



Oakham
BAPTIST CHURCH

13th December 2019 to 12th January 2020



A Christmas message from Steve & Julie

Luke 2:19 *'But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.'*

Treasures are precious things to be kept safe - and it's worth remembering that the value of something is not always to be measured simply in monetary terms. In fact, what is priceless for us rarely holds the same value for others. Memories, special moments, and mementos that remind us of times and places and people are priceless. For Mary, so many remarkable events surround the arrival of her first-born son... her treasures of motherhood are also treasures of God's grace at work. Mary made room to both thoughtfully consider them and store them in her heart. Many more treasures would follow in years to come.

I wonder, what God-given treasures from 2019 are you pondering and making room for?

For Julie and me, this particular Christmas and year-end bring mixed emotions as we prepare to move from Rutland and leave behind our wonderful OBC family. On the other hand, we have much to thank God for - we have enough treasures to ponder in our hearts to fill a vault! Thank you, everyone, for blessing us with so many incredible times with God over the past seven years. We are enriched beyond our wildest imaginings.

Whatever the state of the world, whatever the election result brings, the Christian life should be a life of praise. Advent encourages us to anticipate God's intervention in the world and in doing so hasten the day of the Lord's coming. As Isaiah says, *'Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him.'* (25:9 21KJ)

We pray God's blessing and peace on you this Christmas-time... and many more treasures from God for each of you.

Happy Christmas!

Love,
Steve & Julie



**One morning service at 10.30am from 15th December 2019 to
5th January 2020**

**Refreshments will be served after the service and prayer will be at 9:30 am in
the back room (all welcome)**

Sunday 15th December

**10.30am 'Beasts of Bethlehem' (with LAMPS Theatre Co)
At Victoria Hall, High Street, Oakham**

If you're not going along to Victoria Hall, there will be a short service at Oakham Baptist Church at 10:30am with worship and prayer to support the Victoria Hall outreach in prayer. (There will be no children's groups or refreshments.)

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am Carols

Christmas Day

**10.30am Informal Christmas Celebration
'To us a child is born, to us a Son is given'**

Sunday 29th December

10.30am Morning Celebration

Sunday 5th January

**10.30am Farewell Service for Steve & Julie
Followed by bring & share lunch**

Notice Board

Please Note

Sunday Night @6 will be on the second Sunday in January (12th).



WINTER GLORY KETTERING 2020

**VENUE: KETTERING BUCCLEUCH ACADEMY
(Ladies Conference)**

Welcome to Winter Glory 2020

'Wisdom's Banquet'

Our guest speaker this year is Rachel Gardner, director of Youthscape, and President of the Girls' Brigade – England and Wales, Rachel is also on the board of the adoption and fostering charity "Home for Good"

In addition to our main sessions together worshipping God and hearing from Rachel, after lunch break, guests will be able to choose from a range of seminar options including choir, spend time in the prayer and reflection spaces, do some shopping at our retail stalls, or simply spend time with friends or relax with a hot drink!

Saturday 25th January 2020

9.30am – 4.30pm

Adult Ticket: £18

Student Tickets for 16+ in full time education: £10

Online ticket purchases are subject to a small booking fee. Tickets will also be available before/after certain church services at Christ The King in Kettering to purchase in person without incurring a booking fee.

Don't forget: bring your lunch, bible, notebook, bottle for water, and money for shopping.



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th to 25th January 2020**

**Prayer Breakfast
with Baroness Berridge of the Vale of Catmose
8:30 am on Saturday 18th January
at the Victoria Hall, Oakham
Tickets £4 are available until Monday 13th January
from the church office**

**Unity Service
6:00 pm on Sunday 19th January
at St. Joseph's Church, Oakham**



We need your Stamps!

Derek Green writes

"If you are a newcomer to OBC you may not be aware that for over 30 years we have been collecting used postage stamps, English and foreign, to donate to the Leprosy Mission, enabling them to raise many thousands of pounds annually in the alleviation of suffering.

