

Weekly Pewsheet

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Christ the King

Sunday 22 November 2020



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From the Team Rector

Dear friends,

In a world hungry for wisdom it is good to know truth exists.

At his trial before Pontius Pilate, Jesus says *“You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”* (John 18:37).

Jesus makes two remarkable statements. He declares that he is a king and that he speaks the truth. John’s opens his Gospel by describing Jesus as “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Power and truth rarely come together in one person or organisation. There are lots of people who have power of one kind or another, but they are not always right. And there are lots of people who are right in what they say and do, but have very little power.

Jesus claims both the authority of kingship and the authority to determine the truth. This is part of what makes Christianity ‘Good News’. By listening to Jesus Christians can navigate this bewildering world with a reliable compass. There is light shining in the darkness. We need not simply shrug our shoulders and say ‘there are more questions than answers in our world’ or be divided by competing worldviews.

One of the many short-sighted projects of the 20th century was the transfer of Christianity from the public sphere to the realm of private choice. Instead of an objective shared standard guiding our thinking, we see ideologies and movements competing for supremacy, championing one set of rights over another, and seeking liberty for some at the cost of freedom for others. In the absence of Christian teaching, flowing from the truth of Christ, all kinds of issues are being decided without regard to our God-given human identity and value. Privatising Christianity has not levelled the playing field, but created what feels like a rule-less game on a sloping pitch with no referee.

We are seeing across Europe how hard it is to reach consensus about moral and ethical issues. The Scottish Parliament is attempting to control home and family life. The home and the family have always been a basic building block of a Christian society. That the government should have to intervene in this way is surely a sign that we need to relearn how to order family life around shared values. Poland and Hungary, countries which have experienced so many different types government, are now rediscovering their Christian roots and aligning national life with Christian teaching. This is not without controversy, but it does show us that the example set by leading secular liberal democracies does not always attract new adherents.

This Sunday is designated Christ the King. It is an ideal opportunity to remember what kind of king Christ is. The bible brims over with descriptions of his kingship: he is shepherd, servant, brother, friend, our crucified and risen redeemer. But let us remember that he the king who lives and speaks with authority and truth. God has already answered our prayers for wisdom, truth and guidance by putting the words of his chosen king in our hands. It is now up to us to listen and obey.

With love in Christ,
Stephen



Special hymns and why...

This week chosen by Gordon Woods;

I have taken the liberty to slightly alter the title, Favourite to Special. The pew sheet allows our lay people to identify in writing their favourite hymn and why; it is much rarer for lay-people to choose and actually sing it at a service. Of course Pamela and I did for our wedding service on 27th December 1963. As it was close to Christmas and we wanted throughout to avoid common choices, we began with *Angels from the Realms of Glory*. Like good Anglicans we followed with Psalm 23 but the less familiar music, *Brother James Air*. Our final choice, *Love Divine*, emphasises Christ's love for mankind but also saw our mutual love for each other. We knelt together at the communion rail and then after the first verse the officiant bent down to tell us that we now go to the vestry to sign the register. Pamela told him that we had chosen the hymn and wanted to sing all of it!

These three hymns were our special choice. I do remember Pamela chose the Psalm tune ...certainly as I am non-musical, today I would pick the rousing *Guide me O thou great redeemer*, with its second usage as a pseudo National Anthem of Wales where we lived for 21 years, only exceeded with our joyful time here.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

10.30am Morning Prayer - *On Facebook Live*

Organ

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Mark 11.9,10

The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalms 29.9b,10

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Acclamation

Come to me and listen to my words;
hear me, and you shall have life.
**Come to me and listen to my words;
hear me, and you shall have life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
Hear me, and you shall have life.

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
Hear me, and you shall have life.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
Hear me, and you shall have life.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey dripping from the honeycomb.
**Come to me and listen to my words;
hear me, and you shall have life.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 95.1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving *
and be glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God *
and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth *
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God;

**Glory be 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.**

First Reading – Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1.15-23

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25.31 – end

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also

will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection by Revd Simon Aley

Loving the King of Love

Just sometimes don't you want to hug the compilers of the Lectionary (although we cannot because of COVID!) for combining 3 Scriptural passages together so well? These three readings are an example of that.

