

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.

6.30pm EVENSONG, only on the first Sunday in the month.

This month Team Evensong is on 23rd June at Helidon,  
the Preacher will be The Bishop of Brixworth.

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.

BAPTISMS: May 26th Charlotte Ann Dickinson  
Christopher Joseph Latham

Welcome into the Family of the Church.

FUNERALS: May 2nd Sophie Slater

May 17th Emily Agnes Hall, aged 86 years

May 24th Doris (Dot) Watson, aged 59 years

May 25th Hilda Maud Hall, aged 78 years

We pray for their souls and extend our deepest sympathy to the  
families.

Advance Notice! Church Summer Fete is on 6th July at 2.00pm.

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I should like to start off this month with a 'thank you' to the  
production and distribution team of this Newsletter, Marguerite Foulkes,  
who collects the news items, reminds me that my contribution is overdue  
and types out the stencils; to Geoff Curtis who does the printing and  
arranges the distribution; and to those who do the distribution month  
by month. The BVN may not be the greatest periodical in the world, but  
it does fulfil a function in our community and is appreciated by the  
village as a whole. Thank you team!

One of the advantages of writing this so late is that I can say how  
much pleasure we derived from the concert in church on Sunday evening.  
I must express our gratitude to Braunston Marina and British Waterways  
for sponsoring Fiori Musicali so that they could perform in Braunston.  
An audience of over 160 was a good achievement for a first time in our  
church and I hope that the ensemble will be encouraged to come again.  
Dr. Rapson said that she thought the acoustics of the church were  
excellent for their music, so we might be fortunate and become part of  
their circuit. Whatever the future holds, we thoroughly enjoyed this  
concert and I was pleased to have the church used in this way.

As I mentioned last month, our teenager's group has run into difficulties.  
We have had to suspend operations temporarily. This is a shame. Teenagers  
are difficult to cater for in any field, and always have been (think back  
to your own teenage experiences!), but provision needs to be made for  
them if they are to grow into responsible members of the society in which  
they find themselves. The Church accepts this responsibility and will do  
what it can to meet this challenge. In the meantime we must re-appraise  
the situation.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christian Aid collection. The  
village gave £465, the most ever, and this has gone off to do something  
to relieve the desperate plight of Africa. One unusual donation was a  
house-key! If you put your key in an envelope, by mistake, you can  
recover it from the Rectory.

Michael Tompkins.

THANK YOUWe gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation of £5  
towards the cost of producing the BVN.



Sidesmens Rota	8am		10.30am		6.30pm
June 2nd	L. Thompson		G. Powell & C. Dunn		B. Dawson
9th	M. Chamberlain		D. Foulkes & J. Reed		
16th	F. Spencer Lee		B. Wasseer & C. Wasseer		
23rd	B. Hamer		K. French & M. Chamberlain		
30th	B. Dawson		F. Cox & K. Minnett		

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>High Altar</u>	<u>St. Giles</u>
June 2nd	Miss Havard	Mrs. C. Curtis
9th	Mrs. Lloyd	Mrs. Humphries
16th	Mrs. M. Rowley	Mrs. K. Minnett
23rd	Mrs. D. Knibbs	Mrs. C. Biddell
30th	Mrs. S. White	Mrs. M. Foulkes

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BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB On Monday May 13th the Friendly Club had a very enjoyable half-day coach outing to Nottingham Lace Hall. After an early tea we watched a short film on the history of lace making followed by a tour of the hall to watch a lace curtain machine in action. Some ladies demonstrated making lace by hand plus other interesting exhibits and a lace shop. Wednesday 22nd May Janet McCarthy opened her home and garden for a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall which raised approximately £43.76 for Club funds. Many thanks to Janet and helpers.

Monday June 10th There will be a demonstration of flower arranging by Hilda Martin.  
Monday 24th June A Ploughmans Lunch on the Rectory Lawn at 12.30pm. or if wet in the Village Hall.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Resolutions were successfully discussed at our May meeting and on behalf of all members the resulting votes will be taken by our chosen delegate to the T.G.M. in June. Much activity this time of the year involves us all in fund raising, outings and general community care. Mrs. H. Mackichan invites you to a "Charity Lunch" on June 12th from 12 - 2pm in aid of the "Crossroads Care Attendants Scheme" admission £2. If you are interested please contact Honor or members of the W.I. committee. Mrs. V. Gabbitas will be speaking about "A Museum for Daventry District" at our next meeting in the Village Hall June 4th 7.30pm.

THANK YOU I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for visiting me whilst I was in hospital, also for the "Get Well" cards and gifts I received - I do appreciate your kindness -  
 Many thanks Madge Dennis.

VILLAGE NOTES by Mr. Dick Herne

The most prominent building in Braunston, apart from the Church, is the Mill which stands 80 feet high at the west end of the village. Now a private house, it began life as a corn grinding mill. It was built in 1805 during the Napolemic Wars when England's growing population depended entirely on home produced food. A small cottage built of similar brick stood next to it. The first owner was Joseph Flecknoe, one of an old Braunston family, but for most of the 19th century it was occupied by a member of the Bowers family, the village bakers who also owned other mills in Braunston. It ceased to be a working mill at the end of the 19th century and the property was sold in 1909 to builder Mr. E.G. Johnson.

The mill was then used as a store, as a workshop and as a tearoom before it finally became a private house. A new owner, Mr. Carling added to the grounds in 1953 by purchasing adjoining land known as Stempson's garden. The cottage was rebuilt as garages. The name Mill House was given to a house - 120 High Street - formed from two cottages and stabling. The Mill and the Mill House were sold separately in 1971 and remain in separate ownership.

MATERIAL FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE SHOULD REACH MRS. FOULKES BY 21st JUNE.