



### January 2026

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

## **SERVICES & EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

Sunday 4th Braunston Holy Communion 10-30am

Sunday 11th Ashby St. Ledgers Holy Communion 10-30 am

Sunday 18th Welton BCP Holy Communion 9-00 am

**Braunston** Family Service 10-30 am

Sunday 25th Welton Holy Communion 10-30 am

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Morning Prayer 10:30 am

Braunston Church

All Welcome

# SINGING FOR WELLBEING

No ability necessary!

Just a good old sing and a cup of tea.

Next session: 7th February
3pm at Braunston Church



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Ashby St. Ledgers Facebook: Ashby St Ledgers Church

Dear Friends,

It's a new year! A time of reflection, celebration, anticipation, and hopefulness. We may be approaching this new year with more caution, anxiety, and fear given recent times, and we may be carrying weariness into 2026.

And yet, this is a season of hope and reflection. We have journeyed through Advent in hopeful anticipation of the Christ Child's birth. In the humblest and simplest of settings, Jesus entered the world to live in it with us as it is, and as we are. Love entered the world to be with us, and with this love, we have hope that our feelings of weariness and despair will ultimately be defeated. We can approach this new year with the hopefulness that Christ, who seeks us, draws near to us in the most ordinary moments. Where did you notice him with you in 2025?

In these first months of 2026, we are invited to slow down and step back. Our heart, mind, soul, and body need the rest. And if we slow down, we have a better chance of noticing the gentle moves of God's Spirit within us. Otherwise, We go from one busy season to the next without ever truly sitting down to reflect and listen. We are not made to go without a rest; we are made to be in relationship with God

God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He touches our heart, inviting us to him, and quietly waits for our response.

This New Year, let us rest at the manger awhile, gazing in love, and seeing Love gaze back at us. Bring your feelings of hope or despair, joy or weariness to him. Be with the him, and simply let him love you like only he can. Whatever comes, the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to his heart.

Every blessing,

Kathryn

# Tiny Treasures



Tiny Treasures is a parent/carer group for pre-school children. We meet Tuesday mornings during term time between 9 and 11am in the (heated) parish room in Braunston church.

Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft, snacks, and songs. The door is open – come right in!

For Prayer this month:

Those struggling with finances after Christmas.

For staff and students as they head back to school.

For those seeking work.

For our church life: that we will spend time in holy rest in God's love.

#### A little bit of Bible:

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15





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