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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins, The Rectory, High St. Tel. 890235.

CHURCH SERVICES each Sunday at 8.00am Holy Communion at 10.30am 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. there is a Team Evensong on the third Sunday, see notices.

The Sunday School, known as The Adventurers, meet at 10.15am in church each Sunday; all children of school age (5-11) welcome.

BAPTISMS: March 10th. Jordan Bernadette Hanna and Lauren Jay Blaber. Welcome to the Lord's Family.

FUNERAL: March 20th. Amy May Beckett, aged 76 years.

We pray for rest for her soul and extend our deepest sympathy to Walter, Roger and Sheila.

Thank you to all who joined in prayer during the Gulf Crisis, I know it meant much to those with loved ones involved.

Many of you will know that we have been updating the facilities in All Saint's Church over the last year or two. The latest 'addition' is the Parish Room which has been formed from the old choir vestry and the space occupied by the organ (before we moved it). This room is not yet completed, but is used each Sunday morning for the Adventurers and on Sunday evening by an older group. We held our Annual Meeting in it comfortably. Like the whole church building, the Room is a Village resource and is available to be used for suitable meetings.

To complete the Room we need to carpet the floor and provide suitable chairs and tables. There is the snag! We are willing to provide these, but the aged building will not let us. The beautiful Victorian stained glass windows in that area leak like sieves; one can be repaired in place but the other is about to fall out and will have to be taken out and completely remade with new lead. This will cost the Church £2300 (including the new rate of VAT) which we do not have. I am searching round for Charities which may help us, but only expect token grants, and we have set about raising the money to save this window. Our forebears have left the Church a doubtful heritage, we don't want to see it fall apart, yet we haven't been provided with the resources to maintain a crumbling building. Yes, crumbling it is; last year a finial fell off the Tower, which the insurance company will pay for, but we will have to find another £700 for other repairs up there. And so it goes on.

You are welcome to use the Parish Room for your small meeting, but I would ask that, if an appeal for funds to keep our landmark church standing comes your way, please be generous. Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

April 7th	L. Thompson	8am	F. Cox & K. Minnett	6.30pm	B. Dawson
14th	M. Chamberlain	10.30am	D. Turner & B. Dawson		
21st	F. Spencer Lee		G. Powell & C. Dunn		
28th	D. Hamer		D. Foulkes & J. Reed		

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 14th	Mrs. French	High Altar	St. Giles
21st	Mrs. Dawson		Mrs. Hick
May 5th	Mrs. Meredith		Mrs. P. Evans

WHIT SUNDAY 19th

May Lady McGowan

Mrs. Arrowsmith

AMY BECKETT. Many tributes have been made to Amy, who will be missed in so many quarters in the Village. Her irrepressible cheerfulness is what the Friendly Club and WI will miss most; she was a founding committee member of the Friendly Club and a member of WI for longer than most can remember. She was one of the strongest supporters of the Chapel and kept the Methodists singing to the end, it was a sadness for her when the Chapel had to close.

Amy wrote this message for the BVN, just before she died: "I have been overwhelmed with the rumerous 'Get Well' Cards and letters received while in Hospital. Also of the great kindness of friends bringing Walter in to see me, and others who have looked after him in my absence. I really am so grateful to you all; please accept my sincere thanks". Walter would like to add his personal thanks and appreciation for all the kind messages of sympathy and help received at this sad time.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Thank you very much Fran: Cox Ken French and John Bradshaw for providing a very entertaining programme of comic monologues, action songs and singing on Feb.25th. On March 14th some of the members enjoyed a Tea Dance, while others played dominoes scrabble & other games. April 8th Pat Camp talks and shows slides about T.ailand & Malaysia. April 22nd Simon Ainley will tell us about "Canals".

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Our March meeting was very lively and enjoyable. Mrs. J. Latham had us allbuzzing with her excellent talk on "Bees and Bee Keeping". Trips are being planned to different places of interest, beginning with a visit to "Bournville World" on the 3th May. Members are invited to use their artistic skills to decorate an egg, or a small chocolate one, and bring it with them to the next meeting, at which Mr. W. Price will be speaking of his "Experience as a Footman" on Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm Village Hall.

BRAUNSTON RANGERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

As from 31st March the Junior Section of Braunston Rangers will no longer exist, due to the non commitment of people to manage the Junior sides. Yours in Sport, Jim Sime, Secretary.BRJFC.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION will be holding a Slide Show on Tuesday 23rd April at 8pm in the Games Room, Village Centre. Two R.H.S. slide shows entitled "The Amateurs Fruit Garden" and "Hardy Bulbs". Admission 50p incl. coffee. Everyone Welcome!

STREET LIGHTS If you notice problems with any of the Street Lights, please inform Cllr. Dennis Taylor. Tel. 891353.

And you will be pleased to read that East Midland Electricity say that they will have the modernisation of the High Street lights completed "by the end of March 1991".

VILLAGE NOTES by Margaret Hick YOUTH

When asked to write about youth, I wondered what I could write, I had a look in the dictionary under youth - it said, it is being young, adolescence, a period between childhood and full man or womanhood.

In my twenty years I have worked, helped with the (being young group) 3-11 yrs, through playgroup, brownies, cubs, school and dinner miss.

To me the age group I enjoy, helping and working to develop co-ordination speech, friendship, skills, through games, crafts, play and having fun.

The children, young, youths, kids, young people, whatever you wish to call them have a lot more activities going for them in Braunston than I and many others had as young people. They have Guiding, Scouting, Youth Clubs, Football, Cricket, Gym, Chess and many others. Whatever Children in Braunston want we try to provide. None of this is possible without Leaders and helpers, I am sure all groups could do with a little more help. Remember the young of to-day will be leaders, teachers, ministers of tomorrow. They need all the help, advice and guidance and love we can give them.