

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 the Parish Eucharist except 2nd Sunday in the month when we have a FAMILY SERVICE.

at 6.30pm. Evensong (with Hymns and sermon on the first Sunday of the month, only)

This month TEAM EVENSONG is here in Braunston at 6.30pm on 18th. October.

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am and 6.00pm.

Services on Saints' Days are published in the weekly Bulletin.

The Sunday School, known as Adventurers, meets at 10.15am in church each Sunday; all children of Primary School age are welcome. The Lazars (11 years+) meet at 7.00pm.

FUNERALS: 4th. September, Eric Thorp, aged 90 years.

16th. September, John Peter Coote, aged 31 years.

We pray for their souls and for comfort for their families and friends in their loss.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS. 3rd. to 5th. October.

Saturday, 3rd. Concert of choral and piano music, in church, by 'Sounds Choral'. Cost

£1.00 per head

Sunday, 4th. 'Family' Eucharist at 10.30 to which the children are invited to bring gifts

Harvest Songs of Praise at 6.30pm, to which all homes have had an invitation

Monday, 5th. Harvest Supper, with entertainment, in the School Hall at 7.00pm.

It is intended to give away some of the produce to those in need and to donate any

profits from the Harvest Supper to the 'Africa in Crisis' Appeal.

Dear Parishioners,

In spite of the political and economic situation of the country, and indeed the whole world, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival again on the first weekend in October.

Braunston has been an agricultural community for as long as can be determined and has

always had cause to give thanks for the Harvest which has been gathered. It may not always have been a bumper harvest, but harvest there was. Now that we are no longer a

predominantly farming community (although still surrounded by fields) we do not need to

lose touch with our past or lose that sense of gratitude for the good things which the

earth provides for our needs. And as this is a celebration we will not wish to make it a

fund-raising occasion. Our concert on the Saturday evening is priced so that we only cover

our overheads, but we are charging a little more, this year, for our Harvest Supper so

that we can send the 'profit' to that part of Africa where they have almost forgotten what

a harvest is. (We have already sent off £156.50 from a Church collection.) Natural

disasters and famines seem to get worse year by year, but, thank God, the affluent world

rises to the occasion time after time. Perhaps this generosity is also something for which

we need to give thanks at our Harvest Celebration. I hope a good many of you will come to

give thanks at Harvest Festival, in the morning we will have a family celebration (at

which the children may bring harvest gifts), and in the evening a Harvest Songs of Praise,

led by The Revd. Clive Cooper.

Since writing about redundancy, last month, I find that a small group of Christians in

Daventry, who are concerned about the human cost of redundancy, are setting up an

organisation to listen and help where it can. If anyone wants to be in touch with them (to

offer help or to ask for it) I will be happy to make the connection for them.

Congratulations to the B.V.G.A. on a most successful Show and I am grateful to some of the

expert wine makers who refrained from entering this year.

Michael Tompkins

Material for the November Issue should reach Mrs.M.Foulkes by 21st
October.

39, Greenway. 890965.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Mrs. Barbara Johnson of Old Road, Braunston gave an interesting and informative talk with slides showing the training and invaluable work of Hearing Dogs for the deaf.

Monday October 12th Birthday Lunch at Stratford on Avon. Coach leaves The Green at 11.0am. Cost £5.00 per head, all in.

Monday October 26th will be a Tea Dance.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Last month Mrs. P. Gardner gave us a fascinating talk and demonstration on the art of Spinning. Our Cake Stall at the Braunston Village Garden Show proved very successful. Our Annual Meeting will be held on October 6th, followed by a social evening when members are asked to bring their best holiday snaps.

October 10th at the Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm we are having a BARN DANCE, buffet included but bring your own 'bottle!' Tickets £3.50 from W.I. Committee members.

BRAUNSTON AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION The sponsored wheelchair push took place on Saturday 12th September, and was successfully completed, even though a wheel came off whilst travelling at speed through Ashby St. Ledger. The event was generously supported by the Village a little in excess of £600 being raised, in aid of Galanes House Chapel Fund. Our thanks to all who supported and participated in the event.

GARDENING NOTES by Frank Cox

As the days shorten and the temperature falls there is still much we need to be doing in the garden. Fallen leaves can be swept up and added to the compost heap together with such other plant refuse as carrot and beetroot tops, cabbage and lettuce leaves and old pea and bean haulms.

The herbaceous border should be tidied, crowded plants being lifted and divided retaining the more vigorous outer parts.

Once the summer flower beds have been cleared a good sprinkling of bonemeal can be forked in before Spring-flowering double daisies, wallflowers and forget-me-nots are planted.

Remember to bring in under cover the last of the half-hardy plants. Take every opportunity on fine days to dig over and add fertilizer to the soil as any ground becomes vacant.

Remember to select only sound fruits if you are storing them and wherever possible lay them out on single-layer trays.

Pears like dry conditions but apples keep best in a slightly moist atmosphere.

Potatoes kept in frost-proof sheds should be examined at frequent intervals removing any which are going soft or showing signs of disease.

It was good to see the record number of entries and the very high standard of exhibits at this year's Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show which took place on Saturday 4th September.

Our thanks are due to the Braunston Village Gardens Association for planning and staging this highly, successful event, and for all the other activities in which they engage to encourage and assist all those interested in gardening. The Committee would be glad to hear from anyone willing to give a little time to help them in the work involved in the maintenance of the Village Shrub Beds, the running of the Garden Shop or the planning and staging of the Annual Show and the Gardens and Hanging Basket Competition.
(Ring me on 890142 if you are interested)