

**CHURCH SERVICES**Sunday 7th June

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Sunday School  
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
 6.30 pm "A New Song"

Sunday 21st June

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

Monday 8th June

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Monday 22nd June

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Sunday 14th June

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Family Service

Sunday 28th June

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Sunday School  
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Midweek communion on Wednesdays at 10.30 am. Matins is said daily at 9.00 am and Evensong at 6.00 pm.

Parish Priest : Revd. James Watson 890235 (Rest Day - Thursdays )

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776 and Trevor Minett 890908

**Marriage**

24th May

Julian Trevor MINETT

and Nannette Leah PENNY

*May they enjoy every blessing in their lives together*

On Sunday 7th June at 6.30 pm, in place of the usual *Evensong*, there will a service called '*A New Song*'. It will contain some light and contemporary religious music. It has been specially designed for the young people of the parish by our organist, David Noble. It is hoped that some of our young musicians and singers will take part. Do come and experience something different. All are welcome.

**Church Floodlighting**

2nd May Chris and Kate Brown's  
 Silver Wedding

4th May For Sylvia on her  
 birthday, from Colin

9th May "A Waterways Wedding"  
 - Jo and Nigel,

The Left -Handed Boat Co.

13th May On the birthday of Eliza Merchant,  
 from Joyce

15th May Frank Cox's birthday, from Janet



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.

***Vicar's Letter***

Dear All,

Two great days of celebration occur at this time in the Church's year. The first is Pentecost (31st May), which is sometimes referred to as the Birthday of the Church for it was on this day that the Holy Spirit came upon the assembled disciples and gave them the power to go out and proclaim the Gospel to all the world. Today the Holy Spirit still acts in this process of bringing people to faith. It is true to say that we do not necessarily bring ourselves to faith, but it is the Holy Spirit working in us, that brings us to faith. It is important for us to remember that this is something outside our control, something that God achieves and it is not dependant on our feelings. In this, it is just like the sacraments; it isn't my faith, feeling or wanting, that changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, it is the Holy Spirit.

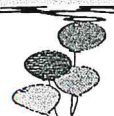
The second great day is Trinity Sunday, when we acknowledge that God reveals himself as three persons. Theologians have tied themselves in knots as to how God can be both one and three persons at the same time. The issue resolves itself however when we consider that we are not talking philosophically about God but *as we experience him*. We know that there is only one God but we also know that we experience him in three ways as God the Father who made us and all the world; as God the Son as he was in Jesus of Nazareth and finally, as God the Holy Spirit, who is God at work in us today.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

**FETE Saturday 13th June at 2 pm**

See details overleaf.



**Friendly Club.** 8th June: Rev James Watson talks about soap making. 22nd June Coach leaves Green at 1.30pm for Nottcutts Garden Centre, Solihull. Good all weather facilities. £5. Open to all. Ring Janet 890336/Gill890763



**Braunston Womens' Institute**  
**Open Meeting**  
**7.30 pm Tuesday 2nd June**  
**in the Village Hall**

*"A Touch of the Countryside"*

by Mrs Mary Hayfield.

Mrs Hayfield is a talented artist, writer and poetess. We look forward to an entertaining evening. As this is an open meeting we extend an invitation to everyone interested.

**A Change of Gear**

*Linda Wilson writes:-* It is with a touch of sadness that I say goodbye to Gear Change after 11 years. I have made many friends of my customers but I am now changing direction to achieve, hopefully, a long time ambition to train as a nursery nurse. The shop will continue under a new owner, Andrea Jackson

**Braunston Pre-School**

18th July Cake Stall outside Gurney's Shop

Support us by buying or providing cakes.

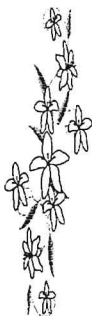
- Best wishes to Mrs Fitzpatrick who left at the end of May to return to her nursing career.
- Children from the Monday session are enjoying swimming thanks to the generosity of the School.
- Anyone with special skills or interests that they would like to share with the children phone Alison - 891096

**Braunston Village Gardens Association**

Our shop in the Village Hall will close at the end of June - the last session is Sunday 28th June from 11.00 am to noon as usual. Telephone orders can be placed after this date with David on 890865.

We now have a stock of slow release fertiliser tablets and water retaining gel which help to keep hanging baskets and plants in containers looking good for longer.

Thank you to everyone who donated plants or bought them at our plant stall last month. This helped us raise £200.



**-----Advice to the partially sighted-----**

Many people know that it is a simple matter to get utilities like East Midlands Electricity, Anglia Water, etc to present their bills in large print format.

*Dick Hayes* writes to pass on his experience that the Daventry District Council can be similarly helpful with Council Tax bills and are willing to supply enlarged copies of Council Tax leaflets, including details of the County Council and the Police Authority budgets.

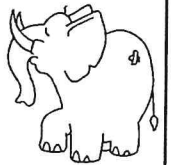
Requests can be made to the Revenue Services Dept. but, please, only by those who are genuinely hard-of-seeing.

**Church Fete**

**Saturday 13th June. The fun starts at 2pm.**

This year there will be a distinctly 'animal' theme to the event. Owners are invited to bring their pets to enter the following classes:-

- ✿ Pet most like its owner
- ✿ Best child handler / owner
- ✿ Dog with the waggiest tail
- ✿ Pet with the cleverest trick
- ✿ Best caged animal
- ✿ Best in show.



Entry fee per pet is 30p. After the judging, pets can be left for safekeeping in the Rectory garage. The judging will begin at 2.45 pm prompt, so get grooming and training your pet now.

Among the other attractions there will be

- ✿ Pony Rides
- ✿ 'World Cup' Penalty Shoot-out
- ✿ Kill the Rat



✿ **Cream Teas, lucky straws, white elephants, raffle plus much ... much ..... more.....!!!!**



The BVN is very grateful to the Parish Council for £100, the largest gift we have ever received, towards our costs. These are almost £400 annually and gifts great and small are needed to keep the BVN free

to every home in Braunston.

We also gratefully acknowledge a gift from Evelyn Archer.

**Village Notes - Braunston's Bells** (concluding an item in the December issue by **Peter Wenham**.)

In 1922 the bells were rehung by John Taylor of Loughborough. It is a tribute to their workmanship that the bells are still in first class order to-day. They are heavier than are found in most village churches and they are of excellent tune and tone

A spiral staircase accessed from a door in the north side of the tower leads to floor above the present ringing floor. This suggests that the ringing was originally carried out from the upper floor. We have no record of when the ringers retreated but they would have found the bells very loud! If anyone has any records about ringers or ringing in days gone by I would be keen to hear about them.

The present band of ringers was formed in 1992. We would like more recruits! Learners are welcome on practice nights (Thursdays at 7pm). We intend to join in the national project of having every church with bells ringing in the Millenium at noon on 1st January 2000. Come and join us!

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