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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2nd. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sun. Sch. 10.45 am, Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
9th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., & 10.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
16th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
23rd. Holy Communion 8 a.m., & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 12th. Holy Communion 9 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.  
Mid week Lenten Services .. Holy Communion Thursday February 20th & 27th at 7 pm

APOLOGY - We apologise that the January issue proved difficult. The duplicator went out of order, and we thank Mrs. Warner for all her hard work in trying to produce some copies.

CHRISTMAS - The Services of Nine Lessons and Carols and those of Christmas Day were well attended. All who took part earned our gratitude. It was a pleasure to see so many children at the 10.45 a.m. service, and all are grateful to the Rev. Michael Dixon for his sermon and help at the Communion Service on Christmas Eve.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - The Classes will begin on Thursday February 6th at 6 pm in Church. Other classes can be arranged for Adults who are asked to contact the Rector. The Confirmation Service will be later than usual, at Barby Church on 3rd June at 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Peterborough writes about Confirmation "First we were taken by God through the actions of his priest, and baptised with water in the Name of the Blessed Trinity and planted in a new culture, a new kingdom, and given our eternal identity. -- Secondly, the Lord's Eucharist is sent to lay his hand upon the head of each one, and to pray that he or she will daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more. -- Thirdly, the inescapable almighty power of God, which lays hold on us through hospitality. Come, he says, for all things are now ready, and on the first day of EVERY week at least his invitation stands". So as we come to Lent we are reminded of our own promises which we made at our Confirmation, and hope that we shall be found faithful at our Communions.

CHILDREN'S PARTY ON JAN. 11th. The Sunday School members thoroughly enjoyed their party at the Methodist Schoolroom. We thank all the Sunday School Teachers for their hard work and for all who helped to make it a success. Also we thank the Methodist Church for the use of the Schoolroom.

MOTHERS UNION. A meeting of the Mothers Union will be held at the Rectory on Thursday Feb. 6th, at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Hartsorn of Badby. We thank Capt. Yarley for his talk on the work of the Church Army in Tanzania with blind children.

C.E.M.S. The next meeting will be at the Rectory on Tuesday Feb. 25th at 8 p.m.

CAR TRANSPORT. February 2nd. Mrs. Rees. Feb. 9th. Mrs. I.W. Herne. 16th. Mr. V. Sanders. 23rd. Mr. M. Bush.

SLIDESMEN.

Feb. 2. 8 a.m. 2.30 or 10 p.m. 6.30 p.m.  
Mr. M. Thompson. Mr. T.E. Jones. Mr. D.A. Gallie/Mr. W. Montgomery  
9. Mr. L. Thompson. Mr. K.B. Dawson. Mr. S. Berry/Mr. F.H. Cox.  
16. Mr. John Williams. Mr. Jack Rowley. Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. W. Woodall.  
23. Mr. W. Woodall. Mr. Eric Hyde. Mr. P. Green/Mr. J. Green.

HOLY BAPTISM. January 12th. Lian Mathew MIDSON.

SERVICE IN CHURCH & CONFIRMATION & BURIAL.

Jan. 15th and 16th.

Jan. 21st.

Jessie McGuinness, aged 62 years.  
Henry Richard Tull, aged 74 years.

May we offer our condolence to Mr. McGuinness and his family in the death of Mrs. McGuinness in hospital. We thank God for her devotion and witness Sunday by Sunday when she was able to come to Church.

We also extend our sympathy to Mrs. Tull and Family. Mr. Tull had for years collected for Cancer Research.

May the Souls of God's faithful servants Rest in Peace.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Mr. D.F. White, Director of Social Services Dept. in Coventry has written expressing grateful thanks to the kind people of Braunston for their gifts of toys and clothing to the under privileged children of Coventry. A large number of toys were given by the children of the Parish Church Sunday School and thanks are conveyed to the children, the Rector and to Mrs. Hyde.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH.

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| February 2nd. | 10.45 a.m. | Rev. E. Holme.   |
| 9th.          | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. Cartwright.  |
| 16th.         | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. Price.       |
| 23rd.         | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. R. Hutchins. |

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY GAMB. February 10th, Messrs. Bernhard of Rugby "Gardening made easy". February 24th, Programs not yet available. As always, the Ladies of Ashby St. Legers made the Club very welcome on Monday 13th January, and we enjoyed seeing the slides showing the beauty of British scenery by sea and land, to be followed by a sumptuous tea.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES CLUB. This year, our party on 10th January took the form of a "Disco" and we are very grateful to everyone who came and gave their support. Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th February at the Village Centre, when a Veterinary Surgeon from Bilton will be talking to us.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. A wonderful evening, was the verdict of all who attended the W.I. Party in the Village Centre on January 11th. After members and guests had partaken of their supper, the general festivities commenced, dancing, games and competitions. Our sincere thanks are due to two of our members husbands - Mr. W.V. Beckett, who organised the music and dancing, and Mr. A. Langley for acting as Master of Ceremonies. Their effort and enthusiasm contributed greatly to the success of the evening. The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 4th. Miss S. Ofield will give a demonstration of "Economy Cookery". The competition Six Cheese Straws. The singing group will meet at Mrs. Wootten's house, 2 Mill Close, at 7.55 p.m. on Tuesday 11th February. New members welcome.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. 25 trees of several varieties have been planted in the following places:- corner of High Street/Church Road - corner of Church Road/Greenway, Archer Avenue, Ashby Road, North Close and South Close. These trees have been planted for the benefit of all, so everyone in Braunston is asked to see that no harm comes to them. IF YOU LIVE NEAR where a new tree has been planted, PLEASE make it your business to keep a watchful eye on it. The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for giving these trees and thereby endeavouring to enhance the appearance of OUR VILLAGE.

BRAUNSTON SCHOOL P.F.A. On January 16th, a well attended Night Drive was held in the Village Centre. The next event is a Valentine's Disco which will be held on 14th February. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Committee. A regular date of the second Saturday of the month has been established for the collection of old newspapers in the Village - will everyone who wishes to give their newspapers please leave them out, securely bundled, in a prominent position (second Sat. each month), or contact Mrs. Bowers at 24 Church Road.

HISTORY CLASS. We have been fortunate in being able to arrange for Mr. V. Hately of Northampton, to give an illustrated lecture on the construction of the London to Birmingham Railway in the 19th Century. Mr. Hately has written books and articles on the history of Northamptonshire, and we can look forward to a most interesting evening on Thursday Feb. 13th in the Village Centre, 7.50 p.m. Anyone interested may attend this meeting. In order to defray expenses, adults who attend are invited to pay 20p. Children 10p.

VILLAGE NOTES. When a local fisherman lands the greatest prize he can take from the canal or the reservoir, does he stop to think that the pike is the last member of a long chain? The rhyme: Big fleas have little fleas

Upon their backs to bite 'em  
And little fleas have lesser fleas  
And so, ad infinitum.

contains a certain amount of truth - except that the bigger fleas bite the lesser fleas. A pond is a world on its own. Tiny algae are at the lower end of the chain. On these feed small animalcules and in turn they become food for water fleas, and insects in their turn fall victims to leeches, larger insects, tadpoles and small fish. Tadpoles and tiny frogs form the food of smaller fish and these in turn fall victims to the pike. If this chain is broken by the poisoning of lower organisms through pollution, then it is only a matter of time before the larger creatures perish.