

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

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SERVICES IN CHURCH

Feb. 1st. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sun. Sch. 10.45 a.m. Evensong 6.30 pm
8th. H.C. 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
15th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
22nd. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
29th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese says that parents often ask their parish priest whether children understand the difficulties with which they are faced. They answer "No", but the child's mind is for ever expanding, and this process continues as long as he or she grows in spirit and in body. Our Lord, according to the account of his childhood set out in the Gospel of St. Luke, increased in wisdom and stature - so does any child brought up in the Christian faith.

Bishop Montefiore writes "Confirmation will not make you a full Christian. Christianity is a way of life, not a matter of learning up facts and ideas. Nevertheless we owe it to God and to ourselves to try to understand the three sides of the Christian religion - that is:

1. Doctrine - what we believe.
2. Duty - How we should behave.
3. Devotion - Worship and prayer "

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin in Church on Thursday, February 5th at 6 p.m. Adult Classes can be arranged, and there should be many young people desiring Confirmation.

The WARWICK SINGERS gave us an inspiring Musical Evening, but we were disappointed with the poor attendance. It is strange that there were queues to hear them at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, the previous week. We wish to thank the members of the Warwick Singers for their generosity.

The SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY on January 10th proved a great success. Many thanks to Miss Sheila Rowley and Mrs. W. Bevan Griffiths and to all who helped.

THANKS. Many thanks to Messrs. Ernest and Ted Clark for their work in repairing the damage to the roof of the Church caused by the recent gale.

MOTHERS' UNION. The next meeting will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 5th February at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Michael McCormick of Flore. We wish to thank the Rev. Michael Dixon for his talk at our January meeting.

ALL SAINTS CHURCHMEN'S GUILD. We wish to thank Mr. Arthur Langley for his talk on the Social Services at our last meeting. The next meeting will be held in the Rectory on Tuesday February 24th at 8 p.m.

DAVENTRY SYNOD. At this meeting held on January 13th the Treasurer announced the Quota Assessments for each parish in the Deanery, ours amounting to £399.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

Feb. 1st.	Mr. M. Thompson.	8 a.m.	9.30/10/10.30 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
8th.	Mr. L. Thompson.		Mr. T.E. Jones.	Mr. W. Woodall/Mr. D.A. Gallie.
15th.	Mr. J. Williams (Ch. Rd).		Mr. G. Fergyson.	Mr. F. Cox/Mr. Jack. Rowley.
22nd.	Mr. S. Berry.		Mr. Eric Hyde.	Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. W.E. Calloway.
29th.	Mr. M. Bush.		Mr. Jack Rowley.	Mr. J. Green/Mr. D. Webb.
			Mr. D.A. Gallie.,	Mr. P. Green/Mr. W.E. Calloway.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

February 1st.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. J. Randall.
8th.	10.45 a.m.	Family Service conducted by Rev. J. Myer.
15th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. A. Kirkham
22nd.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. G.K. Ridley.
29th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. J. Myer.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Many thanks to Ashby St. Ledgers for their happy hospitality and entertainment on January 12th. On February 8th we shall have a visit from the Welfare District Organiser, Mr. A. Pavey, and on February 23rd a display of slides by Mrs. M. Cooke. May we express our gratitude to the Braunston Young Wives for the cheque valued £16.67 from their Carol Singing round the Village. Many thanks.

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BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Annual Party took place in the Village Centre on January 17th. After Dinner, Members and their husbands and friends enjoyed a lively evening of dances and games arranged by Mr. & Mrs. W. Beckett, with Mr. A. Langley as an amusing and efficient M.C., who kept the party moving with a swing from start to finish. At the next meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd, Mr. A. Cartland will give us a talk on "Jewellery".

BRAUNSTON PLAY GROUP. The recent Coffee Morning raised the sum of £35, which has been spent on books, Leggo trolleys and a baseplate, plastic meccano, and new waterproof overalls. Thank you everyone.

In order to maintain our low fees (25p. per morning) we are joining a PERSILL scheme whereby PERSIL packet tops can be exchanged for up to £100 worth of equipment. Please give any tops to one of our Committee members.

A new venture is the MOTHER, BABY AND TODDLER CLUB which meets at the Village Centre on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Next meetings February 5th and 19th. All are welcome.

BRAUNSTON HISTORY GROUP. Mr. L.W. Herne took the chair at a meeting held in the Village Centre to hear Mr. V. Hatley lecture on "Northamptonshire Roads and Road Transport 1740 - 1840". Mr. Hatley spoke of the many and varied types of vehicles on route to Holyhead and many other destinations. Slides showing these vehicles were projected by Mr. Derek Turner. Some carriages travelled at only 1½ to two miles per hour - a great contrast to the speed of Concorde. Mr. Hatley mentioned the Turnpike Trustees who were trusted to maintain (and often did not) the roads along which travellers paid to journey. Highwaymen were not the only hazard to travellers - the appalling state of the roads gave even greater risks of accident than the pistol carrying "Gentry" of the 18th Century. We look forward to further stimulating addresses of this nature. Thanks are also due to the ladies who served light refreshments.

VILLAGE NOTES. Some entertaining visitors to our gardens - the blue, great and coal-tits are frequently seen. Their cousins, the long tailed tits are seldom seen near houses, but live in woodlands and hedgerows. After the breeding season they congregate in flocks. Their black and white feathers on head, back, wings and tails and their pink breasts mark them from other tits. The tail, about half as long again as the body helps in their balancing acts. Their nests are masterpieces of bird architecture, being made like a bag or bottle (hence its other name the bottle tit). Over 2,000 tiny feathers have been counted in the construction of the nest, showing with what care the birds regard the upbringing of their offspring.

PLEASE TRY TO PLACE ALL LITTER IN THE RUBBISH BINS - K E E P B R A U N S T O N
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