

Weekly Pewsheet

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Christ the King

Sunday 22 November 2020



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From the Team Vicar

Dear Friends,

I'd like to continue to encourage us to make the most of the opportunity that lockdown might offer to develop our lives of prayer. The challenge is to make this month a month of prayer.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has said:

“On the brink of this second lockdown we might understandably feel helpless, anxious and vulnerable. And we do what we can to halt the spread of this virus – but we can still feel powerless. Is there anything else we can do? Really do?”

Yes. Yes there is. We can pray. Prayer is my first response when I feel out of my depth, when I need help, when I am worried, when I am concerned for those I love. It is a gift that God gives to all – whether you are a regular pray-er or not – bring your cares and the cares of the nation to God. For God loves and hears and holds. Prayer changes things.”

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, takes up the theme:

“Prayer changes things. It changes things by inviting God into the room. At this challenging time when all of us are fearful and anxious, and when so many are suffering, it is the one thing we can all do. We can pray and invite God to change us – giving us the solace, strength and comfort we need for the difficult winter that is ahead of us. Let's pray together at this difficult time.”

We are encouraged, if we can, to be in prayer at 6.00pm each day. To help us with making November a month of prayer there are resources you can find by searching for “A call to prayer for the nation” or going to <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation> There we are offered prayer themes through the week: Sunday family, friends and loved ones; Monday schools and colleges, children and young people; Tuesday elderly, isolated and vulnerable people; Wednesday businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing; Thursday the NHS and other key workers; Friday National and local government; and Saturday all who are grieving and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health. Particular prayers have been written for each week. Resources are there for prayer as families and with children. Do have a look.

We are missing loved ones. We are missing meeting together as church families. We are perhaps anxious for our health and that of others. We can help ourselves by staying in touch with people we care about, by eating healthily and taking appropriate exercise. And also, by drawing closer to God in prayer.

Chris

Village churches open for private prayer

All Saints, Braunston Sundays, 10am – 4pm

St Peter's, Brooke Wednesdays 10am – 4pm

St Edmund's, Egleton Sundays 11.30am – 3.30pm

St Andrew's, Hambleton Sundays to Wednesdays, 10am – 4pm



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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Tel: 07582 783363 or Email: info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk

Christmas 2020 Please Support the Rutland Foodbank Charity No 1158460



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)

Sunday Worship

Hymn



1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him, who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words: *Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)* Music: *Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)*

(Ancient & Modern – 227)

The Collect

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

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.

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.

Hymn

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

*Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)
Music: Nottingham, Mozart (1756-1791)*

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.
4. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Word: based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: Truro, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
(Ancient & Modern – 691)

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

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

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

Services

All Sunday and mid-week services are now suspended until further notice.

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 - neecy.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

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.