OAKHAM TEAM MINISTRY

All Saints Braunston St Peter Brooke

St Andrew Hambleton St Edmund Egleton

Worship for the Week

Praying, learning, serving, sharing

Sunday 1 November

All Saints

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Letter from Florence Morton

On this day, of all days, let's "encourage one another"
We read in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

Possibly the best Biblical example of someone with the gift of encouragement is Barnabas. His real name was Joseph, we learn in Acts 4:36 that he was a Levite from Cyprus, and the apostles called him Barnabas, which means 'son of encouragement'. The other detail we learn from Acts 4 is that "he sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet". What does this suggest about him?

In Acts 9:27 we see him coming alongside the newly converted Saul and introducing him to the very wary, early church in Jerusalem. What does such behaviour suggest about Joseph aka Barnabas?

Barnabas appears again in Acts 11:22-30. As word started to spread and the early church began to grow in places like Phoenicia, Cyprus & Antioch, he was sent by the church in Jerusalem… probably to see what was going on. We learn in v.23 that "he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts". He travelled to Tarsus to find Saul, brought him back to Antioch and they worked there together, for about a year, discipling & teaching the "Christians" (v.26).
Why did Barnabas do that?

At the beginning of Acts 13 the Holy Spirit speaks (v.2) asking the church in Antioch to "set apart for me Barnabas & Saul for the work to which I have called them" and they set off for Cyprus. In this chapter we learn that Saul is also known as Paul (v.9) and a subtle change seems to take place: we read about Paul & Barnabas encouraging the believers to continue in the grace of God (v.43).
What does this suggest about Barnabas?

Finally, in Acts 15:36–41 after a "sharp disagreement" with Paul, Barnabas took John Mark as a partner, despite Mark having deserted a previous missionary enterprise.
Why do you think he did that? (Col 4:10)

What this might mean for us, today? What can we do, if our natural tendency is to be 'less than encouraging' of one another?! Here are three suggestions:
Ask / pray for the gift of encouragement – it's one of the gifts mentioned in Paul's list in Romans 12.
Think about the most encouraging person you know… what is it that he or she does, seemingly easily and naturally?
Practise the skills… expressing appreciation, affirming someone's strengths and trying to be positive about their challenging behaviour.

Florence Morton, All Saints, Oakham

Services in the villages

Sunday 1 November *All Saints*	9.15am Egleton Holy Communion 11am Braunston Patronal Holy Communion 3pm Remembrance Evening Prayer
Monday 2 November	12 noon All Souls Service at Oakham
Sunday 8 November *Remembrance Sunday* *3 before Advent*	8am Brooke Holy Communion 9.15am Hambleton Holy Communion and Remembrance 11am Braunston Sunday Worship and Remembrance
Sunday 15 November *2 before Advent*	9.15am Egleton Patronal Holy Communion 11am Braunston Holy Communion 3pm Brooke Evening Prayer
Sunday 22 November *Christ the King*	8am Brooke Holy Communion 9.15am Hambleton Holy Communion 11am Braunston Sunday Worship
Sunday 29 November *Advent Sunday* *5th Sunday*	3pm Hambleton Advent/Patronal/50 years of Rutland Water celebration 10am Whissendine Team Holy Communion 6pm Oakham Advent Carols

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

Tuesday Midday Prayers
12-12:30pm
In the Southern Parishes
From January 2026

1st Tues of the month: Egleton Church
2nd Tues of the month: Braunston Church
3rd Tues of the month: Hambleton Church
4th Tues of the month: Brooke Church

Please join us to pray for our church and communities, either in person, or wherever you are at 12pm on a Tuesday.

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

The Collect for All Saints

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

First Reading *Revelation 7.9-17*

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried
out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,
12singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?' 14I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then
he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Second Reading *1 John 3.1-3*

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3pm Remembrance Service at St Peter, Brooke

Please see the separate booklet.

Please keep praying the prayer for a new Rector…

Gracious and loving God,
We thank you for the Oakham Team, for all the gifts and blessings we enjoy across our diverse 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.

