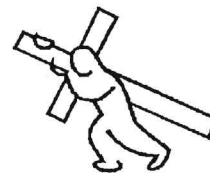




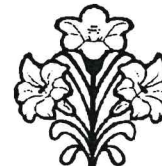
Maundy Thursday 1st April  
7.30 pm Eucharist and Watch

Good Friday 2nd April  
10.00 am Children's Service  
2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross

Holy Saturday 3rd April  
8.00 pm Easter Vigil



Easter Day 4th April  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Festival Eucharist  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong



Sunday 11th April  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Family Service

Monday 12th April  
2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 18th April  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong  
at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 25th April  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 26th April  
2.15 pm The 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

### Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

Now that Easter is here, our minds perhaps turn to the traditional ways in which it is celebrated. Many of us will be enjoying eggs this Easter -perhaps made even more appealing by the abstinence of chocolate during Lent! Easter eggs have a meaning behind them - though sad to say not the chocolate variety! Nature's egg seems cold, lifeless, almost stonelike in appearance yet in fact it contains the beginning of new life. Despite its stark appearance, inside lies the potential for a new beginning and a new beginning is surely what Easter is all about.

When Jesus died, his disciples must have felt that they had got it wrong, that they had followed Jesus in vain. Yet two days later, they were transformed men. Their faith in Jesus was vindicated - he was indeed the Lord of all and Conqueror of death. Sometimes life throws up at us situations that seem utterly awful and we feel at our wits' end. We feel utterly lost and desolate, not even daring to hope that life can get any better. It is at times like these when we need the reassurance of the Easter message - out of disaster can indeed come hope and new life.

Sometimes, people in dire circumstances shrug and say "life must go on". Indeed it must but it need not be drudgery. Jesus' resurrection assures us that he can transform even the darkest side of our life - if we allow him. New life can come out of unpromising situations. If this were not the case it would be most unlikely that more people than ever before are experiencing the power of the risen Christ in their lives - and doing so 2000 years after the event!

I look forward to welcoming you to our services this Eastertide and hope that you will experience the transforming power of the Risen Christ in your lives.  
Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

### NOTICES

**Funeral** (at the crematorium)

17th March Frank LLOYD

*May he rest in peace*

### Confirmation

The service this year takes place on Tuesday 22nd of June. There will be an adult and junior class (for children of 12 years plus). If you would like to join one of the groups, please come to an introductory meeting at the Rectory on Sunday 11th April at 4 pm.

### Flower Festival

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church building, we are having a Flower Festival over the Boat Show weekend, 29th to 31st May. If anyone would like to sponsor a display in memory of a loved one, could they contact either Kathleen Minett (890908) or Janet Cox (890142).



150 YEARS



### Friendly Club

In April, the Braunston Friendly Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month as normal.

12th April. Our speaker has had to cancel so it will be "Tea and a Chat"

26th April. Angela Campling will talk to us about her visit to Iganga.

If any villagers have an interesting hobby or job which they would be prepared to talk about we would love to hear from them.



### Braunston Womens' Institute.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on 6th April at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Tom Sage, head gardener at Wappenbury Hall. A very talented gardener and an entertaining speaker, he will demonstrate how to plant hanging baskets and containers. His ideas and tips could transform our village into a very colourful one this summer! It will be an open evening. All villagers are very welcome to join us. Entrance will be £1.50

### Braunston Village Gardens Association

Do bring your excess plants to the Sale on Saturday 1st May on the Village Green 10 am 12 noon.

A chance to buy bedding plants, shrubs and perennials you need.

**Gardens Open Day** - Now fixed for the afternoon of **Sunday 6th June** when 8 to 10 gardens will be open for public viewing in aid of charity. If you are proud of your garden, no matter how small, please phone Jean Dibben on 890515 to discuss including it so that an interesting & varied programme can be arranged.

**Garden Shop.** At Village Hall .Open Sundays 11 am to noon. Now stocking slow release fertilizers and water retaining gel - great for keeping containers and hanging baskets in full flower for longer.



### 1st Braunston Guides

Although the Brownies have closed due to lack of leaders, the Guides are flourishing. Even though numbers are fairly low we had two teams taking part in the Youth Service's Suntrek incident hike last October and we won the Guide Cup at the Division Swimming Gala. We then took our firefighting badge, ably taught by Fireman Rab Dunn. At present we are working on an Environment challenge. During the summer term we will be going on a walking and Youth hostelling weekend in the Chilterns and a weekend camp at Castle Ashby as well as other outdoor activities. Offers to help? Please phone Jean Dibben 890515

## MILLENIUM EVE FLOODLIGHTING



### AUCTION FOR 31st DECEMBER 1999

Highest bid now stands at £15

from Peter Andrews. for this once-in-a-1000 year opportunity. If you wish to top this bid, please send your bid to the Rectory, High St., Braunston by the 20th April for inclusion in the Braunston Village News. Bids must come with the name and address of the bidder and also with a £5 non-returnable deposit. All proceeds go to HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN. N.B. People are not limited in how many bids they can make. ( To book floodlighting on any other day please use the form in the back of the Church )

