

CHURCH SERVICES

FLOWER FESTIVAL Sunday 30th May

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist
 - preacher Rev. M. Tompkins
 5.00 pm FESTIVAL EVENSONG

Sunday 6th June

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist
 3 pm - 6pm Recording of **BBC Songs Praise**
 at Braunston Marina

Sunday 13th June

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Family Service

Monday 14th June

2.15 pm Little Fishers

Sunday 20th June

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

Sunday 27th June

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 28th June

2.15 pm Little Fishers

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

FROM THE REGISTERS.....

Funerals

14th May Fanny WENLOCK
 25th May Rose WHITLOCK
*May they rest in peace
 and may light perpetual shine on them.*

Baptism

16th May Kirsty Elizabeth MEEHAN
We welcome her into God's family

Marriage

1st May Keren WILSON and John ANDREWS

Blessing of a civil marriage

22nd May Mel and Ivor BATCHELOR
*We pray that God will bless these couples in their
 married life together*

To add gusto to our 150th celebrations, the
NORTHAMPTON CONCERT BAND
 will be giving a concert in church
at 7 pm on Saturday 29th May.

Tickets are available from John Caunt at Fawcliff,
 Cross Lane (tel: 890776) or at the door on the night.
 Tickets are priced at £5 (£3 concessions). The
 programme includes music from the shows by Rodgers
 and Hammerstein, the Padstow Lifeboat (M. Arnold),
 and the Candide Overture by Leonard Bernstein.

CHURCH FETE

Summer without the Braunston Church Fete would
 be like treacle without the pudding... So get ready for
 the **CHURCH FETE** on Saturday 26th June at 2 pm.
 Hopefully, if the weather is kind, we will be able to
 hold the fete in the Rectory garden - the last time it
 was at the Rectory was in 1996! The usual stalls will
 be there, lucky straws, white elephants, raffle, kill the
 rat, cream teas.

*Vicar's Letter***CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF BRAUNSTON CHURCH**

Dear All,

It is with great excitement that we look forward to the
FLOWER FESTIVAL over the May Bank Holiday, 29th
 - 31st May. It truly will be a memorable celebration with
 groups from all around the village participating and
 contributing floral displays.

We are so fortunate that to have the building we do. When it
 was rebuilt in 1849 under the auspices of the then Rector, the
 Rev. Alfred B. Clough, he could hardly have imagined how
 significant the sight of the spire would be to countless
 boatmen as they made their way up and down the canal
 system. But the church is not only a building, it is the people
 who make up the church that really matter. As well as giving
 thanks for them, we shall offer our thanks for the ministry of
 the previous rectors of the parish. It is therefore with great
 pleasure that we shall be welcoming back to Braunston my
 predecessor, the **Rev. Michael Tompkins**, who will be our
 preacher at the 10.30 service on Sunday 30th May. There
 will also be a Festival Evensong on the Sunday afternoon at
 5 pm.

Finally, I hope to receive the tickets for **BBC SONGS OF
 PRAISE** any day now. If you are one of the 100 or so who
 reserved a ticket, then could you please pick up your tickets
 either at a church service or from the Rectory on Saturday
 5th June between the hours of 10 am to 12 noon.

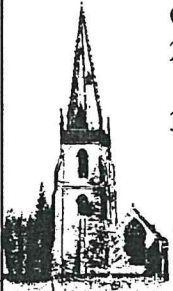
I look forward to celebrating 150 years of Braunston Church
 with you.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

Friendly Club

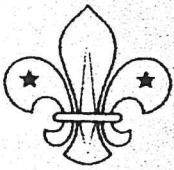
Monday 14th June. Tea Dance in Village Hall.
Monday 28th June. Coach trip to Market
Harborough. (Details of times and cost at next
meeting or from notice in the Post Office.)



Church Floodlighting

- 25th April In memory of Geoff
Curtis on his birthday
30th April On the occasion of Keren
and John Andrews wedding
from Wendy
4th May On the Wedding Anniversary
of Eric and Joan Cole
10th May On Mary's birthday from Peter
Wenham

If you would like the Church Spire lit up for your celebration
or special event, then please fill in a form at the back of
church and post it through the Rectory letter box with £5.



2nd Braunston Scouts

Following our recruitment campaign ,
we have a number of boys and girls
eager to join Beavers, Cubs and
Scouts. If you are not already on the
waiting list and would like to know more about
scouting please ring Louis Prat on 890766.

On Saturday 29th May we are having a Cake Stall
and Teddy Tombola outside 16 High Street (opposite
Gurneys). Come along and buy a cake and perhaps
win a cuddly Teddy Bear!



CALLING ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF BRAUNSTON PLAYGROUP

Next academic year Braunston
Pre-School (formerly Playgroup)
will reach its 25th birthday. We
hope to hold a party in
September to celebrate the

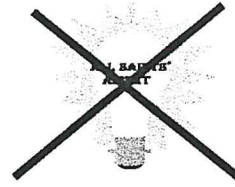
occasion. We would like to display photographs,
anecdotes and information about former members.
Please let us know if you have any material you are
willing to lend.

We aim to invite as many former pupils, staff,
helpers and committee members as possible to join
the celebrations. However, we don't know who you
all are or where you live.

If you would like to be invited, or know someone
who would, please let us know.

Memorabilia and requests for invitations may be left
at 72 Ashby Road. Telephone 890036

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MILLENNIUM EVE LIGHTING OF THE SPIRE - 31.12.99.

It takes all kinds to make a world and they say variety
is the spice of life so it comes as little surprise to know
that some people have taken an alternative approach to
celebrating the new millennium. This is certainly the
case in Chris Hedge's bid of £120 to have the lights
SWITCHED OFF on Millennium Eve.

Is there someone or a group of people out there who would like to trump his bid?

Remember, 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 in the Sudan.



• For an anonymous donation of £10 to
help with the costs of providing a copy of
the BVN for every home in Braunston.

SEE BRAUNSTON ON TELEVISION!

The **SONGS OF PRAISE** recorded at Braunston
early in June together with glimpses of the Braunston
Boat Show will be broadcast by the BBC on Sunday
27th June.

Motor Neurone Disease Helpline Volunteers Required

Are you.....

.....a good listener?

.....Able to talk comfortably on the telephone?

The motor neurone disease association is a voluntary
agency with its national office in Northampton. The
national helpline is part of the support it offers.
Volunteers are given training and all expenses are
refunded. Volunteers are needed to work a half day per
week in Northampton or an evening a fortnight taking
calls at home.

To learn more phone 01604 250505