

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday Jan. 1st 10.30am Parish Eucharist

NOTE: THIS IS THE ONLY SERVICE FOR THIS SUNDAY. NO 8am and NO EVENSONG

Thursday Jan. 5th 7.30pm Holy Communion of The Epiphany (anticipated)

Sunday Jan. 8th 8.00am Holy Communion ASB Rite 'B'

10.30am Family Parade Service

Sundays 15th, 22nd, and 29th

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 25th Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion at 7.30pm

PCC meets on Thursday 5th Jan. after the Eucharist; in the Rectory.

FUNERAL: December 9th Joseph Allcott

We offer our deepest sympathy to his family.

The CHRISTINGLE SERVICE raised £254.60 for the work of the Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who made the occasion so enjoyable and so worthwhile.

The congregation responded to the Appeal, in church on 11th December, for the victims of the Armenia disaster with £176.22. It seems so little in the face of such tragedy, but we know that it, and all the other 'little bits' will help.

A Happy New Year to all BVN readers! Do you make New Year's resolutions? I think most people do. We all like new beginnings, new opportunities to start again, and we often like opportunities to turn away from what we see as unsatisfactory aspects of our life. That is a part of being really human - we fall short of our own expectations of ourselves, let alone God's hopes for us. There are so many chances of starting again besides January 1st; the start of a new term a new school or a new job; moving into a new neighbourhood or house; getting married, and so on. We should take advantage of these opportunities to see where we fall short and resolve to repair the damage. In that way we can keep our lives fresh and ourselves a pleasure to know. In the Church the sacraments enable us to turn our backs on the old and start anew in our relationship with God.

May you make good New Year's resolutions, and may God give you strength to keep them.

SIDESMENS ROTA

Jan 1st

8th

15th

22nd

29th

8am

No Service

E. Thorp

F. Spencer Lee

D. Foulkes

B. Dawson

10.30am

F. Cox and B. Dawson

T. Minnett and C. Dunn

G. Powell and J. Reed

K. Minnett and D. Hamer

B. Wasser and C. Wasser

St. Giles

Miss Thorpe

Mrs. M. Hick

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 8th & 15th

22nd & 29th

No Flowers during Lent.

High Altar

Miss Chamberlain

Mrs. C. Middleton

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the ladies of the Village who keep the Church looking so nice throughout the year.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £10 from the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of producing the BVN.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS

7th January, 4th February, 4th March.
Weather permitting, collections of your waste newspapers & magazines will be carried out on the above dates. In the event of extreme weather conditions on these days (e.g. heavy snowfalls!) rendering collections impossible, if you can manage it, please retain your bundles until the following month. We have continuously provided this ecologistic service to the village for over 4 years raising about £2,300 to date towards the Church Building Fund. Many thanks to you all. D.G.F.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB An excellent Christmas Dinner was served in the Village Centre. The wine and crackers were kindly given by Mrs. Paulene Gurney. Carols were sung accompanied by John Bradshaw at the piano. The Mince Pie Tea was well attended and together with the Bring & Buy Stall and Draw realized the sum of £52.95. The raffle for the doll, kindly donated by Mrs. Eliza Merchant was won by Mrs. Bavington of Ashby Road. This raised £15.15. Altogether £68.45 has gone to Club funds.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS' ASSOCIATION The Association would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy New Year, and good gardening in 1989. Also to give prior notice of a slide show that will take place early in April - slides from the Royal Horticultural Society's collection. Further details later.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At the December meeting members were entertained by 'Pipes Galore' - a group exhibiting their talents playing a variety of pipes including recorders, ocarinas, flute and bassoon. Father Christmas then arrived to distribute gifts. A buffet supper prepared by the members was enjoyed by all. This was followed by some members giving their rendition of 'Summer Loving' from Grease, 'Summertime' sung by Mrs. Audrey Burton and a summer poem by Gwen Cole.

A Carol Concert followed by a mince pie tea, was held on Sunday 11th Dec. and attended by 6 local W.I.'s. The collection of £110.53 was donated to 'Action for the Crippled Child'.

There will be no meeting in January. A trip to the Hot Ice Show has been arranged for January 7th.

VILLAGE HALL The opinion of quite a number of people in the village that the roof, brickwork and woodwork of the hall is in need of urgent attention, has now been confirmed by a professional survey. Estimates for the work have been received, prices ranging from £20-30,000. A local authority grant has been requested and if forthcoming will cover roughly two thirds of the costs; leaving £7-10,000 to be found locally.

The hall committee is therefore appealing for continued support of the 200 club; ideas for fund raising activities, and donations in order to raise the money required prior to commencement of work. Please contact - J. Tennant, 32 High St. Tel. 890952 or D. Hewitt, 6 Greenway Tel. 891226.

VILLAGE NOTES

Most animals fear mankind but several of them, among whom are the most timid, seem to prefer living alongside the two-legged unfeathered bipeds whom they fear. Swallows, martins and swifts have built their nests on our houses etc. Rooks and crows build nests near men and when the starlings flock to feed in the fields, they return to the nightly abode in a town.

The black headed gull seems to have abandoned his former seaside residence and moved to inland waters and rubbish tips which provide him with food. Rats and mice have imposed themselves on unwilling hosts while hedgehogs are welcome as controllers of the slug and snail population in our gardens. Squirrels repay with their antics anything they may eat. No one can turn over soil in a garden without the friendly robin which awaits any tibble which the spade may turn up and his song cheers up the most depressing day.

When we are on holiday enjoying a boat trip the seal will pop out of the water and eye the visitor with curiosity and sometimes give a friendly bark.

Fortunately we have abandoned the idea that anything which moved was a legitimate target for the marksman and that every bird with a hooked beak would look better stuffed and mounted in a glass case. Many stories are told in classical and modern literature of friendly animals which have helped humans when they have fallen into difficulty.

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