

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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SERVICES IN CHURCH

January 1st. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, Evensong 6.30 p.m.
" 8th. Holy Communion 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.

The Year 1978. It is useful to start the Year with a good thought:

"At Midnight there was a cry Behold the bridegroom cometh.

Go ye out to meet Him." St. Matthew 26/6

Five lamps are burning: Five opportunities to do good.

1. The lamp of repentance - "God be merciful to me - a sinner".

Light it yourself. It will burn.

2. The Lamp of faith - Faith in Christ.

3. Lamp of Hope - looking to the future in Christ.

4. Lamp of Love - Love God - Love your neighbour.

5. Lamp of the Will. - I press on towards the prize of the high calling of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul. Phil. 3/14.

A Happy New Year from Mrs. Griffiths and the Rector.

THANKS - for another gift of £1 towards the cost of this News Letter, from a gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous.

MOTHERS' UNION. The Bring and Buy Sale, held at the Rectory on December 1st, raised the sum of £28.60 - Very many thanks to all who helped.

There will be no meeting in January as it had to be cancelled owing to the Theatre

Outing of Braunston Friendly Club on that day. The next meeting will be at the

Rectory on Feb. 2nd at 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT. On Sunday, December 11th, the Sunday School presented a Concert of Carols and Mime of the Christmas Story. Many parents attended to witness this well presented version of the Nativity of Our Lord. Special thanks are due to Miss Sheila Rowley who produced the Concert, to Mr. Ernest Clarke who prepared the stage, to Miss Alison White who wrote the words and music of a special carol for this occasion, and to all the children who put heart and soul into their very own concert including piano and violin accompaniment.

BRAUNSTON CHURCHMENS FELLOWSHIP. The next meeting will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday, 31st January, at 8 p.m.

CREMATION

John FINLAYSON, aged 42 years.

The Village was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. John Finlayson at work, and our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Kathleen Finlayson and to Martin and Paul. Mr. Finlayson was a young man who will be missed by many. "The measure of life is not its span, but the use made of it" is an apt quotation for John.

FUNERAL SERVICE AND BURIAL.

December 12th Elsie May ROBERTS, aged 57 years.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. William and Mr. Geoffrey Roberts on the death of Mrs. Roberts in hospital. She was a kind person - always willing to help others.

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

SIDESMENS ROTA

January 1st. Mr. J.W. Woodall. 8 a.m. 9.30/10/10.30 a.m.
8th. Mr. L. Thompson Mr. T.E. Jones. 6.30 p.m.

15th. Mr. M. Bush Sunday School Mr. P. Green/Mr. D.A. Gallie.

22nd. Mr. S. Berry. Mr. Eric Hyde Mr. F. Cox/Mr. J. Rowley.

29th. Mr. W. Montgomery Mr. C. Malthouse Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. J. Green.

Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. C. White.

Mr. J.W. Woodall/Mr. P. Green.

ALTAR FLOWERS

High Altar

St. Giles

January 1st.

Lady McGowan

Mrs. F. Cox.

January 8th & 15th.

Mrs. Emlyn Jones.

Mrs. O. Tucker.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

January 1st. 10.45 a.m. Mr. L. Meanwell.
8th. 10.45 a.m. Rev. J. Myer.
15th. 10.45 a.m. Mr. A. Kirkham.
22nd. 10.45 a.m. Mrs. A.M. York.
29th. 10.45 a.m. Mr. R. Hutchins.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Our first meeting this month will be the outing on 5th January, to the Pantomime at Belgrade Theatre, Coventry. The coach will leave The Green at 1.30 p.m. On January 9th a party has been arranged at Ashby St. Ledgers - coach will be provided - the time to be announced later. January 23rd, Dr. Roberts has promised to give us another adventure with the aid of holiday slides in far away places.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. At our last meeting, a very cold evening was brightened by Mrs. Thornton's artistry and imagination with dried flower arrangements. In contrast our visit to Duston was disappointing, but Betty May managed to win first prize for her Christmas Rhyme. More bulbs have been planted in the Village - Crocuses this time, so watch Butlin's Hill for the first sign of 'Spring'! Don't forget the Square Dance and Buffet on the 14th January - Gwen Cole has the tickets for sale at £1.25 each. Our next meeting - Tuesday, 7th February, when Mr. Barney will talk on Canals and Boats in Braunston.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th January, and takes the form of a Coffee Evening at 9, The Greenway. All prospective, present, and past members welcome. On January 28th we shall attend Avonside Hotel, Kenilworth, for a Dinner/Dance. Any Young Wives interested, please contact Chris Maltby.

BRAUNSTON P.T.A. Our recent events, including the Barn Dance, Bonfire and Film Show, have been very well supported and proceeds have added to our funds. Our next event will be a Beetle Drive at the end of January, 1978, Watch out for exact date, which will be published soon.

DRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

The P.F.A. is now preparing for another Village Carnival. The theme this year is "Nursery Rhymes". If you would like to help, please get in touch with Derek Webb, 26 School Close. The A.G.M. will be on Monday, 6th February, and if you have any ideas on improving amenities on the field or any criticisms, this is the meeting to attend.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE CENTRE - Scale of Charges as from 1st January, 1978.

Library - 60p. per hour. Games Room 70p. per hour. Main Hall 70p. per hour.
There will be 25% discount for morning bookings only.
The hire charge of £20 for the whole day remains unchanged.

VILLAGE NOTES The subject of Fox Hunting seems to divide the people of this country as much as political issues of the day.

The fox is a picturesque rascal who is destructive on occasions, as when he enters a hen roost, but he also keeps down a number of nuisances - rabbits, rats, etc. The pro - and anti - fox hunting factions disagree on the method of control. People who argue for the abolition of hunting have suggested that shooting would be a more humane method of accomplishing this. However, a former Duke of Bedford, an authority on Wild Life, pointed out that if a rabbit is slightly injured by a pellet its wound will heal easily, but a similar wound on a fox will fester and the victim will die a lingering death. Unless the marksman kills the fox with a single lethal shot, the animal's end will be extremely painful. Few marksmen are so competent as to be certain to despatch with a single shot a moving fox.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS