

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Jan. 6th 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Service 3 p.m. Parish Communion
13th, 20th 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Communion 3 p.m. Evening Prayer
& 27th

'Glory to God in the highest; and peace goodwill to men'

The message of Christmas, repeated so many times over the past few weeks, may seem rather hollow when we are reminded, sometimes all too forcibly, of the violence and inequality of the world in which we live.

Yet it is the firm conviction of Christians down the years that if only men were prepared to give glory to God through their lives, their relationships and their work then the promise of peace among men would become a reality, and cease to exist solely in the realm of wishful thinking.

May something of that peace be in your's throughout the coming year.

BAPTISMS

December 2nd Matthew James SMITH
Justin Paul TAYLOR

FUNERALS

December 5th Winifred LUCK
6th 'Andy' John LDDINS
Fred Beasley SHEPHERD
18th Gwendoline Grace SMITH

To all who have been saddened by the loss of their loved ones we send our love and sympathy.
BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION. Last month's coffee morning raised £24 for the Ethiopian appeal. Thank you to all who attended and gave so generously. There will be no meeting this month. We next meet at the Rectory on Wednesday February 6th at 10 a.m.

THANKS We gratefully acknowledge the gift of £5 from the Friendly Club towards the production of the Village News.

SIDESMENS' ROGA 9 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 3 p.m.
Jan. 6th W.Woodall D.Poultice F. Cox
13th L.Thompson F.S.White/C.Dunn P. Green
20th D.A.Gallie E.M.Thorp/R.Chaplin B. Dawson
27th S.Lee B.Dawson/E.Hyde E. Clarke

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 6th & 13th High Altar St.Giles
Miss Chamberlain Miss E. Thorp
20th & 27th Mrs. Meredith Mrs. V. Sanders

CHURCH BUILDING FUND - WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS.

The first load of old newspapers and magazines was duly collected on 17th November resulting in a cheque for £78 towards the Church Building Fund. Thanks are due to all the helpers who worked so hard to ensure the success of this our first effort and to the householders of Braunston for saving their waste paper.

Regular collections will be resumed through the village on the first Saturday every month commencing on 2nd February 1965 (weather permitting). Please store your old newspapers and magazines until then and put these out (preferably in bundles) at your front door or gate visible from the road by 10 a.m. on the morning of each collection.

Meanwhile we need as many volunteers as possible, with or without vehicles, to help with the collections. In order that we may compile our rota as soon as possible, will volunteers please contact either the Rector, Sheila Rowley (390559) or Denis Poulter (690930). Your help will be much appreciated.

Any householder without transport, requiring a special collection should telephone 690930 and this will be arranged.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS (continuation)

January 1985

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. The Christmas Dinner was held in the Village Centre on Tuesday, 11th December, when 56 members sat down to an excellent meal. The entertainment was provided by the Guildborough School Band, playing carols and Christmas music. A vote of thanks to the players was given by Mr. W. Bodgett. Three members of the committee who were resigning were presented with gifts and thanked by Mrs. Janet McCarthy. There were many Draw prizes, one of which was a lovely doll dressed and given by Mrs. E. Merchant, and won by Mrs. M. Cook of Willoughby. Mr. G. Green thanked the committee for all the work they put in to make the Club such a success. Mine was kindly given by Mr. & Mrs. R. Gurney and members were able to have their dinner free, due to the great generosity of Jackie and Ivor Timms and customers of the Theatrebar Inn. A donation of £50 was also given by the Braunston Angling Club.

The Mince Pie Tea and Bring and Buy Stall held on Friday, 14th December in the Village Centre was well supported. About £50 was realized for Club funds.

£108.00 TO THE NSPCC

Who says that people today think only of themselves? The good folk of Braunston raised £900 for the NSPCC in a six week period in October and November.

The House to House collection raised £130 and the cake stall and raffle held outside 29 High Street on 3rd November raised a magnificent £235. Dig honoured Hope the Clown raised a further £15.

Grateful thanks to the helpers with the house to house collection and to Isabel and Louis Prat and Sallie Holden for their hard work on 3rd November.

The money will be well spent. This year the NSPCC has opened over 12,000 new cases involving over 20,000 children. It is sad to note that over 16,000 of these children were under the age of 5 years... thank you - on their behalf. Ann Pearce.

BRAUNSTON GARDENS' ASSOCIATION. The Spring Flowering Show has been arranged for March 9th. Please remember that all entries must have been in the exhibitors' possession for at least 3 months - so Christmas gifts of flowering and foliage plants will be eligible - look after them!

The Committee take this opportunity to wish you all happy gardening in 1985.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION. Everyone will be most welcome at the first Annual General Meeting of the Twinning Association which will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 17th January, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

If you would like a copy of the draft constitution before the meeting please contact the Secretary (090603).

VILLAGE NOTES.

Rainfall in November 101.1 mm (almost 4 inches)
" " December to 14th 11.4 mm

1984 has been an unusual year even if George Orwell's predictions have not materialised. Spring was unusually wet, summer was hot and so dry that reservoirs were at their lowest for many years and winter has so far been so mild that larvae which gardeners had mown, hoping for the fact time this year, are now sprouting, roses are blooming in December, as well as other flowers.

The unseasonable weather has allowed birds to feed so well they have not touched the red berries on the cotoneaster and holly bushes.

Songs of the birds, robin, wren, blackbird, thrush and hedge sparrow are to be heard as if spring had really arrived.

A Happy New Year to all our readers.

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