

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

December 4th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Parade Service 10.30 a.m., ^{Evening} Communion 3 p.m.
11th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m., Evening Prayer 3 p.m.
18th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m.,
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE. Midnight Communion 11.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m.

We received our first Christmas Card this year way back in October! Not surprisingly it depicted Father Christmas, complete with three of his reindeer. However, having come all the way from Australia, Santa is shown wearing a swimming costume, and the reindeer are all going windsurfing! Whilst it may seem strange that, at a time when we are preparing for winter, December is the beginning of the Australian summer. Does it not seem strange that so many things have become almost inseparable from Christmas. Without robins, snow, holly and mistletoe somehow Christmas would not seem the same. May we never forget that without Jesus there would be no Christmas at all. Why not make Him the essential ingredient of your celebrations this year?

The Rector and his family wish you all a very happy Christmas.

BAPTISM November 6th. Catherine Lucy Day.

CAROLS

Following the enjoyment of last year's Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Dunchurch Silver Band, we are pleased to announce that this year the Daventry Silver Band have kindly agreed to be with us on the afternoon of Sunday December 18th at 3 p.m. Come early to be assured of a seat.

Once again, we shall be singing carols around the Village, meeting outside the Church on Monday December 19th at 7 p.m. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards at the Rectory to all who stay the course!

SIDESMENS ROTA

December 4th	W. Woodall	8 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	3 p.m.
11th	L. Thompson		E. Jones/P. Surman	P. Green
18th	D. Gallie		B. Dawson/R. Chaplin	J. Rowley
24th Midnight		R. Pearce/E. Hyde	D. Gallie
CHRISTMAS DAY	F. Cox	 P. Green, J. Green, B. Dawson, E. Clarke	
			D. Foulkes/C. Dunn	

ALTAR FLOWERS

December 4th	Mrs. Lloyd	High Altar
11th	Mrs. Lloyd	
18th	Mrs. Herne	
25th	Decorate for Christmas.	

St. Giles

Mrs. Humphreys
Mrs. Humphreys
Mrs. Thompson

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION

This month's meeting will be on a 'Christmassy' theme, at the Rectory on Wednesday, December 7th at 10 a.m. There will be a bring and buy in aid of the Mothers' Union 'Away from it all' scheme. All ladies will be welcome. Coffee and mince pies will be served.

Come Carolling by candlelight in WOLFHAMCOTE CHURCH on Saturday 17th December at 4 p.m. Please wear warm clothing.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS continued.

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BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

The Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy, organised by the Friendly Club in aid of Infantile Hypercalcaemia Foundation was well supported, and realised the sum of £61. for this cause.

Mr. & Mrs. John Reed gave an interesting talk with slides on their long holiday on the canals of England covering 645 miles, passing through 329 locks, with many amusing and some anxious incidents.

Tuesday December 13th. The Christmas Dinner will be held in the Village Centre - 12.30 for 12.45 p.m. after which the Gulsborough School Band will entertain us.

Friday December 16th. Come and enjoy a mincepie tea - to be held in the Village Centre 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and Raffle.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Meeting was open to visitors on November 1st and Mr. Baldwin provided entertainment with an audio-visual programme on his own Village of Baddy. This was a return visit, and gave as great pleasure as his previous programme.

The Singing Group has started practising Christmas Carols for two dates in December.

The Darts team opened the session with an away match at East Haddon, which unfortunately was lost 2 - 3.

W.I. Members are reminded to bring wrapped gifts to the value of 50p for the bran tub at the December meeting.

BRAUNSTON PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup's Christmas Coffee Morning will be held on December 2nd. at 10 a.m.

There will be a tableau by the children, followed by refreshments. We shall have our usual stalls - cakes, handicrafts, nearly new toys, books, childrens clothes - tombola etc. Do come along, see the children, and maybe solve some Christmas present problems.

THE DALLI ANIMAL AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TRUST

The Jumble Sale held on behalf of this good cause made a profit of £91.06. Thank you all - helpers, and everyone who turned up to buy. A Bazaar is to be held next Spring. If you can help, please contact Chris Thompson, 66 Ashby Road (890875).

VILLAGE NOTES

Recently a flock of Canada Geese settled on one of our local expanses of water. They were probably migrating from somewhere in Northern Europe where they had spent the summer months, to settle for their winter quarters in the milder winter climate of Britain.

A skein of geese in flight is probably the most regulated mass movement in the bird world. They fly in a perfect V formation, with the leader at the point. The rest follow, keeping two straight lines in such a way that each bird can see where he is going. Occasionally seagulls, making their way to Draycote Reservoir in the evening, fly in a similar but less graceful formation.

Starlings too, have an order of flight. The flock may consist of thousands of birds, and may wheel to right or left without any two birds colliding. How they manage this is still an unsolved mystery.

On water, Mallards will make a line. Flocks of Peewits and Rooks in large numbers, seem to have no particular order of flight. Whether the geese choose their leader we do not know.

W.H.Hudson, in his book "Adventures Among Birds", relates the story of a flock of wild geese alighting on an island where one bird was caught in a trap set for foxes. Its leg was broken, and a kind farmer successfully set the broken limb. As soon as it was able to walk he put the bird with the farmyard geese. At once the newcomer assumed leadership of the domesticated flock, and returned them to their home promptly each evening. They knew who was the boss.