### Church Floodlighting.....

- 24th Feb. 31st anniversary of Pam and John Thompson
- 26th Feb. Pauline Knibbs' Birthday
- 1st March In memory of Joe, a wonderful dog
- 1st March On Jack Overton's 3rd Birthday  
from Pappy, Great Nan, Pat and Richard
- 8th March 21st Birthday of Claire Louise Knibbs
- 13th March Heather Rogers' Birthday from Anne Rogers
- 19th March 40th Anniversary of Judith and Arthur Old
- 21st March Peter and Mary Wenham - 40 years married
- 22nd March On Mick Kenney's Birthday
- 23rd March Sophie Kirk's 7th Birthday from  
Mr & Mrs P. Kirk
- 24th March For Ann and Roger Pearse
- 25th March On the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Given by Pat & Sybil Herlihy
- 26th March Vie and Bob Furber's Golden Wedding
- 29th March In memory of Walter Childs on his birthday  
from his sisters and brothers
- 30th March M. & M. Clews' Wedding Anniversary

### Braunston Twinning Association

**Bon Voyage!** It's not too late. There are still seats available for the trip to Quincy-Voisins 28th -31st May. £60 adults £30 children.

Call Beverley Hankinson 891221

Next meeting **Wednesday 21st April 8pm** in the Old Library, Village Hall

### LONDON MARATHON

Please sponsor Dieter Sullivan who will run on 18th April to raise funds for Braunston CE Primary School. Pick up a form in the Post Office.

### Village Notes.....from our archives.....

*21 Years ago. April 1978*

Braunston Methodist Church closed with a thanksgiving service for 180 years of Methodist worship in Braunston. The building still stands to-day, in the High Street, opposite the Old Plough.

## Village Initiative Scheme

Plans arising out of the two public meetings, will be on display in the Village Hall former library from 6-30pm on Monday 12 April 1999. Everyone is welcome to come and look at them and comment. Parish Councillors will be available to listen to comments.

A Parish Council meeting will start at 7-30pm with the plans as the first item. Anyone is welcome to stay to hear what is decided. (Anyone is, of course, welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council.)

A public meeting will be arranged, possibly in May.

### Pebbles on bank in High Street

There are very few villages where these pebbles are found. They were formed in the last ice age. The Parish Council is ensuring that during the Village Initiative Scheme work none are removed from the village. More may be needed. If you have any which you would be willing to let the council have or know of the whereabouts of any please contact Geoff Waghorn 01788 890698.

### National Spring Clean

Braunston's event will take place on 24 April 1999. It will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to help give the village a good tidy up.

Meet on the Village Green at 10-00am.

### Braunston Worker's Education Association

Since its foundation just 18 months ago the Braunston branch of the WEA has had a lively, well attended, programme of evening classes. Come and join the next one:

### Braunston's Wildlife Riches

Starts: **Thursday 15th April** for 6 weeks at 7.45pm in the School. Cost: £13.20

(free to means tested and unemployed)

Details from: Jackie 890145

Amanda 890706, Richard 890515

### Village Hall Bookshop and Library

Open on Saturday 3rd April 11 am to 1 pm.

After that it will next be open for a special

### Poetry Reading

on Saturday 1st May 11 am to 1 pm

Bring your favourite poem to read or just come to listen  
(This starts the Daventry and District Arts Programme)



### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL TO DO?

Why not become a Special Constable?

You would provide assistance to the regulars. A minimum of 100 hours a year are required but with 200 hours

in the first year in order to do all the training needed.

Commitment is the key but you will know you are doing something useful and interesting. To find out more phone Catherine Price on 01604 703099

## BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Annual Parish Meeting

7-00 pm on Wednesday 14 April 1999  
in the Village Hall.

Your chance to hear about important issues for the Village. Also, a talk by Mr Brian Bird, Manager of Daventry District Council, Council Services Department about the new method of refuse collection to be introduced in the village in the autumn.

In addition there will be reports from various organisations in the village. All are welcome.

## DOGS

We may love "man's best friends" but we don't like their MESS!

The Daventry Dog Warden will be operating in Braunston in the next few weeks. This is because of an increasing number of owners who allow their dogs to foul public areas without the owner then clearing the mess. This is a criminal offence. Anyone convicted can be fined up to a maximum of £1000. In most cases there is the option of a £25 fixed penalty instead.

Please remember that dog faeces left in a public area is unhealthy, unneighbourly and illegal. No one wants to see it or worse still not see it in time!

### Braunston Directory

Your guide to businesses and societies in the Village.

The place to look first!

A copy has been delivered to every house in the village. If you have not received one, please tell a Parish Councillor or Geoff Waghorn, Clerk, 01788 890698.

Please note the following alterations (changes shown bold).

Page 14 David White Phone number **01788 890865**

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Phone number **01788 890865**

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(John Daymond) Phone number **01788 891325**

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Phone number **01788 890105**

It's on the internet too at:

<http://www.braunston.net>



• To Daventry District Council Energy Conservation Action for making this larger edition possible.

• To Braunston Parish Council for a donation of £100 to help defray costs through the year.

**E**ditorial We want to be a newsletter that has something for everyone in Braunston. The Church has always been the financial backer of the BVN but we feel a community newsletter should not be a continuing burden on the Church's funds. We are grateful for the donations, sponsorship and advertising income we receive but currently we are averaging a little under £10 per month short of covering all costs. The BVN aims to emphasise what is going to happen and provide useful information. Comments both negative and positive are welcomed in the interest of providing what Braunston people really want.

Owen Davies - 63 High Street - 890076

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Or visit us at The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry, NN11 4BH



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