

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins. The Rectory. Telephone No. 890235

CHURCH SERVICES, each Sunday in December, at 8.00am. - Holy Communion at 10.30am the Parish Eucharist \*\*\* There will be NO Evensong this month. \*\*\*

SPECIAL SERVICES for December.

December 2nd. 6.00pm. Deanery Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross, Daventry.  
 December 9th. 6.00pm. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at All Saints' Braunston.  
 December 23rd. 6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols.  
 December 24th. 11.30pm 'Midnight' Mass, the first Celebration of Christmas.  
 December 25th. CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Family Service with carols and the Eucharist.

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As I write this letter we are preparing for our Christmas services, the School are well on with getting their Christmas end-of term service together and the shops are becoming decked in lights and tinsel; I will be taking the opportunity to go 'Christmas shopping', soon, and I know the village is full of activity directed towards the enjoyment of the Festive Season. Yet, at the same time, the Conservative party are locked in a bitter leadership struggle and troops from many nations are being amassed in Saudi Arabia, and the Middle East, on a war footing.

Jesus was born the Prince of Peace; at his birth the angels sang, 'Peace on Earth among mankind with whom God is pleased'. Nearly two thousand years after he entered it as a baby I wonder what God makes of His world, still squabbling and fighting.

As we enjoy this Festive Season we will, inevitably, be reminded of the troops away from home in the Middle East; we should think, too, about conflicts in other areas; at home, in our politics and on our streets; between nations in Europe and the rest of the world; within families in town and village. Jesus was born and died to show the meaning of peace and love, not just to a few, but to all mankind - to whom God still wills lasting peace.

Every year we have a Christingle Service and collection which raises money to support the work of the Children's Society. With this Newsletter you will receive a Gift Envelope and I hope you will be able to contribute generously for the needs of deprived children.

Please come to the Service at which the Envelopes will be received; if you can't, give your envelope to someone who will be coming, or put it through the Rectory letter-box. May you all know real Peace and Joy this Christmas.

Michael Tompkins.

WOLFHAMCOTE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 4pm Saturday Dec.15th. The music will be led by the Rugby Youth Concert Band under its conductor Eddie Dytham.

SIDESMENS ROTA  
 December 2nd

8am

10.30am

L. Thompson K. French & M. Chamberlain

M. Chamberlain D. Turner & B. Dawson

G. Powell C. Dunn  
 B. Wasser C. Wasser

16th F. Spencer Lee D. Foulkes & J. Reed

23rd D. Hamer K. French & M. Chamberlain B. Dawson (6.30pm.)

24th CHRISTMAS EVE AT 11.30pm. F. Cox D. Turner B. Dawson K. Minnett.

25th G. Powell & C. Dunn

30th B. Dawson B. Wasser & C. Wasser

CHURCH FLOWERS Decoration for Christmas - Saturday Dec.22nd 10am.

Gifts of Flowers and Holly appreciated.

THANK YOU CHILDREN'S SOCIETY The Flower arranging demonstration held on Nov. 9th raised £77.75.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all. Many thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Tues. Nov. 13th Members enjoyed an excellent Fish & Chip lunch followed by a Bring & Buy Sale which raised £31.40 for club funds. Mon. Nov. 26th An interesting talk about "Wood" by Mr. Tims of Crick. Mon. Dec. 10th The Mince Pie tea and Bring & Buy at 2.30pm. Tuesday Dec. 18th The club will be having it's Christmas Dinner. Come at 12.30 for 12.45pm please.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Christmas is coming ! and our November meeting had that feeling. Mrs. G. Williams literally topped the cake and mince pies with lashings of cream in her cooking demonstration for special occasions. The 18th Jan. was the agreed date for our trip to the Pantomime. Exciting plans were made for our Dec. party, these to include the celebration of the Braunston W.I. 70th Birthday. Tuesday Dec. 4th 7.30pm Village Hall. BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION IS ALIVE AND KICKING !! The A.G.M. held on 20th Nov. was well attended - but there is still room for new members. Events in 1991 will include slide shows, coach trip to Pamas garden, garden competitions and a bumper BRAUNSTON ANNUAL SHOW. We invite your support and assistance to make 1991 a successful year. Please contact Frank Cox (890142) or Melanie Walsh (891174).

BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL On-street parking: When leaving your car parked on the street please consider whether you are being a nuisance. There may be no double yellow lines, but you may be blocking someone's drive. If you must park on the street, please do so considerately. Dog fouling: The dark nights seem to have brought an increase in dog fouling of the streets. There is a fine for allowing a dog to foul the street, and the Parish Council is prepared to take offenders to court.

PANTOMIME GROUP It is with regret The Braunston Pantomime Group are UNABLE to produce a pantomime as usual for the village. Unfortunately, several key members, both back and front of stage, have found themselves heavily committed at work, and cannot give the time necessary to mount a production such as ours.

We are very sad to have to make this announcement, but we have every intention of mounting another superb production for 1992. The Braunston Pantomime Group is very small, and is always in need of new members. To this end we intend to hold a social gathering early in the New Year and hope that anyone interested in joining in with the "panto Fun" will come along. We will announce details nearer the time.

#### VILLAGE NOTES by Mrs. Honor Mackichan

WI - A Year of Celebration.  
All the members this year have been celebrating the birth of the Womens Institute movement, which was formed 75 years ago in Canada at Stoney Creek by a farmers daughter, Adelaide Hoodless. To mark this events the WI's countrywide have had special events, many of these have been tea parties, on or near September 11th, the anniversary date. Braunston's celebration was a Canadian Ho-Down starting early at 7pm to which everyone was invited. The hall was decorated in a red and white theme, and Canadian flags, maple leaves and posters all helped to give a festive air. A buffet and square dancing completed the evenings entertainment. The proceeds amounted to £85 which has been donated to the four childrens charities nominated by WI and the cheques will be presented to the Princess of Wales later this year.

Braunston also celebrates its 70th anniversary and will be holding a party on December 4th and inviting representatives from neighbouring institutes. An account of the first meeting was published in the Rugby Advertiser on November 26th 1920, this was held in the Wesleyan school-room, a committee was formed of 25 ladies, the membership was 58. The count now is 43 members, we have a varied programme of speakers, and have competed in darts and skittles fixtures, many have attended day courses, and some week-end ones at Denman College, and most important of all we give a helping hand to all village ventures. Our meetings are on the 1st Tuesday in the month (except January), at the village centre and visitors and new members are most welcome.

MATERIAL FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE SHOULD REACH MRS. M. FOULKES BY 21ST DECEMBER.