

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion.

2nd. 16th. 30th. Parish Eucharist 10.30am.

9th. Family Parade 23rd. Mattins 10.30am.

2nd Evensong 6.30pm.

Tuesday 25th St. Mark's Day, Holy Communion 7.30pm.

P.C.C. Meeting Thursday 6th April, at Miss E. Thorpes Dark Lane.

BAPTISMS: 5th March Helen Ambrose, Jessica Ambrose, James Benson and  
Aaron Longworth.

12th March Debbie Stanlake  
26th March George Brealey

CONFIRMATION: 15th March

Helen Ambrose, James Benson, Shelley Skelcey, Debra Stanlake & Sandra Stapley.

BELLS A peal is to be rung on the 21st April and 29th April.

Easter has come and gone, but I hope not forgotten. In the Springtime we see so much renewal around us, here in the country, that we almost take it for granted. We give thanks to God for all the renewals around us, not only in nature but in our personal relationships as well. Easter is the great thanksgiving for our renewal in Jesus, for the new life we have through his resurrection - what a joy it was to have a Baptism on Easter Day to emphasise that rebirth. I give thanks, at this time, especially for renewal in the Church; how our congregations are growing and most especially for the growth of our Sunday School. I thank God that children are drawn to come to us and for the devotion of those who have undertaken to teach them. The Easter season lasts all through this month and beyond. I hope we can all find some renewal in our lives for which to give thanks.

I was saddened to find that someone has been stealing consecrated soil out of the Churchyard. I know we look forward to the Resurrection of the Dead, but I am sure that this is no way to hasten that great day.

Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

8am 10.30am

April 2nd L. Thompson F. Cox & B. Dawson E. Clarke (6.30pm)  
9th M. Chamberlain T. Minnett & C. Duñ  
16th F. Spencer Lee E. Thorp & M. Chamberlain  
23rd D. Foulkes G. Powell & J. Reed  
30th B. Dawson B. Wasser & C. Wasser

ALTAR FLOWERS

High Altar St. Giles

April 2nd & 9th Mrs. Meredith Mrs. Sanders

16th & 23rd Mrs. S. White Mrs. M. Foulkes

30th Mrs. Lloyd Mrs. Humphries

May 7th Mrs. H. Rowley Mrs. J. Rowley

14th & 21st Lady McGowan Mrs. J. Arrowsmith

28th Mrs. P. Evans Mrs. P. French

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge a donation from Mr. & Mrs. Wasser

towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

VILLAGE NOTES Wild flowering plants add to the beauty of our countryside but much of the pleasure we see in viewing our hills and even old walls and buildings is due to the flowerless plants. These include ferns, algae, liverworts and mosses. Many of our mosses give a covering to rocks and walls, colouring what might appear as uninteresting masses. It is a never-ending wonder that they survive in what must seem such unfriendly places. They are exposed to bitter cold in winter and in summer the scorching heat (when we have it) no visible supply of water or anything resembling shade. Yet these plants grow and flourish and reproduce themselves in spite of all the adverse conditions. If we observe a patch of moss at times it produces spore cases resembling tiny golf sticks. It is in these cases that the spores develop. Green at first they become brown and develop a cunningly designed lid composed of triangular sections broadly based at the

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BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB At the February meeting members listened with great interest to a talk by Mr. A. Rodgers, site manager of the local factory, no longer known as the glue factory, but National Starch & Chemicals Ltd. The factory is part of an international network which covers most parts of the world. In thanking the speaker Mrs. Peggy Fitch commented how interesting it was to think that Braunston was connected with such a worldwide concern. Monday 3rd April Members have been invited to see the daffodils at Ashby St. Ledgers followed by tea and entertainment in the village hall. The coach will leave the Green at 2.15pm. Monday 10th April A visit to the Carlsberg Brewery at Northampton has been arranged, coach leaves the Green at 1.30pm. Monday 24th April Entertainment will be provided by John, Walter & Frank, The Three Musketeers!

On Monday last an excellent showing of his holiday slides of Yugoslavia was given by Mr. Maurice Nurse. His commentary included the history of the country including his visits to Zagreb, Dubrovnic, Sarajevo and Lake Bled on the Austrian border. He was thanked by Mrs. Wendy Tompkins who congratulated him on his photography and historical information. At the close of the meeting Mr. John Gale, Development Officer of Age Concern, gave a short talk on the work of the organisation. It is hoped that a Day Centre can be formed in the Braunston area.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At the March meeting Mrs. Peter Gregg, a Rugby optician, who, with the aid of slides showed how an optician can identify a number of diseases as well as eye disorders just from a routine check-up and thus of the importance of continued eye checks even though the Government has withdrawn it's subsidy. At the next meeting on Apr. 4th Alan Powell will be giving a talk on "What is Art". Tickets will also be on sale for the Square Dance to be held on April 8th and are available from Mrs. G. Powell, 4, Church Road, price £3 to include buffet.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON SCHOOL are reminded that on Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm there will be an Antiques Roadshow in the school hall. Please bring along anything that's old and interesting (no not your granny's!) That old plate you bought for 5p at a jumble sale may be worth a lot more than you thought! Our antiques experts will also bring along some interesting items for us all to have a look at, as well as looking at the things you bring along. It will be a really good evening, we look forward to seeing you there.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION A reminder that the association is holding a slide evening on Tuesday April 11th, beginning at 8pm in the Games Room, Village Centre. Slides from the Royal Horticultural Society's collection - "Plants for Foliage" & "Plants for the Rock Garden".

Admission 25p to include coffee and biscuits.

BRAUNSTON CRICKET CLUB are holding a meeting to discuss the forthcoming season, at the Oide Plough, Sunday 2nd April 1989 at 7pm. All players old and new are very welcome. For further details:- Trevor Hewitt Chairman 891226 Roger Halson Secretary 891485.

BRAUNSTON BROWNIES AND GUIDES would like to thank all those who helped and supported their Jumble Sale last month. They raised £86 which will boost the funds of these thriving units. It you feel in sympathy with our ideas and aim of training young girls to grow up to be self reliant, mature, helpful and responsible people, and would be willing to help on a regular basis, please contact Jean Dibben (890515) or Barbara Hamer (890051)

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION TRIP TO QUINCY-VICISINS  
A luxury coach with reclining seats and toilet has been booked to leave Braunston at 8pm on Friday 12th May, and arriving back in Braunston at approx. 8pm on Monday 15th May. The cost will be £40 per adult and £25 per child under the age of fourteen. A deposit of £10 per person is required, the balance to be paid on or before 28th April. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to join in the 200th anniversary celebrations of the French Revolution. Book your seat NOW by contacting Sylvia Tatham, Secretary 68 Church Road, Telephone No. 890401.

VILLAGE NOTES continued.....  
circumference and tapering to a point at the centre of the capsule. These are very sensitive to moisture. In damp conditions these segments close to give a waterproof cover opening again when dry conditions prevail and spores are released to float free in the wind for distribution.