I suggest we start in the middle with Ephesians - the promise of the glory that is to come because of your faith in Christ the King; your hearts enlightened to know what is the glorious hope, the riches of His glorious inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of His power. Not just for this age but the age to come. Note the validation of entitlement in verse 1; a) faith in the Lord and b) love the believers have for the saints, the haggios, the holy ones, the elect, who themselves are inheritors of this great reward. For Paul as also with Jesus, love in action clearly flows from faith. Let us next turn to Ezekiel and that pastoral image of the King caring for His sheep. Note here, how God takes on the role of shepherd personally; "I myself" in verses 11 and 15 + 9 other personal pronouns in 5 verses! The King acts like a shepherd, an often-despised individual in Biblical times, who did not keep feasts, go to Church or Bible study and worked on the Sabbath! The very same image that Christ the King ascribes to himself in John 10 and in the parable of the lost sheep in Matthew 18, demonstrating the love that He has for each of us. No wonder the Jewish leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy. Except that as we now know, there was no blasphemy because Jesus is Lord as well as King. When God says in verse 24, that he will set up His servant David as the one shepherd, God is neither contradicting himself, abdicating His role as shepherd nor referring specifically to King David, who has long been and gone. He is referring to the second person of the Trinity. This is a messianic prophecy, given a regal tone by reference to David, of whose line Jesus is adopted through Joseph. It also is a warning, to be the right sort of sheep. The distinction is made between lean and fat sheep, but it is really a judgement on the behaviour of those fat sheep who push and but the weaker sheep.

From these two passages, we see a picture of love of the King to those who have faith in Him and love His saints; a love promised and demonstrated by God in sending His Son and how we should respond.

Now we can turn to Matthew and we should start to see similarities with the other texts in this apocalyptic passage. Jesus is leaving his hearers in no doubt who He is. When the Son of Man comes in his glory, with his angels, he will sit on his throne. No doubt again who this is - Jesus is Lord as well as King. Like a shepherd He divides the flock, here sheep and goats, the sheep to the right and goats to the left. We can see where this is going; we know we want to be on the right. But, whether sheep or goats, neither can understand when it was, they saw Christ the King hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, a stranger or imprisoned? The dispute of the hearers is not their destinies, which are vastly different but what they missed seeing. The King answers, when you responded to the least of those who are members of my family (verse 40) you responded to me. Well that is a bit of a shock? No as we have seen, Scripture has been pointing in that direction for centuries. How God cares for His elect, His holy ones, His saints – All saints, greatest and least and how the believers should respond.

On the whole, I have not missed hymn singing this year as much as I thought I would but when we come to this season, the absence is felt more and it starts with the feast of Christ the King. As an admirer of Isaac Watts (perhaps a lingering Congregational trait!); this Sunday might have been the opportunity to sing “Jesus shall reign wher’er the sun”. Even if we could, we probably would not have sung all the 14 verses, Watts wrote! We would not have sung:

The Sceptre will become His hands
All Heav’n submits to His commands
His justice shall avenge the poor
And pride and rage prevail no more

God’s justice is borne of His love for the poor and we, who love God, reflect His love to us on to others. So, should we be making a list, brushing up our CV for God? On an individual basis, no, a) because God knows already and b) because our inheritance is not dependent on our works but on God’s grace. Because we love God, we will willingly welcome, clothe, visit, and offer food and drink to Christ the King by providing for the needs of His subjects, His saints. Collectively we should be ready to demonstrate our love for God in action. This revelation of Jesus is a very public affair with all the nations gathered before Christ the King (Matthew 25:32) and this leads to a verse from another Isaac Watts hymn, sung every year, leaving to poor Isaac spinning in his Walthamstow grave(!) as we treat it as a carol:

He rules the world with truth and grace
And bids the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love

Jesus says in John 14:15 “If you love me you will keep my commandments” – because we love we obey and Christ’s second commandment is “love your neighbour as yourself” (Matthew 22:39) and now we know who our neighbour is and what to do about it as loyal subjects of Christ the King.

AMEN

Organ

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.**

¶ Prayers

The Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession by Michael Ellard

Loving Father, through your Son you bring us together to share in your kingdom and bind us into one through the power of you Holy Spirit. Strengthen us in healing the divisions that occur in our communities, guide us in ways to reduce tensions where they exist, and help us to restore equality and respect for all people as we live alongside one another at this time,

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

At this time of concern in our world, we pray for all those in positions of leadership. May they govern with wisdom and integrity, always serving the needs of the people, putting aside the interests of power for themselves. Guide all those seeking to find solutions to the virus which is affecting all people throughout the world, and continue to strengthen all caring for those made ill through its effects.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We continue to remember those affected through conflict and violence between nations, families or individuals; help us in our search for peace and reconciliation at this time. We pray for those who work for peace throughout the world, and those who continue to defend the peace we have,

