domestic abuse.

The Oakham Safeguarding team are running the following training sessions on Friday 23rd October:

10am *Basic Awareness* 2pm *Foundation*

These will last up to two hours and will take place in Oakham Church Hall in the car park opposite All Saints Church. **Places are very limited, so need to be booked in advance**. Please email safeguarding_oakham@oakhamteam.org.uk to book a place, stating which module(s) you wish to attend and which church you are from. All are welcome.

This training replaces the need to complete the training on-line, although that option is still available at Home | Safeguarding: Training Portal

We are unable to offer training for Domestic abuse at the moment, which must be completed on-line.

Pam and Derek – Oakham Safeguarding Team

Fairtrade Matters

I will once again be taking orders for The Real Advent Calendars, which are the only calendars telling our Christmas story. They are not available in shops and are a fun way for children (and adults) to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

I am selling these at £5.00 each, and taking orders throughout October and early November.

Please support this worthy cause, as cocoa farmers struggle with adapting to climate change. Remember, you can support Fairtrade throughout the year, with groceries, gifts and Using cafés offering Fairtrade coffee and teas. Thank you.

Patricia Cairns (tel .01572 510318)

** support your local/village Fairtrade reps if you have them – but if not, this is an alternative!**

In need of fuel?

Informal expressions of the Christian faith: Speaker Revd Rhona Knight 7-9pm, Tuesday 6 October **,** All Saints Church Hall www.thefillingstation.org

Bereavement Support

The Oakham Team Ministry hosts a monthly drop-in group for those seeking support following the loss of a loved one, regardless of how much time has passed.

We warmly invite you to join us on the last Friday of every month.
The next group will be **Friday 30th October** at **All Saints Church Hall, 10.30am-12pm**

There is no charge, and no booking is required. Everyone is welcome, of all faiths or none. We will be there to listen, to make you a cup of tea, and to signpost you to other services when needed.

For more information, please contact **Lisa Edge: 07725129321** (lisa.edge@mail.bcu.ac.uk) or **Sian Cheverton: 07791001365** (siancheverton@yahoo.co.uk)

The Bereavement Help Point Rutland also offers two weekly drop-in groups in Oakham and Uppingham, both of which aim to provide bereaved people with a place to access information and support.

Oakham Library: Every **Monday 2-4pm** (Excluding Bank Holidays)
The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham: Every **Thursday 3-5pm**

For more information, please visit: **www.bhprutland.com**

Coming soon……

4pm, Sunday 4 October – Harvest celebration at Egleton
8pm, Monday 12 October – Rutland Big Band concert at All Saints, Oakham
6pm, Sunday 18 October – Harvest celebration at Brooke

All Saints Festival
29 October–2 November, All Saints, Oakham

7pm, Thursday 29 October – The choir of Clare College, Cambridge, sing Duruflé's *Requiem*
5pm, Friday 30 October – All Saints Lecture Saints, Synod and Society: Being a Bishop in 2026 given by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani
10am-12 noon Saturday 31 October Pop-up café with tour of All Saints at 11am
6pm, Sunday 1 November – Choral Evensong for All Saints Day
12 noon, Monday 2 November – A Service of Remembrance for All Souls Day

Sunday 29 November – First Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion at Oakham
10am Holy Communion at Whissendine
3pm Patronal Feast/50 years of Rutland Water at Hambleton with Bishop Debbie
4pm Patronal Evensong at Whissendine
6pm Advent Carols at Oakham

Please send details of events to pso@oakhamteam.org.uk

Daily Bible Readings (excluding Sundays)

Monday 5 October	Psalm 80 OT 2 Kings 5 NT Acts 26.1-23	**Monday** 19 October	Psalm 126 OT 2 Kings 21.1-18 NT 1 Timothy 1.1-17
Tuesday 6 October	Psalm 89.1-18 OT 2 Kings 6.1-23 NT Acts 26.24-end	**Tuesday** 20 October	Psalm 132 OT 2 Kings 22.1-23.3 NT 1 Timothy 1.18-end of 2
Wednesday 7 October	Psalm 119.105-128 OT 2 Kings 9.1-16 NT Acts 27.1-26	**Wednesday** 21 October	Psalm 119.153-end OT 2 Kings 23.4-25 NT 1 Timothy 3
Thursday 8 October	Psalm 92 OT 2 Kings 9.17-end NT Acts 27.27-end	**Thursday** 22 October	Psalm 143 OT 2 Kings 23.36-24.17 NT 1 Timothy 4
Friday 8 October	Psalm 88 OT 2 Kings 12.1-19 NT Acts 28.1-16	**Friday** 23 October	Psalm 144 OT 2 Kings 24.18-25.12 NT 1 Timothy 5.1-16
Saturday 10 October	Psalm 97 OT 2 Kings 17.1-23 NT Acts 28.17-end	**Saturday** 24 October	Psalm 147 OT 2 Kings 25.22-end NT 1 Timothy 5.17
Monday 12 October	Psalm 98 OT 2 Kings 17.24-end NT Philippians 1.1-11	**Monday** 26 October	Psalm 1 OT Exodus 22.21-27, 23.1-17 NT 1 Timothy 6.1-10
Tuesday 13 October	Psalm 106 OT 2 Kings 18.1-12 NT Philippians 1.12-end	**Tuesday** 27 October	Psalm 5 OT Exodus 29.38-30.16 NT 1 Timothy 6.11
Wednesday 14 October	Psalm 111 OT 2 Kings 18-13-end NT Philippians 2.1-13	**Wednesday** 28 October	Psalm 119.1-32 OT Leviticus 8 NT 1 Timothy 6.11-end
Thursday 15 October	Psalm 115 OT 2 Kings 19.1-19 NT Philippians 2.14-end	**Thursday** 29 October	Psalm 15 OT Exodus Leviticus 9 NT 2 Timothy 1.15-2.13
Friday 16 October	Psalm 139 OT 2 Kings 19.20-36 NT Philippians 3.1-4.1	**Friday** 30 October	Psalm 19 OT Leviticus 16.2-24 NT 2 Timothy 2.14-end
Saturday 17 October	Psalm 121 OT 2 Kings 20 NT Philippians 4.2-end	**Saturday** 31 October	Psalm 23 OT Leviticus 17 NT 2 Timothy 3

Services for October 2026

Sundays

	St Andrew's Whissendine	St Mary's Ashwell	St Peter & St Paul Market Overton	Holy Trinity Teigh
1st Sunday *4th October* **Trinity 18**	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship		
2nd Sunday *11th October* **Trinity 19**	10am Harvest		10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday *18th October* **Trinity 20 St Luke**	Join with Ashwell	10am Holy Communion		5pm Evening Prayer
4th Sunday *25th October* **Last after Trinity**	10am Morning Worship		10am Holy Communion	9am Morning Prayer

Midweek Services

Mondays	2:30pm Whissendine – Daily Prayer
Tuesdays	4:30pm Ashwell *(Every other week, please check)*
Wednesdays	9am Teigh – Daily Prayer
Thursdays	2:30pm Whissendine – Fellowship group

For those who would like to experience informal worship with teaching and prayer ministry try ***The Filling Station*** every **1st Tuesday** of the month from **7pm** **Oakham Church Hall** – All Welcome