

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th February

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Monday 8th February

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 14th February

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Ash Wednesday 17th February

7.30 pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 21st February

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong at Hellidon

Monday 22nd February

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 28th February

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

"Fishers" (Sunday School) meet in the Parish Room at 10.30 am each Sunday in term time. All school age children welcome.

Parish Priest : Revd. James Watson 890235 (Rest Day - Tuesdays) Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776 and Trevor Minett 890908

From the Registers.....**Funerals**

5th December Joan Ellen REED

8th January Arthur BRAY

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine on them

Church Floodlighting.....apologies for the small type - there are so many to record.....

4th Dec. In loving memory of Mark Sherress' 40th Birthday~ 5th Dec. On Pamela Thompson's birthday, from John~ 6th Dec. For James and Joshua Tokley~6th Dec. For all children on St. Nicholas' Day~ 8th Dec. Birthday memories of Phyllis Cullinane from her family~8th Dec. For Laura Skelcey~9th Dec. On Amanda Curtis' Birthday~11th Dec. 2nd Anniversary of death of Spencer Lee~12th Dec. On Clare Ashley's birthday~14th Dec. On Peter Wenham's birthday from Mary~14th Dec. On Ian Lea's birthday~14th Dec. Kathy's birthday and our wedding anniversary~16th Dec. Lorna Cooper's birthday~16th Dec. In memory of Beryl Sampson's mother on her birthday~18th Dec. Jacob Wright's 1st birthday from his grandparents and great grandparents~18th Dec. On Leigh's birthday and Alan's move to the village from Rob and Dot~ 20th Dec. Birthday of late Florence Pressdee~21st Dec. Peter and Denise Thom's Anniversary~23rd Dec. Birthday memories for Pam Thompson~27th Dec. In memory of Fred Allen~27th Dec. In memory of Barbara Beauchamp's birthday~29th Dec. Anniversary of Pat and David Streeton~29th Dec. On 90th birthday of Raymond Rushall from Janet Caunt~30th Dec. Anniversary of Brian and Eileen Dawson~1st Jan. Mick Pardoe's Birthday - from Elizabeth Gwynne~1st Jan In memory of Peter on their 40th Wedding anniversary from Barbara~5th Jan Eileen Berry's birthday~6th Jan. Margaret and Peter Hick's anniversary~6th Jan. Ron Clegg's birthday~8th Jan. In memory of Arthur Bray~10th Jan. On Jennifer Oxborough's birthday~11th Jan. On Christopher Atkins' 10th birthday from his parents~13th Jan. On Evelyn Archer's 70th Birthday from her loving husband Len~13th Jan. In memory of Charles Travers~19th Jan Ric's birthday from Peg~20th Jan. Peg's birthday from Ric~21st Jan. In memory of Brian Thomas~30th Jan. In memory of Peter Green~1st Feb. On Lucy Overton's 83rd birthday~6th Feb. Birthday of Phyl Clark~9th Feb. Gill Maltby's birthday~9th Feb. Ron and Rachel May's birthday~10th Feb. In memory of Mansel Davies~15th Feb. In memory of Duncan Gallie on his birthday~19 Feb. In memory of Marjorie Gallie on her birthday~

MEMORABLIA. Have you got any pictures of old Braunston or old mementoes of village life which the church could borrow to display at the Flower Festival in May? If you have, Kathleen Minett (tel:890908) would be glad to hear from you.

Vicar's Letter

Dear All

Millennium Window or Donation to Charity?

This is the question that we have been considering. Should we go ahead and try to raise £25,000 for a new stained glass window in the church or should we mark the Millennium by raising a large sum for a charity?

At the last meeting of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), the answer was quite clear; we should raise as much money as possible to give to a charity. After all, the Millennium is about the 2000th anniversary of Jesus Christ's birth, and how would he like us to celebrate his birth - by spending it on ourselves or by helping those in need? I am sure you can imagine what his answer would be! So it is that despite the village's strong support for a new window in the church, the PCC has decided not to commit itself to raising funds for it. This does not mean that it still cannot happen. If a group of people wished, they could convene a fund-raising committee and the PCC would lend them every assistance. It is just that the PCC does not see its primary role as fundraising for such a project.

