

CHURCH SERVICES

Special ServicesSunday 6th December

6.00 pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 20th December

6.30 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 21st December2.15 pm The Little Fishers' Carol Service
N.B. No Little Fishers on 14th DecemberCHRISTMAS EVE 24th December6.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASSCHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

10.30 am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Regular ServicesSundays8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist but
Family Service on 13th Dec &
10th JanuaryMonday 11th & 25th January

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Wednesdays

10.30 am Holy Communion

The Epiphany 6th January

7.30 pm Eucharist of Epiphany at Staverton

From the Registers.....**Funeral**

20th November Elizabeth TULL

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

Parish Priest : Revd. James Watson 890235 (Rest Day - Tuesdays)

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776 and Trevor Minett 890908

Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

By chance this year, the Christingle service falls on St. Nicholas' Day, 6th December. St. Nicholas is associated in most people's minds with helping children so it is appropriate that we should support the work of the Children's Society through our collections for the Christingle.

The story of St. Nicholas is one of great charity and service to others. He was born at Patara in Asia Minor in the third century. From his parents, he inherited a considerable fortune, but as he grew up, he had no idea how to use his wealth. By chance, one day he was passing the home of a merchant who had fallen on hard times. The merchant was sad because he had three daughters whom he could not afford to marry off. He was so desperate that he finally told them that they would have to leave home and find their own way in the world. Nicholas was so moved by the worried cries from inside, that he decided to return later with some money to help the girls' father. Without being seen, through the darkness, he approached the house and threw a bag of gold coins through a window that had been left open. On the following two nights St. Nicholas returned and performed the same act of charity. The merchant and his daughters were overjoyed by the gift of money but they never found out who it was who had been so generous towards them.

St. Nicholas' memory lives on today in Santa Claus who brings delight to young children with gifts at Christmas time. So let's remember St. Nicholas and honour his memory by giving generously to the Children's Society which seeks to help today's children.

May I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year,

Rev. James Watson

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHRISTINGLE ENVELOPES WITH THIS NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE COLLECTED - PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE 6 PM SERVICE OR TAKE TO THE POST OFFICE.

Congratulations to Dave Wamer (lucky no. 669) of 32 High Street on winning the £100 of Marks and Spencer gift vouchers. Thanks to everyone who became a FRIEND OF ALL SAINTS. In the end, the 100 target was smashed and 112 became FRIENDS in all.

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Church Floodlighting.....

- 4th November On John Bradshaw's 80th birthday
4th November George 'Sandy' Smith, remembrance of 80th birthday
5th November In memory of Thomas Overton on 60th wedding anniversary
6th November Birthday of Pauline Harper
8th November In memory of Jean Sigsworth on her birthday from Stephen and Amanda
9th November Anniversary of mother's death, from Mrs. L. Hamlin
9th November On Ruby Wedding Anniversary (8th Nov.) of Jennifer and Tony Griffiths from Nicola, John, Christopher and Pam
11th November Irene Cotton's Wedding Anniversary from Irene Lister
13th November In memory of the late Sydney Buckley
14th November In memory of Len Monk
15th November For Roger Baker on his birthday
16th November Jamie Stevenson's 6th birthday
17th November Birthday of Kay Clarke
21st November For Elizabeth Forestier
23rd November On Brian Dawson's birthday
25th November Anthony Walsh's 40th birthday, love from Melanie, Sam and Rosie
26th November For Ken French
29th November Catherine Ashley's 10th birthday
29th November Frank and Janet Cox's 46th Wedding Anniversary
30th November SAINT ANDREW'S DAY

If you would like the Church Spire lit up for your celebration or special event, then please fill in a form at the back of church and post it through the Rectory letter box with £5.

LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS

If you are aged 4 - 7 years
would you like to come to a
pre-Christmas Party?

Ask your mum & dad if you can
come to enjoy two hours of non-stop
fun, games, stories and craft activities.
2pm Tuesday 22nd December in the
School. Admission £1 per head but

restricted to first 30. Hurry! Phone David
Coleman 891096 to book.



Friendly Club

7th December Christmas Lunch at the Mill House
(12.30 pm for 1.00 pm)
14th December Mince Pie Tea + Bring & Buy
11th January New Year Traditions. An afternoon
to share your memories of old customs
25th January Entertainment by the W.I.

