

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH Reader: Miss Eileen Thorp, Park Lane, Tel. 890321
Churchwardens: Mr. Brian Dawson 890609. Miss Sheila Rowley 890559
CHURCH SERVICES:

- 5th Dec. 8.0am Holy Communion. 10.30 Morning Prayer.
6.0pm Christingle Service (Details below)
11th Dec. 4.30pm Bellsingers Service
12th Dec. 8.0am Holy Communion. 10.30 Family Service.
3.0pm Area W.I. Service of Carols.
19th Dec. 8.0am Holy Communion. 10.30 Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
24th Dec. 11.30pm The First Mass of Christmas with Carols and the
(Christmas Eve) Blessing of the Crib.
(Celebrant & Preacher: The Venerable Michael Chapman - Archdeacon of

Christmas Day There will be no 8.0am Service. /Northampton.

10.30 Family Eucharist with carols for everyone.

26th Dec. There will be no 8.00am service. 10.30 Parish Eucharist.

2nd Jan. 8.0am Holy Communion. 10.30 Parish Eucharist. 6.30pm Evensong.

On Weekdays Morning & Evening Prayer are said at 9.00am & 6.00pm.

Other Weekday Services & Services for Saints Days are published in the Weekly Bulletin.

The Sunday School meets at 10.15am in church each Sunday, all children of Primary School age are welcome.

CHRISTINGLE Here at All Saints we support the work of the Children's Society. On 5th Dec. we will have our annual Christingle Service at 6pm. Those who have been before will want to come again, if you haven't, come and enjoy some special carols sung by candlelight. You will find with this newsletter a Christingle Envelope, please put any donation you wish to make to the Children's Society in this envelope and bring it with you to the service, or, if you cannot bring it, give it to someone who is coming or put it through the Rectory Letterbox.

These envelopes will not be collected.

WOLFHAMCOTE 11th Dec. Carols by Candlelight at 4.00pm.

Dear fellow parishioners,

We were very sad to say goodbye to Wendy and Michael last month but very pleased and proud to see Michael made Rector at Paston in Peterborough on 25th November. We wish them every blessing in their new ministry - they will be greatly missed here in Braunston. Having said that, the life of the Church in Braunston continues and the team clergy are looking after us very well. If you need the services of the church please do not hesitate to contact Eileen, Brian or me. If we cannot help we may well know someone who can.

The trappings of Christmas have been very evident since early October and we are all looking forward to a happy Christmas celebration on 25th December. Amidst our celebrations may we not forget that we are celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace into a troubled world. Christmas without Christ at the heart of it is like a beautifully wrapped box with nothing in it. Help to put Christ into your Christmas by sharing in the joyful celebrations in church - You will be given a real welcome. Sheila.

BURIAL 22nd November Florrie Woodward.

We send our deepest sympathy to her family - may her soul rest in peace.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB had two very enjoyable meetings in November. On the 8th The Rugby Theatre Singers entertained us with a very varied selection of songs. On the 22nd Pam Giles talked about a holiday spent in New Zealand with some interesting anecdotes about family life out there.

In December we have our Mincepie Tea on Monday 13th from 2.0-4.0pm plus a Bring & Buy Stall (visitors welcome). On Dec. 20th is the Christmas Lunch 12.30 for 12.45 please. If we haven't already had your name please let Janet know as soon as possible.

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION In the event of any queries arising regarding this Association any one of the following may be contacted:- Chairman - Martin Bond 891722
Treasurer - Cindy Brewster 891511
Minute Secretary - Richard Hawkins 890583.

Scouting in Braunston The scouting movement is very much alive in Braunston but always welcomes new members at its meetings.
Beavers 6-8 yrs Braunston School Thursday 6-7pm
Cubs 8-10½ yrs The Den Wednesday 6-7.30pm
Scouts 10½-15½ yrs The Den Friday 7-9pm
The Venture Scouts cater for young adults of both sexes.
The Den is at the bottom of Cross Lane - along the footpath to the left.
For further information please contact Alan Atack 891482.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At the November meeting Mrs. Ferryhough gave an inspiring demonstration of crafted Christmas cards, after which we all had a go. Nov. 7th some of us joined other Northamptonshire members to an enjoyable day out in London.
December 7th will be our Christmas Party with "A Christmas Anthology of Verse and Prose". Do remember your gifts for the Bran Tub and try to make them amusing.

With sadness we announce the passing of dear Florrie, she has been a great member and friend.
We send Christmas Greetings to all Villagers and absent friends.

VILLAGE NOTES

THE BRAUNSTON CHARITIES (from a history compiled by G.F. Green)

Towards the end of the reign of Elizabeth 1st, an Act was placed on the Statute Book making each Parish responsible for the care of its own poor.

In order to assist in this the Government, instead of making annual grants as is the present custom, made grants of land, the annual income of which was to be used towards implementing the Poor Laws Act of 1601 and helping with other financial responsibilities which rested on the Parish.

In 1613, by a decree of the 'Commissioners of Charitable Uses' a grant of lands was given to the Parish (The Town Lands Charity); the nett income of which was used for the repair of the church, repair of causeways and relief of the poor. At this time the scheme was administered by the Rector, Churchwardens and seven other trustees.

Over hundreds of years there have been changes made to the scheme by the Parish Council and the Charity Commissioners and the scheme is now administered by the Rector or Curate for the time being, four trustees appointed by the Parish Council and four co-opted trustees.

At this time the income from the Town Lands Charity is still split three ways - one third to the Church, two thirds for the 'General Benefit' and 'Relief in Need'.

In times past recipients of the Charities had to call at a specified venue, date and time to collect their money. At the present time grants are delivered by the clerk discretely and privately.

Material for a 'late' January Issue should reach Mrs. M. Foulkes by 27th December.