

NORTHGATE

The weekly notices of
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Oakham Methodist Church – called to worship God and share our faith, we seek to serve and welcome all through the love of Jesus Christ

Future Dates

Sunday 1st September at 2.30pm in Cutts Close. A chance to sing some good old hymns already chosen by local groups and organisations. Churches Together in Oakham have invited the Salvation Army band to play at the bandstand in Cutts Close, with the Girl Guides in charge of the tea and coffee. (If wet, in All Saints' Church). Another great opportunity to meet and worship with our friends from the other churches around Oakham.

Wed 4th September Wednesday morning House-group from 10-11-30 am at the home of Pauline and Barry Collett. We shall begin our study of " Great prayers of the Bible" using booklets we received before the Summer break. (more available) All welcome.

Friday 6th September WALKING GROUP, A 4.5-mile walk taking in the beautiful villages of Horninghold and Blaston. The route is mainly across meadows and a couple of arable fields, bridle paths and a small section on a made-up road. 7/8 stiles at the beginning of the walk and some of the walking is uphill but nothing too strenuous. A very quiet and peaceful part of the country with some lovely views. Starting at 10.00am. Car parking is in Horninghold on the road which runs north opposite the church. Please let Adrian know if you will be coming and if lifts are needed.

Saturday 7th September The Search for God. Can Science help? This will be at Oakham Methodist Church and will include sessions on: - Hawking, Dawkins and God, Christian Faith and the search for life elsewhere in the Universe and when I pray, what does God do. For more details, refer to the full-page advert in the August issue of Circuit news or contact Polly Moverley on pmoverley@hotmail.com or 01572 757591. Booking is essential.

Tuesday September 10th "Tuesday at Two will start again and will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month as before. Programmes for the coming season are available from John or Barry

Saturdays 14th September to 5th October inclusive. Breaking the Last Taboo. This informal cafe style series of meetings will run on, from 10am to 12.30pm in the Dean's Hall. (short talk at 10.30am). 'A safe and welcoming space for anyone of any faith or none, To listen/talk/question/find information, About issues relating to the end of life'. Each week a different topic will feature with an appropriate speaker giving a short talk. People will be free to come and go as they please. Refreshments. No charge. Publicity will be around soon! Look out for it, and think who might find it helpful. PS. any further offers of help to serve refreshments or to welcome people will be very welcome. Angela '*A safe and welcoming space for anyone of any faith or none, to listen, talk, question and find information about issues relating to the end of life*'.

Saturday 14th September Ride and Stride need volunteers to be Recorders and to welcome visitors, sign their sponsorship forms and offer cold drinks and biscuits. If you can help, please add your name to the rota in the foyer. If you would like to ride/walk, details are available from Graham Stapleton, the website www.rhcpt.co.uk or www.rutlandrideandstride.org.uk

Sunday 15th September Amnesty International Book Stall. Brian Newbold will be pleased to receive your surplus books for the Amnesty book stall in Stamford. He will be happy to collect your books if necessary. Thank you.

Monday 23rd September 7.15 pm Churches Together Alpha Course We're 'called to worship God and share our faith.....' according to our Northgate strap-line above, and we put a lot of time and effort into the first bit each Sunday. The second part is a bit more of a challenge for most of us, as it is for most churches, which is why we need the help of the Alpha Course. This gives us the opportunity to simply invite someone to come along to share in a meal and a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. That's much easier than trying to explain what we believe and why we come to church, Sunday by Sunday! So August is a good time to think about who you might invite, perhaps suggesting that they come along on their own or with you, always a good way to introduce someone to Jesus. Some of us have lots of questions - that's fine, just bring them along, and you might find some answers. All of us can do the simplest thing, to pray that God will lead us to ask the people of His choice and that they will come to Alpha. It starts at the Baptist Church. You don't really need to use a formal invitation card but there are some if you would like one. Further details on Sunday September 7th at our morning service. John Haden

Friday 25th October Fish & Chips & Trivia Evening. Deans Hall. Invite your friends and family to an evening of fun. Tickets £7 from members of the Social & Community group. For more information see Val or Adrian.

The Flowers today:



The flowers this Sunday have been donated by Gus and Julie Christie and arranged by Ruth Rowell in support of all those who are struggling to survive in Zimbabwe!

Flower Ministry

The flower rota for September- November is on display in the church foyer. Please get in touch with your arranger as appropriate

Remember Paul Smith and the wonderful Church Weekend held last October? We now have a set of CD's covering the whole weekend, so if anyone would like a reminder, or would like to hear Paul for the first time, please speak to Derek Saunders.

DISHWASHER ALERT.

A reminder to those serving coffee on Sundays--- it is essential that the Dishwasher is switched on BEFORE the service to heat the water. Full, clear instructions are posted above the machine. If in doubt please ask a regular user or member of the Catering team.

Thanks

Florrie Ballantyne thanks everyone for the cards and well wishes following her fall and is now home and can receive visitors.

Thankyou everyone for your good wishes and prayers for my speedy recovery from my recent and very unexpected heart attack. I am feeling fine and am slowly trying to get back to as normal! Elizabeth Booth

Rose Scott - has been worshipping with us since coming to Rutland with her Military husband last Winter. At short notice he was posted to Aldershot 2 weeks ago. She wrote '*I will regret leaving Oakham and the fellowship at the Methodist Church, and will not even be able to properly say goodbye and thanks for the warm welcome I received when I came there. Please remember us in your prayers. God bless and thanks for everything, Rose*' (Angela has contact details)

Stewards

Please can you let the editor have a list of who is doing what duties for the month. thanks
Gus

An Altar candle is lit before the Service to facilitate silent contemplation



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Copy by 6 pm Wednesday please

Sunday Services

WEEK	01-Sep	to	08-Sep
Sunday			
01-Sep	10:45 14:30		Rev Canon Leo Osbourne Rev Canon Leo Osbourne (open air)
Monday			
02-Sep	19:30		Rutland Choral Society (WH)
Tuesday			
03-Sep	10:15 18:00 19:30		Toddlers (DH) Brownies (DH) Flower Club (WH)
Wednesday			
04-Sep	10:00 13:00 19:00		Friends (DH) Funeral (Jean Hutton) Bowls (DH)
Thursday			
05-Sep	09:30 10:30 10:30		Prayer on Thursday (WH) Pilates (DH)
Friday			
06-Sep			
Saturday			
07-Sep	9:30 – 16:00		Search for God: Rev Prof David Wilkinson
Sunday			
08-Sep	10:45 18:00		Mr or Mrs Haden (possibly both) Rev Prof David Wilkinson (circuit service)

Thought for the week:
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:2 NIV