COFFEE MORNING at "Fawcliff", Cross Lane on
Wednesday 9th December 10.30 -12.00 to help raise funds
for All Saints' Church 150th Anniversary Flower Festival
next year.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO OUR READERS



When its all over there will be a collection
of old trees from the Village Green in the
week commencing 11th January.

Most people in Braunston recycle paper & cans. If
anyone wants to order a set of red & blue boxes just phone
01327-877958. They even offer tours of the recycling plant.

Village Improvement Scheme -Public Meeting

Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm
in the SCHOOL Hall.

Daventry District Council will present revised plans
arising out of the questionnaire and earlier meeting.

3rd. That's where Braunston came in the large
village section of the East Midlands in Bloom
competition. A good effort!

Village Charity Bookshop & Library will open in
the Village Hall from 11am to 1 pm on Saturday 9th Jan. &
next on 13th February. Details from Pat Herlihy 890590

Hall, Higham, Garner, Manning & Flowers

Someone doing family research has asked if anyone can
give details of families with the above names who lived in
Braunston in 19th century. Geoff Waghorn 890698 can give
the background if you feel you can help.

Village Hall Modernisation an outline plan has been
prepared and is on display in the Hall. It would cost over
£200,000. Grants will be sought but there will have to be
fundraising in the village too. More news later.

Traditional Braunston Bricks. The Council would
like to buy 200 to repair the Churchyard wall. If you have any
phone Geoff Waghorn 890698

Braunston Twinning Association

Wednesday 13th January 8pm Old Library, Village Hall
Barn Dance on Saturday 6th March 1999

Join the visit to Quincy-Voisins 28-31 May 1999

Details from Beverley Hankinson 891221

Braunston Cubs

Cub Leader, Jennifer Randell is leaving at Christmas.
Many thanks for what she has done. We have a thriving
Beaver Colony and a blossoming Scout Troop but
without a Cub Pack we will be missing the vital link. If
you can step into the breach or know of someone who
might be persuaded to help then please contact Louis
Prat on 890766



Braunston Womens' Institute.

Christmas Party 1st December

Members responsible for the food
and committee members will
organise the drinks. Each member
is asked to bring a gift for the

BranTub costing no more than £1. Show ingenuity!
-Further details from C.Davey (new press officer) 891591-

Out of Village News

The BVN is getting known around the County and we are
sent items by lots of organisations. Limited space doesn't
allow us to do them justice. Here are a few snippets:

- **Community Composting.** The County Council are
looking to set up pilot community composting schemes.
Individuals or groups are encouraged to contact Emma Old
01604-236612
- **Road Gritting.** It costs the County Council £20,000 each
night to treat roads. For us only the spur from the A45 to
the Village Hall will be gritted. For road & lighting
problems contact 0800 23 23 23
- **Property to rent?** "SmartMove" based at the Abbey
Centre can help landlords by providing security when
renting to people with low incomes. They help tenants find
places too. Contact 01327-701621
- **Housing Advice Centre** We gave the fax number last
month. The phone number is 01327- 706471. You can also
visit them at 'The Abbey' to talk about your housing
problems.

Braunston Pre - School

There are a few vacancies for children from 2 yrs 9mths
up to school age. If you would like your child to join
please phone Alison - 891096

Friday 11th December - Our Christmas Fair at 10 am
in the Village Hall. Come and hear the children sing
and help raise funds.

The Playing Fields Association need help to run their
lottery. An ideal way to help the Village without having to
go to meetings, etc. Guidance available. Contact 891325

Braunston WEA Evening Class

Thursday 14th January 1999 at 7.45pm

in the School and will be about:

Canals & Inland Waterways



THE
THANK YOU
BOX

- For an anonymous gift of £10 towards our printing costs
- Elizabeth Hargreaves thanks everyone who supported her MacMillan Coffee morning and especially those who provided prizes. A total of £218.21 has been sent to MacMillan Nurses. (We should have printed this last month!)
- It is Mrs Berryman we should have thanked last month for delivering the BVN in Archer Avenue & Cross Lane for several years. (Apologies for our mistake)

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