

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins,

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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.
there is a Team Evensong on the third Sunday, see notices.

The Sunday School, known as The Adventurers, meets at 10.15am in church each Sunday; all children are welcome.

BAPTISMS: April 21st. Hannah Elizabeth Cluett and Thomas James Williams. Welcome into the Family of the Church.FUNERALS: April 19th. Eric Louis Brown, aged 58 years

April 23rd. Richard William (Bill) Humphries, aged 82 years.

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

26th. May, at 7.30pm. CONCERT IN CHURCH. 'Piori Musicali' will present a programme of music FIT FOR A KING. Tickets at £4 are available from The Braunston Marina and Daventry Music Centre, 27 Sheaf Street. See posters for more details.

We now start looking forward to summer, two Bank Holidays to get us in the mood for Summer Holidays, cold and wet though it is whilst I write, there is an anticipation in the air.

The Church, too, likes to celebrate and enjoy a holiday; this month we celebrate the Birthday of the Church - Pentecost. Gone is the moveable Whitsun Bank Holiday, but we still have our Parish Lunch on that day, 19th May. The founding of the Church is still an event worth celebrating, for the Church has had considerable influence on the course of history and the formation of our ideas of right and wrong. Today, one of our major tasks is to give a lead in questions of morality in an increasingly complicated world; not just in the area of human sexuality, which is what most people think of when morality is spoken of, but in the areas of conflict, business, race relations, medicine and so many other facets of our life which may be invaded or undermined by others, especially the state. I do not suggest that the Church has a monopoly on moral questions, but its understanding of God's relationship with the world He created gives it a standing which is above Party or Race. I hope that, together with the other Church leaders, our new Archbishop is able to give all our Nation a decisive moral and spiritual lead when it is needed and not become bogged down in 'running' the Church of England.

Braunston, All Saints' has become a minor victim of its own success. In March we started a Group for young teenagers; there seemed to be a demand and the children duly came. Now, like so many other groups trying to cater for youngsters' needs, we have come up against 'leader shortage'. If anyone could give an hour and a half or so on a Sunday evening to help (NOT lead) on an occasional basis, I should be glad to hear from them.

SIDESMENS ROTA

8am

May 5th L. Thompson

12th E. Thorp

19th F. Spencer Lee

26th D. Hamer

10.30am

B. Wasser & C. Wasser

K. French & M. Chamberlain

F. Cox & K. Minnett

D. Turner & B. Dawson

6.30pm

B. Dawson

ALTAR FLOWERS

High Altar

May 5th Mrs. M. Meredith

St. Giles

Mrs. V. Saunders

19th

Whit Sunday. Lady McGowan

Mrs. J. Arrowsmith

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB had a very enjoyable talk and slide show by Mrs. Pat Camp on April 8th when she spoke about Thailand and Malaysia. On April 22nd we should have had a talk about Canals but this was cancelled. Instead Janet and Hilda organised one or two competitions and we all had time for a good chat. May 13th Coach trip to Nottingham Lace Centre - picking up at The Wharf 12.45pm approx. and at The Green 1.00pm. Wednesday 22nd May Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy at Janet McCarthy's 10:00am till 12.00 noon.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE A very pleasant evening was had by all members at our meeting on the 2nd April. Mr. W. Price, a retired Footman, gave us his "Inside Experience" which proved to be amusing and interesting. Mrs. S. Bird will be speaking about our resolutions at the next meeting which will be held at Braunston Village Hall, 7th May 7.30pm.

BRAUNSTON ANGLING CLUB "BRAUNSTON HORSESHOW AND GYMKHANA"
SUNDAY 7th JULY

Anyone interested in "car boot sale" on the day, please contact R. Taylor - 890912.

BRAUNSTON CRICKET CLUB are looking forward to the 1991 Season and invite anyone interested in playing or helping to run the Club to ring - T. Hewitt 891226.

Village Notes

The Garden in May by Mr. Frank Cox.

April/May 2005

May is a busy time for the gardener with much work to be done in flower border, vegetable plot and greenhouse. There is still some danger of late frosts, but this is often the month when a surge in growth makes up for what has sometimes been a slow start in Spring. Late sowings of hardy annuals can be made while half-hardy annuals sown earlier in cold-frame or greenhouse should be hardened off and ready for planting out towards the end of the month. Final planting of gladioli should be made early in the month and dahlias and spray chrysanthemums set out later. Remove suckers from roses and use a systemic insecticide to keep greenfly in check. Keep a look-out for any sign of black spot, mildew or rust on roses, and if present spray with a systemic fungicide. In the vegetable plot continue successional sowing of quick-maturing salad crops and finish sowing broad beans, summer and winter cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. Remember to pinch out the tips of broad beans to discourage infestation by blackfly. Runner beans are sown towards the middle of the month. Frequent light mowings will give you a better lawn than irregular, more drastic cuts, so keep the mower going weekly. Grass cuttings should now be removed and, unless the lawn has been treated with weedkillers, these can be added to the compost heap.

On September 14th the Village Gardens Association is again staging the Annual Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show, with an emphasis this year on classes for villagers. So why not make up your mind to enter something in your show and make this a real bumper event?

Material for the June Issue should reach Mrs. M. Foulkes by 21st May.