



# All Saints' Church Braunston

"The Cathedral of the Canals"

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## January 2019

### Services:

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| <p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b><br/>7.00pm – Sung Compline held in parish room in the Church</p>   | <p><b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany</b><br/>11.15 am Holy Communion and Junior Church held in Village Hall<br/>6.00pm Evensong held in parish room in the Church</p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b><br/>8.00 am - BCP Holy Communion held in Church<br/>11.15 am – All Age Service held in Village Hall</p>   | <p><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b><br/>11.15 am Holy Communion and Junior Church held in Village Hall</p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b><br/>8.00 am - BCP Holy Communion held in Church<br/>11.15 am – Family communion held in Village Hall<br/>6.00 pm – No label praise and worship in the parish room in church</p>   | <p><b>Youth Church held in the Rectory at 5.30pm</b><br/>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January</p>   |
|  <p><b>Tiny Treasures</b><br/>Parent/Carers Toddler group<br/>For pre-school age children<br/>The Launch – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019<br/>Tuesdays (in term time)<br/>9-11am at The Rectory,<br/>High St, Braunston<br/>For more details contact<br/>Rev Nat 01788 890298</p> |  <p>All Saints' Church invites you and your family to join us in the village hall for a<br/><b>CAFÉ</b><br/>tea discussion coffee<br/>all ages welcome chat pastries &amp; doughnuts<br/><b>CHURCH!</b><br/>Sundays 13th Jan &amp; 10th Feb 2019<br/>11.15am (for an hour)<br/>Free fresh coffee, pastries &amp; doughnuts, music, activities &amp; time to talk around tables.<br/>All ages are welcome<br/>Come and join us!</p> |

### Please pray for:

Jackie G, the Jarrett family, David F, Linda H, Malcolm P

### This month we remember:

Ray Smith, Phillip Binding, Valerie Owen, Sidney Berry, Peter Andrews, Paul Doman, Derick Turner, Irene Wingrave

## Message from Rev Nat

We have journeyed with Mary and Jesus through Advent and celebrated the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Did any of you have a present this Christmas that you particularly liked or was especially important to you? A special present does not have to be big or expensive, it may just be something you really wanted or like or a gift from a special person.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate Epiphany, when the wise men travelled to see Jesus, how they came to worship him and bring him gifts.

There were other visitors who went to see Jesus - the shepherds. There are lots of differences between shepherds and wise men:

- the shepherds were poor and the wise men were rich.
- the shepherds came from the same country as Jesus (they were Jews) the wise men came from a different country (they were non-Jews or 'Gentiles'). Jews and Gentiles never mixed with each other
- The shepherds were in the fields close by and the wise men travelled a long way.
- Angels appeared to the shepherds and the wise men followed a star.

Epiphany means 'revelation' or showing and there are 3 things the story shows us:

1. Though they were so different God wanted the wise men and the shepherds to see Jesus. This shows us that God wants everyone to see Jesus. In God's eyes it doesn't matter if we are rich or poor or what country we come from.
2. At the time Jesus was born Jews and Gentiles never mixed. It would have been a hugely surprising revelation that God wanted Gentiles (the wise men) to see Jesus (a Jew). Epiphany reveals that God does not have favourites but welcomes people from any background and any nationality.
3. It seems that the wise men were rich enough to bring special gifts to Jesus. Even though it's not recorded in the Bible the shepherds may also have brought gifts for Jesus. The story shows us that one of the ways we respond to Jesus is to give.

A well-known Christmas carol has this verse in it -

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what can I give him – give my heart\*

What do these words mean to you?

\*From 'In the Bleak Midwinter' by Christina Rossetti

### Extra information

Winter Night Shelter in Daventry

Planning to provide accommodation and a meal for those who are homeless this winter.

Information evening – at Daventry Methodist Church on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

For more information [www.facebook.com/DaventryNightShelter](https://www.facebook.com/DaventryNightShelter)

Anyone who is interested or who has been involved in Christian Aid collections in the past is invited to the first ever East Midlands Christian Aid Supporter conference for a day of inspirational talks and seminars on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 10am-3pm at West Bridgford Methodist Church, Nottingham NG2 7PQ. For more information and to book please visit <https://christianaidconference.eventbrite.co.uk>.