

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

4th	8.00 Holy Communion	11th	8.00 Holy Communion
	10.30 Parish Eucharist		10.30 Family Pageant Service
	6.30 Evensong		
18th	8.00 Holy Communion	25th	8.00 Holy Communion
	10.30 Parish Eucharist		10.30 Morning Prayer

BAPTISM. 10th July. Ashley Thomas, son of Karim and Samantha Smith
May he find Love, Joy and Peace in the Family of the Church.

MARRIAGES. 6th August. Nicola Anne Barton and Adrian Geoffrey Sutton
27th August. Tracey Marie Leeson and Joedy Humphries.

We wish each couple every Joy in their new life together.

It seems a long time since the last BVN; summer has come and almost gone. I would like to thank the Village for the support they gave to the Church Fete; the weather just about held out and everyone had a thoroughly good time. The sum of about £900 was raised which just about paid for the urgent repair to the Church heating! Thank you all very much.

At the risk of being boring, I must come back to the relationship of the Church to the Village. The Church is here to serve the VILLAGE. We will baptize those Villagers, or their children, who wish to be a part of the Church. We will marry anyone who lives in the Village, irrespective of their religion or lack of one. We will hold Funeral Services and bury anyone of the Village who has died. With the exception of Funerals (where we use discretion in the case of ex-Villagers) these ministries apply only to those who actually live in Braunston. The Churchyard, and that includes what we locally call the cemetery, is a part of the Church. (It is a part of the freehold of the incumbent for the time being and 'belongs' to him, in trust.) Nothing should be done in the Churchyard without my knowledge, and if necessary, permission. Obviously this does not apply to tending and maintenance of graves, but it does apply to everything else, such as the placing of monuments. Recently, as many of you will know, someone buried some cremated remains, themselves, unbeknowns to me. The situation has been resolved, a Burial Service has been held and recorded in the Parish Registers. This was highly irregular and is just the sort of thing which must not occur.

We will be returning from holidays to our more settled routines in the next month, but there are always things to look forward to, such as School, the Harvest Festival and Supper (9-10th Oct.) and the Village Panto; all part of the joy of life in a Community. Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

September 4th	8am	10.30am	6.30pm
11th	L. Thompson	E. Thorpe & M. Chamberlain	E. Clarke
18th	E. Thorpe	F. Cox	
25th	F. Spencer Lee	B. Dawson & D. Hamer	
	D. Foulkes	J. Reed & D. Gregson	

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 4th & 11th	High Altar	St. Giles
18th & 25th	Mrs. M. Lintern	Mrs. A. Beck
2nd & 9th	Mrs. Cooper (Mill Close)	Mrs. M. Brown
16th & 23rd	Mrs. I. Griffin	Mrs. Shrubbs
	Mrs. A. Ferne	Mrs. P. Thompson

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS - SATURDAYS 3RD SEPTEMBER AND 1st OCTOBER

Please note that as from the first Saturday in September there will be a change in procedure for the collection of your waste newspapers and magazines. In future collections around the village will take place on the same day as the merchant's skip vehicle comes to pick up the material. We are grateful to John and Kathleen Bowd for allowing us to use the Plough car park where the skip will be situated from about 8.30am until no later than 11am. In view of this you are requested to ensure your waste paper is put out by 9.30am at the latest on each collection day.

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However, if you should have any reason, or would prefer, please bring your bundles to the Plough car park (using the Church Road entrance only) for direct loading into the skip. Also a reminder that wheresoever possible your old newspapers and magazines should be tightly bundled and secured with suitable string or twine.

This new procedure will not only obviate the necessity for maintaining storage space and double handling but also the time so generously donated by our small band of volunteers. It is almost 4 years since we began waste paper collections on behalf of Braunston Church and we hope that with the continued co-operation of everyone concerned we can maintain collections for many years to come. Thank you.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB A most interesting talk and slide show was given by Mrs. Pat Camp, a teacher at the Braunston School, who told of her holiday accompanied by her husband to Papua New Guinea where their son was for 5 years working for the V.S.O. Mrs. Camp was thanked by Mrs. Amy Beckett who hoped she would pay a return visit to continue telling us of her experiences.

Monday 12th September Once again Mrs. Joy Evans has kindly invited members to visit her home at Long Backby, whereafter a short coach ride, tea will be served. The coach will leave the Green at 2.15pm. Monday 26th September Members will celebrate Harvest Festival, when the Rev. R. Lee, minister at the United Reform Church in Daventry will be the speaker. Please bring your gifts for the Harvest stall.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Meet the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. In July, members were taken on a 'trip to China' courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Dawson. August, Mr. Andrew Percocott who practices in Daventry gave a very interesting talk on 'Acupuncture'. September 6th 'Grading Standards' will be discussed by a 'Grading Standards Officer'. Anyone requiring further information regarding The Womens Institute please telephone Greta Raftery (President) 890643.

CAR DOCT SALE / OR WHEELBARROW. Sunday 25th September 9.30am - 1.00pm Village Centre Car Park. Tickets £3 in advance or £4 on the day. 50p for wheelbarrow. To book, telephone 890952 or call at 25 High Street. Proceeds in aid of Cancer Research.

ENGLEND IN BLOOM COMPETITION Braunston came second in the Large Village category of this competition. The Parish Council would like to thank the residents of Braunston for their efforts to enable the village to be placed in this competition.

VILLAGE NOTES The wearisome delays, experienced by those seeking the warmth of the Mediterranean sun, have persuaded several sun worshippers that while our British climate has certain drawbacks, there is much worthy of attention in our own Island. Some people go in search of interesting buildings but here we have many as interesting. The cathedrals of Peterborough, Canterbury, Wells, Gloucester and Durham to name but a few. Several of our Village Churches are well worth a visit. Though our neighbouring country side may lack the spectacular Grandeur of the Alps or even the romantic beauty of the Lake District or the Highlands of Scotland there is tranquil attraction which town dwellers of England as well as those of America and Europe have learned to appreciate. There are also the beauties of our insect life - butterflies and dragonflies. Among the wonders of our countryside are the plumed seeds of plants like the Goat's Beard. They are arranged in a manner which are a miracle of mathematical precision which only a genius in that skill could work out with equal accuracy. There are many ways of having a holiday without the trauma of a weary wait in an airport waiting room.

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