

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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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 (with Hymns and sermon on the first Sunday of the
month, only)

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

The seven Parishes of the Daventry Team usually share Evensong on the
third Sunday in the month, this month the Team Evensong will be here at
6.30pm on Easter Day and will take the form of an Easter 'Songs of Praise'.
In Holy Week (Mon. to Thurs.) there will be Holy Communion at 7.30pm
each evening.

Good Friday, 17th April, 'An Hour at the Foot of the Cross' at 2.00pm.

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 18th from 10.00am
onwards. Offers of help with decorating and gifts of flowers will be
most welcome.

Services on Saints' Days are published in the weekly Bulletin.
The Sunday School, known as Adventurers and Lazars, meets at 10.15am
in church each Sunday; all children are welcome.

FUNERALS: March 3rd Walter Henry Montgomery, aged 68 years

March 21st Gladys Nora Thorp, aged 89 years

We pray for rest for their souls and remember their families in our
prayers.

Roger Beckett would like to thank everyone for their generosity in
contributing towards a donation to the Royal National Institute for the
Blind, in memory of his father, Walter, amounting to £438.50.

Dear Parishioners,

As I write the General Election battle rages around us all; many people
say they are bored with the campaign already, and many commentators
accuse the Parties of being very negative in their campaigning. I suspect
that when Election day comes most people will turn out and that most
issues will have been addressed, but at the moment we can see that being
negative is all too easy. We human beings are by nature negative, we find
it easy to criticise or destroy ideas or policies which are in existence
and much more difficult to think up new ideas and to have vision for the
future. It has always been so. In the time that Jesus lived in Palestine
there were plenty of people who wanted to get rid of the Romans, but had
no well thought out plan to replace the Empire. We read that there were
those who were in power, who wanted to stay in power and were prepared
to go to any lengths to keep their privilege. Jesus, and his ideas of
justice for the poor and weak, stood in the way of the powerful factions
of first century Palestine and was killed to suppress those ideas. At
Easter we celebrate the failure of that evil strategy and rejoice that
in the resurrection of Jesus all mankind may have hope and life.
Political hopes may be realised or dashed on the 9th April, but at
Easter we are reminded that Victory has already been won by Jesus and
that there is always new life and new hope.

Michael Tompkins.

THANK YOU Joan and family wish to thank everyone for their cards and
kind messages on the death of Walter. Also for the donations to the
Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for research. To date I have around £200.

We gratefully acknowledge £5 donation from the Braunston Pantomime Group
and £3 anonymous donation towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB March 9th a small group from The Rugby Singers entertained us with songs, monologues & humorous poems. March 23rd was our Tea Dance. Hilda & Janet provided small posies of Spring Flowers making the tables look most attractive. April 13th will be an Easter Bonnet and Hat competition. A small prize will be given for the best mens & Ladies Hats, so do your best to make it a good show. April 27th We hope to have Simon Ainley talking about the Canals and Waterways.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At our March meeting Mrs. Noon showed us two professional arrangements as her "green theme". On April 7th Mr. Steve Parish will entertain us with "Life during the Civil War in Period Costume". The Handicrafts exhibition takes place on Monday April 6th at Kilsby Village Hall 7.30pm admission 50p including refreshments. Braunston W.I. will be exhibiting many craft items, as will the 5 other W.I.'s in our area - all welcome! A visit from Hollandward W.I. (near Ashbourne) is planned for April 14th when members will be entertaining them with lunch & a walk round Braunston in the afternoon.

BRAUNSTON CRICKET CLUB are now looking forward to the 1992 Season and have entered the Wednesday evening Advertiser League. We would welcome any new players to the Team. Anyone interested please contact T.Hewitt on 891226. BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION are holding a Slide Show on Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm in the Library (Village Centre). Two RHS slide shows entitled "Flowering Plants for the Greenhouse" and "Plants for Shade" will be presented. Admission 50p. Everyone Welcome.

FERTILIZER SALES started on 22nd March. Every Sunday 11-12 noon at the Village Centre. In addition to the standard range, this season peat-free seed and potting will also be available.

BRAUNSTON PANTOMIME GROUP is appealing for any discarded cotton sheets and/or heavy curtain material for use as scenery props etc in time for the next pantomime which will take place early 1993. If anybody has anything to offer please ring Garry Fearn on 891292 after 8.00pm.

VILLAGE HALL Please note, all future Village Hall Committee Meetings will be held on the last Thursday of every month.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herne

The former Methodist Chapel in the High Street has the date 1797 in a roundel on the gable. This is not the year when it was built but is the date when a congregation was registered with the Church of England authorities. On April 27th in that year a group describing themselves as Protestant Dissenters notified the Bishop of Peterborough that they were holding services in a house set aside for that purpose. This was probably the house belonging to a leading member of the congregation, John Edmunds, adjoining 'The Shambles' where he lived.

The Methodist Society, as the group called themselves, were prosperous enough to proceed to build their own house of worship to spread the teaching of John Wesley.

A builder's account of 1807 reveals that the vestry room was under construction, so presumably the chapel was already completed. The passage between them led to the plot of land at the back referred to as the chapel garden. This was subsequently built upon to provide a separate room for the flourishing Methodist Sunday School which met in the morning and afternoon.

On August 28, 1815 'the newly-erected chapel with vestry, court and garden' was conveyed to a charitable trust made up of leading members of the congregation.

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