

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES, each Sunday, at 8.00am Holy Communion

at 10.30am the Parish Eucharist
except 2nd Sunday in the month when we have a FAMILY SERVICE.
at 6.30pm EVENSONG, only on the first Sunday in the month.

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am and 6.00pm.
The seven Parishes of the Daventry Team share Evensong on the third Sunday
in the month, this month Team Evensong will be on 17th November at Welton.
Friday 1st November is All Saints' Day and our Patronal Festival. Festal
Eucharist at 7.30pm at which the Archdeacon of Northampton will preach.
Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

10th November, REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, Service of Thanksgiving and Act of
Remembrance at 3.00pm.

Services on Saints' Days are published in the weekly Bulletin.
The Sunday School, known as The Adventurers, meets at 10.15am in church
each Sunday; all children are welcome.

FUNERALS: October 17th Lucy Benjamin aged 88 years
October 25th Jim Green aged 68 years

We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

Dear Parishioners,

Whenever I have written about the church in recent Newsletters, I seem to
have been writing about the cost of the upkeep of the building and the money
required to repair and renovate it. Of course very household has its expenses,
and the household of God is no exception, and we will be addressing the ever
increasing cost of materials and labour when we have our Stewardship Campaign
early next year. In the meanwhile, I would like to say something about the
use to which the church is put. We are very pleased with the number of requests
that we have received to use the new Room; there was obviously a need for
extra space in the Village. We are very pleased, too, that we have been
enabled to run a highly successful Sunday School - Adventurers is so popular
that we can now hardly find room for any more. In fact, numbers of people
attending Church has increased generally and the Family Service has become
just that. But that is only looking at what happens on Sundays.

Every day Morning and Evening Prayer are said and the whole Village is prayed
for in turn; prayers are also offered for the world and for anyone in any
sort of need. Every day the church remains open and quite a number of people
use it for their own prayers, or just for a little space and quiet. We have
started having a Weekday Service on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, for those
who like a quiet service, or who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings
(this is not always a Communion Service, but there is always space for
private prayer). The Church is a body of people which anyone can join and
the church is a building in which anyone is welcome at any time. Meeting the
inner spiritual needs of Braunston, and its visitors, is the work of All
Saints' - we meet on our Patronal Festival to give thanks for that calling -
anything else we do is purely incidental.

Michael Tompkins.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Will be held in the Village Centre - November 23rd at 2.30pm.
Cake Stall, Gifts and Handicrafts etc.

The Daventry and District Choral Society has started a new season and is
seeking new members to sing in Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise' at Christmas,
and a varied programme in 1992.

We are particularly keen to hear from tenors and basses, but any
enthusiastic singer will be warmly welcomed.
Please telephone H. Watson, Membership Secretary, on (0327) 78529
for further details.

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation of £2 towards
the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Monday Nov. 11th - "Wartime Memories" plus Bring & Buy Stall. Proceeds to British Legion.

Mon. Nov. 25th - Gillian Powell will show slides of Paris & Central France.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE - Tuesday Nov. 5th "Cake Decorating", Mrs. B. Dex.

BRAUNSTON ANGLING CLUB - Jumble Sale, Friday 6th December, 7.30pm Admission 5p. Bazaar, Saturday 7th December, doors open 12.30pm, Auction 2.30pm Admission 5p. Father Christmas, bargains galore, refreshments. Come & do your Christmas shopping.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION APOLOGY

Whilst checking the 1991 Annual Show Records I discovered a mistake in the points counted for Mrs. Joan Montgomery. The recount showed that her points total should read 17, not 16 as recorded. This means that Mrs. Joan Montgomery and Mrs. Janet McCarthy are joint award winners for the Trophy given to the lady gaining most points in show, and also share the special prize donated by Mr. Ernie Lloyd. I have apologised to each lady individually and am happy to say we are still on friendly terms. Joan will be receiving an identical token to that given to Janet. Belatedly I must thank everyone who worked so hard before, during and after the show to make it so successful. I had a wonderful team behind me, and 51 people showed a wide range of exhibits, making the whole operation colourful, relaxed and enjoyable. Also many thanks to all the generous folk who donated prizes, the ladies who catered so efficiently, our judges who gave so willingly of their time and expertise, and the printers who entered into the spirit of things with a new-look schedule, unmasked.

The B.V.G.A. Annual General Meeting will be held in the Viv Hall, Hon. Show Sec. Lounge Bar of the Wheatsheaf Pub on Thursday, 7th November at 8.00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME By now you should have received your copy of 'Braunston News', together with part 2 of the Housing Need Survey. If any member of your household is interested in the Affordable Housing Scheme, please ensure that the form is completed and sent as soon as possible to the Parish Clerk, 19 King Edward Road, Rugby, CV21 2TA.

BOTTLE BANK The Bottle Bank has proved to be a great success however, the noise is causing considerable distress to neighbours, particularly late at night and early in the morning. To ease this problem, villagers are requested to use the 'Bank' only between the hours of 8am and 7pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS We are at a 'use it or lose it' stage with the meals on wheels service in the village. The elderly, the sick and anyone convalescent are all eligible for meals. The service could be of particular use to the frail elderly during the winter months. If you are eligible and would like meals or if you know of anyone who might benefit from them, please contact Margaret Chamberlain 890649.

KILSBY DAY CENTRE urgently requires voluntary helpers to maintain the existing provision. The centre is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and provides a wonderful service to the elderly from Braunston and all the surrounding villages. If you have a little time to spare and could help with organising activities for those who attend or if you would be willing to escort the driver, please contact Margaret Ridolfo 0327 705226. Transport can be arranged for anyone without a car.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herne.

Checkley Close, the house east of the modern Rectory, is named after the plot of land on which it stands. This was originally one of several enclosed pastures around the village. According to the datestone the house was erected in 1752 during a period of great rebuilding on the south side of High St. In the later nineteenth century it was occupied by a Rugby solicitor, Mr. W. F. Wratishow, a member of an ancient Bohemian family claiming royal descent. He was a great amateur photographer whose work records much of the village scene in the eighteen-nineties. Some of his albums are preserved in the Northants Record Office. He took several shots of his house and garden. One shows work on the extension at the western end which has more regular stonework than the original house. There are some unusual architectural features on the frontage. To the right of the door is a small rectangular panel, similar to one on the house opposite. This covers a former opening, designed to let in air and so improve the draught to the central fireplace. Over the front door is a stone plaque which may have carried the owner's initials, or an inn sign!