

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion, each Sunday.
1st., 22nd. and 29th, 10.30am Parish Eucharist.
PALM SUNDAY, 8th April, 10.20am Parade and Procession of Palms from Rectory to Church for 10.30am service with a dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ.

HOLY WEEK, 9th. to 14th. April

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7.30pm Holy Communion.

Maunday Thursday, 7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper followed by Silent Watch.

GOOD FRIDAY, 2.00pm, Devotional Service, remembering the Crucifixion. Saturday, 14th April, Decoration of the Church from 10.0am.

If anyone would like to donate flowers, they would be most welcome; and if you would like to contribute towards the cost of Easter Lilies, in memory of a loved one, donations should be passed to Janet Cox or the Rectory.

Easter Eve, 8.00pm Easter Vigil.

EASTER DAY, 15th April, 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Festal Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

Evensong on 1st April at 6.30pm.

FUNERALS: 2nd March Betty Griffin aged 85 years
20th March John Herlihy aged 89 years

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

Annual Parish Meeting on 5th April in Village Centre at 7.30pm.

The Church has been in the news lately. The Archbishop of Canterbury is to retire next January, and the Bishop of Peterborough has verbally attacked the Bishop of Durham before he can get in with his annual questioning of the bodily resurrection of Jesus. So what? we might well ask, in Braunston. The news media have started treating the succession to Canterbury as a 'race' in the same terms as the quest for political power - how wrong they are. Men and women do not enter Holy Orders to try to 'get to the top', the Church just does not work that way, there is no career structure and this is often seen as a weakness by the secular World. Clergy are called to serve their people (and we all get paid the same, in the parishes); if they are called to be archdeacons or bishops (that is really all the 'structure' there is) they must respond to that call in a spirit of service. How will the two events, referred to as my starting point, affect us in Braunston? - hardly at all. I am unlikely to be called to serve as archdeacon or bishop; I intend to go on being the minister in Braunston, available to all the people, whatever their need. And as a Church we will go on proclaiming the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which brings hope and joy and comfort to so many millions of people. Easter is the Day of Resurrection, I hope you will join us to celebrate Jesus' victory over Death and the deeds of darkness.

Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

April 1st	8am	10.30am	6.30pm
8th	L. Thompson	F. Cox & K. Minnett	
12th	M. Chamberlain	D. Turner & B. Lawson	
15th	(service at 7.30pm)	F. Cox	
22nd	F. Spencer Lee	G. Powell & C. Dunn	E. Clarke
29th	D. Hamer	B. Wasser & C. Wasser	
	B. Dawson	K. French & M. Chamberlain	

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous gift of £5 towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

Unfortunately the leaders failed to turn up for the Tea Dance. However, those members who could dance enjoyed themselves while others sat and watched. Music was provided by Mrs. Gill Powell.
Monday April 9th Will members please make an Easter Bonnet for this meeting, as there will be a competition for the best one.
Monday April 23rd This being St. George's Day, members are asked to bring poems or songs suitable for this occasion.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE

The meeting on the 6th March was both varied and interesting..Mr. B. Dawson's talk on "What's in a Map?" took us back in time and intrigued us all. Outings, coffee mornings and Anniversary tea-parties are on the Agenda. Not forgetting the "Barn Dance" at The Village Hall on the 28th April. Mrs. M. Wardle will discuss "Dressing in Style" at our next meeting - Tuesday 3rd April, 7.30pm.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming Events

On Saturday, 28th April, at 10.00am, we are holding a CAR WASH. Venue - Village Hall Car Park/Village Green. Cost - £1 per car. Enjoy a cup of coffee while you wait.

Visit from Quincy-Voisins 5th - 8th May 1990.

Arrangements are in progress for the above event, and we are looking for accommodation for our French visitors. If you are able to offer accommodation please contact either Ian Bennett on 891094 or Pat Streeton on 890753. We hope that as many villagers will be involved as possible, thus helping us to make this visit a great Success.

VILLAGGE NOTES

Newspapers have recently given accounts of attacks by dogs on children and even grown ups. Rotweilers and Alsations seem to be the chief offenders.

We must remember that all of our domesticated animals have been developed by mankind from forebears which were living in the wild state and in that state each looked after him/herself and their offspring. In evolutionary process it is as well to remember that thousands of years is a very short time and the instinct of self preservation is inbred in all the creatures which we presume are domesticated.

The Wild Cat which can be found in the more remote areas of Highlands of Scotland has never been tamed and has resisted attempts to befriend it. Reports come in that some of these have penetrated into the less inhabited areas of the North of England.

The friendship and domestication of the ordinary pussy which was probably first domesticated in Egypt, can in a short space of two generations be reversed. Some cats for reasons best known to themselves forsook the comforts of domestic convenial and found a home in a ruined pele tower in the Border Country. There they produced families.

In two generations their offspring had reverted to the savagery and ferocity of their Cousins of the Wild Cat persuasion so it is not a cause for wonder if the domestic dog might go back to the self preserving instincts of his ancestors.

Only careful training will ensure that the domestic Rover will not revert to the wolf-like ancestor.

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