

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 15th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong at Braunston

Friday 6th August The Transfiguration

7.30 pm Eucharist at St. Martin's, Welton

Sunday 22nd and 29th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 8th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Every Wednesday

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion

Parish Priest : Revd. James Watson 890235 (Rest Day - Tuesdays) Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776 and Trevor Minett 890908

Funeral

28th July Anne WALLER
*May she rest in peace
and may light perpetual shine on her.*

**Alpha comes to Braunston.**

One million people can't be wrong. This is the number of people who have been on an Alpha course since it started in 1991 but what is Alpha? The Alpha course is for anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. It is a ten week introduction course designed for non-churchgoers and new Christians. It can also be a refresher course for mature Christians. This is what Alpha stands for:

A is for **A**nyme.

L is for **L**earning and **L**aughter. Although the course is based on a series of talks tackling the key questions at the heart of the Christian faith, there will be laughter and fun at the same time.

P is for **P**asta. Each meeting begins with a shared meal, giving people the chance to get to know each other and develop friendship.

H is for **H**elping. The small groups give each person a chance to participate and help each other along the way, as they discuss, study the Bible and pray for each other.

A is for **A**sk **A**nthing. Alpha is a place where no question is regarded as too simple or too hostile.

The first session is on:

Thursday 30th September at the Rectory. 6.15 - 9.45pm.

If you are interested then please contact the vicar on 890235.

Treasure Hunt. Thursday 5th August. Cars leave the church between 6.30 and 7 pm to return for a two-course supper (with glass of wine) in the church at 8.45 pm. Cost of a meal is £2.50 (£1 for children). Cost of entry is £1 per car.

Our CHURCH FETE raised £815 for church funds. This was less than last year but taking account of the additional lottery for our 'millennium special' appeal **HOPE AND HOMES** the total was more than in recent years. We are now £6,000 towards our £10,000 target. Thank you everyone who bought lottery tickets! The winner of the first prize, a holiday for 4 on a narrow boat was Mr. and Mrs. Thornby of Barby. The winner of the second prize, £100 cash, was Mrs. J. Patchell of Hellidon.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The school has just completed another successful year. The Leavers' Assembly highlighted a year of activity and high achievement in many areas. First, academically, our school performed admirably in the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) with pupils scoring particularly highly in Maths and Science. Secondly, in other areas such as sport and extra curricular activities, pupils performed to the credit of everyone concerned.

We are fortunate to have an able and keen teaching staff, a conscientious governing body and of course pupils willing to learn! But success does not come by accident and even with all the right ingredients, it cannot be guaranteed. This is why the ethos of a school is so important. Braunston School is a Church of England school and as such bases its values firmly in the Christian faith. It is the atmosphere which this creates which enables pupils to feel valued and to make the most of their abilities. Perhaps this is why Church schools are top of the national league tables year after year. Politicians are aware of the unique character of church schools. David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, has said that he wished he could "bottle the atmosphere of church schools" and give it to others where it is lacking.

We owe a great deal to the Christian founders of Braunston school and to the National Society which helped to build it and 17,000 other schools between the years 1811 and 1851. When one considers that nearly 100 million children this century have benefited from a state education, it is clear that we owe a debt of gratitude to the vision and commitment of those early school founders. In the words of another politician, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few".

Yours sincerely,

James Watson.

NO MILLENNIUM EVE FLOODLIGHTING!!!!!!

This month's counter-bid has been given by Mr. Richard Carter of the narrow boat Pallas Athene who has bid £150 to have the lights **OFF** on the night of 31.12.99. Anyone prepared to outbid him?

Bids should be sent to the Rectory, High Street, Braunston and be accompanied by the name and address of the bidder together with a non-returnable deposit of £5. N.B. People are not limited in the number of bids they can make. All proceeds go to All Saints' Millennium Project to help **HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN** build a home for orphaned children.

To book floodlighting on any other day please use the form in the back of the Church

Friendly Club

Just one meeting in August!

A coach trip around Northamptonshire villages with a cup of tea at the 'Heart of the Shires'

Mon. 23rd August - Leaving the Green at 2.00 pm
(Return about 5.30 pm.)

Open to everyone.

Book with Gill (890763) or contact Janet McCarthy

The Old Plough

Annual Evening

Bar-B-Que

Saturday 21st August

Entertainment by

Tamarisk

Admission Free

Hot Dogs £1.50 Burgers £2.00

Church Floodlighting:

23rd June In memory of Eric Shears on his birthday

25th June For Nan from David, Sharon, great grandchildren - miss and love you.

28th June Birthday of Joshua Tokley from his mum and dad.

4th July On James Tokley's birthday from mum and dad.

5th July Bet Taylor, in memory

8th July Violet Russell's 80th Birthday

9th July Golden Wedding of Pauline and Roy Harper

10th July Golden Wedding celebrations for Mum and Dad from the Skelcey family

26th July On the birthday of Mrs. Phyl Turner

26th July Wedding Anniversary of Barrie and Gillian Thompson

27th July Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Joyce Chaplin



ITEMS FROM BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Children at St Cross Hospital

If a child under the age of sixteen years is taken to St Cross Hospital Accident and Emergency Department and then found to be in need of admission they will be transferred to one of the Coventry Hospitals. The transfer will not be to Northampton General Hospital because it is in another district. There are no children's admissions to St Cross. Parents may wish to bear this in mind if they are unsure whether to take their child to St Cross or Northampton General A & E. Warwickshire Ambulance Service does not take any under sixteens to St Cross Hospital Accident and Emergency Department.



2nd Braunston Scouts

On 16th July the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers joined together for a Fun Evening followed by a barbecue. The evening was a great success and we hope to repeat it next year.

Our Jumble Sale

will be on 18th September in the Village Hall. Please let us have anything suitable for the White Elephant stall or any jumble. Leave it at anytime at 29 High Street. If you wish, we can collect it from you on the previous evening.

Braunston Pre-School

Now planning opening days for the autumn term.

Currently, we aim to run sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday starting 7th September.

We can accept children from 2 years and 9 months.

If you want a place for your child during the coming year - and especially if you need a place in September - please let us know now so that we can make provision for the correct staffing levels to meet demand.

Call our Chairman, Alison Coleman, on 891096



Braunston & District

Royal British Legion

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Geoff Gibson of Ashby and Dennis Stringer of Kilsby.

Jack Edwards of Kilsby recently presented the Branch with a gavel - order may yet come out of chaos at our meetings!

The Northampton County Chairman has been honoured with an MBE for his long years of service to the Legion. Sir John Lowther has accepted the position of County President in succession to the late Major Sykes.

Group 4 will meet at the George Hotel in Kilsby on 1st September.

There are 16 places vacant on the York coach on 8th September.

Branch meetings :

10th August at the Stags Head, Watford

14th September at the Old Coach House, Ashby



• Evelyn Archer writes to thank everyone who came to her assistance when she fell outside the Post Office. Special thanks to the Postmistress and Vanessa.

- For a donation towards BVN printing cost of £20 from 'The Old Plough'
- And also for a donation from Evelyn Archer.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Open Gardens Success

Thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the Open Gardens on 4th July such a success. We have sent £675 to the Macmillan cancer relief. This is an excellent result. The money will go towards a £1.5 million Northants appeal to provide improved facilities and services for cancer sufferers.

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