

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

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CHURCH SERVICES

December 7th 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Family Service,
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
" 14th 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Communion,
6.00 p.m. Sunday School Play.
" 21st 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Communion,
6.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.
CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion.
CHRISTMAS DAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Service with Carols for
all the Family.
December 28th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Communion,
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

December is obviously a busy month for all of us, not least, as the above list indicates, in the Church. In the midst of all our feverish activity may we never forget Jesus Himself, the object of all our celebrations, and also the answer to the very puzzle of life itself. May you all have a very happy Christmas!

AUTAR FLOWERSHigh Altar

St. Giles.

December 7th Mrs. J.G. Boddy Mrs. E. Lloyd
" 14th Mrs. J.G. Boddy Mrs. E. Lloyd
" 21st Lady McGowan Mrs. B. Dawson.
" 25th Lady McGowan Mrs. B. Dawson.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

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

December 7th Mr. W. Woodall { Mr. G. Bayley Mr. D.A. Gallie
" " { Mr. D. Foulkes
December 14th Mr. L. Thompson Mr. J. Green
" 21st Mr. F. Cox Mr. P. Surman

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Midnight Communion - Mr. P. Green, Mr. J. Green, Mr. P. Surman,
Mr. E. Clarke.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

8 a.m., Mr. D. Foulkes, 10.30 a.m. Mr. E. Hyde and Mr. W. Woodall.

December 28th 8 a.m. Mr. W. Montgomery, 10.30 a.m. Mr. E. Hyde, 6.30 p.m. Mr. P. Green.

PLEASE NOTE that the Church will be decorated for Christmas on SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER at 10 a.m. Any lady able to assist will be very welcome.

BAPTISM

November 2nd. Mark Robert HUNNYBUN

FUNERAL

October 13th. Mrs. Edith GREEN

We apologise for failing to mention this in the Last Newsheet, and send our love and sympathy to all members of her family.

WEDDING.

November 8th. Stephen Michael MILLER and Sharon Lesley CROFT

We wish Stephen and Sharon every happiness for their future.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Will be held on Friday, 5th December, at the Village Centre, from 7.30 p.m. We hope this will provide a good opportunity to get some last minute ideas for Christmas presents. Items for the stalls, cakes, toys, produce and handicrafts will be very gratefully received at the Rectory.

CONCERTS. On December 1st the Bilton Silver Band gave a concert in Church in memory of the late Austin Lister. This gave pleasure to the audience, who contributed £40 towards Church Funds. With the help of Daventry & District Silver Band we are having a concert, with Christmas music, in the Church on Thursday, 18th December. Tickets, priced 75p. to include the cost of refreshments, may be obtained from Mr. W. Beckett, the Rector, or members of the Church Council.

CAROL SINGING. Anyone wishing to join a party from the Church singing Carols round the village will be most welcome. We aim to cover as much of the village as time and energy will permit, meeting at the Church at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 22nd December.

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION. Our meeting on Thursday, 4th December, will take the form of a "Bring and Buy" Sale. This will be at the Rectory, at 2.30 p.m. and visitors will be very welcome.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Meetings in December are as follows:

Tuesday, 9th December. Christmas Dinner at the Village Centre, 12.30 for 12.45 p.m.
Tuesday, 16th December. Afternoon Tea, with mince pies. Bring and Buy Stall, again in the Village Centre, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds for Club Funds.

BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

November has been an eventful month - starting with Mrs. Gros showing many interesting types of patchwork. Later, the Victorian Evening with a real Victorian atmosphere, excellent food and entertainment. We didn't win the darts match at Ashby St. Ledgers, but that evening, and the Coffee Evening at Mrs. Reed's house were most enjoyable.

Our December programme includes a Christmas Buffet demonstration on December 2nd, followed by a buffet supper - to celebrate our 60th anniversary. All members are invited. Please bring fork, spoon and sherry glass. We are having our Carol Service in Church on Monday, 15th December, at 7.30 p.m., and local children will participate, so do come and join us.

HELP THE AGED APPEAL. Womens, men's and children's clothing, in good condition, and gifts of blankets or gifts of money will be gratefully received at the Church on Wednesday, 10th December, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Blankets are still urgently needed to send to the victims of the Algerian earthquake. If the times stated are inconvenient, kindly deliver to the Rectory, or contact Joan Wootten, 2 Mill Close, 890707, who will arrange to collect.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. At the recent A.G.M. of this Association, the Officers and Committee were re-elected. Mrs. V. Hall Chairman, Mrs. V. Worrall Secretary, Mrs. J. Dibben Treasurer, and Mr. G. Green remaining as President. This not being a very "gardening up" time of year, not much other business was discussed, but the Officers and Committee would like to take this opportunity of wishing every one a happy Christmas and good gardening in the New Year.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION. Thanks to Collectors, and everyone who bought Poppies the total this year was £210. This represented an increase on collections in Braunston last year. The next meeting is to be held at Ashby St. Ledgers on Tuesday, 16th December, at 7.45 p.m.

BRAUNSTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB. The Football Club's Annual Dance will be held at Daventry Community Centre in March. If anyone has any individual or team photographs of yesterday which we could borrow to display on the night of the dance, please contact D. Howells (891026) or R. Bunn (890173)

VILLAGE NOTES.

The word Millions is often loosely used to indicate a large number - a large flock of starlings was described as one of millions, but a few thousands would have been nearer the mark.

In one section of the plant world, to speak of millions would be quite in order. Fungi are truly prodigal in spore production. The puff ball, when it comes to maturity, is like a ball of brown paper with a hole at the top, from which literally millions of spores are emitted in a brown cloud. If all these developed to the full the earth would be covered in puff balls - perhaps only one of the millions would develop.

The cap of a mushroom four inches in diameter, laid on a sheet of paper, will produce the pattern of the gills, from which spores are shed. Mycologists have calculated that such a mushroom cap could shed 16,000,000,000 spores - no one, as far as can be ascertained, has counted them.

An interesting fungus found recently is the Earth Star. Like an improved version of the puff ball, it has a thicker outside skin which splits in the manner in which we peel an orange, cutting the skin from the top almost to the bottom and then spreading out. Inside this is a small round sack emitting spores as does its less elaborate relative.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Because of the Christmas Holidays, articles for the JANUARY issue must be handed to the Editor ON OR PREFERABLY BEFORE 9TH DECEMBER, 1980.

We wish our Readers a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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