With Christmas fast approaching could I ask, please, that you all cut out any used stamps from your incoming mail

(leaving a good margin around them) and, come January, you pass them on to me'

On a personal note, I have been a stamp collector (I refrain from using the term philatelist) for over 75 years and now have some 50,000 housed in about 80 albums.

Any stamps I receive in response to this request which do not form part of this collection I will "borrow" to increase that figure BUT I have now willed my entire collection to the Trustees of OBC to be sold or auctioned for the benefit of the Buildings Fund.

So, please, let me have those stamps!"

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN DECEMBER

15th December - Beasts of Bethlehem @ Victoria Hall

22nd December - *Adventure, Discover and Explore* will take place but there will be **NO CONNECT**.

29th December - **NO CHILDREN'S GROUPS**

(all from about 11:00 until the end of the service)

Group Name	Age range	Where they meet	Leader
Adventure	Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers	Upstairs	Jennifer Zacharias
Discover	Reception to Year 2	Back Room	Hannah Dodson
Explore	Years 3 to 5	Back Room	<i>To be confirmed</i>
Connect	Years 6 to 8	Foodbank	Nicky Burgess

Prayer @ OBC

Please pray for:

- Please pray for Gillian, who has just taken over leadership of our Open the Book team, and pray for the team, leading a Christmas assembly at Edith Weston on 19th December
- More helpers for all our children's ministries including Let's Go Build
- The CORE Groups and those who host and lead them
- The worship bands
- All those helping on all the regular teams week by week

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for any personal needs is available in the Prayer Corner after each of the services.

Diary for 13th December 2019 - 12th January 2020

Saturday 14th December

14:30 OBCinema

Sunday 15th December

**10:30 Beasts of Bethlehem
(Victoria Hall)
and an alternative prayer service
at OBC**

Monday 16th December

19:00 Small Group - Spey Drive

Tuesday 17th December

7:30 Early Morning Prayer
9:30-11:30 Painting for Pleasure
13:00 Small Group - Trent Road
19:30 Small Group - Uppingham

Thursday 19th December

19:30 Small Group - Burley Road

Sunday 22nd December

10:30 Carols Celebration

Wednesday 25th December

10:30 Christmas Day Celebration

Sunday 29th December

10:30 Morning Celebration (no children's groups)

Sunday 5th January

10:30 Farewell Service for Steve & Julie (followed by Bring & Share Lunch)

Monday 6th January

9:30 Tiddlers (Toddler and Baby group)
19:00 Small Group - Spey Drive
19:30 Small Group - Queens Road

Tuesday 7th January

7:30 Early Morning Prayer
9:30-11:30 Painting for Pleasure
13:00 Small Group - Crown Gardens
19:30 Small Group - Uppingham

Wednesday 8th January

20:00 Small Group - Tay Close

Thursday 9th January

19:30 Small Group - Ellingworth Close

Friday 10th January

11:00 Sanctuary and Light Lunch

Saturday 11th January

8:00 Men's Breakfast @OBC

Sunday 12th January

8:15 Prayer meeting
9:00 1st Sunday Service
10:45 2nd Sunday Service
18:00 Sunday Night @ 6

Next Newsletter Edition Deadline

The next Newsletter will be sent out on **Friday, 10th January 2020**. All articles and updates to be included in that edition of the Newsletter should be received by **Monday, 6th January 2020**. This Newsletter edition will cover 10th - 26th January 2020. Please send your articles by emailing newsletter@oakhambaptist.org.uk or contact Ebe in the office on 01572 724990.

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NEW OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday: 9am-5pm

Tuesday: 9am-4pm

Wednesday:

Thursday: 9am-4pm

Friday: 9am-5pm



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact one of the following people to share emergency prayer request:

John Donald

Julie Leefe

Staying in touch



If you're a member of Oakham Baptist Church, you'll have received login information for MyChurchSuite, the online tool that you can use to keep track of events, your team rotas and much more.

If you would like to get a login or have forgotten your password, please contact Ebe admin@oakhambaptist.org.uk

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