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

Sunday Services for February			Weekly services:
Sunday 2nd	Braunston Holy Communion	10-30am	Tuesdays 12:30 pm
	Braunston Taize Service	5-pm	Lunchtime prayer, Welton
Sunday 9th	Ashby Holy Communion	10-30 am	Wednesdays 6:30 pm
Sunday 16th	Braunston Holy Communion	9-00 am	Evening Prayer, Ashby
	Braunston Family Service	10-30 am	Saturdays 10 am
	Welton Tea and Toast	4-pm	Celtic Morning Prayer, Braunston
Sunday 23rd	Welton Holy Communion	10-30 am	Outdoor Family Church:
			Saturday 22nd, Ashby Village Hall

Dear friends,

I am beginning a period of consultations with PCCs regarding the Prayers of Love and Faith provided by the Church of England for use with same-sex couples. Each PCC will be invited to make a decision for its parish. If you would like to view these prayers and discuss them with myself or a member of your PCC you can find them at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/prayers-love-and-faith>

They arise from of a longstanding process of mutual listening among those with different perspectives, experiences, and ways of interpreting Scripture. Sharing a faith in Christ has never meant that we agree on everything, because God doesn't control us like that. But it means that the way we learn and worship together should always be characterised by grace and love, even when we disagree. That's why these six principles have been developed for this process:

- 1. Acknowledge prejudice.** Because of our understanding that everyone is made in the image of God, we will receive our differences as gift, valuing all people, and seek to see Christ in all our neighbours. To help us do this we will acknowledge and address the prejudices we each form through life experience.
- 2. Speak into silence.** Because of our understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ, we seek to be a place of openness, acceptance, challenge and hospitality, not fearful or dismissive silence.
- 3. Address ignorance.** Because of our understanding that the authority for the faith we profess is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and contained both in the creeds we say and in the Church of England's foundation documents, we will talk to each other with respect and a desire to learn more about this inheritance and about each other's lived experiences and views.
- 4. Cast out fear.** Because of our understanding that the Church of England is there to care for everyone in the community, we will consciously live what it means for perfect love to cast out all fear.
- 5. Admit hypocrisy.** Because of our understanding that everyone is valued and loved on the basis of Christ's redeeming love, life, death and resurrection, we will be communities marked by attentive listening, courtesy, kindness and the absolute belief that nobody is outside the love of God.
- 6. Pay attention to power.** Because of our understanding that Christ calls us in humility to regard others as better than ourselves we will not exploit any perceived or real power over others.

These principles are excellent guidance for the way we live our faith generally—individually, and communally. They point us toward dependence on God, not our own understanding, preferences, or comfort zones. They help us to live according to the words of Jesus when he said "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". To the glory of God.

Every blessing, Kathryn

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THE GATHERING

for 12-17 year olds

COMING SOON



Find your path and set the world on fire.

Celebrating Candlemas



A reflective service
with chant in the
style of Taize. | Sunday 2nd Feb
5pm
Braunston Church

Outdoor Family Church

We meet on the Fourth Saturday of every
month for nature-based fun and stories.
11am to 1pm. Lunch provided.

February's venue is Ashby St Ledgers.

Meet in the Village Hall at 11am.

Free entry. Donations welcome.



A joyous New Year from
the Daventry Area Baby Project.

A huge message of thanks goes to
our supporters and other local voluntary organisa-
tions. Volunteers can make such a difference! The
bath above was collected for a baby girl and repre-
sents all the work of many compassionate friends.

The 11th DABP Christmas Challenge of 2024 has
beaten all records. In support of babies everywhere
a total of £400 in donations has gone to Shevet
Achim UK, Milk and You peer group training
volunteers, the Rainbow Hospice, the Sands Charity
and finally to a family needing a grant for a £50
fireguard. Prayer support from the Benefice prayer
chain and staff at the Olde Retreat House Southam
has underpinned all we do.

Families of local children who attended the
Christmas Interactive at the Methodist Church in
December have provided toiletries for our baths.
We have been able to use the winter break to set up
new secure storage and have now received so many
kind donations that can **resume collections from
the Methodist Church in March.**
We shall in the meantime continue to get stock out to
needy babies.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 25th January 11-1 Welton
Outdoor Family Church—meet at the church.

Saturday 1st February 3pm Braunston
Singing for Wellbeing

Sunday 2nd February 5pm Braunston
Taize Service, celebrating Candlemas.

Sunday 9th February 10:30am Ashby
Archdeacon Richard is preaching and presiding.

Saturday 22nd February 11-1 Ashby
Outdoor Family Church at the Village Hall

A little bit of Bible: Galatians 5:22-23
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-
control. Against such things there is no law.

For prayer this month:

- ▶ For prayerful discussions about Prayers of Love and Faith
- ▶ For those struggling with the cold
- ▶ For the financial needs of our churches
- ▶ For hearts turned always toward God

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