

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays December 4th, 18th, and 25th (CHRISTMAS DAY)
8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday December 11th - 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Parade Service
Sunday December 4th at 6.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday December 18th at 6.30pm CAROL SERVICE
December 24th at 11.30pm Blessing of the Crib & First Celebration of
Monday 26th St. Stephen, Holy Communion at 10.30am /Christmas.
Tuesday 27th St. John, Holy Communion at 10.30am
Wednesday 28th Holy Innocents, Holy Communion at 7.30pm
Please Note ON SUNDAY 1st January 1989 THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE,
the 10.30am Eucharist. There will be no 8.00am service and no Evensong.

A Service of CHRISTMAS CAROLS and READINGS by CANDLELIGHT will take place at St. Peter's Church, Wolfhampcote, on Saturday, 10th December at 4.00pm. There are few chairs in this church, no lighting and no heating. So wrap up extra warmly and bring a torch and a chair. The singing will be led by the Rugby Youth Concert band.

BAPTISMS

On 20th November we welcomed into the family of the Church Siann, daughter of Carl and Sharon Grant.

FUNERALS

October 28th Thomas Holmes
November 2nd Marjorie Winifred Smith
November 23rd Ronald Kemlo Smith
May they rest in Peace. We offer our sympathy to their families.

This time last year the Braunston Village News announced that I was coming to be the Priest-in-charge of Braunston. What a busy year it has been. Wendy and I are very grateful to the Village for the way it has so warmly accepted us. It has been a happy year of finding out; finding out who is who; finding out what happens in the Church and the Village; and, for us two townies, finding out what village life is about. The last event as the year comes full circle is the Christingle service (which we missed last year) on December 4th. This is a chance to sing seasonal hymns and carols and to think of the needs of children. During this simple and moving service gifts of money are collected for the Children's Society who do so much to help children and young people in distressed circumstances.

The theme of finding out is appropriate to this time of the year. We have the opportunity to find out what Christmas means, not only to ourselves, but to so many other people. Christmas is not a time for grabbing as much of the seasonal goodies as possible, although it is very tempting. Of course we want to have a good time, and why not? But there are many others who can't have a good time - for so many differing reasons - we owe them our concern, our love and our charity. Jesus came on earth to show God's solidarity with mankind; with those who enjoyed a good party (like the guests at the wedding at Cana) and with those who are poor, homeless and persecuted, as he was at the time of his birth. Use December to prepare yourself, and your conscience, for a happy Christmas. God Bless you all, Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

Dec. 4th	8am	10.30am	6.30pm
11th	L. Thompson	C. Dunn & F. Cox	E. Clarke
18th	M. Chamberlain	J. Reed	
24th	F. Spencer Lee	D. Hamer & T. Minett	
25th	N.B.11.30pm D. Foulkes, D. Hamer, C. Dunn, F. Cox, E. Clarke	B. Wasser & C. Wasser	/& B. Dawson.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 4th & 11th	High Altar	St. Giles
Saturday 17th December,	Mrs. C. Curtis	Miss Havard
10.00am. Gifts of flowers and holly and helpers please.	Church Decoration for Christmas.	

Dec. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB At the last meeting members listened to a most interesting talk given by Mrs. Sylvia Tatham, who told of incidents both humorous and otherwise when she was training to be a guide dog owner. Unfortunately, her lovely guide dog 'Ivory' was unable to accompany her due to an injury she had sustained. The draw for a box of groceries kindly given by Mrs. Judy Clay of the Post Office was won by Mts. Turnock. This realised the sum of £11.10 which, together with £20 from the bring and buy stall was donated to the Guide Dogs fund. In thanking Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. Amy Beckett congratulated her, who together with her husband do such wonderful work for the blind.

Tuesday December 13th The Christmas dinner will take place at the Village Centre, 12.30 for 12.45pm. Monday December 19th A mince pie tea will be held in the Village Centre from 2pm to 4pm. There will also be a bring and buy stall.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At the last meeting Mrs. Cooper gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on pastiche icing for cake decoration. She demonstrated how to make and paint flowers, petals and sprays as well as lace and flounces to edge a cake. A lot of time, patience and an eye for detail was necessary. A trip to the Hot Ice Show is now being organised for January. Members have also been planting spring bulbs on the grass slopes below the Church. At the December meeting there will be Christmas entertainment with music from 'Pipes Galore' and Father Christmas distributed gifts from the Bran Tub. A W.I. Carol Service in aid of Action for the Crippled Child is to be held in Church at 3pm, 11th December. THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Poppy Collection for the Village - total of £334-10 plus Church Service £71. Thanks to the organiser, collectors and all persons who helped in any way. Thank you again.

BRAUNSTON SCOUTS AND CUBS Recently the Cubs held a weekend camp at The Den. Everyone had a very good time. There was an Open Pack Meeting early in November for prospective Cubs and their parents so that they could see what goes on during a Cubs evening. The Cubs will hold a Sponsored Silence during their meeting on 22nd November, the proceeds of which will be split between their Christmas party and a donation to the NSPCC to help other children at Christmas. To help raise funds towards the upkeep of The Den we are holding two Christmas raffles. New members are always welcome to the Scouts and Cubs groups. Scouts meet on Friday evenings 7-0pm, and Cubs on Tuesdays 6.15-7.30pm at The Den (turn left along footpath at bottom of Cross Lane). Any parents wishing to know more or wanting to help in any activities can contact Peter Mick at The Den on Friday evenings. BRAUNSTON PLAYGROUP Christmas Coffee Morning - Friday 9th December 10.00-12.00 in the Village Hall. Raffle, Cake Stall Handicrafts, Soft Toys, etc. etc. Everyone welcome. Come and have coffee and a mince pie. BRAUNSTON FOOTBALL CLUB Christmas Party Night at Village Hall on Saturday December 17th. 7.30pm till late. Fun, games disco bar & buffet. Tickets available from Gurneys or contact Mr. L. Midson on Dav.76800. Admission to over 18 only.

As horses who add much to the charm of village life with our grace & beauty, our little presents of manure outside gardens where we feel the roses are looking under nourished, our welcome to mothers and small children who visit us on their walks, and the added excitement we created at this years Garden Fete (that was an unfortunate mis-understanding between Me & My Person) we would like to thank all the Braunston Car drivers who slow down, smile and give us a wide berth when we meet on the road. For the few who insist on rushing past us at full speed, we agree that we should not be on the road if we are not safe to be there, but we ask you to remember that we are not machinery but silly and much loved animals who are sometimes unsettled by footballs, dogs fierce horse eating butterflies etc. and ask you to slow down and show a little patience with us. We promise to extend the same courtesies to you. Think of the mess we would make of your paintwork if you splattered us across your car bonnet. Thank you from Abigail and Kitty Harris Bowman and all the Braunston Horses.

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