

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. Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church on the first Sunday of the month, only)

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

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

BAPTISM: July 12th. Darryl Peter, son of John and Kim Cootie

We welcome him into the family of the Church and pray for his life in the Spirit.

WEDDING: August 1st. Michael and Tracey Webb.

May they be faithful to the vows they have made and strengthened with every good gift.

FUNERALS: July 16th. Brian Forster, aged 62 years.

August 21st. Lily Florence Irathan, aged 76 years

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on October 4th. There will be a concert by 'Sounds Choral' on the Saturday night (3rd.) and a Harvest Songs of Praise on the Sunday evening. The Harvest Supper will be on the 5th. in the School Hall.

Dear Parishioners,

The Church should not be involved in Party politics, in this country, or any other. As an institution, the Church should serve all people, wherever they come from and whatever their background; being tied to one particular political party gets in the way of serving those with different ideals. But the Church has to be wholly involved lives of people - and that means their politics as well. The most prominent intervention in the political life of the country, in recent years, was the report and action of the Church of England in the poorest areas of our big cities, the Urban Priority Areas. The Church spoke up for those who were the most deprived in our society and raised an enormous sum of money to carry out its own work in bringing some measure of relief, details of the progress of Church Urban Fund projects can usually be seen in literature on display in All Saints'. But the Church cannot raise money to carry out all the social work of whatever government is in power, those days are long since gone; what we can do is to highlight injustices and make people aware that others are being made to suffer needlessly. One can hardly have a conversational, these days, without hearing of another person being made redundant or in financial difficulties of one kind or another. How helpless we all feel. If only we could do something. But individually we can't find all the jobs needed and I wonder where all the people who are going to live in the new Daventry Estates are going to work. What we can do is to be good neighbours, to help and support those who are thrown into these situations through no fault of their own, to be kind and understanding and sensitive to their inner needs and to remember that they are individuals, not statistics. In church we try to do all that and more, in our helplessness we remember those individuals, and the general situation, in our daily prayers, asking God for comfort and relief from anxiety.

At All Saints' we are trying to bring events to the village which might be of general interest. Next year there will be another concert by the Beauchamp Sinfonietta, sponsored by the Braunston Boat Show, and we hope to have a concert by the Combridge Male Voice Choir at the end of June. I am told that the acoustics of the church are very good for these concerts and hope that we will attract support for these events from a wide area.

Michael Tompkins.

THANK YOU: We gratefully acknowledge £25 donation from the Parish Council towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

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BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB On Tuesday Aug.11th the Club went on a mystery trip for their summer outing. The journey took us through the Cotswolds to Bourton on the Water. We had an hour to look around and then returned to the coach to be taken to Weston on the Green for tea in the village hall. An excellent cream tea was provided by the local W.I. making a very enjoyable ending to a great outing.

Monday Sep.14th The speaker will talk about "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf".
Monday Sep.28th Harvest Festival - Guest speaker Mr. Molcher from the Methodist Church, Daventry.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Last month we had a fascinating talk from Mr. Webster on "Medieval Warwickshire" and a record attendance! We are having a Cake Stall on Sep.5th at the Braunston Garden Show, proceeds from the stall will be for the Village Centre. On Sep.10th there will be an outing to Hereford.

Tuesday Sep.1st Mrs. P. Gardner will give a talk and demonstration on "Explaining Spinning". Friends and visitors most welcome.

BRAUNSTON PANTOMIME GROUP Juniors required for this years production. For chorus work and the dancing troupe. Do you enjoy dancing? You do not need to be attending a dancing class. All you need is enthusiasm and a good sense of rhythm. If you like to be considered come to the village hall Wednesday 9th September at 7.00pm. Any problems telephone Lyndsey Rees-Jones 891157 or Jacqui Lancaster 891018.

THE BRAUNSTON ART GROUP will be giving an exhibition of their work for show or sale from 19th - 27th September at the Stop House, Braunston.

B.V.G.A. 1992 GARDENS COMPETITION - RESULTS

Gardens: 1st Mr. & Mrs.R.Jones, 16 Archer Avenue.
2nd Mr. & Mrs.J.Long, 60 Ashby Road.

3rd Mr. & Mrs.M.Isom, 12 North Close.

Highly Commended: Mr. & Mrs.M.Clark 70 Ashby Rd., Mrs. E.Hargreaves, 16 The
Mr. & Mrs.R.Taylor 36 Ashby Rd., Mr. & Mrs.W.Bavington 48 Ashby Rd., Green.

Special Merit Miss F.McKinnon 16 High St., Mr. & Mrs.A.Cullinane 64 Welton Rd.

Hanging Baskets & Tubs 1st Mr. & Mrs.R.Jinks, Hillfield, Barby Rd.

2nd Mr. & Mrs.E.Shears Stretton House, HighSt. 3rd Mr. & Mrs.R.Logan 2 Country side.
Highly Commended: Mr. & Mrs.F.Faulkner 6 Spinney Hill.

Mr. & Mrs. H.Ferris 1 Mill Close.

Prizes will be presented on Sat.5th Sep.at the Show held in Village Centre.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Hernie

Tudor House is probably older than the name implies. Its structure suggests that it is part of a mediaeval house. The front door opens on to a through passage which was probably the 'screens passage' between the hall and kitchen, as in many Oxford colleges. The kitchen side now forms a separate dwelling and shop which has a timber-framed frontage unusual in Northants. On its western face is a wooden framework similar to a chancel screen.

The house is described in the will of Gregory Isham, woolmerchant of Braunston, who died in 1558 and was buried beneath the chancel of the church. He had bought the manorial estate of Braunston from the Mannors family in 1554. The will lists the contents of each room in the house including the kitchen, buttery, hall and the 'parlour' where the family could escape from the bustling life of the hall. The upstairs rooms contained a 'joyned' bed, a 'trust' bed and a 'standing' bed.

Outside behind the house was the 'wool house' where Gregory kept his main stock-in-trade, raw wool for export. He also bought woven fabric on the Flanders market for sale in this country.
