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Miss S.G. Davidson.  
Mrs. K.W. Stephenson.  
Miss Sheila Rowley.

At the Group Produce Exhibition held on the 20th October, Braunston W.I. came second in the order of marks.

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ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH, BRAUNSTON.

The Rector: Rev. W. Bevan Griffiths, The Rectory, Braunston.  
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Services for November.

	H.C.	Mating.	Sun. School.	Evensong.
Nov. 1st.	<u>ALL SAINTS DAY - The 750th Birthday of our Church.</u>			
	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	11.45 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
	It is hoped that everyone who has been confirmed will make their Communion on this day.			
Nov. 8th.	<u>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</u>		Special Service	
	8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.		3 p.m.	6.30 p.m.
Nov. 15th.	8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.		10.45 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Nov. 22nd.	8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.		10.45 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Nov. 29th.	8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.		10.45 a.m.	6.30 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVALS. We were delighted to attend the Evening Harvest Festival Service at the Methodist Church on Sept. 27th at 6.15 p.m. It is good to report that many Church people attended this service. We were welcomed by the Rev. E. Holme, Superintendent Minister for the Daventry Methodist Circuit. On the following Sunday, we held our own Harvest Festival. There were far fewer than usual at the 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service but the services for the rest of the day were well attended. We were grateful to Capt. Brian Ogden for his talk to the children, plus grown ups, at 10.45 a.m. He reminded us of the true meaning of Harvest - of God's gifts of the Earth - the Have's and Have Nots of this world - our duty to share. At Evensong we welcomed members of the Methodist Church who came in goodly strength. On Monday October 5th, the sale of produce brought in £12.12s.0d. for Christian Aid. Many thanks to all concerned, and to the Methodist Church. On October 12th Senior Choir Members were entertained to supper and afterwards by Mrs. S.A. Berry at Westfield House. We are grateful to Mrs. Berry for this yearly treat. It has become a very enjoyable event which we look forward to and we thank all concerned who worked so hard to make it a great success.

The 750th Birthday of All Saints' Church - 1st November, 1970.  
We are today privileged to have one of the most beautiful Victorian Churches in the Country. Its outline stands out superbly to remind people of the purpose of the Church - the worship of God. There has been in Braunston, since at least 1220, a Church - the Rector then was William de Nevill. One of the Patrons was William De Ros whose family held this office until 1403. The Ishon family - a well known Northamptonshire family - were Patrons in the 16th and 17th Century.



Since the year 1728 the Patrons have been Jesus College, Oxford. How shall we mark the beginning of our 750th Birthday? Many of you have been baptised at the present font. Others have been married in this beautiful Church - others confirmed here. Will you make an effort to thank God for these blessings and attend Communion, or one of the services on Sunday, 1st November. I would like to see the Church full. This year the Parochial Church Council will make an appeal for funds to decorate the Church by painting it to preserve its beauty for posterity.

BRAUNSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL will hold an Exhibition in Church to show the appreciation of its scholars for the close connection between Church and School throughout the ages. There has been a Church School in this Parish since the 16th Century. The Church will be open, as always, for all to visit this exhibition by the children - from 31st Oct.

Holy Baptism. Sept. 27th. Angela Joanne Hough.  
Sept. 27th. Tracy Holland.  
Oct. 18th. Lisa Melanie Webb.  
Holy Matrimony. Sept. 19th. David George Chaplin and Daphne Ann Cole.  
Oct. 10th. Derek Williams & Patricia Joyce Cockbill.

We wish them every happiness in their married lives.

Burial. Sept. 30th. Annie Elizabeth Montgomery - Aged 89 years. At a great age, Mrs. Montgomery died, and the Parish mourns the death of a faithful servant of the School and a regular worshipper in Church when well. She acted as Caretaker of the School for over a generation, and older villagers remember her very well. We extend to Mr. & Mrs. Quinney and Family our sympathy on the death of their Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. May the souls of God's faithful servants Rest in Peace.

FAREWELL. We bid farewell to the Rev. C. Fred Witham, Vicar of Badby and Newnham, who has served faithfully in this Deanery for 20 years. A parishioner of his stated "He has the touch of the Mount about him". This is indeed a compliment to a faithful Parish Priest, and we in this parish wish him well in his retirement.

OUR PARISH CHURCH. A Church has stood on this site for centuries - the present building, erected in 1849, replaced an earlier edifice. During demolition of the latter, an Early English structure, traces of an earlier Norman building were found. Arches in the Early English style still stand in the chancel, and a piscina in the vestry indicates that it was used as a side chapel. The windows are copies of those in the Decorated Style of the 14th Century. Originally the Church was dedicated to St. Giles, patron saint of travellers. A pilgrim's cross (which gave its name to Cross Lane and was demolished by some vandal of the 18th Century to repair a hole in the road), shows that

Braunston was on the route to some shrine - probably the Nunnery at Nuneaton, and so the Church would have many visitors. When, why, or by whom, the dedication was changed to that of All Saints is unknown. We still have the interesting remains of a Church Yard Cross. Various patrons of the living have given generously towards the upkeep of the Church. The de Ros family, patrons for many years, left a statue of William, who died in the Holy Land. His effigy, probably made life size, shows that he was a man of extraordinary stature, as his contemporaries, who wore similar armour, were smaller than men of today.

Other memorials are stained glass windows of the last century. Through the bequest of Miss Edith Mary Lunsden, we have modern carvings executed in 1956 by Mr. Trevor Cox. These are on the Lectern and on the reredos of St. Giles Chapel. A screen of oak and glass, in memory of the late Mr. & Mrs. H. Evitts separates the bell ringers loft from the body of the Church and was another recent gift. The Church has a long history, but its message is not of past achievements alone, but to bear witness to the Christian faith in the 20th Century.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH. Services for November.

	10.45 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
Nov. 1st.	Rev. E. Holme.	Film Service.
" 8th.	Rev. E. Kenworthy.	Rev. E. Holme.
" 15th.	Mr. I. Gunthorpe.	Mr. S. Hollis, B.D.
" 22nd.	Mrs. A. York.	Mr. C. Lloyd.
" 29th.	Rev. E. Holme.	Mr. R. Hutchins.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. A demonstration was given on behalf of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. at our September meeting, when three of their machines were shown. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. M. Thorneycroft. A wig demonstration will be given at our next meeting.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. At the meeting on November 9th, a member of the staff of the National Westminster Bank will explain the forthcoming decimalising of money which will come into operation in February next. At the meeting on 23rd November, we shall have Mrs. Taylor, of Yelvertoft, who will talk about her visit to Australia.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE The month of November sees our Golden Jubilee and arrangements have been made for a celebration of this event on the 20th. On November 3rd, there will be a demonstration of cake icing by Mrs. Briggs.