

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins.
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CHURCH SERVICES Holy Communion, each Sunday, at 8.00am.
at 10.30am on 6th, 20th, and 27th. - Parish Eucharist

at 10.30am on 13th. Family service with children in mind

Evensong is on the first Sunday in the month (6th. May) at 6.30pm.

ALSO, there is to be Evensong on the third Sunday in the month for the whole Diocesan Team, in the different churches of the Team; the first of these Team Evensongs will be in Braunston on 20th. May at 6.30pm.

FUNERALS: 18th. April, Winifred Kendall aged 75years

25th. April, Elsie Label Findull, aged 77 years

We extend our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

In church, on May 18th. at 7.30pm, a group called 'Sounds Choral' will present a programme of music and words to welcome the Summer. The cost will be £1 per person, including refreshment. Any profit will go to the building fund.

WELCOME to the 'Braunston News', not just another free paper to clutter up the house, but a nicely presented sheet full of information for everyone in Braunston. - Thank you, Parish Council. Apart from the interest in what is going on in the village, in a free society we need to be informed, so that we can maintain our freedom and make our judgements for the future on the basis of what we know is true. The 'Braunston News' has never been thought of as a rival to this monthly news-sheet. It is a welcome complement to what we have been trying to do, giving us the Parish Council's news, whereas the BVN gives Church news and Village Organisation news where it can. I look forward to the next issue.

It is sad that so many people throughout the world are deprived of unbiased news and information - anything not 'official' has been treated badly by so many governments. Even the Good News of the Gospels has been underground literature in some places and the Bible Societies are appealing for funds to try to get Bibles to those recently liberated countries where the Scriptures have been so long forbidden. It's sad to think that the words of a man who came to preach peace to all mankind should be thought to be subversive.

The last phase of our 'modernisation' of the Parish church is about to take place, the provision of a room for the use of the Sunday School and other meetings. I will report future progress.

The Churchyard and the cemetery are important areas for consideration for our entry in the 'Best kept Village' competition. The Church Council will do what it can to keep these areas tidy, but most of the responsibility lies with the people of Braunston. If you know who should be responsible for graves that are not kept up, or are unsafe, tell them, but we will always help where we can.

I had only one response to my note about 'reserved' grave-spaces, so will presume that there is no-one else who considers that they have a space kept for them. Lastly, with regard to the cemetery, if you think that your children might play in the cemetery (and children always have) please ask them to be especially careful of the flowers; these are tokens of love from the living to the departed, and it causes great distress when they are disturbed.

Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS	ROTA	8am	10.30am	6.30pm
May 6th	L. Thompson	D. Foulkes & J. Reed	E. Clarke	
13th	E. Thorp	F. Cox & K. Minett		
20th	F. Spencer Lee	D. Turner & B. Dawson		
27th	D. Hamer	G. Powell & C. Dunn		

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 6th	Mrs. Meredith	High Altar
20th	Mrs. E. Dawson	
June 3rd	Lady McGowan	
10th	Mrs. H. Rowley	
17th	Mrs. S. White	
24th	Mrs. Knibbs	

St. Giles

Mrs. V. Sanders
Mrs. P. Streeton
Mrs. J. Arrowsmith
Mrs. J. Rowley
Mrs. M. Foulkes
Mrs. Biddell

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Several lovely flower arrangements were demonstrated by Mrs. Hilda Martin of Willoughby, which were kindly given as draw prizes. Mrs. G. Cole gave the vote of thanks.

A wonderful display of Easter Bonnets were entered in the competition at the Easter meeting. Sixteen ladies and four gentlemen took part.

Mrs. Violet Russell won ladies first prize and Mr. John Bradshaw the gents. Each entrant received a small Easter Egg as a consolation prize.

TUESDAY MAY 15th PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME The coach will now leave The Green at 1.30pm returning for tea in the Village Hall at 3.0pm.

Monday May 8th NO MEETING

WEDNESDAY MAY 30th A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall will be held in the Village Centre 10.30am to 12.00.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE At our April meeting Mrs. Mardle instructed us on how to "dress with style". This proved to be very informative and interesting. Our Jumble Sale was a great success raising the sum of £104.54. The collection for the 'Pennies for Friendship' raised another £10. The Village collection for the Chest Heart & Stroke Association raised £104.17.

Many exciting things to do in the months ahead, so why not join us now in time to enjoy the outings. Mrs. G. Wallis with "Resolutions" will be the speaker at our next meeting. The Village Hall Tuesday May 1st 7.30.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. to be held on 15th May at 8.0pm at the Village Hall. Everyone most welcome, especially representatives from user groups.

PARKING OF CARS is a national problem, and has had mention in this space before.

It is an offence to park on a footpath, but in view of the increase in car ownership and the congested roads, cars may be allowed to park with two wheels on the footpath only if it leaves sufficient room on the footpath (not the adjacent grass) for at least a pushchair/wheelchair to pass

On behalf of the blind and visually impaired people of Braunston, may I forward a request, particularly to those whom it concerns in Church Road, to leave that wide gap, to prevent another incident developing as of recently, when permanent injury may be caused.

Please note that the fixed penalty rate for the offence of obstructing the footpath has recently increased to £18.
Thank you for your consideration. B.J. Mitchell P.C. 435.

VILLAGE NEWS The increase in building houses, factories and roads lessens the area for our feathered friends. Open parks for our songsters and lakes for the water fowl makes some provision, but in the towns the only place for birds are the graveyards and cemeteries where cars do not disturb the quiet. In the older cemeteries the memorials to Victorian and Edwardian ancestors have in many cases been forgotten, have been overgrown with brambles. Ivy etc. while this may not be agreeable to us they provide shelter and protection for birds. Our own cemetery is fairly well kept and we still have trees and bushes providing shelter for our songsters and a variety of singing birds enliven the daylight hours.
To stay for a while in the cemetery while the birds sing, thoughts happier than those we usually associate with our visits awaken memories of poems which we learnt even if unwillingly in our youth.

MATERIAL FOR THE JUNE ISSUE SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR BY 21ST MAY.

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