

STON 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
Morning & Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9am and 6pm.^{month only})
The seven Parishes of the Daventry Team usually share Evensong on the
third Sunday in the month, this month the Team Evensong will be at
Helidon at 6.30pm on March 15th.
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.
March 4th is ASH WEDNESDAY. There will be a combined service for the
Daventry Team at Holy Cross at 7.30pm.
March 29th is MOTHERING SUNDAY. There will be a special service at 10.30am.

BAPTISM: February 9th. Antony Andrew Isom

We welcome him into the Lord's family.

Dear Parishioners,

We had a splendid service with the Bishop, last month, and are greatly
encouraged for the future of the Daventry Team. Lent starts on Wednesday
4th with a Team service and we will be joining together, subsequently,
for a Lent course exploring the way we follow Christ in our journey
through life. This study course will be taking place throughout the Team
and will be held in the Villages as well as in Daventry. I argued
strongly for this co-operation and the bringing of people into the
Villages as this is important for the smaller communities around here.
It is all too easy to suggest holding combined meetings in Daventry,
'because it is central', but doing so devalues the other communities. This
is as true of life in general as of life in the Church. The problem of
rural living has been highlighted by a Church report. 'Faith in the
Countryside' (1990), which reveals all the problems of village life (not
least the Church's) which conspire to take the heart out of communities -
lack of public transport, lack of 'affordable' housing, loss of amenities
such as shops and Post Offices and so on. All the villages of our country
need to be encouraged, not just to survive, but to be living communities,
and this the Church is trying to do. In our daily prayers in the Parish
Church we give thanks for our Community life together and offer special
prayers for some aspect of life in Braunston, for we are a well-blessed
village.

It is traditional that I should exhort people to use the time of Lent to
examine their lives and to repair whatever is amiss so we can celebrate
the resurrection of Christ with a renewed life of our own. Churchgoers
and non-churchgoers alike can take stock of their contribution to the
community life of Braunston and resolve to take seriously the lives
of others.

Michael Tompkins.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL Committee members wish to thank all those who
gave donations towards improvements, it was gratefully received. The first
stage of our improvements plan has now been successfully completed and
has made a vast difference in both appearance and warmth to the Hall.
The Children's Christmas Party was a success with a turnout of over 70
children, a good time was had by all. Thank you to all Mums and Dads
who stayed to help supervise, your help is always welcome.

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £2 from Braunston
Village Hall & Playing Field Association towards the cost of producing
the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB At a film show on Feb 10th we saw three short but interesting films. The first was about St. Dunstons Hospital for the Blind, the second on Transport from the 1930's to the 70's, and finally a glimpse of the lovely scenery of the Peak District.

On Feb.24th Members enjoyed a Fish & Chip Lunch followed by fruit and ice cream. The Bring & Buy Stall raised £20.50.

March 9th We shall be entertained by some of the Rugby Singers.

March 23rd will be a Tea-Dance, with board games for those who prefer them.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Anthony Newman entertained us with an

appreciation of John Betjeman's poems at a well attended meeting in February. March 3rd Mrs. Noon will give us a demonstration of "Flower arranging mainly green". Our annual Jumble Sale will be on Saturday March 28th at 2.0pm, admission 5p children free. There will be a variety of stalls, Bric-a-Brac, White Elephant & Tombola as well as Cakes & Produce. Refreshments will be available.

The W.I. would like to give a VOTE OF THANKS to Ismay Luckey and all who participated in making Braunston "hum" with the excellent production of Cinderella. We look forward hopefully to another pantomime next year.

TWINNING ASSOCIATION Visit from Quincy-Voisins - 1st - 3rd May 1992.

Arrangements are in progress for the above event and we are looking for accommodation for our French visitors. If you are able to offer accommodation, please contact Ian Bennett on 891094. We hope that as many villagers as possible will be involved, thus helping to make this visit as successful as in previous years.

PLANT A TREE FOR THE FUTURE It is the year 2050 and a small group of people walk up the path from the canal towards the village green. Just before they reach the village they pause in the shade of a copse of mixed trees and rest.....
March 14th and 15th is Braunston's own tree planting weekend. The Conservation Group asks help from the village to plant over 150 trees and shrubs in the top part of Jetty Field - through the pathway South of the old school on the village green. This is to extend and provide future replacements for the existing block of trees. Work continues between 9am and sundown on Saturday and Sunday. Please come along at any time if you can help with spade, gloves and strong shoes. The village tree wardens David, Lyne and Melanie will be there to guide and instruct and Pat can give you further details beforehand on 890590. Enjoy the welcome; have some fun. You plant a rose for your wife; an apple for your children and a field maple for your grandchildren. Pat Herlihy 890590.

COMMENTS PLEASE Due to the fact that the present tree sited at the centre of the island 'triangle' (outside the village centre), may become dangerous (due to its ultimate size and proximity to the road, resulting in leaves being shed onto the road) and that newly planted shrubs will eventually be lost by shading and starvation, the EVGA are considering several alternatives, one of which is to remove the tree (while still possible) and replace it with a smaller, more suitable tree.
If any villager has any suggestions or comments, please make your opinion known by ringing E. Whyte (Village Tree Warden) on 890865.

THE FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON C.F. SCHOOL are holding a Spring Fling in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st March 1992 between 1 and 4pm. There will be fun for all the family with stalls and games galore. The fun will commence with the Grand Easter Bonnet Parade at 1pm. There are classes for pre-schoolers, infants, juniors and adults, with prizes for each group. We're looking forward to lots of entries, so get your thinking caps on! The prize draw will take place at 3.30pm. Tickets are available from parents or from shops in the village. Please come along and join in the fun. The money raised will go towards buying books for the library and a colour printer for the school's computer.

Owing to lack of space Village Notes by Dick Herne will be printed next month.

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