

Braunston Parish Church.

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SERVICES IN CHURCH

December 4th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

December 11th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m. (Please note change) Sunday  
School 10.45 a.m. Evensong 6.00 p.m. Christmas Music and  
Carols by members of the Sunday School.

December 18th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.  
6.30 p.m. Carols and Nine Lessons.

December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE Holy Communion at 11.30 p.m.

December 25th. CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m.

There will be NO service in the Evening.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER.

ADVENT. There is a great deal of writing in the press of what is happening in our  
midst. A poem - "The Layman" says:-

"It's the Church's special function to uphold the finer things  
To teach the way of living, from which all that's noble springs.  
But the parson cannot do it single handed and alone,  
For the laymen of the Country are the Church's corner stone.

"When you see the Church that's empty - though its doors are open wide  
It's not the Church that's dying - it's the laymen who have died.  
For it's not in song and sermon that the Church's work is done  
It's the laymen of the Country - who for God must carry on"

Advent is a time of preparation (1) for the Second Coming of Christ and (2) for  
His coming as a Babe at Bethlehem.

Jesus has turned the world upside down and we need to hold on to our Faith.

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all from the Rector and Mrs. Griffiths.

THANKS. We have received gifts for the cost of the News Sheet from the Womens'  
Institute £4., The Gardens Association £2. Two Daventry Ladies £2. The Church  
is also indebted for an anonymous gift of £20 pushed through the Rectory door recently  
for Church Funds.

The REMEMBRANCE SERVICE was well attended at 3 p.m. The collection of £22.50 was given  
to the Royal British Legion Earl Haigh Fund.

MOTHERS' UNION Many thanks to the Rev. W.G. Griffin, Vicar of Brington, for his  
talk on Thursday Nov. 3rd. Please note that the Annual "Bring and Fry" for the  
Mothers' Union will be at the Rectory on Thursday, December 1st at 3 p.m. Proceeds  
in aid of Family and Social Welfare.

HOLY MATRIMONY. October 29th. Malcolm Wallace JAMES and Kim Michelle SMITH.

We wish Kim and Malcolm every happiness in their married lives. Kim is the first  
person whom I have baptised and married in my Ministry.

FUNERAL SERVICE & BURIAL.

November 3rd. Evelyn Jane MONTGOMERY, aged 74 years.

We express our sympathy with Mr. Len Montgomery and the Family on the death of  
Mrs. Montgomery.

FUNERAL SERVICE, CREMATION AND BURIAL OF ASHES

November 17th. William Edward CALLOWAY, aged 76 years.  
We give thanks for the devotion of Mr. Calloway throughout his life to the Church.  
He was a member of the first Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Braunston -  
A Church Warden for over 14 years - A School Manager of Braunston C. of E. controlled  
School, and took a keen interest in the welfare of the School.  
We express our sympathy with Mrs. Johnson, Miss Elsie Calloway and the Family.  
May the Souls of God's Faithful Servants Rest in Peace.

ALTAR FLOWERS

December 25th and January 1st.

High Altar - Lady McGowan. St. Giles - Mrs. Frank Cox.



SIDESMENS ROTA.                     8 a.m.                     9.30/10.a.m.                     6.30 p.m.  
December 4th.   Mr. J. W. Woodall.                     Mr. Emlyn Jones.                     Mr. Colin White/Mr. D.A. Gallie.  
          11th.   Mr. I. Thompson.                     Mr. E. Hyde.                     Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. M. Bush.  
          18th.   Mr. W. Montgomery.                     Mr. P. Surman.                     Mr. J. Rowley/Mr. S. Berry.

CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m.   Mr. P. Green/Mr. M. Bush/Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. J. Green.

CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00 a.m.   Mr. J. W. Woodall.                     10.30 a.m.   Mr. D.A. Gallie.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

December 4th.   10.45 a.m.   Mr. A. Harrison.  
          11th.   10.45 a.m.   Rev. W. Harrison.  
          18th.   10.45 a.m.   Mr. P. Smith.  
          25th.   10.00 a.m.   DAVENTRY.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB.   All members will be grateful to Mrs. K. Coles and Mrs. P. Gurney, who organised a Coffee Morning on 14th November, raising the sum of £44.42 which will be earmarked for a Theatre Outing. The Christmas Lunch is on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th at 12.30 p.m.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE.   Despite threats of power cuts, Mr. Simon Galt arrived from Barbly on Nov. 1st to keep things buzzing with a talk on Bee Keeping. The following day energetic members braved the weather in order to plant 250 Daffodils and Narcissi on the side of Butlins Hill. Our September Meeting had seen the formation of our new Committee, and a performance of a Ten Minute Play - "All Right on the Night" and despite our misgivings - it was! Next month we have invited Mrs. J.W. Thornton to talk on "Dried Flower Arrangements" so come along all members and would-be members and ensure that our pre-Christmas Meeting will be all right on the night of Tuesday December 6th. While you are there please get your ticket for our Square Dance and Buffet on 14th January, 1978.

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION.   The accounts of the 1977 Carnival have now been audited and we are able to announce a profit of £530. We would like to thank everyone who took part and supported the carnival which provided an entertaining weekend. The construction of toilet and changing facilities is progressing. The pavilion has been used for the first time on Nov. 6th by both the junior football teams.

THE VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION.   The A.G.M. of this Association was held last month, and Mr. P. Cole was re-elected Chairman. The next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday 8th December at 8.15 p.m. at 32 Church Road. This is the beginning of the Association's year, and anyone who would like to help will be very welcome at this meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions on fertiliser sales, rosebed maintenance, the Annual Village Show, or indeed anything to do with gardens etc., please don't hesitate to give your views - the Committee will be delighted to see you. The Chairman and Committee take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

BRAUNSTON THEATRE GROUP.   The next visit will be to Warwick University Drama Society's production of "Alice" - presenting Lewis Carroll's novels in Musical theatre form - in the Arts Centre at 7.30 p.m. Saturday 10th December. Please inform Mr. Herne if you wish to come - not later than Dec. 3rd.

PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP.   Will be holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 2nd December from 10 a.m. till 12 noon at the Village Centre. The children will present a short Nativity Play, and there will be a sale of home made cakes and gifts. Proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment for the Playgroup. The support of parents and friends will be appreciated.

VILLAGE NOTES.   May I request that the name, address, and telephone number be given with your contribution in case the Editor needs to clear up some point in the text.

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