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for your Church, the sign of your reign in our world today, may it always continue to extend its welcome to all people, reaching out to the needs of all, where cultures and communities may no longer have boundaries that divide or isolate. Strengthen our Bishops, Donald and John in our diocese, our Ministry Team in Oakham, and all who assist in the daily presence of your church through the world. Through your Holy Spirit you call us, and Christians of every denomination, into a royal priesthood that you bestow on us in Baptism, may your kingdom come to all parts of this world through all that we do in your name

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Loving Father, we bring before you those who are unwell at this time, those at home, in hospital, or needing daily care. In a moment of stillness, we pray for those known to us personally, and those who have asked for our prayers this day, ...

May your hands of strength and healing rest upon all in need at this time, and guide those who care for others at this time, thinking especially of all coping with the dangers of the corona virus in their daily work.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died in recent days, Barbara Philips
May they now rest in your presence from the troubles of this world with all who have gone before them, and we remember those remaining in their sadness of grief

and loss. May their pain be healed through the knowledge of your love for each of them at this time,

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign, when we ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to whom be glory and power for ever.

Amen

Merciful Father **accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

Hymn



1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*Music: Paderborn, German folk melody included in Gesangbuch, Paderborn 1765,
arranged by Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)*

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¶ Conclusion

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
Amen.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Blessing

Organ

Praying Alone

Praying Together

Daily Prayer This Week

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



Readings

Readings & Collect Prayer for Daily Prayer in the coming week

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 23 November	Psalm 96 Revelation 14.1-13	Psalm 80 Isaiah 40.1-11
Tuesday 24 November	Psalm 97 Revelation 14.14-end of 15	Psalm 101 Isaiah 40.12-26
Wednesday 25 November	Psalm 112 Revelation 16.1-11	Psalm 122 Isaiah 40.27-41.7
Thursday 26 November	Psalm 125 Revelation 16.12-end	Psalm 133 Isaiah 41.8-20
Friday 27 November	Psalm 139 Revelation 17	Psalm 146 Isaiah 41.21-42.9
Saturday 28 November	Psalm 145 Revelation 18	Psalm 150 Isaiah 42.10-17

Collect

**God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose Kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.**

Resources for Worship

During this time when we cannot worship together in church, there are a number of alternatives available:

- The Oakham Team Facebook page, where one of the ministry team will lead a live stream of **Morning Prayer at 8.30am** on weekdays and **Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at 10.30am on Sundays**. These will also be available on the Team website, together with the service sheet and Weekly Pewsheets;
- **Compline**. David Perril continues a weekly service of Compline every Wednesday at 8.30pm on the Oakham Team Facebook page. Please use the new Compline booklet which is available from the team office or the porch at All Saints Oakham. Please email Liz on ps0@oakhamteam.org.uk if you would like a copy.
- The Church of England has an online resources page at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>.
- **Lectio Divina**. Vyv Wainwright has produced a booklet as a quick guide to us all in the practice of daily prayer. The booklet is available directly from Vyv or there are some copies available in the south porch of All Saints Oakham.

This Week – Online Services

Morning Prayer every weekday at 8.30am

Compline Wednesday at 8.30pm

Next Sunday – 29 November Advent Sunday

Readings: Psalm 80.1-7; Isaiah 64.1-9; I Corinthians 1.3-9; Matthew 13.24-37

10.30am Morning Worship on Facebook and **6pm Advent Service on Facebook**

www.facebook.com/oakhamteam or on the church website

www.oakhamteam.org.uk. Live services can be found on the bottom right hand side of the homepage of the website.

News from the Team

Prayer for the Sick

We pray to you Lord Jesus Christ for those suffering in body, mind or spirit, amongst them: Keith Thomas, Melville Youell, and June Churchill

Please phone the Team office or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk to add names to this list.

Remembering the recently departed

We remember with thanksgiving those recently departed this life, and those bereaved, amongst them: Barbara Philips, Anna Coleman, Isaac Parker.

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Services

All Sunday and mid-week services are now suspended until further notice but please do join us for our online services on Facebook.

