

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

March 6th Lent 3. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parade Service,
3 p.m. Parish Eucharist.
13th. Lent 4. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist,
3 p.m. Mothers' Sunday Service.
20th. Lent 5. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist,
3 p.m. Evensong.
27th. Palm Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist,
3 p.m. Evensong.

Midweek. During Lent, the Holy Communion will be celebrated each Wednesday at
10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 25th March. The Annunciation (Lady Day), Holy Communion 10 a.m.

HOLY BAPTISM. February 5th, 1983 - Daniel Peter HUSSEY

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, 3rd March, at the home of Mr. & Mrs.
B. Dawson, 48, Kilsby Road, Barby, at 8 p.m.
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, on TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH,
in the Village Centre, at 8 p.m.

Someone, I can't remember who, once said "The unexamined life is not worth living".
It's easy to drift through the years without really coming to grips with the basic
questions of our being.
"Who am I", "What is the meaning of my life and death?" "How should I go about
my life?"

These questions have a tendency to surface at critical periods like adolescence,
and your 40th birthday. But it is possible to go through life without really coming
to grips with it.
Lent for Christians is a season for going back to basics, a season for evaluation
and preparation.

Back to the basic facts of our existence - its meaning and purpose as Christ has
revealed it to us. Evaluation of our lives as followers of Christ. "How am I
doing in His service?". "How well am I living up to my baptism?".
Preparation; we make use of the means of growing towards God that Christ has
given us - The Blessed Sacraments, prayer, Absolution and the Holy Scriptures -
as we prepare, to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday, and for
our own resurrection when this life is finished.

The life examined in the light of Christ is infinitely worth living.
Have a good Lent. The Lord be with you.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

March 6th	8 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
13th	Mr. W. Woodall	Mr. C. Dunn/Mr. R. Pearce	Mr. F. Cox/Mr. D. Gallie
20th	Mr. I. Thompson.	Mr. D. Foulkes/Mr. E. Hyde	Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. P. Green
27th	Mr. D.A. Gallie	Mr. T.E. Jones/Mr. P. Surman	Mr. J. Green/Mr. B. Dawson
	Mr. W. Montgomery	Mr. G. Bayley/Mr. B. Dawson	Mr. J. Rowley/Mr. E. Clarke.

NO ALTAR FLOWERS DURING LENT

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION. We shall meet for Holy Communion in Church on Wednesday,
2nd March, at 10 a.m. Afterwards at the home of Mrs. Thompson, The Manor.
March 25th LADY DAY - Holy Communion 10 a.m.

THANKS. We acknowledge, with thanks, the gift of £2 from a lady who wishes to
remain anonymous, towards the cost of the Braunston Village News.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. At our January meeting a most interesting talk (illustrated
with colourful slides) was given by Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Gallie on their wonderful holiday
in Zimbabwe. On February 14th, Mrs. B. Ayres of Kilsby gave an amusing talk on old
time potions and remedies for every kind of illness.

Monday, 14th March. Mr. H. Shatford and Mrs. Lyman of Rugby will entertain with songs. Tuesday, 22nd March. Another Ploughman's Lunch will be served in the Village Centre at 12 noon. Everybody welcome. Monday, 28th March. We are promised an instructive talk of life in Australia by the Rev. K. Purdie, at present Acting Rector of Braunston.

BRATTON WOMEN'S INSPIRATION. We had a most interesting talk in February by Mrs. Zillah Galt about her trip to Australia and New Zealand, with a short stay in Los Angeles to visit Disneyland and to Hawaii. Her slides, photographs and souvenirs added interest to her talk. The W.I. Darts Team entertained the Old Plough Ladies Darts Team. They lost to the visitors 4-1 but won the "Beer Horse". Please note that the W.I. will hold a Jumble Sale at the Village Centre on Saturday, 5th March, commencing at 10 a.m. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 1st March, and the Speaker will be Mr. J. Andrew, on "Forming a Newspaper".

BRATTON SCOUTS AND CUBS. The Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies of the Village, as well as Guides and Brownies from Crick and Welton attended a special service on Sunday, 20th February, for THINKING DAY. The proposed date for the Junior Disco has been postponed until April - Please see the next issue of B.V.M. for details. Please make a special date for the next Church Parade on 6th March.

BRATTON ANGLING CLUB. All members are asked to make an effort to be present at the A.S.M. on March 15th, at the Wheatsheaf. The Annual Presentation Evening will be held on 16th April. Tickets from Committee Members.

VILLAGE NOTES. The most cheering thought in the dark days of winter is the anticipation of spring with the prospect of daffodils, tulips, and some warmth from the sun. To the bird lover - the song of the birds - some being mating calls, others are warning notes to rivals - saying "This is my patch - keep off", and a male robin will attack any rival rash enough to invade his territory. Cheerful bird song is one of the most attractive features of the English Spring. In the early years of this century Theodore Roosevelt, an American President visiting this Country was anxious to hear the song of the Nightingale. He asked the then Foreign Secretary to recommend someone who could help him. The Foreign Secretary was Sir Edward Grey (later Lord Grey of Fallodon), who, being a keen observer of birds, readily offered his help - and made a firm friendship. Lord Grey created one of the first Nature Reserves at Fallodon - where he enclosed a pond, making it proof against predators. Here he observed the visitors to his pond and recorded his observations in a delightful book "Fallodon Papers". His golden rule for bird observers was - "Study to be quiet". This rule could apply to many other pursuits. A little less talk and more thought could contribute towards a better World.

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