

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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SERVICES IN CHURCH

March 6th. LENT II Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

13th. LENT III Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

20th. LENT IV MOTHERING SUNDAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

25th. LADY DAY Holy Communion 7 p.m.

27th. LENT V PASSION SUNDAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION EVERY THURSDAY AT 7 p.m.

DURING LENT

CONFIRMATION SERVICE. This will be held at All Saints' Church, Braunston, on Tuesday, 10th May, at 7 p.m. when we hope that the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Teaver will administer the Sacrament.

THE ORDAINED MINISTRY - TODAY AND TOMORROW.

A letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury was sent to every Clergyman of the Church of England on January 25th 1977. He says in his letter "I am concerned, too, for our people whose spiritual growth and missionary outreach must not be allowed to suffer through lack of leaders ---. In 1976 the number of men ordained to the stipendiary ministry was the lowest in the past 25 years. If these low numbers continue the Church will face a man power shortage of considerable magnitude. I believe that the stipendiary ministry continues to provide the anchor upon which the Church's ministry is held secure. It must not be allowed to drift through the failure of the Church to provide sufficient men for the task".

On the same pamphlet there are certain very disturbing figures for you, the laity, to ponder over. In 1975 there were 12,307 diocesan clergy and 2,050 non-diocesan clergy engaged in ministry in the Church of England. The number of priests expected to retire or leave the ordained ministry between 1975-80 is 3,530 and the number of men to be ordained is estimated to be 1500. There will thus be 2,030 less Clergy than in 1975.

In the Deanery of the Vale of the White Horse, of which the Rev. Denys Ruddy is at present the Rural Dean, it is envisaged that there will be only three Clergy left to work the whole deanery instead of the usual ten men.

MOTHERS' UNION The next meeting will be at the Rectory on March 3rd at 2.30 p.m. The speaker is the Rev. Jeremy Reeves, Rector of Barby. Many thanks to Mrs. Hilda Hartshorn of Badby for a very interesting and thoughtful talk on Healing. On Thursday, 24th March, Mothers' Union Service in Church - 3 p.m.

ALL SAINTS' MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. The next meeting at the Rectory on 8th March, at 8 p.m. The speaker is Mr. Stuart Orton-Jones. We are indebted to the Rev. Don Scholey for his views of the ministry, and of the Headlands in particular.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

February 19th. James Michael HOLLOWELL to ANN THOMPSON

We wish Jim and Ann every happiness in their married lives.

We were delighted that Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Worrall had such an interesting day on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They had telegrams from the Queen, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Arthur Jones M.P., greetings from the Members of the Parish Council and a host of friends - Yes, the B.B.C. and the press all paid a visit on a wonderful occasion.

FUNERAL SERVICE AND BURIAL.

February 14th. George Henry GRIFFIN, aged 92 years.

We extend our sympathy to the family on the death of their father in Devon.

SIDESMENS ROTA 8 a.m.

9.30/10/10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

March 6th. Mr. J.W. Woodall.

Mr. T.E. Jones.

Mr. D.A. Gallie/Mr. J. Green.

13th. Mr. L. Thompson.

Mr. D. Webb.

Mr. F. Cox/Mr. E. Clark.

20th. Mr. J. Williams

Mr. M. Bush.

Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. J. Rowley.

(Church Road)

Mr. E. Hyde.

Mr. W. Calloway/Mr. P. Green.

A meeting of the Vestry will be held in Church on Tuesday 22nd March, at 7.45 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8.00 p.m.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

March 6th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. J. Myer.
13th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. A. J. Pavey.
20th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. J. Randall.
27th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. J. Myer.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Many thanks to Mrs. Ayres of Kilsby for her excellent entertainment on Feb. 14th. On March 14th a representative of the Moulton Agricultural College will give a talk on "Gardening for the Not so Young". On March 28th Mrs. Duggan will entertain with Travel Films.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. Members enjoyed a talk by Mr. O.A. Jones on "Natural History in the Daventry Area". The lecture was illustrated by slides. The next meeting is on 1st March and will include a demonstration of "Cake Icing and Decoration" by Miss Susan Orfield.

Have you thought of joining the W.I.? Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month, in the Village Centre. If you like cookery, craft work, growing your own vegetables, travel etc. then you will find the visiting speakers both interesting and helpful. Why not come to our next meeting on 1st March and find out for yourself? Please ask for a member of the Committee who will make sure you are welcome. Members - can you interest a friend or neighbour in joining our W.I.?

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. The Square Dance held on the 5th February was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to those who gave so generously to the tombola. A donation has been sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

The next meeting Tuesday 8th March, from 7.45 p.m. at the Village Centre - Mr. Manton - "Our Rural Heritage".

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. At a recent Committee Meeting it was suggested that, as this was the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, all the front gardens in the Village should have a red, white and blue theme. The Committee agreed to this, and it was decided that when the Front Gardens Competition took place in July, the Judges be asked to take this into consideration. This idea also applied to window boxes and hanging gardens. We hope everyone will try to bear this in mind when ordering seeds or bedding plants. Further dates for your diaries - Fertilizer sales at the Village Centre each Sunday morning starting the middle of March - A bring and buy plant sale on the Village Green on the morning of Saturday, 7th May - The Annual Village Show - Saturday 3rd September.

N.S.P.C.C. Please come and support the N.S.P.C.C. in the sponsored "Knit-in" on Monday, 28th March - 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the Village Centre. Sponsor forms from Mrs. J. Caunt, "Fawcliff", Cross Lane. Sponsor Mrs. P. Cole, "Ye Olde Harrow", High Street.

BRAUNSTON THEATRE CLUB. The next visit will be on Monday, 28th March. "Gaslight", by Patrick Hamilton at Northampton Repertory Theatre. If you wish to book, please contact Mr. Heme (Rugby 890130) before 14th March.

VILLAGE NOTES. Recently an observant young lady in Braunston noticed something (roughly rectangular and measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ ") having the appearance of a tiny honeycomb. Further examination showed that it was made up of cells from some of which the immates had escaped.

Nearby was the shrivelled skin of a derpillar. The comb consisted of a mass of chrysalid cases of a Braconid fly. These had been developed from the larvae laid as eggs inside the body of the unlucky caterpillar, whose flesh and blood had fed the uninvited guests. Flies of this type are akin to the Ichneumonids related to bees and wasps rather than true flies, being parasitic i.e. they prey on other insects. If we term the first parasite A we find that a similar but smaller fly B preys on the larvae of A. In turn an even smaller insect C preys on the larvae of B. Here we have an illustration of "Big fleas have little fleas

Upon their backs to bite 'em
And little fleas have lesser fleas
and so ad infinitum"

Damn Nature has a habit of always having the last word.

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BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION. The A.G.M. will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, 7th March, in the Village Centre. Everyone is welcome.