Appeal for Funds

Thank you for the many responses we have had to the appeal for funds. The total currently stands at £18,500. Your generosity will enable us to meet our regular planned expenditure during this very difficult financial year. The PCC and finance team will be taking a careful look at the budget for 2021. Please note the Church's bank account information in the 'Planned Giving' notice if you wish to make a direct bank transfer, or make a cheque payable to Oakham All Saints PCC. With my sincere thanks. *Stephen*

Sunday School

Sunday school is now meeting via zoom online at 10am every Sunday. For joining details please contact madeleine@oakhamteam.org.uk

Ford and Etal and Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft

The Bishop of Newcastle is delighted to announce that the Rev'd Charlotte Osborn, previously Assistant Curate in the Oakham Team Ministry in Peterborough Diocese, is to be Priest in Charge of Ford and Etal and Lowick with Kyloe and Ancroft. Charlotte will be licensed by Bishop Christine early in the new year on a date which will be announced as soon as possible. Please keep Charlotte, her husband Leo, and all the parishes in your prayers as she prepares for this new ministry.

Charlotte's current address is *The Old Chapel House, Pond Lane, Knapton, Norfolk NR28 0SE. 01263 663 467*

Revd Iain Osborne

After waiting patiently for work to be completed on the new Rectory at Ramsey, Iain and Susan have now moved in. Their address is The Rectory, 18 Hollow Lane, Ramsey, Huntingdon, PE26 1DE. I am sure they would be pleased to hear from you if you wish to get in touch.

The Link Magazine.

Thank you to all who have helped with the distribution into many homes of the

Winter edition of The Link magazine. The magazine which you may like to share with others is also on the website: www.oakhamteam.org.uk under the heading 'Weekly Pewsheets' click on The Link from the dropdown list; go to the bottom of the displayed page to turn over the pages. Extra copies are at the churches or contact me on 01572 724103. Beryl Kirtland

Music at Lunchtime

Regrettably, plans for Wednesday lunchtime recitals to return to All Saints Church have regrettably been thwarted by the new lockdown. These recitals will therefore continue to take place in Oakham School Chapel for their staff and pupils only, but can be viewed by anyone after the event online by visiting <https://bit.ly/>

Traidcraft christmas orders and recent sales

I am now taking order from the new Traidcraft catalogue, please do get in touch if you would like a copy, it has all the usual seasonal selection of foods and cards as well as inspiration for Christmas decorations and presents! Sales for September and October amounted to £219.55 so are bearing up despite the stall being run in the background; so as ever my thanks to all of you who are continuing to support it., it really does make a difference to peoples lives. Denise - necy.mcdonald@btinternet.com/0798 1639649/01572722729

Oakham Team Ministry Zoom Bible Study

The bible study group of Mark's Gospel led by Revd Simon Aley will continue as planned via zoom. The sessions will be weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm and last an hour each session. For details on how to join please contact Simon on simon@oakhamteam.org.uk

Oakham Hope into Action house (Project Sukkot) Update November 2020

It is now nearly two months since the second of our two tenants moved into the house and we are pleased and thankful to the Lord that both of them have responded well to their new situation. The chaps are getting to know each other and both of them are making great efforts to settle down responsibly in their new home.

After periods of homelessness, it takes time to adjust, to gain self-respect and confidence and it is great to see the strides that both chaps have been making. This is in a large part also due to them being given much needed support and encouragement by the team of friendship and support volunteers who represent our churches in Oakham and each one of the team is owed our thanks, and our continued prayers. The Rutland Foodbank too has been hugely helpful during the Covid restrictions and our thanks are due to them as well.

Christmas is approaching and some church members have asked what additional seasonal support might be welcomed. So, we would like to be able to provide a small decorated Christmas tree for the house and a small hamper of Christmas treats for the chaps to share.

In addition, a few Christmas cards from church members to “the chaps in the Oakham Hope into Action House” would also be much appreciated and would reinforce our message to them that they are not alone or forgotten. If you would like to help in one of the ways suggested, have a word with one of the following members of the support team:

Oakham Team Ministry churches:
Heather Day, Peter Hart
Methodist Church: Barry and Vanessa Turner

St Joseph’s: Hilary Davis
Baptist Church: Neil Kirk
Key contacts: Gary Marsh
(marshuns@icloud.com) or Heather Day
(heather.day@outlook.com)

Please continue to pray for the project and what it is seeking to achieve.

Thank you, Project Steering Group and Support Team

Financial Projects to boost church funds

During lockdown, phone - 01572 724007 - or email the Parish Office - office@oakhamteam.org.uk - to leave an order for the items below. They will be safely delivered to you and payment

can be made in cash, by cheque or bank transfer.

