

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins, The Rector, Tel. 890235.

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

at 6.30pm EVENSONG only on the first Sunday in the month. The seven Parishes of the Daventry Team share Evensong on the third Sunday in the month, this month Team Evensong will be on 15th September at Holy Cross, Daventry.

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be at 10.30am on 29th September.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.

BAPTISM: On 14th July we welcomed Aaron Curtis Kilshaw into our ChurchWEDDING: August 24th. David Nicholas Williams and Helen Elizabeth Family. We wish them many years of faithful, happy married life.FUNERALS: July 5th Leonard Norman Coleman, aged 70 years

July 30th Clara Annie Curtis, aged 85 years

August 19th Maurice Marshall, aged 75 years

We pray that their souls may find rest and their families peace and consolation.

The HARVEST SUPPER will be on Monday, 30th September

It seems a long time since the last BVN, when we were advertising the Summer Fete. The sun shone brightly on that event and seems to have been shining ever since. I am told that the playing of the Daventry Silver Band was most appreciated and we hope that they will come again next year. The Church is most grateful for the support it gets for its Fete and the presence of the Band was a way of trying to make the day even more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to all who in any way helped us to raise just over £1100. And whilst writing about money, I must say how grateful and overwhelmed I have been by the response to my appeal for funds to repair one of the church windows. It is surprising, but envelopes are still being handed in. To date £1424.20 has been contributed!

Disappointingly the charities to whom I have written have not felt able to make any grant; one of them thought that our window was not of sufficient importance - it may not be to them, but it is to us. I have heard that some people were expecting us to call to collect the envelopes (like the usual street collections), but we thought that we would leave it to the people in the village to give or not as they felt, without any sort of pressure being put on them (I do not know who has contributed) but I believe that future generations will be grateful to those who have. If anyone has an envelope hoping to have it collected, they could give it to Mrs. Judy Clay in the Post Office, who has willingly agreed to accept it for us, and I am grateful to her.

Harvest Festival is round again, and the Garden Association Show - I don't know whether my onions or my wine are good enough this year, we shall see.

I shall miss the Show, I am taking some people on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, but I shan't miss the Harvest Festival or Supper, when we will all be able to give thanks for what we have received in this last year - whether our produce gets a mention at the Show, or not. It really is wonderful that we are surrounded by so much of God's goodness that we are even competitive about it, and yet we have the sadness that there are so many in the world who would be overjoyed to receive the rejects from the Show.

BVGA - 1991 GARDENS COMPETITION RESULTS.

GARDENS - 1st H. Ferris, 1 Mill Close, 2nd R Clegg, 50 Ashby Rd. 3rd W Bavington, 48 Ashby Rd. Highly Commended R Aubrey, 16 Archer Ave. E Shears, Stretton House, High St.

HANGING BASKETS/TUBS - 1st B. Berry 12 The Green, Highly Commended A Pittam, 38 Ashby Rd. Prizes to be presented at the Village Show. THANK YOU. We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £20 from BVGA and an anonymous donation of £5 towards the cost of producing the BVN.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. September 9th Harvest Festival, please bring along your fruit, vegetables and other produce for a Bring & Buy Stall.

Mrs. M. Turner celebrates her 92nd birthday on September 1st and will be providing a celebration tea on the 9th after the Harvest Service.

September 23rd A visit from Pauline Rumbold who will talk about "Crafts".

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE September 3rd Our speaker will be coming from Janika Designs, Dunchurch to talk about Hand Painting on Silk.

KEEP FIT CLASS - Village Centre, Tuesdays 1.45 - 2.45pm.

This friendly class, with qualified instructor, begins again in September. Watch out for posters giving the exact date. For further details contact Kathryn Howarth, 891146.

BRAUNSTON SCOUT GROUP will be holding a JUMBLE SALE at The Den, to raise funds for much needed equipment. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

If you have any jumble/white elephant items, and would like them collected please phone Janet Attack - 891482. SAT. SEPT. 28th at 10.30am.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION - FRUIT, FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW.

You will by now have received your Show schedule/entry form for this event. There should be at least one class that you can enter, and we hope you will try and support the Show. So that exhibits can be best displayed on the day, we need your entry forms and fees by Wednesday 12th September. These should be delivered to Mrs. V. Hall at 30 High St. Exhibits should be taken to the Village Hall on Saturday 14th September before 11.00am and your display completed by 11.30am when judging will commence. The Show and Fete will start at 2.00pm when the exhibits can be viewed, and prize-winners congratulated. Good luck, and we look forward to seeing you at YOUR SHOW! SAT. SEPT. 14TH.

I am asking the person who owns the dog or dogs that worried my wife's pet sheep and lambs on Monday 5th August - have they the courage or courtesy to come down and tell us about it. One of the old sheep was very badly torn in its stomach, so much so we had to have it shot to end its suffering - one of the 'cads' lambs was left hanging by its hind leg in the wire fence, it was very distressed when it was released. It is the third time this has happened in recent years - the police have been notified of the incident. The Law says all dogs in fields where stock are present should be on leads in the hands of their owners. I hope this will remind the people who exercise their dogs in The Cemetery Field and our two adjoining fields, to show us some respect. Peter Green, "Westfield".

VILLAGE NOTES by Janet McCarthy.

A welcome increase in the number of Holly Blue butterflies has been noticed in the village over the past two years. One of the few blue butterflies to frequent our gardens, its seemingly restless flight on sunny days always attracts attention. Known in the eighteenth century as Blue Speckt, this pretty lilac blue butterfly is easily distinguished from the Common Blue, by the whitish underside to its wings. The butterflies of the first flight are seen in April and May and although the male and female are similar in colour, the female can be recognised by the distinctive blackish border on her fore wings. The blue-green eggs of the spring butterflies are laid on the underside of the flower buds of the Holly. A month after hatching the caterpillars change into pale brown chrysalids, emerging as butterflies in July and August. This second brood will in their turn lay their eggs on the flower buds of the Ivy. These late caterpillars appear only to eat at night, develop slowly, and finally attaching themselves to leaves, they pupate and overwinter in the shelter of the Ivy until, warmed by the spring sun-shine they emerge to start the cycle anew.