

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins. The Rectory, High St. 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 SERVICE
at 6.30pm EVENSONG, only on the first Sunday in the month

February 13th. is ASH WEDNESDAY and is the start of Lent. There will be a Holy Communion Service at 7.30pm followed by Lent Study Group on each Wednesday in Lent. This year a number of different speakers will be leading our discussions.

February 24th. at 3.00pm Brownies and Guides THINKING DAY SERVICE.

FUNERAL: January 4th. Eric Harold Hyde, aged 75 years.
We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Win and all her family.

I don't think that anyone writing at this time can avoid saying something about the conflict in The Persian Gulf. And that is especially difficult as we have no idea what will be the state of affairs when this Newsletter is delivered.

On the day that the United Nations coalition commenced the current attack against the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, Wendy and I were at Vimy Ridge contemplating the human cost and futility of war; not the futility of those whose lives dearly bought the fragile peace of 1918, their bravery is their everlasting memorial, but the futility of war as an agent of international relations. Yet, here we are again, locked in another war, maybe of a different nature fought with different weapons, but a war just the same. That we have to resort to war is a failure by the whole of humanity, its institutions, its religions its purpose. We have learned, this century, that there are forces of evil which cannot be stopped in any other way than by force, but this must be a last resort. For those who believe in peace and justice, this is a very sad time. What can we do, in Braunston? Pray, now, for the world and resolve to work actively for peace and international understanding, when the conflict is over.

February 13th. sees the start of Lent; a time of the year when we look forward to the Spring and re-awakening of countryside and garden. In our spiritual lives the Church looks forward and its members prepare themselves to celebrate the great re-awakening in the Resurrection of Easter. This year, as a part of that preparation, we are having a Study Group to look at some of the fundamentals of our Faith, but the true preparation will be in our own hearts, where we look for some of the causes of (and our own involvement in) the ravages of sin and war in the world. We pray that where we find ourselves in error we may actively work for reconciliation. Goodness and Peace can only be victorious in the world through the goodwill of mankind; we believe that the Holy Spirit of God drives us in that direction.

Michael Tompkins

SIDESMENS ROTA 8am

February 3rd	L. Thompson	D. Foulkes & J. Reed	<u>6.30pm</u>
10th	M. Chamberlain	B. Wasser & C. Wasscr	B. Dawson
17th	F. Spencer Lee	K. French & M. Chamberlain	
24th	D. Hamer	F. Cox & K. Minett	

THANK YOU

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £2 from the Braunston Angling Club towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. On Monday 14th January we were visited by two helpers from "World of Difference" Rugby, who showed us slides illustrating some of their work in under developed countries. We also saw an interesting display of goods produced in third world countries by local craftsmen using local materials.

February 11th Greta Raftery will play members requests.

February 25th Frank Cox will entertain us.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Braunston Fishing Club for a donation of £25 to our club funds and to a club member for a further donation of £10.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH A concert will be held in the Village Hall on 9th February 6.30pm. Have an evening out with the family and support this very worthy cause.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION - VISIT TO QUINCY-VOISINS on 3rd - 6th
MAY 1991.

The next visit to Quincy-Voisins is scheduled for the above dates, leaving Friday evening and returning Monday night. Approximate cost for the week-end is £50 adults, £44 children (coach and ferry). Anyone interested in staying with a French family should contact Ian Bennett on Rugby 891094 as soon as possible.

BRAUNSTON ANGLING CLUB There will be a Car Boot and Stall Sale at the Village Centre - inside and out on Saturday 16th March 9am - 2pm.

Anyone interested in hiring please contact Julie Mitchell, on Rugby 817470.

VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION The date of the Annual Village Show has been confirmed as Saturday, 14th September 1991 - so start planning your fruit, flower and vegetable entries now!

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE

Tuesday 5th February 7.30pm Village Hall.

As the scheduled speaker is unable to come to this meeting, we are grateful to Nurse Gill Bowers who has kindly stepped in to speak on behalf of the Crossroads Care Attendance Scheme. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall - proceeds of which, will go to Crossroads.

VILLAGE NOTES The Garden in February - by Frank Cox

Although February is often a bitterly cold month there are already signs of the coming Spring. It is perhaps a time to be concentrating on those jobs which need to be completed before the main growing season starts.

Where the ground is suitable and not waterlogged, digging and manuring of sites for sowing annuals and biennials can be completed. Ground dug in the Autumn can be lightly forked over. Seeds of half-hardy annuals can be sown in a cold frame or greenhouse towards the end of the month. Remove any dead stems from perennials before the young shoots begin to grow, and fork over the soil between plants. New plants can still be planted and older over-crowded ones divided.

Turf-laying for lawns should be completed by the end of the month. Aerate established lawns and if worm casts are a nuisance scatter them on dry days with a birch broom. Treat with moss-killing compounds if necessary.

Where climbing and rambling roses have made a great deal of growth in the latter part of last year selected shoots can be tied up to the wall or other supports and the rest pruned off.

Routine pruning of established fruit trees should be finished now and prunings burnt.

Autumn-fruiting raspberry canes should be cut to the ground and the summer-fruiting varieties cut back to a bud just above the top wire.

MATERIAL FOR THE MARCH ISSUE SHOULD REACH MRS.M.FOULKES BY 21ST FEBRUARY.