Christmas Masks

Put a little fun into Christmas this year! The Christmas masks, made by the Sewing Group, are selling very well. £5 for 1 or £9 for 2. There is a selection of masks in the office. We are happy also to take specific commissions.

The 2021 Rutland Calendars by Richard Adams

There is still time to get your 2021 calendar. £6 each.

Jams and Chutneys

Dr Sian Cheverton has now added a new project to our list. For the price of £2.50 per jar she is now offering home made

- Green tomato chutney (lots)
- Quince jam
- Blackberry jam
- Gooseberry jam
- Damson jelly (small amount)
- Sloe and apple jelly (small amount)

Jigsaws

There is now a good selection of jigsaws on display in the children’s area in church as well as in the pew by the South door. Come and choose one or two. Please pop a donation into the wall money safe by the West door. Do tell your friends who are jigsaw aficionados too!!

Thank you. Elaine and Graham Peel

November Walk

Due to the latest developments there will be no November Church Walk. If circumstances allow a December walk

will be arranged. Keep safe, happy and well. *Richard Plummer*

Mothers union travelling nativity 2020

We have reached our target and would like to extend our grateful thanks to all who contributed to the appeal. We have purchased the calendars and will deliver them to all the families and schools on our list in time for the start of Advent.

Many thanks, Carolyn and Denise

Jack Pearce

After 19 years of loyal service Jack will be standing down as Team Verger for the 6pm service at Oakham All Saints. His dedicated service is very much appreciated and we would like to extend our thanks from the whole church community.

Planned Giving

The diocese are making significant changes to the planned giving scheme that over 100 members of All Saints Oakham use. With bank transfers to Peterborough who remit the funds to All Saints and reclaim Gift aid where applicable. The Diocese will outsource this service to a third party by the end of 2020. The PCC reviewed this arrangement and decided that it was in All Saints and the givers best interest to bring this service in house. This has been successfully introduced in October 2019 with over 20 people using the in house service. All accounting systems and

GDPR (data protection) processes are in place. If you are one of the 100 using the Peterborough system we would ask that you transfer from Peterborough to All Saints. To do this you need to stop the bank transfer to Peterborough and replace it with new standing order to Oakham All Saints PCC sort code 40-43-05 account number 01141171. We will be checking to ensure you do not double pay in one month. To help with the Gift Aid claim would you please confirm you are a UK tax payer and if the money is transferred from a joint account under which name the tax can be reclaimed. Letting me know by email or phone. Also please use the contacts below if you would like a more detailed explanation for these changes. Richard Plummer (01572 720506 / richard@familyplummer.co.uk)

Keeping in Touch

I am usually at home at my desk Wednesdays 2pm-4pm and happy to take calls if you would like to share news and chat. Please feel free to call 869483. *Stephen*

Bereavement Support

If you would like ongoing support while the Bereavement Group is not meeting, please leave your name, phone number and email one of the contacts below. Sian Cheverton (01572 755286); Madeleine Morris (07754 414437); Parish Office (01572 724007) or email bereavementsupport@oakhamteam.org.uk.



CHRISTMAS 2020

We would like the following to make up our Christmas Goody Bags for Clients

- Chocolate oranges or similar
- Matchmakers or After Dinner Mints
- Small Jars of Chutney and Jam
- Small panettone or chocolate log
- Childrens chocolate - Gold coins or small solid figures
- Fudge or treats
- Christmas napkins or paper towel
- Pringles, cheese biscuits or snacks
- Small colouring books for children
- Colouring pencils and sharpeners
- Childrens playing cards – Snap etc
- Fun bubbles for children



Thank You & Merry Christmas

What we don't need now

- Christmas Puddings and Cakes
- Mince Pies
- Pasta and Rice
- Baked beans
- Cereals
- Alcohol
- Homemade or fresh items



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**Please contact the foodbank to arrange delivery of your donations The cut off for donations is 11th December
Tel: 07582 783363 or Email: info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk**

Christmas 2020 Please Support the Rutland Foodbank Charity No 1158460

Your contact details.

Please check we have up to date contact details for you by phoning or emailing the church office. It is important that we keep our Church Electoral Roll (church membership) up to date. You can also join our contact list if you are not ready to join the Electoral Roll. This means we can stay in touch with you. If you know that your contact details need updating please fill in the information sheet and return to the church office.

Name(s)

Address

Phone(s)

Email

GDPR permission and signature

Date

By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the PCC of All Saints Oakham, Rutland holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes : To keep me informed about news, events, activities and services at All Saints (note you can unsubscribe at any time by contacting the church office on 01572 724007