

**CHURCH SERVICES**Every Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist (Family Service 10th Dec and 14th January)

Special Services

Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross, Daventry - 6 pm Sunday 3rd December

Christingle Service at All Saints 6 pm Sunday 10th December

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints - 6.30 pm Sunday 17th December

Eucharist of the Epiphany at All Saints - 8.00 am Saturday 6th January

Epiphany Carol Service at Holy Cross, Daventry - 6 pm Sunday 7th January

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**24th December - Christmas Eve

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 pm Midnight Mass and Blessing of the Crib

25th December - Christmas Day

10.30 am Family Eucharist

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

Churchwardens : Sheila Rowley 890559 and Trevor Minett 890908

**Funeral**

16 Nov 1995. Phyllis Nellie HALL

*We pray that she may rest in the nearer presence of God and that her family will receive the love and support that they need at his 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. There is Holy Communion on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Other services and alterations are published in the Weekly Bulletin available in the Church.***A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR CHILDREN FROM THE VICAR**

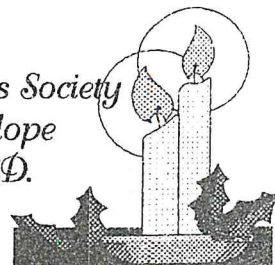
Did you know that there is a legend about where TINSEL comes from?

Here it is. King Herod was so jealous when he heard that a king had been born in Bethlehem, that he wanted to find him and kill him. He decided to kill all the baby boys in Bethlehem, hoping that if he did this, the infant king would be among them.

Joseph and Mary were warned of Herod's plans and fled from his country to Egypt. There they'd be safe and would find friends. So they set out, and the first night they stopped and rested in a cave. It was very cold and the ground was white with frost, but they were still in Herod's kingdom so they couldn't light a fire.

The cave was small, with a narrow entrance, and living in it was a spider. When the spider saw Jesus, he knew He was the Messiah. When he noticed that the baby Jesus was cold, he decided to do the only thing he could to help. He wove a web across the entrance of the cave to keep out the wind and the cold night air. A little later, some of Herod's soldiers came that way, searching for Jesus, and one of them went up to the cave to see inside, but the officer in charge stopped him. "Don't bother", he said. "If anyone had been in there, they would have broken the spider's web." They all looked, and the web shone silvery white with hoar-frost. So the soldiers went away, and Jesus got safely to Egypt.

It is said that the glittering tinsel on our Christmas stands for the spider's web glistening with hoar frost.

**A PRAYER:** *Dear God, Thank you for all the gifts we receive at Christmas. Make us like the spider who did all he could to help Jesus because he loved Him. Amen**May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas**James Watson, Vicar***Christingle Service***Come and join us! All Saints Christingle Service in aid of the Childrens Society is on Sunday 10th December at 6pm. All are very welcome. An envelope for donations is delivered with this BVN. IT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. Please bring it to the service; otherwise it may be left at 'Gear Change' or 'Braunston Fryer'.*

## The Braunston Friendly Club

The coffee morning on October 31st was very disappointing with only 9 members attending. The Christmas shopping trip to Leamington Spa on November 13th was much more successful. Our numbers were boosted by members of the W.I. and other villagers. Next month's meetings are:- Dec. 11th A mince pie tea. We hope to be entertained with carols by children from the school.. Dec. 18th. Christmas dinner in the Village Hall. Make sure that Janet (890336) or Gill (890763) have your names for this at the next meeting or as soon as possible.

### **2ND BRAUNSTON CUB SCOUTS**

At a recent meeting we rose to the challenge set by Scouting Magazine to hold investitures in unusual places by investing Jerome Cooper, Phillip Monk, Lewis Scott and Christopher Thorpe in the shallow end of Rugby Swimming Pool! A couple of weeks later we also invested Alister Johnson and Kyle Rawbone - on dry land! - bringing our numbers to 19.

Thanks to Mrs Verner and Don Miller for their help with the Scientist Badge.

### **GUIDES & BROWNIES**

The Guides and Brownie Units are in urgent need of adult help. The Guides have two Guiders, but the Brownies are run at present by one Brownie Guider and a young leader who has to reduce the time she gives in order to study for her 'A' levels. The Brownies meet in the School Hall every Monday in term time from 5.30 to 6.45 pm and the Guides meet at the same place on the same day starting at 7 pm. If you can help please phone Kathleen Minett (890908) as soon as possible.

### **2ND BRAUNSTON SCOUTS**

In September we all had a great time Scoutcar Racing (6 Scouts with 4 Cubs) at Wolverhampton. In October we took part in the District Star Trek (a night walk with incident bases) and gained 5th place. In the District 5-A-Side Football our team did very well coming 2nd.

Three of our Scouts, Adam Benson, Dexter Hubbard and Dominic Prat, gained their Chief Scout's Award from the Vice Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire. Congratulations.

## **BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

A new year is nearly upon us and this will bring more twinning activities to Braunston. Our friends from Quincy-Voisins will be here from **Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th May 1996** for the annual exchange. For **February 1997** a joint skiing trip is being considered! On **Thursday 28th March 1996** there will be a Fashion Show in the school hall. All this and much more will be the topic of conversation at the Annual Open Meeting which will take place in the Library at the Village Hall at 8pm on **Wednesday 17th January**. Twinning is open to everyone in the village (there is no membership or subscription), so please come along and join us at the meeting. There will also be a committee meeting on **Wednesday 24th January** at 8pm at 10 Greenway. If you cannot make one of the meetings but would like to find out more, call Beverley Hankinson (891221) or Elizabeth Gwynne (891331) for more details.

**Braunston Women's Institute** Just as we had given up hope of seeing him, the Speaker at our November meeting arrived - breathless and apologetic from Market Harborough. The delay was caused by a broken fan belt and he didn't have a pair of tights to come to his aid! His talk on "Christmas Cards Past & Present" was well worth waiting for. He showed slides of many cards, dating back to the middle of the last century. We were surprised to learn that between two and three hundred million cards are sent annually worldwide. At the last meeting of the Grand Union Group of Northamptonshire W.I's, Braunston won the competition for the best collection of canal memorabilia. Our Christmas celebration will be on **December 5th**. Stop Press..... There are still five tickets available for the Derngate Pantomime on **January 13th**. Anyone interested should contact Greta Raftery on 890643.

### **Braunston Playgroup**

Christmas coffee morning **Monday December 11th** at 10 am. There will be a raffle, cakes, toys, Christmas decorations, crafts, tombola and other stalls. Please come along for a coffee and mince pie and help support our village Playgroup.

Please ..... has anyone got an old typewriter which is no longer needed? If so, the Playgroup Committee would be very grateful for its use. Please contact Louise Lord on 890858.



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