

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 5th, 19th, & 26th 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
and on 5th only 10.30am Parish Eucharist  
6.30pm Evensong

12th 8.00am Holy Communion (ASB Rite 'B')

10.30am Family Parade Service at which the preacher will be the  
Revd. Richard Gillings, a member of General Synod and  
Team Rector in an Urban Priority Area.

2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Holy Communion 7.30pm.  
8th Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Holy Communion.

PCC meets on 2nd February at 12 Greenway 8.00pm.

The Church is often told to keep its nose out of Politics, usually by politicians. But it is the belief of the Church that it cannot, because Politics is a part of the world - a part of God's Creation and as such is a legitimate part of the caring Church's work. Don't misunderstand me, I am not talking about Party Politics, that is something else; the Church does not (or should not) take sides in Party affairs. What does concern the Church is the human condition of living and working or not working. The Church is concerned with the problems of poverty and affluence; the stresses of overwork and unemployment; the pain of adolescence and the strain of old age. I am not suggesting that the Church has all the answers to solve all the difficulties encountered in life, but we do have something to offer to people to help them to come to terms with the condition in which they find themselves. One of the areas of concern which has been highlighted in recent years is the plight of those who live and work in the deprived inner areas of some of our cities. On the 12th of this month we are having a visit from a clergyman who has worked for a number of years in one of these Urban Priority Areas and I hope that we can learn from him something of what we can do to show that he and his Parish are not forgotten. The Church Urban Fund, set up by the Archbishops, will provide some resources to show in a practical way that we care, but even a little encouragement does so much for people in an area where any outlook is usually desperate. Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

Feb. 5th	L. Thompson	8am	F. Cox & B. Dawson	10.30am	E. Clarke
12th	M. Chamberlain		T. Minnet & C. Dunn		
19th	F. Spencer Lee		E. Thorp & M. Chamberlain		
26th	D. Foulkes		G. Powell & J. Reed		

VILLAGE NOTES When we hear the word 'economy' it is generally taken to mean the saving of money but the original meaning referred to the efficient management of the available material or resources. Much of the ills of the world are due to the mis-management of the resources due to wars etc. and most of all due to the greed of the human race.

In the realms of Nature, economy of material is managed fairly well. If we look at the structure of the wing of a lacewing fly it is so constructed that the forepart of the wing which must take the greatest strain is thicker and the hinder parts are less robust. This too applies to the wing of the bumble bee, it is made so the relatively heavy body is borne aloft on wings which seem to defy all the rules of aerodynamics.

Carnivorous animals realize that only a limited number of their kind can live on and the animals of their prey, so they restrict their numbers to a given area. The rate mankind the most destructive animal of all is using (or abusing) the world's limited resources is now being realized and unless this is checked the outlook for children of the future will indeed be bleak.

MATERIAL FOR THE MARCH ISSUE SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR BY 21ST FEBRUARY.

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FRIENDLY CLUB An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Tod Beece, many members joined in the dancing, while others watched and listened to the music. It is hoped that another such meeting can be arranged soon. At the last meeting members were given a Chinese greeting by Mr. & Mrs. B. Dawson, before telling of their holiday in China. Many lovely slides were shown of the Chinese countryside and the talk was both interesting and informative. Mr. G. Green gave the vote of thanks.

Monday Feb. 13th A film show will be given by Mrs. Phyllis Evans of her holiday in America. Monday Feb. 27th A representative from the National Starch & Chemical Factory will give a talk.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Tuesday Feb. 7th sees the start of the W.I's meetings for this year, with committee member Phyl Evans giving an illustrated talk on her American Tour. New members are always welcome and may be interested to know that talks this year will include the 'Work of an Optician', Myths, Legends & Ghosts, Art, the Feel & Beauty of Wood and for the more crafty, how to make chocolates. There will also be a talk on Denman College - owned by the W.I. specifically for members who want to get away for a few days to study their own particular interest. Besides outings and fund raising, events will include a Barn Dance in the Spring and a Christmas Party. The Skittles and Darts teams are always on the lookout for new players for their inter-county matches. Meetings are always held at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month, when news of all other events is given out. So if you need a new interest for 1989 please come BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION - CHARITY AUCTION along.

On Friday 31st March there will be a Charity Auction at the Village Hall, in aid of P.F.A. funds. The P.F.A. are looking for items, in any condition for the auction. So if you have any Books, Records, Paintings, Furniture, Glassware, Crockery, Bric-a-Brac or Household items you would like to donate, please telephone:- P. Helliwell on 891278 or D. Gulliver on 891081 to arrange collection.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL are holding a Barn Dance on Feb. 17th 8pm - 12pm. Tickets are available from D. Hewitt, 64, Greenway. J. Tennant, 32 High St., A. Wrycraft, 30, High St. A good night to be had by all - only £1.75 a ticket - Bar available.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION At the A.G.M. held on Monday 16th January, Terry Tatham was elected Chairman, Sylvia Tatham, Secretary and Dr. Ian Mackichan, Treasurer. We have been invited to our twin village Quincy-Voissins for the weekend 13-14-15 May to join in the celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution. It is hoped that as many villagers as possible will be able to make the trip. At Easter there is to be a football tournament in Braunston when two teams from Quincy-Voissins will be expected to arrive. Anyone able to offer accommodation to the visitors please contact Terry or Sylvia on 890401.

BRAUNSTON SCOUTS AND CUBS Many thanks to the parents and friends who bought tickets in the two Christmas raffles. The Cubs held a "cowboy" evening recently and some of the Scouts will be appearing in the pantomime at the Village Hall. New Cub Leaders are urgently needed, so if anyone is interested, would they please contact Mrs. M. Hick at the Den, Tuesday evenings, 6.15-7.30pm. Also if there are any parents with a hobby or interest they would like to pass on to Cubs and Scouts on an occasional basis, could they also contact the Den either on Tuesdays (time as above) or Fridays 7.00-9.00pm.

FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON SCHOOL will hold their Family Fun Evening on Friday 24th February at 7.30 in the School Hall. Come and test the general knowledge of your family in this quiz evening of light-hearted trivia and fun. Teams comprising of up to three adults and any number of children will compete for the "Quincy Voissins Challenge Cup". The cost will be £3 per team to include a welcoming drink for all participants. Entry forms may be obtained from the school, or from, Mrs. Collins, 86, Onley Park, Mrs. Gadsden, 11, Sanders Close, Mrs. Brown, 15, Mill Close, Mr. Roberts, 14, North Close or Mr. Randell, Hillside, London Road. Also it is hoped to arrange for March 10th an "antiques Roadshow". Experts in the field of antiques will come along to cast an eye over any of your old Bric a Brac and artefacts. Ever wondered if that old vase is really worth anything? Come along and find out.