A Last Beatitude

part of an All Saints cycle of sonnets by Malcolm Guite

And blessèd are the ones we overlook;
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to 'do the flowers',
The quiet ones who organise the fete,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
Placing each flower so for a year's mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

Frin Sounding the Seasons, published by Canterbury Press

News from the Team

Prayer for the Sick

We pray to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for those suffering in body, mind or spirit, among Lorraine Perril, David Pattinson, Geraldine Feehally, Peter Hill and Cliff Horton; and for all who care for and support them.
We also pray for those we know, those who have no-one to pray for them and for all who care for and support them in any way.
The names of Michael Hardy and Jack Pearce are now in the book of prayer for those who have been unwell for a while. This book is kept in the Trinity Chapel and we're all encouraged to add the people to our own prayers, even if not by name.

Remembering the recently departed

We remember with thanksgiving those recently departed this life, among them, Eileen Strick, Ken Compton (father of Andy Compton), Ronald Jackson, Tim Walker, Bob Janson, Jim Tibbott and Les Wilson; and we pray for the families and friends of those who have died.
Please phone the Team office or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk to add names to these lists

Churches Together in Oakham Prayers

During November the regular prayers led by Churches Together will be at All Saints Oakham at 1pm.

All Souls Service
12 noon, Monday 2 November

On All Souls Day at All Saints Oakham we will have our usual service at Holy Communion during which the names of all those who have had their funeral service in the Team in the past three years will be read out, and candles lit.

Anyone is welcome to add names to the list for remembering on that day, whether or not they are able to come to the service.

The list is by the South door at All Saints, or email office@oakhamteam.org.uk .

Music at Lunchtime

1.40pm All Saints Church
Admission free, donations to All Saints Church welcome.
Wednesday 4 November
Isabelle White *piano*
Wednesday 11 November
Aggie Cole and Holly Prothero *mezzo-soprano*

November Church Walk

The November walk on Thursday, 26 November is from the Twisted Trout, Empingham LE15 8PS, meeting in the carpark at 10.15 for a 10.30 start. The walk will be about 4 miles down to Sykes Lane and alongside Rutland Water to Whitwell with a break for coffee. Please order lunch by 6 pm on Monday, 23 November. 01572

827948 or Info@twistedtrout.co.uk. Anyone wishing to join us for lunch is most welcome. We look forward to seeing you. *Anne and Ruth*

In need of fuel?

Informal expressions of the Christian faith

Speaker Grace McSharry from St John the Baptist church in Leicester.
7-9pm, Tuesday 6 October
All Saints Church Hall
www.thefillingstation.org

Fairtrade Matters

This year 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)

Christmas Tree Festival
All Saints, Oakham

Our Christmas Tree Festival will be over the weekend Friday 4- Sunday 6 December in All Saints Church Oakham. We hope it will be a bit of a fundraiser and social event, because everything's been a bit uncertain this year and we want to get people together and shine out a bit.

We're hoping to fill the church with lots of tree displays around the theme **'Winter Wonderland'**, and forms are already being returned.
If you or a group you are part of would like to join in, please speak to Pam Gilbert at Oakham or pick up a form at either of the church doors or email Ann Blackett: pso@oakhamteam.org.uk

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST PETER, BROOKE

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 AT 3PM

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ARMED FORCES WILL BE PRESENT

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Music for Remembrance

Performed by the

Rutland Concert Band

on behalf of and for

The Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal

Saturday 7 November 2026

7.30pm

All Saints Church, Oakham

Church Street. Oakham. LE15 6AA.

Tickets £5

Tickets on the Door

A FESTIVE DAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Braunston Advent Fayre

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER • 11AM–3PM

- **All things Christmas**
- **Delicious Cakes & Coffee**
- **Fun & Games**
- **Festive Craft Stalls**

RAFFLE DRAW

2.30PM

Don't miss the draw!

