

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday, Holy Communion at 8.00am  
5th - MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.30am Special Mothering Sunday Service with posies  
for all Mums.

12th & 19th 6.30pm Evensong  
26th EASTER 10.30am Parish Eucharist  
10.30am Easter Celebration with Baptism

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Holy Week, Holy Communion 7.30pm  
Good Friday, 24th March 2.00pm 'An hour at the Cross'  
Good Friday in Daventry. Children's Service at Holy Cross at 9.15am  
Procession of Witness. 10.00am Assemble at URC for preparation  
10.30 procession sets off 11.00 to 11.30 Service at Burton Memorial.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Library on March 9th 7.30pm

BELLS: A peal is to be rung on the 11th March between 6.30 and 8.00pm and  
the Peterborough Guild of Bellringers will be ringing again on 29th March  
between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

FUNERALS: January 31st - Hubert Clarke

February 17th - Stan Hollis of Ashby

We extend our sympathy to their families and pray that their souls may  
be at rest.

I sit, in the middle of February, looking out into brilliant sunshine, most  
unseasonal. In the month for which this Newsletter is due Spring will be  
with us, Lent will have completed its run and Easter will be celebrated  
and put behind us, but not, I hope, forgotten. In the Early Church, Easter  
was the occasion when those who wanted to join the Church were baptised,  
and were welcomed into the Christian community by the Bishop. It was, in  
fact, the only opportunity for baptism. Nowadays, we have separated  
Baptism from Confirmation, but this year it will be a great joy to be  
having a baptism on Easter Day reminding us all of our own baptism and,  
how, through the water of baptism, we have died to sin with Jesus and  
risen to new life with him in his resurrection. This month, too, we are  
taking a number of candidates to the Bishop for confirmation. It is good  
to witness these new starts in the Faith. It will be a new start, too, for  
the bishop, because the Bishop who will be conducting the Confirmation  
should be the new Suffragan Bishop of Brixworth (The Rt. Revd. Paul Barber),  
and this will be his first (or maybe second) confirmation.

Lent is the Church's solemn season, when we have no flowers in church  
conduct our services without 'frills'. By contrast, Easter Day is the High  
Festival of the year when we decorate the Church as much as possible. Last  
year it looked magnificent. I hope it will be as good this year. If anyone  
wishes to make a donation (perhaps in memory of a loved one) towards the  
Easter lilies, or other flowers, it will be gratefully received by Mrs.  
Janet Cox or myself. We will, of course, be having some flowers on Mother-  
ing Sunday when we give thanks for all that mothers are and have been and  
present Braunston Mums with posies.

It seems a long way off from here, but I wish you all Joy at Easter.

Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

Mar. 5th	L. Thompson	8am	
12th	E. Thorp	10.30am	F. Cox & B. Dawson
19th	F. Spencer Lee		T. Minett & C. Dunn
26th	B. Dawson		B. Wasser & C. Wasser
			G. Powell & J. Reed

ALTAR FLOWERS

Saturday March 25th Church decoration 10.00am. for Easter..

High Altar

St. Giles

April 2nd & 9th Mrs. Meredith

Mrs. Sanders

16th & 23rd Mrs. S. White

Mrs. M. Foulkes

30th Mrs. Lloyd

Mrs. Humphries

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £10 from the Braunston  
Village Gardens Association towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB A very dull February afternoon was brightened when members enjoyed watching a cine film of sunny Italy. Mrs. Phyl Evans told of her visit there a few years ago, including some humorous incidents during her stay. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Joan Reed.

Monday 13th March Holiday slides will be shown by Mr. Maurice Nurser of Coventry. Monday 27th March This being Easter Monday there will be no BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION meeting.

Don't forget the forthcoming trip to Quincy-Voisins on 13-14-15th May. The cost will be approximately £40 depending on numbers. Reserve your seat now by telephoning Sylvia Tatham on 890401. Accommodation in the village is still required for the Quincy-Voisins football team for the Easter tournament. Please help if you can.

SKATE BOARDING At the end of last summer it was noted that skate boarding was returning in popularity. Since Christmas new models have taken to the streets, and in more than one village I have received complaints from members of the public that they have been accosted on footpaths by speeding skate-boarders, and in some cases, have had to swerve in their cars to avoid collision with a child displaying dexterity on the road. Parents, would you please ensure your child, if he or she is a skate-boarder, is aware of the need to be extremely careful, and to appreciate that pedestrians have right of way on the footpath and cars are potential killers. That way, our village children can enjoy their fun without harm and injury, and not fall foul of grown-ups. Thank you, B.J. Mitchell.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Members were treated to a trip to the West Coast of America, Hollywood, Disneyland and a flight round the Grand Canyon at the last meeting of W.I. all via a cine film with commentary from Mrs. Phyl Evans, who had undertaken this 'trip of a lifetime'. Back home again, the new fund raising magazine stall started off well and members are reminded to bring any unwanted 'glossies' to the next meeting. A Square Dance will be held on April 8th, admission £3 to include a buffet supper/tea & coffee, although anyone can bring their own bottle & glass! At the next meeting to be held on March 7th, Mr. P. Gregg will give a talk on his job as an optician. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall. BRAUNSTON MUMS AND TODDLERS We meet every Thursday 10.30-11.30am in the Village Hall (school holidays excepting) for babies and toddlers 0-3 years. Come along for a drink and chat. Shirley Catchpole 891012 & Janet Hutchinson 890899.

BRAUNSTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB We are holding an "Open Meeting" on Sunday 12th February in the Games Room, Plough at 7.00pm. New blood is needed to enhance the growth of our club, to provide better facilities and opportunities for children. February 25th. We are holding a race night at Onley Social Club. Tickets from G. Midson, 76, Church Road, Braunston. STREET LIGHTING Parishioners are asked to report all public lighting faults to Dennis Taylor - Rugby 891353 who will notify the Electricity Board. This will save duplication and enable the Parish Council to keep a proper record of lighting faults and the length of time taken to carry out repairs.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION Slides from the Royal Horticultural Society's collection are being shown at the Village Centre on April 11th at 8pm. These shows have, in the last couple of years or so, attracted a reasonable audience, and appear to be growing in popularity - it should be worth while to come along. Slides on 'Plants for Foliage' & 'Plants for the Rock Garden' Entrance 25p to include coffee and biscuits.

Sales of fertilizers begin again on Sunday March 5th between 11am - 12 noon at the Village Centre. Please bring a bag or container for your purchases. BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION As many of you know Braunston P.F.A. runs a monthly draw. We have at present over 400 participants and give

three cash prizes totalling £100. There are still areas of the village unable to take part in this draw because as yet we have no collectors to cover them. If you are interested in giving up an hour or two, once a month, so that we may extend this very successful draw to take in the whole village, contact Martin Bond 890003. The areas in need are School Close/Walton Rd, Archer Ave. & High St. If you live in any other area you should have been contacted, if not give me a ring & we will come & see you. MATERIAL FOR THE APRIL ISSUE SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR BY 21st MARCH.

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