

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 and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am & 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 at
Welton at 6.30pm on February 16th.

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.

**On 23rd February there will be no morning service in any of the
Village Churches of the Team; the Bishop of Peterborough will be
holding an Inaugural Service for the Team at Holy Cross Church at 11.00am

FUNERAL: January 24th. Walter Victor Beckett, aged 75 years.

We Pray for his soul and extend our deepest sympathy to Roger and Sheila.

Dear Parishioners,

We have been going through an exercise, at All Saints', to try to look
to the future - strategic planning, I think it is called. Every household
was sent a letter explaining, roughly, what we were about. This was not
a mail-shot, on the double-glazing level, but a deliberate effort to
try to let the whole of this community know what we were trying to do
and to invite some response from those whose church it is. We have, now,
had our Parish Day and will make our plans for the next few years so
that we can meet the needs of all the people of Braunston, should they
need us. For our part, we know that God is active in the lives of us all
and that we should respond to him. In our services we give thanks for
what he does for us and ask for the strength to show our gratitude by
serving not only those around us in this community but also those in
the 'global village'. We know that we often fail, but take failure as
the opportunity of new beginnings and new hopes for a better future.

The Church is a part of the community and plays its part in Village
life. Without the input from all our different organisations there
would be no Community. I was surprised to receive, this last month,
a rather sad letter from British Waterways telling me that no
organisation from the village had agreed to join in with the Braunston
Boat Show in May. Helen Harding wrote, "We would rather work in
conjunction with, not in isolation from, the village." I hold no brief
for British Waterways or the Marina, but I believe that the village and
the canal are inseparable and should work together. Some of us may not
like some of the developments that are going on down there, but they
are there and we have to come to terms with that. All Saints' had a
successful concert last year, in conjunction with the Boat Show, and
will be having another one this year. If the village organisations
chose to join in with what is happening on the canal we could have a
jolly good jamboree and build up our Community.

Michael Tompkins.

THANK YOU. We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £10 from the
Braunston Twinning Association. This will go towards
the cost of producing the B.V.N.

Walter Beckett.

Walter died suddenly on 18th January, and will be greatly missed in Braunston. Although a Daventry man, Walter became a prominent figure in the life of Braunston after marrying Amy Nurse, a member of one of the 'old' Braunston families. Music may be the medium through which he is remembered by some - the Tempo Dance Band and the Dancing Club spring immediately to mind. Walter was Clerk to the Braunston Charities for 43 years, only relinquishing that post when his failing sight made it impossible to carry on. He remained a member of the VIP committee until his death. Perhaps the greatest tribute to Walter's loyalty to his companions and to this area was his election as President of Group 4 of the Northamptonshire Royal British Legion, an office of which he was justly proud. We shall all miss him.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB There was a change of programme for our first meeting this year on Jan. 13th. John Bradshaw kindly brought his record player and dance records for a Tea Dance. While some members enjoyed the dancing, others were able to have a nice chat with their friends. Despite the cold and foggy weather of Jan. 27th, 36 members turned out to enjoy the singing and monologues given by Mr. & Mrs. Parley from Barby.

Monday February 10th We will be having a Film Show.

Monday February 24th A Fish & Chip Lunch. Please come after 12.30 for a 1.00pm Lunch. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall.

VILLAGE NOTES

Gardening thoughts in February by Frank Cox

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

We do well to heed the poet Shelley's reminder, for though February can be a cold and windy month nature is already stirring and there is much we can and should be doing.

After the strong winds of the past months it is wise to examine roses, trees and shrubs, especially newly-planted ones, firming in around the roots and checking supports and ties.

Take every opportunity whenever the soil is neither wet nor frost-bound to dig-over vacant ground. Freshly dug ground can be covered with cloches or plastic sheeting to warm up the soil and help promote germination for earlier outdoor sowings.

When preparing a new seed-bed any sifted ashes from the bonfire or old soot raked into the surface will prove very beneficial.

Bedding plants such as Lobelia, begonia, salvia and antirrhinum which need a long growing period for best results can be sown now provided you have a heated propagator or warm greenhouse to provide a temperature of about 60-65°F.

Tidy up herbacious plants using secateurs. Trim off the remains of old stems and leaves and rake in a top dressing of bonemeal or hoof-and-horn.

For the kitchen garden early varieties of potato will need to be set out in trays to encourage sprouting while hardy varieties of broad beans and peas can now be sown for an early crop, covering with cloches if possible.

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

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