

CHURCH SERVICESSunday 3rd March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 10th March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 17th March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am MOTHERING SUNDAY  
Family service with distribution of flowers

Sunday 24th March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday 31st March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Communion

Parish Priest : Revd. James Watson 890235 (Rest Day - Thursdays )  
Churchwardens : Sheila Rowley 890559 and Trevor Minett 890908

Funeral

Emma KING 23rd February

*May she rest in peace and may  
light perpetual shine upon her.*

*Sunday School meets in the Parish Room every Sunday at 10.15 am. All children of primary school age are welcome.*

*Morning Prayer is said on weekdays (including Saturdays) at 9.00 am and Evening Prayer most weekdays and every Saturday at 6.00 pm. There is Holy Communion on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Other services and alterations are published in the Weekly Bulletin available in the Church. Please note: Vicar's Rest Day will be Thursdays in future.*

**Thanks** to the **WI** for a donation to the BVN production cost.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 13th March  
at 8pm in Parish Room

All on the electoral roll can take part. Please come along to say how you want your Church run.

LENT LUNCHESES Saturdays at 12.30 pm in the Parish Room during Lent. Come along and have a simple but satisfying meal. Contributions in aid of the Romanian Orphanage Trust.

**Congratulations** to Kathleen Minett who is now Branch Leader of the Daventry Mothers' Union. Meetings on first Wednesday of the month. Do come to a meeting. Details from Kathleen 890908, Lorna Cooper 890596 or Sylvia White 890390

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

We are now in the season of Lent, the season symbolic of the forty days which Jesus spent in the wilderness where he fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for Easter and to wonder at the great sacrifice that our Lord made on our behalf. It is also an opportunity to think seriously about our own faith.

I shall soon be starting Confirmation classes in the parish and I would be interested to hear from people thinking about Confirmation. I hope to have a junior group (age about 13 years) and an adult group.

If anyone is interested, could they please come to a preliminary meeting at the Rectory on SATURDAY 16th March at 6 pm

With best wishes,

Revd. James Watson

Material for the April Edition to Owen Davies, 63 High Street by 23rd March please

## Braunston Friendly Club

We were recently entertained by Greta Raftery on piano aided and abetted by Frank Cox with songs and monologues. On Feb 12th Jean White gave a demonstration of making a Valentine's day corsage complete with red rose, lucky heather and decorative ribbon and beads. There were also buttonholes and corsages for many occasions in both silk and fresh flowers. A very enjoyable talk.

Next month's meetings are on March 11th - Pat Roll will tell us a little of the history of Daventry illustrated with slides. On March 25th - a member of Daventry Council will talk about recycling waste materials with samples of things that can be made from recycled items.

### Braunston WI

Our first meeting of 1996 forgot about winter weather with a talk on fuschia growing. Our next meeting proved WI's triumph over snow with a rendition of Jerusalem. A somewhat unusual evening turned out to be great fun. Our next meeting is on March 5th when the subject will be "Sticks and Stones." What is it all about? Come along and find out.

Our Jumble sale is at the Village Hall on Saturday March 9th at 2pm. Please contact any WI member if you have anything to spare.

### **Gwen Hedge memorial concert**

Local people performing for local people and charities. Friday 15th March at 7:30pm in Braunston Church. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided and ALL donations will go to Danetre Hospital and the Macmillan nurses. This year the Braunston Singers will be performing madrigals and part songs with David Old (piano) and Stephen Keynon (guitar).

### Braunton Playing Field Association

The next stage of our development will be to provide a Petanque Terrain, approved by The British Petanque Association. Anyone interested in helping to construct the Terrain, or supplying the necessary materials, or in forming a Petanque Club please contact John Daymond. Want to support us? Join our Lottery - the more that enter the bigger the prizes. Want to join us? Contact John Daymond (891325) or Pat Herlihy (890590).

### Braunston Twinning Association

\* Wrong side of the water \*

Put your suitcase back in the cupboard but make up the spare beds - our friends from Quincy Voisins are coming to Braunston this year (Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 May) - not the other way round as stated in Feb BVN. Before then (on Thursday 28th March) it's off to the Catwalk for our fashion show at Braunston School. Tickets are available soon from the school or the twinning association. The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm at 8 Church Road - all welcome. Shortly after this tickets will be on sale for the Spring Prize Draw. Ring Beverley Hankinson (891221) or Elizabeth Gwynne (891331) to talk about twinning in Braunston.

### **2ND BRAUNSTON CUB SCOUTS**

Our Quiz team came 5th in the County Final - they certainly "did their best"! During February we invested six new Cubs - including Patrick Banks and Michael Morris from Braunston. We also had a Personal Safety Activity Badge evening with PC Dickinson - he talked to the boys and held a discussion session and showed videos on water and personal safety. We had planned a swimming evening during half-term week, but this had to be cancelled due to the snow - we shall visit Rugby Pool as soon as we have a free evening ahead of us - at the moment we are preparing items for the District Handicraft Competition, including a robot as a Pack Project. It's all go!

## Village Notes by Dick Hernie

The Norman conquest brought a new class of landowners over most of England. William I granted land in Braunston to Walter de Aincourt and William Peveril who also held land in Barby. In return they were obliged to provide a specified number of armed knights when required.

The land was measured by the number of ploughs required to cultivate it: there was room for nine. The demesne - land farmed for Walter himself - had three ploughs; the tenants - thirteen 'villains' and four cottagers - had four between them, so the land was not yet fully exploited. A water mill yielded two shillings annual rent and there were eight acres of meadow and one acre of wood. The value of the estate had increased since Edward the Confessor's time from £1 to £4.10s, showing how the new rulers exploited their conquest more thoroughly.