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Newsletter of the Churches of Ashby St. Ledgers, Braunston and Welton

 **SERVICES IN DECEMBER**

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December Events

Sun 1st	Braunston - Holy Communion	10:30
	Braunston - Deanery Advent Carol Service	6pm
Sun 8th	Ashby - Holy Communion	10.30
Sun 15th	Ashby - BCP Holy Communion	9am
	Braunston - Family Service	10.30
	Welton - Carols by Candlelight	5pm
Fri 20th	Ashby - Lessons & Carols	7pm
Sat 21st	Braunston - Morryston ED Choir	5pm
	Braunston - Brass Band Extravaganza	7.30
Sun 22nd	Welton - Holy Communion	10.30
	Braunston - Carol Service	6pm
Tue 24th	Ashby - Crib Service	2pm
	Braunston - Crib Service	4pm
	Welton - Crib Service	6pm
	Ashby - Candlelight Communion	9pm
	Braunston - Midnight Communion	11.30
Wed 25 th	Braunston - Christmas Day Communion	10.30
Sun 29th	Ashby - Holy Communion	10.30

Additional Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 6.30 Evening Prayer	Ashby
Thursdays at 9.30 Morning Prayer	Welton
Saturdays at 10.00 Celtic Morning Prayer	Braunston

 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

From Kathryn:

Dear friends,

And so we arrive in Advent, where we watch for signs of Gods work in the world, and pray for the coming of God's kingdom and the eternal reign of Christ. At the recent Diocesan ministers' conference, Bishop Debbie asked us "Do you yearn for the Kingdon?" Do we even know what that means? Advent is a time to pay attention to what we desire most. The excitement of the run-up to Christmas is a joy and a blessing. Do we also yearn for justice, equality, love, and the flourishing of the whole human family, and that God be known and loved? It is that hope that we celebrate in the coming of the Christ-child.

There is no need for competition—no need to insist that people "Keep Christ in Christmas." We are called to live Christ, at Christmas and all year. Yearning for the Kingdom of God to be fulfilled is where that starts.

I encourage you to spend this time learning about the Kingdom of God and what it means. We learn about the Kingdom of God when we learn about Jesus. Maybe choose one of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John to read this month. Keep a particular eye out for what Jesus says about the Kingdom of God/Heaven. What are it's values? Who are its citizens? Are there any surprises? May we all be surprised again this Christmas, at the wonder of God in a manger.

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♦ DO YOU SEW? ♦

Braunston Church needs new nativity costumes for Christmas



We need donations of time, skill, and fabric to make new costumes for children to use at our crib service.



If you can help, please contact Rev Kathryn: revkathryn@outlook.com

For prayer this month



For everyone visiting our churches over Christmas, that they will meet the God of Love.



For Christians in parts of the world where they can't safely celebrate Christmas by worshipping God in public. That the Middle East will know the peace offered by the Prince of Peace.



For those in poverty, remembering that Christ became poor for us, and longs for equality.



Advent Greetings from the Daventry Area Baby Project.

"The coming of the light from within the darkness"

The DABP would like to thank all those who have been involved with the Baby Project Christmas Challenge. During our Advent waiting and praying we make a real difference. We are not shepherds; kings or innkeepers but seek to be agents of kindness wherever innocent babies have needs. This year has been especially successful and we can announce 4 donations of £100 are being sent by us to these charities.

LOCAL Milk and You provide support to pregnant and new parents as members of the daventryvolunteers.org.uk hub.

REGIONAL Rainbow Hospice for babies and families. Their website is a joy. www.rainbows.co.uk

NATIONAL Birth companions www.birthcompanions.org.uk works to improve the lives of women and babies who experience inequality and disadvantage in early motherhood.

INTERNATIONAL Shevet Achim UK serves children in the Middle East war zone who are born with serious congenital heart defects, but with no access to the advanced medical care they need. They provide hospitality to mothers and babies from Arab countries.



COMING UP

Saturday 21st
December

5pm Morriston ED Choir

7.30pm Coventry Brass

Details to follow

Refreshments
and Raffle

Arts
EVENTS
AT ALL SAINTS
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Bookings
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Website
www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

SINGING FOR WELLBEING

Christmas Singalong

No ability necessary!

Just a good old sing and a cup of tea.

Saturday 7th Dec 3-4pm
Braunston Church parish room.

A little bit of Bible: 2 Corinthians 8:9

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

What in your life is impoverished at the moment? What would it look like for Christ to be born there? Where can you bring Christ's riches into poverty?

COMMUNAL CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST. MARTIN'S, WELTON

Cut down on paper waste and support charity

This year why not send just one card to everyone and make a donation to your favourite charity? A display board will be available to fasten your card to (sticky dots provided). Make your own arrangements to donate to your favourite charity or pop some cash in the hand by the door to donate to the work of St. Martin's Church.

Please send all contributions for the November Edition of the Newsletter to **Kathryn** (revkathryn@outlook.com) by 20th January

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