

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Monday 8th September

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 14th September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Sunday 21st September S. Matthew

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm South Africa Evening

Monday 22nd September

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 28th September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Midweek communion: Wednesday at 10.30 am.

Mattins is said daily at 9.00 am and Evensong at 6 pm

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

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776 and Trevor Minett 890908

Funeral

11th August Phyl EVANS
*May she rest in peace and may light
perpetual shine upon her*

The LITTLE FISHERS are back!
If you would like your pre-school child to come to our special service then just come along. (Mondays - details above)

Congratulations to the Hutchinson family for their victory in the Parish Treasure Hunt. Thanks to all who took part. £131 raised for the Peterborough Development Fund

Q: Where are the cemetery gates?

A: Gone to be rejigged and repainted. Back soon.

Rev.Eileen Thorpe recently visited SOUTH AFRICA. On Sunday 21st she will show slides and tell us about a country undergoing rapid change.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

12th August: Asked for by Pat Herlithy to mark his wife, Sybils' birthday

18th August: Asked for by David Maltby to mark his wife, Chris' birthday

5th September: Requested by Bryan and Muriel Addington to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.

If you would like the spire lit up for your special event, then please fill in a form available at the back of the Church.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Children often harbour ambitions as to what they want to be when they grow up. Whether it be a pop star or movie mogul, somewhere there is a dream about what they want to achieve in life. Some do reach their ambitious targets but others consider that they have not and, later in life, feel they have somehow sold themselves short. It is at this stage that people start suffering from the "if only" syndrome. "If only I had done such and such", "If only I had blue eyes"... The list could be endless.

At this point, the example of the saints can help. Saints are people who lived for God. Two Sundays ago, it was St. Bartholomew's Day. Who was he, I hear you ask? Well, he was one of the twelve apostles and he is unique because we know virtually nothing about him. Tradition has it that he died a martyr's death in India but that is all we know. I wonder what ambitions he harboured in his early years? One thing is for sure that after meeting Jesus his life was never to be the same again. We can assume that like the other apostles, he gave his life to spreading the Gospel.

Isn't it strange then that by not trying to make a name for himself, he is remembered for evermore? His was an ordinary life but he lived it in an extraordinary way - for God - not himself. The tragedy of people's ambitions today is that they are often unrealistic or misdirected. The Welsh poet R.S. Thomas wrote wisely about ambitions:

Never mind the machine,
Whose fuel is human souls.
Live large, man, and dream small.

Yours sincerely,
Rev. James Watson



CYCLISTS ! Here's your chance! Saturday 13th September.

Northants Historic Churches Trust Sponsored ride 10 am - 6 pm. Forms at back of Church

Material for October edition to the Post Office by 23rd September please.



Friendly Club The Friendly Club had a most enjoyable summer outing to Claydon Bygones Museum on 12th August followed by afternoon tea in the gardens of the neighbouring tea rooms.

We meet on Monday 8th September when Alan Powell will talk about "Unusual Pub Signs".

Our Harvest Festival is on 22nd September when the speaker will be Clive Cooper. The 'Bring & Buy' harvest produce will be sold in aid of club funds.

Braunston Twinning Association

Find out more about twinning in Braunston and Quincy-Voisins

Join us in the Wheatsheaf on Wednesday 3rd September at 8pm

...and a date for your 1998 diary... our French friends will be with us over the May Day bank holiday weekend



Braunston Womens' Institute.

You are all welcome to attend our Open Meeting on **Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall.

Mr Philip Hanzlik will give a talk entitled "This is Northamptonshire".

Members are reminded to bring to this meeting the items they have promised to fill the 'Aqua Boxes' for World Relief work. There will be 'Bring & Buy' stall.



The Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch

Next meeting on Tuesday 9th September at 2000hrs at the Stags Head, Watford.

Transport can be arranged - please phone the Secretary on 891124

Preparations for the annual Poppy Appeal have started - there will be lots of hard work! Two members have been selected to attend the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

New members always welcome.

FRUIT, FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

2 pm Saturday 6th September

Every home should have received a schedule for this traditional village event - if you didn't get one and need one call 890865.

Please study it and decide what you could enter and deliver the form, with class fees, to the Post Office or to 29 Spinney Hill by 6pm Wednesday 3rd September. Bring your exhibits to the Village Hall on Saturday morning between 8.30 and 10.30 am. Judging starts at 11am and the Show opens at 2pm. Exhibits not for auction must be cleared between 4.00 and 4.15pm. Prize giving starts at 4.15pm followed by the auction

Don't be shy - this isn't Chelsea! We especially wish to welcome new entrants this year. Show tips and advice are available from Viv Hall, the Show Secretary on 891127. Good luck!

Writers Wanted

Dick Herne has written all he can for his historical Village Notes and feels it's now someone else's turn. We are very grateful for his contributions. We are looking for other regular contributors, monthly or quarterly, to write about anything of interest to the Village; wildlife, gardens, transport - whatever. Just leave your offering, signed or anonymous, at the Post Office or, if you wish, talk to Owen Davies (890076) about it.

WEA Classes begin Thursday 2nd October @ 7.30pm



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Best Kept Gardens Prize: Won by 16 The Green (Details at Gurney's.) All prizes awarded at the Show 6 Sept.

Daventry Volunteer Centre is looking to recruit helpers in the villages. There's a task to suit everyone! Contact 01327-300614 or at Daventry Library in the mornings (except Weds & Sats)

Village Notes by Dick Herne

Since the first World War, industry has developed in Braunston. A Leicester manufacturer, H. Alderson Smith bought Eastfield House from the Lowndes family in 1917. Later on he moved his adhesive works to Braunston. The firm was taken over by National Starch in 1965 and has continued to expand.

Anderson Smith's sons founded another Braunston enterprise; with J.B.Perkins they manufactured machine tools but found success with a new product, a masonry drill. They moved into a former war factory on the A45. After a takeover by Burmah Oil a new factory was built.

Another development in Braunston was connected with the canal and the Nurser family. Charles was involved in boat building and Frank became a reputed boat painter using a 'roses and castle' design. He trained several apprentices, including Ron Hough who is still at work in the village.

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