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Wood Lane, LE15 8QZ

Come along and celebrate the start of Christmas together

Entrance £1 -Children free

ALL FUNDS RAISED IN SUPPORT OF BRAUNSTON CHURCH REPAIRS

In aid of Langham Church
Quiz Night
Saturday 14th November
7pm for 7.30pm start
Langham Village Hall
What's happening
£12.50 PER HEAD
TEAMS OF UP TO 8
SUPPER INCLUDED IN TICKET
POP-UP BAR (CASH & CARD)
Booking and payment in advance essential
Contact: debbie.sowter@oakhamteam.org.uk
Book early to avoid disappointment!

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 27th November** 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**

CAMEO – Autumn 2026

A social morning for all 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
10am -1pm All Saints Church Hall

Programme, (£4)

10.00 Arrive, Tea/Coffee
chat, games, craft
11.00 Speaker
11.45 Favourite hymns & prayers
12.00 Lunch;
Soup, bread, Pudding, Tea/Coffee

Nov 11th David Pattinson
Fantasy Island

Nov 25th Dave Andrews
100 years of Auntie

Dec 9th Christmas lunch

An Advent Week

with the Launde Abbey Community

29th November - 6th December

A Season of Longing and Waiting

Waiting for the Light

Music and Readings for Advent

Amidst the warm glow of candlelight, join us for an afternoon of Music and Readings to prepare for the Advent season. We will be immersed in the beauty of scripture and song, and you can stay afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies.

Nov 29 2026

Painting as Prophecy

Advent Painting Workshop

The artist Revd Chris Duffett loves to teach others to pray and listen to God through the medium of art. This workshop will explore how we might express with paint what we hear from God as we watch and wait for the Living Word in Advent.

Nov 30 2026

Advent Soul Filled Meanderings

With Jo De Graaf

Take a couple of hours at the beginning of Advent, put on your coat and boots to explore and experience God's creation. This is an opportunity to stop, look and listen. Using all your senses to know and understand more about our Everlasting Father and Creator God.

Dec 01 2026

Wreath-making Workshop

With Lizzie Lonsdale

Get some early inspiration ahead of the festive season and join us for a Christmas wreath-making workshop as part of Advent Week with the Launde Abbey Community — the perfect way to begin your Christmas celebrations.

Dec 02 2026

Rumours of Angels

A Quiet Day with the Launde Abbey Community

Step back from the December rush of shopping, planning, and endless to-do lists to hear afresh the message of the Angels in the quiet, ordinary spaces of life, offering unexpected messages of hope, peace, and direction.

Dec 03 2026

A Balanced Life - "I wish!"

A Quiet Day with Andrew Hall

This Advent retreat offers an invitation to draw aside, rest and reflect. Using the season of Advent as a time of preparation, Revd Andrew Hall explores what it means to welcome God's love more deeply into our lives and to reimagine the rhythms of daily life with God.

Dec 05 2026

Launde Abbey

prayer • hospitality • community • sanctuary

Praying Alone

Praying Together

Daily Prayer This Week

Morning Prayer *is streamed live on the Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page at 8.30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and is available after that on Facebook and the website.*
On Tuesdays and Thursdays Morning Prayer is said in All Saints Oakham, at 8.30am.

Readings and Collect Prayer for Morning Prayer this week

4 before Advent	Readings for Morning Prayer
Monday 2 November *All Souls*	Psalms **2**, 146; Daniel 1 Revelation 1
Tuesday 3 November	Psalms **5**, 147.1-12; Daniel 2.1-24 Revelation 2.1-11
Wednesday 4 November	Psalms **9,** 147.13-end; Daniel 2.25-end Revelation 2.12-end
Thursday 5 November	Psalms 11, **15,** 148; Daniel 3.1-18 Revelation 3.1-13
Friday 6 November	Psalms **16,** 149; Daniel 3.19-end Revelation 3.14-end
Saturday 7 November	Psalms **18.31-end**; Daniel 4.1-18 Revelation 4

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.