

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

2nd March	7.30pm Lenten Worship
6th March	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
9th March	7.30pm Lenten Worship
13th March	MOTHERING SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Mothering Sunday Parade Service
16th March	7.30pm Lenten Worship
19th March	St. Joseph of Nazareth, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20th March	10.30am Holy Communion
25th March	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lady Day)
27th March	7.30pm Holy Communion PALM SUNDAY
	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
28th, 29th, and 30th	10.30am Parish Eucharist with distribution of Palms HOLY WEEK
31st March	7.30pm Holy Communion and address Maundy Thursday 7.30pm memorial of the institution of the Lord's Supper

No P.C.C. this month, but the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held in the Village Library on Thursday, 17th March at 7.45pm.

Lent is not meant to be a gloomy time, although we might make it so. It is a time when we think about Spring and Spring-cleaning. We can usefully use this time to Spring-clean ourselves, looking within ourselves to see what motivates us and seeing how we match up to our vocation in this life. Although Christians consider their own profession of Faith at this time, whatever our religion or philosophy of life it is good for all of us occasionally to take out our Life's route map to see if we have gone wrong and if we have some unhelpful burdens in our pack. Lent is the perfect time for this. The Resurrection of Spring and Easter are not far away.

I have been asked to write something about the Cemetery and the erection of Memorials. At the outset I must say that I am bound by the 'rules' concerning Churchyards and these have the force of Law. Permission must always be sought for the erection of a memorial, it is not a right. The man who has the last word on what may or may not be erected is the Chancellor of the Diocese (a lawyer) and he has delegated permission to allow a few types of memorials without consultation, but these do not include memorials over cremated remains in any circumstance. The situation in Braunston seems to have been 'irregular' for some time, but that is in the past. I have been asked to stick to the rules.

So much for the legal side of the consideration of memorials. On the more intimate, personal and, to me, more important side, I will always give sympathetic consideration of any request for a memorial in the Churchyard and, if consulted early enough, will guide anyone through the complexities of this situation which often arises at times when the bereaved are least able to cope with the niceties of the Law. As I wrote in the Church Notices, I am hoping to establish an area where cremated remains can be interred and where memorials can be sited without recourse to the Chancellor for individual permissions. Until that happens could I ask Villagers to bear with me and the 'system' in this sensitive matter?

<u>SUPPORTING ROLA</u>	8am	10.30am
March 6th	E. Thorpe	D. Foulkes/D. Gregson
14th	L. Thompson	B. Dawson/E. Dunn
20th	F. Spencer-Lee	D. Hamer/D. Gregson
27th	F. Cox	E. Thorpe/M. Chamberlain
		6.30pm
		P. Green

We gratefully acknowledge donations of £5 from Braunston Village Gardens Association and an anonymous donation of £1 towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB At the last meeting a most interesting illustrated talk was given by Mr. Frank Cox. Many colourful slides of his holidays in Spain and North Africa were shown. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Janet McCarthy.

On 8th February members were entertained by Mrs. Hazel Parsons of Barby with songs and monologues. She was accompanied by Mr. John Braashaw at the piano. Mrs. PARSONS was thanked by Mrs. Joan Reed. On Monday last Mr. & Mrs. W. Cook of Willoughby showed a variety of slides including the Isle of Mull, Scotland, Newquay Cornwall and Scarborough. They were thanked by Mrs. Gwen Cole.

One of the oldest members Mrs. Millie Hall, who passed away recently, made a bequest of one hundred pounds to the club. How this money will be spent, to benefit all members, will be decided at a later date.

Monday 14th March A cookery demonstration will be given by Mrs. Sue Jackson of East Haddon. Monday 28th March The guest speaker will be P.C. Ben Mitchell, our local P.C. BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE As a result of our February meeting, members and friends will be more aware of following safety precautions in the home. Mr. Chapman Crime Prevention Officer for Daventry gave a most instructive and informative talk. The January newsletter displayed telephone numbers to ring for your local Crimewatch contact. The organiser is Mr. Milo telephone no. Rugby 898527.

March 1st Our speaker will be Mrs. P. Petrie "Creative Embroidery". This will be an OPEN evening when friends are asked to come at 8.0pm. It will be beneficial to bring pad and pencil. Saturday March 12th Jumble Sale in the Village Hall 2.0pm.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION Sales of fertilizers are due to start again early this month. The date will be displayed in the Post Office window. Sales take place on Sunday mornings between 11am and 12 noon at the Village Centre. The Association are giving another slide show on Tuesday April 19th in the Village Centre. Slides from the Royal Horticultural Society's collection will again be shown. Further details in the April newsletter. Volunteers are needed to help keep tidy the Village rose bed, the garden of the Village Hall and the shrubbery at Church Road corner - this is not an onerous job, but the beds do need fairly constant attention, especially during the growing season. Please help to keep your Village tidy - if you feel that you could spare a little time three or four times a year (depending on how many people volunteer!), please ring the Chairman, Viv Hall on 895506.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Welcome to a new Secretary/Treasurer John Gray from Ashby, and Poppy organiser for the district Tom Webb of Spinney Hill. The Legion welcomes such supporters. Next meeting March 15th - Red Lion Pub.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE Wish to know if anyone has a folding Table Tennis Table for sale, if so please contact Mrs. D. Hewitt, 64, Greenway tel.no. 891226.

BRAUNSTON BROWNIES AND GUIDES are holding a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th March at 10.0am. Proceeds will go to "Help a Child to See" and other charities. If you have some jumble, please contact Mrs. B. Hamer 890051 or Mrs. J. Dibben 890515 or bring it to the Hall after 9.30am on 26th March.

BRAUNSTON PLAYGROUP will be holding an Easter coffee morning on Friday 25th March at the Village Hall 10.45am. Coffee will be served and the children will have an Easter Bonnet Parade and a sponsored fill-a-bag.

THANKS We wish to thank all those who supported the recent Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale which raised a total of \$95.64 for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

VILLAGE NOTES Rainfall: Jan, 1938 - 93.2 mms. Feb. to 21st 25.0 mms. In most of our freshwater streams and ponds there live various specimens of leech or bloodsucker. Their body structure resembles that of the earthworm and are generally dark in colour often black. At each end of their body they have a sucker by which they fasten themselves to their victim and using this sucker they draw blood or other useful fluids from their victim which may be fish, frog, insect or man. They have been used by doctors to draw blood from human beings. This practice has been continued and has even been used in our own time when it is necessary to remove excess blood: The leech can extract and store more than its own weight of blood and this will supply it with food for a few days: They swim in the water with an undulating motion until they can attach themselves to a victim. The hold is so strong that considerable force is necessary to detach them once they have securely attached themselves to their victim. The use of leeches by doctors was restricted to a certain kind of leech and these are generally bred for the purpose.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS Saturday March 5th.

Articles for the April Issue should reach the Editor by 21st March.  
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