I hope the village as a whole will welcome this new change of direction and wish to support it. The question is which charity? At the moment, HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN is the front-runner. It is run by a former commander in Bosnia who left the army to work full-time helping orphaned children in that country. The charity's work now extends around the world, building homes for children wherever there is need. If you know of another charity which you think ought to be considered, then please speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

NEW TEAM RECTOR AT HOLY CROSS, DAVENTRY

Rev. Owen Page will be inducted as the new Team Rector of Daventry on Friday 29th January. Owen has two grown up daughters and his wife teaches in Crick. Before being ordained, Owen worked as a Laboratory Manager. We welcome him and look forward to meeting him on his first visit to Braunston.

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Friendly Club

Forthcoming attractions:

8th February. An Entertainment by the W.I.
22nd February. "Fuschias" a talk by Mr Wheeler



Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch

The poppy Appeal collection raised £1760.43. Once again it was up on the previous year, this time by 3%. Thank you to the poppy sellers and everyone who contributed.

Braunston Pre-School

The Christmas fundraising brought in £230. Thank you Morrisflex, National Starch, Gurneys, Gear Change, the Post Office and everyone that helped.

If you have old toys to give or would be willing to make dolls' clothes (18" dolls) or help at the Pre-school please contact Alison Coleman on 891096.

The Pre-school is now full but if you would like to put your child on the waiting list please phone Carole Dickinson on 891942

Braunston Toddler Group

This has been relaunched in the Village Hall on Tuesdays from 1pm to 3pm. Why not drop in when you take your baby to the health visitor's clinic? It costs only £1.20 per session.

Put your old furniture to good use!

Daventry Contact is a charity that recycles old furniture and household items to needy people in the area. If you have items you don't need or you would like to join the team collecting, repairing or helping in any way just phone 01327 310711

LIFELINE SERVICE

Are you worried

- about sudden illness, accidents or falls?
- about the safety of a friend or relative?

Lifeline Service administered by Northampton Borough Council is available county wide for about £3 per week. Users wear a pendant button. It can call for help 24 hours a day. For more information phone 01604 230227

Amelia thanks all customers of Mirror Image for their support in the past and hopes to be of service in the future as a mobile hairdresser. Phone 07930 374988



BRAUNSTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Now second place in the Woodford District League after wins against Crick 9-0, Harbury 3-2 and Queensway Banbury 6-1. They have also reached the semi final of the KO Cup and League Cup



• For an anonymous donation of £10 towards our costs to maintain free delivery to every home in Braunston.



1st Braunston Guides

Please help us achieve our target of
1,000,000 Aluminium cans

The Guide Association's millenium challenge is to recycle 1 million cans saving 95% of energy to make new aluminium cans. Profits to wildlife charities. Please place in boxes at Gurney's or Braunston Fryer or give to a local Guide. Full details from Jean Dibben 890515



Braunston Womens' Institute.

Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall.

**A talk about Woodturning by
Malcom Hill.**

New members and guests will be made very welcome.

New Bus Service to Northampton Hospital

The A1 service runs from Daventry to Northampton via the General Hospital. Departs New Street at 8.10, 10.15, 12.10, 14.25, 16.10, 18.20, 19.30, 21.30, 23.40. Last bus back 22.19.

Timetables in the Church Porch, and other noticeboards.

Braunston Twinning Association

We are invited by our friends from Quincy-Voisins
Enjoy yourself in France over the weekend 28 - 31 May

Details from Beverley Hankinson on 891221

Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th February at 8pm in the
Old Library, Village Hall.

BARN DANCE

Saturday 6th March at 8pm in the School Hall
Tickets - £5 including supper - from the Post Office or
Elizabeth Gwynne on 891331

Village Notes by Derek Turner

Did you know that Braunston once had an orphanage and a maternity home?

The orphanage was at 36 High Street and was initially run by the 'Guardians of the Poor of Daventry and District' and opened about 1904. It was later under the jurisdiction of Northamptonshire County Council and was known as 'The Cottage Home'. Formerly a farmhouse, a wing was added to the building accomodating a dormitory, dining room and bathroom. An outbuilding was extended upwards and became an isolation block! From visible and verbal evidence it appears that the living conditions were somewhat spartan. The home closed in 1935, the house was sold, and a shop was built on the front and became the post office in 1938.

Bragborough Hall was used as a maternity home during the second world war, mainly for expectant mothers from London. Watford Court and Norton Hall were used as ante and post natal homes. Bill Dennett (Dennett's Nurseries) who was gardener at Bragborough Hall acted as chauffer for the patients. Several local mums-to-be were also patients at Bragborough, which was staffed by the Salvation Army.

Material for the March issue to the Post Office by 23rd February please