

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON.

During the inter-regnum, enquiries should be addressed to one of the Church Wardens:

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Services will be taken by the Rev. M. Dixon or Canon S.W.F. Powell as follows:-
Each Sunday, services will be --

Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

December 23rd Service of 9 Lessons & Carols, 6.30 p.m.

December 24th, Christmas Eve, Holy Communion 11.30 pm

December 25th, Christmas Day, Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS. CHRISTMAS DAY

High Altar - Lady McGowan.

St. Giles - Mrs. K.B. Dawson.

WARWICK SINGERS. Once again, the Warwick Singers will be coming to entertain us with a concert of music for Christmas. This will take place on WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1979, at 8 p.m. IN CHURCH. Everyone is welcome. A collection will be taken to cover expenses.

SIDESMENS ROTA

8 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.

December 2nd Mr. J.W. Woodall Mr. P. Surman Mr. J. Green/Mr. D.A. Gallie.

" 9th Mr. L. Thompson Mr. T.E. Jones. Mr. P. Green/Mr. S. Berry

" 16th Mr. F. Cox. Mr. C. White Mr. J. Rowley/Mr. B. Dawson.

" 23rd Mr. W. Montgomery Mr. G. Bayley Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. E. Hyde.

" 30th Mr. D.A. Gallie Mr. E. Hyde Mr. W. Woodall/Mr. G. Bayley.

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 p.m. Mr. P. Green/Mr. J. Green/Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. D.A. Gallie.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. P. Surman.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday, 22nd December at 10 a.m. Anyone able

to assist will be very welcome.

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION. So that we can keep in touch during the inter-regnum, we are holding our annual social gathering and "Bring and Buy" in aid of "Family and Social Welfare" on Thursday, 6th December at 3 p.m. Mrs. Emyln Jones has kindly offered her house (Southfields House) for our use. We hope this effort will be well supported. Admission is 10p. - Thursday, 6th December. Mrs. Lockley and Mrs. Rogers are coming from Badby.

HOLY BAPTISM.

November 4th. Jane Margaret SMITH

BURIAL or CREMATION

October 23rd. Edward SLATER.

November 8th. George Charles Thomas GARNER

November 9th. Doris COOPER.

We offer our sympathy to the relatives.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Our Christmas Dinner will be held on TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER. Please come at 12.30 for 12.45 p.m. There will be carol singing and entertainment by Mr. Beckett on his accordion.
On Tuesday, 18th December, there will be an afternoon tea and "Bring and Buy" in the Village Centre - 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. November was the month for entertainment. Feet tapped and hands clapped when we were given a most enjoyable demonstration by the Rugby Scottish Dancers in which members were invited to join. Later, on 10th November, the Village Hall was the venue for more music and magic when everyone had a great time at the Harvest Supper.

It will be music again for our December meeting - So new and old members come along on 4th December - Tuesday - at 7.30 p.m., when Mrs. Pettit will treat us to "Fun and music".

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. It is with regret that we have to announce the closure of the Young Wives Group, due to the inability to form a Committee at our A.G.M. in November, and the marked drop in attendance at our meetings. It is hoped, however, that the Club may be revived in a year's time - after a break. Anyone interested, especially new Young Wives in the Village, may get in touch with Mrs. Susan Tansley, 46 Church Road, Braunston. In the meantime, all monies held by the Club are being put in trust to be distributed to other groups in the Village in the event of the Club not starting again.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT BRANCH. Poppy contributions - £292.20. An increase on last year's collection. Congratulations to sellers, and everyone who bought a poppy. Next meeting at Ashby St. Ledgers - 11th December, 7.45 p.m.

BRAUNSTON PLAYGROUP. Our Christmas "Coffee Morning" will be held on Friday, 7th December, at 10 a.m. A Nativity Tableau and Carols by the children. This will be followed by Coffee, Handicrafts, etc. Everyone welcome.

BRAUNSTON C. OF E. SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION. The P.T.A. Committee would like to express their thanks to all who helped to make the annual bonfire such a success, and in particular thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Gurney, Allied Bakeries Ltd. and Mr. Shelson for their generosity in donating prizes and fireworks respectively. Next year it is proposed that the organisation of the bonfire will be modified so that a small charge could be made for entrance rather than by asking parents to donate fireworks.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. The A.G.M. of the Association has been held. Officers and Committee were re-elected en bloc. Fifteen trees have been given to Braunston by the Northamptonshire County Council. These will be planted by members of the Committee in selected areas. These trees are for posterity - if you see one damaged, please report it either to the Parish Council or to Mr. J. Reed (Tel. 890645). The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who have helped the Association during the year, and wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

VILLAGE NOTES. On our grazing fields, circles of grass of a much richer green than the surrounding herbage can be seen. Termed "fairy rings" - they were supposed to be the place where the fairies danced in the moonlight, and the ring was their mark. However today the explanation is much more prosaic. - A spore of a toadstool, so small as to be visible only under a powerful microscope, settles on the soil and sends out colourless threads (botanical term - hyphae) in all directions. These hyphae, unable to build up their own nutriment as do green plants, have the power to break down the dead remains of other plants, and in so doing release nitrogenous foods which promote rich growth in the surrounding grass. The hyphae produce toadstools, which in turn produce spores, which continue the growth of hyphae. Those falling inside the circle find the nutriment used up, and so perish. Those falling outside the circle continue to find nutriment and push outwards. In this way over the years, the circle continues to expand, even if the fairies no longer dance there.

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