

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins.

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CHURCH SERVICES Holy Communion, each Sunday, at 8.00am.

at 10.30am on 3rd, 17th, and 24th. Parish Eucharist at 10.30am on 10th. Family service with children in mind Evensong is on the first Sunday in the month (3rd, June and 1st, July) at 6.30pm. ALSO, there is to be Evensong on the third Sunday in the month for the whole Daventry Team, in the different churches of the Team; this month at WELTON 17th, June at 6.30pm.

FUNERALS: 25th. May, Dennis Hubert Clarke, aged 59 years

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kay, the family and his friends.

The CHURCH FETE will be on 7th. July at the Rectory. Two o'clock in the afternoon.

What to write about is always a problem for all but the most journalistic of us. I can't tell you about the Bishop's visit, that's next week; I can't tell you about the Summer Fete, that's not until July; I daren't tell you about the Churchyard, you've had enough of that, but I can tell you about the proposal to join Braunston Church with Daventry Church. The basic problem is one of manpower, enough clergy to serve the people of the area; Daventry has only one 'permanent' clergyman (and two curates in training) and needs more clergy time to serve the 20,000 people there, on the other hand, Braunston with only 1800 people has a disproportionate amount of clergy time, if it has its own Rector. The compromise solution is to have the clergy of the surrounding villages give some of their time to Daventry. That is straightforward, but how to do it is the problem.

The scheme offered to us was one which made Daventry with all the village congregations into one Parish of Daventry with 'daughter' churches. This the clergy resisted firmly. For my part I believe that the Church is a vital part of a community, especially a rural community. The Church with its council, congregation and minister affirm a village with its uniqueness and its identity.

The strength of the opposition has now been recognised and the parishes of the area will come together to form a Team with a Team Council, giving up some of their responsibilities, but retaining a Parish structure within the villages.

Whatever else may happen, Braunston should be assured that there will be a minister resident in the village to meet the spiritual needs of all who live here, whether Christian, doubter or atheist. How that ministry is exercised cannot be dictated by a rule-book, but will be determined by the village and the minister working together to their mutual advantage.

to Christian Aid; £360 was collected.

Thank you to everyone who contributed

Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

June	e	3rd	L. Thompson	8am		10.30am		6.30pm
					B. Wasser			E. Clarke
					K. French	M. Chamberlain		
		10th	M. Chamberlain		D. Foulkes	J. Reed		
		17th	F. Spencer Lee		K. French	M. Chamberlain		
		24th	D. Hamer		F. Cox	K. Minett		

ALTAR FLOWERS

June	3rd	High Altar	St. Giles
		Lady McGowan	Mrs. J. Arrowsmith
	10th	Mrs. H. Rowley	Mrs. J. Rowley
	17th	Mrs. S. White	Mrs. M. Foulkes
	24th	Mrs. D. Knibbs	Mrs. J. Biddell

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB It was a beautiful afternoon when members went for a coach ride round the villages. All the cottage gardens were in full bloom and the carpets of bluebells were a lovely sight. The coach returned to the Village Centre at 3.0pm. where a nice tea, prepared and served by members of the committee.

Monday June 11th Members are asked to bring one of their cherished possessions to the meeting.  
Monday June 25th A Garden Party will be held in the Rectory Gardens at 2.30pm.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE Our May meeting was a serious one. Putting other matters aside to discuss important resolutions and joining the W.I. country wide to urge Her Majesty's Government to exercise it's powers to ban the use of Bovine Somatotropin in this country. Also to try and persuade all countries to declare the Antarctica a wilderness park so that polluting activities should not take place.

On a lighter note, Greta Raftery wishes to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Evening, which raised £56. Proceeds to go to the C.H. & S. Association. Mrs. J. Lang will be speaking on "Reflexology" at our next meeting at Braunston Village Hall June 5th 7.30pm.

BRAUNSTON SCHOOL FETE and Crowning of the Rose Queen to be held on Saturday 23rd June at 11.0am. There will be entertainment by the children, including maypole dancing, side stalls, bouncy castle, ploughmans lunch including refreshments will be served. We hope you will all come and enjoy this event, everyone welcome.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION Judging of gardens and hanging baskets will again take place during the Summer months. The presentation of the prizes in this annual competition will take place at an additional slide show on gardening topics which has been planned for Tuesday 18th September.

2nd BRAUNSTON SCOUTS, CUBS & BEAVERS We will be holding a Jumble Sale at The Den, Cross Lane, on Saturday 16th June, at 10.00am. Refreshments will be available in addition to the usual stalls. If anyone has any Jumble, please phone Alan Attack 891482; Ann Whitlock 890991 or Karen Kendall 891160, or bring it to the Den on Friday 15th June after 7.00pm.  
VILLAGE SHOW The second Village Arts and Crafts Show will be held on Saturday June 16th. Entries to be handed in during the morning and being open to the public in the afternoon. It will be open to all villagers and for any type of art or craft item in any media. A charge of 10% will be made on any sale or a donation from those on display only. More details by posters shortly.

#### VILLAGE NOTES

Nature seems to have the ability to balance its products in such a way that one excess is balanced by another. Our own resident birds which normally feed on insects and grubs stay with us all the year round. They are assisted by the summer visitors which invade our shores when insect population increases when they eat large numbers of flies, midges etc.

Probably the most spectacular visitors fascinating us with their expert aerial displays are the swifts. These rather soberly clad birds gather in clusters and scream as they dash through the air. How they can travel at 90 m.p.h. and avoid a collision is a never ending wonder.

One such individual was unlucky and did collide with something and was picked up more dead than alive, minus one eye, and badly bruised. His hosts placed him in a bowl after making him comfortable and leaving him with food and water. The bowl was placed on a low shelf and Charlie, as was named, was left to his own devices. In the night he managed to recover sufficiently to wriggle out of his bowl, and dropped to the floor. There to prove that "he" was a lady she laid an egg and that meant renaming her Carolyn. After a further rest and food she began to be restless and when she was carried outside made an aerial circuit taking off to her company.

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