

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) at 6.30pm.

This month TEAM EVENSONG is at Staverton on 17th, at 6.30pm. Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am and 6.00pm. Services for Saints' Days are published in the weekly Bulletin. The Sunday School meets at 10.15am in church each Sunday; all children of Primary School age are welcome.

BAPTISMS September 29th. Robert Alexander Stevenson  
James Alastair Stevenson

We welcome them into the family of the Church.

WEDDINGS: September 4th. Paul and Sally Heritage  
September 11th. Roger and Catherine Millington

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be over the period 2nd. to 4th. October.  
Saturday Evening, 7.30pm. Concert by 'Sounds Choral' No tickets required.  
Sunday Morning, 8.0 and 10.30am, usual services, in Thanksgiving for Harvest.  
Sunday Evening, 6.30pm. Harvest Songs of Praise.  
Monday Evening, 6.30 for 7.00pm. Harvest Supper. Tickets £2.50 each (£2 for concessions) available from Sheila Rowley, the Post Office or the Rectory.

Advance Notice. November 1st. is All Saints' Day and our Patronal Festival. The Festal Eucharist at 7.30pm will be the Revd. Michael Tompkins last Service as Vicar of Braunston.

Dear Parishioners,

Harvest festival time is round again; as I get older it seems to come round faster each year, but of course it doesn't. Harvest is important. Not only the real harvest from the land, but the season itself. It is a season of varieties in its timing and our own celebration is fixed about the beginning of October as a convenience, as much as anything else. We read in the Bible of 'Barley Harvest' and 'Wheat Harvest' celebrations, which fall (in our calendar) at Easter and Whitsun. The old English Lammas Day, on August 1st. survives as a Scottish quarter-day (when agricultural rents are due) and its origin is a celebration of the harvesting of the first wheat, which was used to make the bread used at Mass on that day. That time does not appear to have changed much - we saw harvesting at the beginning of August this year. What is important is the celebration of the cycle of seasons, giving thanks for the mystery which keeps us fed and clothed. In spite of scientific analysis there is still a wonder at the bounty of Creation and a human need to recognise that, whether in church or not. Over the first weekend this month we will give thanks to God for the safe in-gathering of the harvest of the land and for the skill and labour of those who work on the land; we will also remember those other harvests which are the result of mankind's labour within the mystery of creation and, sadly, the failed harvests which are still beyond man's comprehension. If you cannot be with us as we give thanks and praise to God for all his goodness, do give thanks, in your own way, for all the good things that you have been given in this life and remember the millions who not been so fortunate.

Michael Tompkins

WINEMAKING ENTHUSIASTS!! There are a number of (prizewinning) clear glass demijohns available, FREE, for callers at the Rectory. First come, first served.

THANK YOU: We gratefully acknowledge £5 donation from the Pantomime Group towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON C.E. SCHOOL On Tuesday November 23rd, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the school buildings. There will be a service in Church at 2 pm, and the Bishop of Brixworth will be the special speaker, Afterwards, there will be tea in the school. You will be most welcome to join us on this special occasion. We would be interested to hear news of former pupils, especially those who were at this school from 1968 onwards. Please send any news to the school as soon as possible. 'Old pupils news' will be a feature in our next newspaper, which will be distributed before the end of this term.

BROWNIES The Brownies have had an open meeting in September, when they displayed some of the objects they had made, photographs of their various activities and drawings of their favourite games. Some of our new Brownies were enrolled whilst others were awarded the badges they have been working for. One of our very new Brownies is Lucy Morgan who is blind. If Lucy is to stay a Brownie we need a volunteer to help Lucy on a one to one basis as is required by our insurers. Would any responsible teenager care to help? Lucy so much wants to be a Brownie and the Brownies want Lucy to be part of our Pack. We meet every Monday during term time 5.15pm to 6.30pm. If there are any little girls aged between 7-10 years old who would like to join us please get in touch with me. Some Mothers have asked me about forming a group of Rainbows, I would be prepared to do this if there was sufficient support we would need two more uniform Guiders and the rules say one helper to every five Rainbows, the age for Rainbows is 5-7 years old. If you would be prepared to help or if your daughter would like to be a Rainbow please contact me. Kathleen A. Minnett, Barn Owl. 890908.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Mr. Oscar Lawson spoke to us on "Ornamental Trees & Shrubs" last meeting, this proved a splendid talk. October 5th we hold our Annual Meeting followed by a competition. On October 8th we have a theatre outing to see "Oliver" and on 11th some of us are joining a group going to Sudeley Castle.

THE VILLAGE BELLS Almost a year ago we asked for volunteers to form a new band of ringers. This has resulted in our now having an enthusiastic team who ring on the Thursday practice nights, for services on Sunday mornings, for weddings, and also enjoy the outings to other towers for our Branch meetings each month. However, we cannot rest on our laurels; we need more ringers so that it doesn't necessarily fall to the same people every time. It's interesting, it's fun - and you will be welcome to visit us on Thursday evenings about 7.30 to find out more. Or ring Peter Wenham 891935 or Sheila Rowley 890559.

CITIZENS OF BRAUNSTON! We are distraught for verily we cannot find sufficiency of persons to mount our Pantomime this season. Last season over 50 people got together to bring you "Robin of Fawsley". This season the Pantomime Group has been decimated by Universities, jobs and child birth. Therefore we are appealing for new members. If you can sew, paint, build, sing, dance or even act or have "theatrical" experience please give us a ring to register your interest in joining us for the 1994/95 season. Tel: Jacqui 891018 Garry or Jan 891292 Thank you"

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB On September 13th had an interesting and educational talk by Sue the Dog Warden who told us how to become responsible dog owners. Come on folks start using those poop scoops and make Braunston a healthier place for everyone especially our children! At the time of going to "press" we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on September 27th. This year Dawn Quinn has kindly helped us to organise it and we hope Father Gerry from Daventry R.C. Church will be available to talk to us. After the service there will be a Bring & Buy Stall. Monday 11th October - We are also looking forward to our Birthday Lunch at the Blue Bear Chipping Norton. The coach will pick up from The Wharf at 10.45 am and from The Green at 11.00 am. Return coach at 3.00 pm. Monday 25th October our speaker will be Dusty Roades who will talk on Countryside customs.

Please note: Due to lack of space Village Notes by Dick Herne will be printed at a later date.

Material for the November Issue should reach Mrs.M.Foulkes by 21st September, 39, Greenway.