

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

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SERVICES FOR MARCH.

March 3rd. H.C. 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sun School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
" 10th. H.C. 8 a.m., Family Communion with children 10.30 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
" 17/24/31st. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

DURING LENT - Thursdays Holy Communion 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SATURDAY MARCH 9th. CHORAL EVENSONG at 6 p.m. by our Choir, augmented by other Choirs in the district. Mr. Tony Allen and the Choir have been working hard and we do hope that you will support them by your attendance. The special preacher will be the Rev. George Burgon, Vicar of Norton.

CONFIRMATION CLASS. Confirmation classes will begin in Church on Thursday March 7th at 6 p.m.; Please contact the Rector if you wish to be confirmed.

FAMILY COMMUNION. March 10th at 10.30 a.m. It is good to report that there was once more a good attendance at the February service. Please come as a family, with your children.

MOTHERS' UNION. The speaker at our February Meeting was Mrs. Hilda Hartshorn of Badby. We wish to thank her for her most interesting talk and slides of her visit to the Holy Land. The speaker for the next meeting at the Rectory on March 7th is Mr. R.J. Farey, of Daventry. Mothers' Union Service in Church March 28th at 3 p.m.

C.E.M.S. The next meeting will be at the Rectory on March 26th, and the speaker will be Mr. Chapman, Onley.

CAR TRANSFERT. March 3rd. Mrs. Herne. March 10th. Mrs. Waterfield.
" 17th. Mr. M. Bush. March 24th. Mr. K.R. Dawson.
March 31st. Mrs. S. Rees.

THANKS. We are indebted to the Young Wives for a gift of £2 towards the expenses of producing the Braunston Village News Sheet.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Church Electors will be held in Church on Tuesday March 12th at 7.30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

HOLY BAPTISM. FEBRUARY 3rd. Mathew Paul Robert JACKSON.

BURIALS. February 4th. Edith Hall, aged 82 years.
" 14th. Mary Westwood, aged 89 years.
" 24th. Joseph Wenlock, aged 69 years.

May we express our sympathy with Mr. & Mrs. Ben Berry and Family on the death of their Mother and Grandmother. We also extend our sympathy to the families of Mrs. Mary Westwood, and to Mrs. Wenlock and Family we offer our condolence. May the Souls of God's Faithful Servants Rest in Peace.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH. March. 3rd. 10.45 a.m. Mrs. M. York.
10th. 10.45 a.m. Miss M. Welch.
10th. 6.15 p.m. Mr. R. Jermyn.
17th. 10.45 a.m. Rev. E. Holme.
24th. 10.45 a.m. Mr. R. Cartwright.
31st. 10.45 a.m. Rev. E. Holme.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB.

March 11th. Mrs. Ogle of Willoughby.
" 25th. Mr. & Mrs. J. Reed - Travel Slides.

VILLAGE HALL PLAY GROUP. A meeting is to be held on 15th March at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall for anyone interested in helping to form a playgroup in the Village. Further details obtainable from Mrs. Sheila Hall (Tel.890037).

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES CLUB. On Dec. 14th Mrs. Billingham, a Dental Hygienist talked about her work, and with the aid of films, told us of ways of preventing our children's teeth from decay. On March 14th we will be having a food mixer demonstration. This meeting will be held at 7.45 p.m. in the School.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. A very informative and entertaining talk on Mechanical Musical Instruments was given by Mr. Farrott on the 5th February. This talk was illustrated with slides, and also Mr. Farrot had brought along some of his collection of various types of musical boxes dating back to the last century. It was a pleasure to listen to the lovely sounds ranging from the organ-like tones to the "tinkling" sounds one would expect. Plans were discussed for the yearly outing but booking difficulties made it impossible to make a firm commitment and the matter will come up again at the next meeting. It is also hoped to arrange additional outings during the year. The newly formed entertainments committee hope to encourage members to stay for a social half hour after the next meeting - a light entertainment is planned. Next meeting Tuesday March 5th. Speaker Mr. D.J. Barby. Subject "Collectable Antiques". Competition - Most interesting piece of Victorian Glass.

Art Exhibition - Group Meeting at Barbry March 19th.

HELP THE AGED. Collection at the Methodist Schoolroom, Wednesday 6th March. Please contribute cast off clothing, blankets, or unwanted saleable articles.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. Once again, Spring is around the corner, the sale of fertilizers, canes, slug pellets etc. will begin on Sunday 17th March, and continue every Sunday until late June - from 11 a.m. to noon at the Village Hall.

The two Village Rose Beds have recently been inspected, and we decided to replace about four dozen of the bushes. A roster is in the course of preparation showing a monthly list of volunteers for the upkeep of these beds. If enough volunteers are enrolled a period of about two hours work per person should be sufficient during the season. If you are prepared to help, please contact any member of the Committee. The Gardens Competition will be held during July, and the Annual Village Show will be on Saturday 7th September. Further details of these events later.

VILLAGE NOTES. A few years ago, at about this season of the year, a walk by the side of the reservoir revealed jelly like masses of spawn of frogs and toads, twined in long strings round the waterweeds. Earlier in the year; toads could be found hibernating under stones while frogs spent the winter under water. Two years ago a toad took an evening stroll along the High Street, in imminent peril from passing cars. He resented being hustled to the safety of the grass verge. From hundreds of eggs in the spawn huge numbers of tadpoles emerged but relatively few reached adulthood. Many on the way proved tasty morsels of ducks, swans, foxes, but sufficient survived to maintain the species. Today, unfortunately, these useful creatures seem to have all but disappeared. Probably the extensive use of pesticides gradually leaked into their breeding grounds and proved more destructive than their natural predators. They played a useful part in the economy of nature, eating the slugs and insects which destroy so much of our vegetable crops. It seems that we have still much to learn about the insecticides, the destructive effect of which may in the long run exceed the benefits they are supposed to confer.

MATTER FOR THE NEXT ISSUE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR
BEFORE 21st MARCH.

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