

CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Special Services

Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross, Daventry 6 pm Sunday 1st December  
Christingle Service at All Saints' - 6 pm Sunday 8th December  
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints' - 6.30 pm Sunday 22nd December  
Feast of the Epiphany at Ashby St Ledgers - 7.30 pm Monday 6th January

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th December - Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Crib Service with Carols  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

25th December - Christmas Day

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

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

**Funerals**

24 Nov Eliza MERCHANT  
25 Nov Fred WILLIAMS

*We pray that they may rest in the nearer presence of God and that their families will receive the support they need at this sad time.*

*Sunday School meets in the Parish Room every Sunday at 10.15 am. All children of primary school age are welcome.*

*Morning Prayer is said on weekdays (including Saturdays) at 9.00 am and Evening Prayer most weekdays and every Saturday at 6.00 pm. The Wednesday Holy Communion is cancelled in December but will resume in January at 7.30 pm. Other services and alterations are published in the Weekly Bulletin available in the Church.*



Dear All,  
Decorations are something that we all use in the run-up to Christmas but do we sometimes put them up without knowing what they stand for? Last year I told the story behind why we use tinsel to decorate the Christmas tree.

This year I want to tell you the symbolism behind the CHRISTMAS WREATH. Wreaths, as you know, are always made from evergreens. This is because evergreens symbolise the love of God which is always there and never fails. The leaves are tied in a circle which never ends. This vividly shows us that God's love has no beginning and no end.

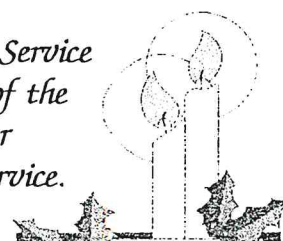
If you want to make your own wreath this year all you need is some evergreen foliage, red ribbon, a hoop (easily made from a wire coat hanger), selotape and scissors. You will find that ivy loops round the hoop easily and is not prickly like holly. Fern can also be used.

I look forward to welcoming you to Church this Christmas and wish that the festive season may be for you a time of peace and great joy.

With best wishes,  
Revd. James Watson

**Christingle Service**

*Please come to the All Saints' Christingle Service on Sunday 8th December at 6 pm. The service is especially for children and is one of the main ways in which we raise funds for the Childrens Society. An envelope for your donation is delivered with this BVN. Please give generously and bring it to the service. Envelopes may also be left at the Post Office, 'Gear Change' or 'Braunston Fryer'.*





## Friendly Club.

Our shopping trip to Leicester was fully supported and everyone, including friends from Daventry, enjoyed their day out. There are two meetings in December. On the 9th we are having a Christmas lunch at the new Leisure Centre in Daventry. Transport is being arranged and the cost will be £6 per head. Make sure you have got your name down for this event! On 16th December there will be a mince pie tea with a Bring & Buy stall, proceeds to be donated to Multiple Sclerosis.

On January 13th our first meeting in 1997 will be an entertainment by the W.I. On January 27th members are asked to bring some of their souvenirs to show and talk about. Contact Janet McCarthy on 890336 or Gill Powell on 890763 - - New members are always welcome.

### **Braunston Twinning Association**

Meet in the Wheatsheaf at 8pm to talk about twinning activities on:-  
Tuesday 10th December  
Tuesday 14th January

### **Weekend in France - £35\***

This *could* be achieved  
we need 45 people to join us from 3 to 5 May  
1997 to visit our twin village in France.  
Phone 891221 for details - before 10th December  
- ask for Bev.

\*Subject to number of people travelling

### **Braunston Angling Club CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday 7th December  
Village Hall 2 - 4 pm Free Entry  
Tombola, Cakes, White Elephant, etc  
Father Christmas

### **Braunston Pre-School**

Christmas Coffee Morning  
Monday 9th December in the Village Hall  
There will be cakes, refreshments, books, crafts and other stalls. The children will sing to us at 10 am. Please be in your seat by 9.50 am or join us later on. The raffle will be drawn at 11.30 am. All welcome.

**Braunston Women's Institute.** Last month we enjoyed Mrs Lewis-Jones' talk on Cornwall and the theatre trips to "Annie" and "Crazy for You".

Forthcoming meetings are:-

Tuesday 3rd December - Christmas Party  
Sunday 15th December - Carol Service 3pm  
Tuesday 14th January - Celebration Lunch  
in the Wheatsheaf



The Carol Service will be held in All Saints' and we will be joined by local WI's. It will be followed by tea and mince pies. A collection will be taken in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society.

### **2nd Braunston Scouts**

Congratulations to Adam Benson, Dexter Hubbard and Dominic Pratt for achieving their Chief Scout's Challenge Awards. These were presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire in Kettering recently.

### **2nd Braunston Cub Scouts**

Welcome to another newly invested Cub - Miles Davies. All 25 Cub Scouts successfully completed the night hike around and beyond Wolfhamcote - many thanks to Tim, William and Sue Monk for joining our mainly torch-less expedition!

### **Village Notes by Dick Herne (continued from last month)**

The London - Chester - Holyhead road passing through Braunston was surveyed by the famous engineer, Thomas Telford and several improvements were planned. In Braunston the main road was diverted from the Old Road to its present course down a gentler slope. It crossed the valley on an embankment above the old Berry Bridge and Castle Inn. It still passed by a cluster of inns; the Bird in Hand at the foot of Old Road, the White Horse where the old railway embankment stands, the Ship on the opposite side of the road and the Champion behind the last house downhill. There were still more pubs in the village itself!

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS**

Material for the February edition to Owen Davies, 63 High Street by 23rd January please.