

CHURCH SERVICESFriday 2nd February (Candlemass)

7.30 pm Festal Eucharist

Sunday 4th February

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 11th February (Team Rededication)

10.00 am Team Rededication Service

at Holy Cross, Daventry

(No Services or Sunday School in Braunston)

Sunday 18th February

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

6.30 pm Team Evensong (*here*)Ash Wednesday 21st February7.30 pm Special Ash Wednesday Service
*at St. John the Baptist, Helidon*Sunday 25th February

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

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

Churchwardens : Sheila Rowley 890559 and Trevor Minett 890908

Funerals

Freda Muriel TURNOCK	1st December
Daisy BROWN	8th December
Ronald Ford MAY	9th January
Darrell William JOHNSON	17th January

*May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.**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. There is Holy Communion on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Other services and alterations are published in the Weekly Bulletin available in the Church.*VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

A big thank you to all who collected money for the Christingle. We managed to raise £205 for the Children's Society. Now that the new year is underway, we look forward to Lent and preparation for Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 21st February and as usual there will be Lent Groups taking place at Church. We have started a new Junior Choir at Church for children of Primary School age. Children who enjoy singing are most welcome to join. This means there will be room for more children in Sunday School. Anyone interested in either choir or Sunday School should either contact me or have a word with Mrs. Hick at School.

With best wishes,

Revd. James Watson

Have you noticed?

If you haven't done so recently, choose a fine day and take a walk around our village, keep your eyes open and see the improvements. There has been magnificent work at the Playing Field (the BVN would be glad to hear the results of events played there); British Waterways have renewed the towpath below the Admiral Nelson, there is a new bench in the High Street and no doubt many more things to make us proud of Braunston. Tell us about them!

Material for the March Edition to Owen Davies, 63 High Street by 23rd February please

Braunston Friendly Club

We began our 1996 meetings with a very entertaining talk by Greta Rafferty about a holiday to South Africa illustrated by slides.

Next month's meetings are on Feb. 12 - a demonstration of flower arranging and making a corsage for Valentine's Day. On Feb. 26 we will have a lunchtime meeting at 12:30 for a 12:45 meal.

Braunston Women's Institute

Our Christmas party now seems a long way off. The committee entertained us to a buffet supper, and further entertainment, provided by the Staverton handbell ringers, made for a very pleasant evening.

On January 13th we enjoyed a coach trip to Derrigate Theatre to see 'Cinderella' and on the 17th we joined other W.I's at an epiphany carol service, organised by Whilton W.I at their Parish Church. At this carol service boxes of clothing and other household items, collected by the W.I's, were presented to a representative of the Aquabox Project, an organisation that prepares and stores parcels for emergency use by the Red Cross and similar organisations. At our next meeting on February 6th we will hear a talk on 'Plastic Surgery.'

Get your diaries out, the next **BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

meeting is at 10 Welton Road on Wednesday 21st February at 8pm. Have you got that noted down? Then next turn your diary to Thursday 28th March for a fashion show. You'd like to go? Good! Now turn your bulging diary to the weekend of 16 - 19 of May (Thursday to Sunday) and note down the visit to our twin village **QUINCY - VOISINS**, and start packing your suitcase.

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ELABORATED OUR CHRISTMAS DRAW. WE RAISED £244.20 FOR OUR FUNDS.

On the 6th. January, with the help of Northamptonshire County Council Free Tree Scheme, Acton Earth and Tebbs Barby Nurseries we held a tree, hedge and bulb planting. Specimen trees were planted by

- ♦ Cllr. Richard Atterbury, chairman DDC.
- ♦ Cllr. Peter Burt, Daventry Mayor.
- ♦ Cllr. Janet Mc. Carthy, chairman Braunston Parish Council.
- ♦ Brian Dawson Chairman Governors, Braunston School.
- ♦ Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher Braunston School.
- ♦ Reverend James Watson.
- ♦ David White, Chairman Braunston Village Gardens assoc.
- ♦ Sue Palce, Pocket Parks Officer, Northants C.C.

In all, some 30 volunteers helped to plant a hedge, 20 white willows, daffodils, crocus and tulips, which will result in pleasure for local residents for years to come. Want to support us? Join our Lottery - the more that enter the bigger the prizes. Want to join us? Contact John Daymond (891325) or Pat Herlithy (890590).

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY wish to thank everyone who contributed to make the Christingle service a great success. We have sent £214-08 to the society.

Thankyou to all house-box holders and yo all who donated to the shop boxes. A total of £208-67 was given to the society from these.

Village notes by Dick Herne

Documentary sources on which national history is normally based are scarce and supposition plays a large part. Looking at the scarce evidence of a thousand year history, the first mention of Braunston comes in 956 a.d in a grant of land by the Saxon King Edwy to one of his followers. Possibly this was part of a scheme to strengthen his control of the kingdom by setting trusted thanes - predecessors of the medieval barons - and their followers near the reconquered 'Danelaw'. This land, east of Watling St., was occupied by Danes who stayed here when Alfred made peace with their leader Guthrum after the wars in the ninth century.

These warriors must have had bonded workmen who grew crops, harvested and prepared food for them. Their wooden halls have left few traces, though occasionally small hoards of pottery and treasure hidden for safety in troubled times are unearthed.

Their field workers probably lived in simple shelters made of branches covered in turf that have disappeared.

2nd Braunston Scout Group

We all enjoyed taking part in the group scout show just before Christmas, to an audience of Beaver, Cub and Scout parents, plus special guests. Maybe next time we'll do a seperate evening for the village....

2nd Braunston Cub Scouts

On Saturday 20th January our team won the Daventry District Cub Quiz. Gavin, Gareth, Simon, Lewis, Guy and Jerome worked very well together as a team - What being a cub is about - and they now go forward on 2nd February to the county final at Great Houghton. Well done Lads!!!