

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. This month TEAM EVENSONG is at Holy Cross, Daventry on 19th. 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 August 8th. Perry Mark Harrison

Marisa Amy Harrison

August 22nd. Justin Neil Boneham

We welcome them into the Lord's family; we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God.

WEDDINGS: July 17th. Mark Trillo and Julie Wilson.

Douglas John Sharpe and Veronica Margaret Waddington

July 24th. Graham Scott Sime and Donna Louise Wakefield

August 28th. Michael Anthony Gray and Sharon Ellen Carne

We wish them, severally, long and happy marriages.

FUNERALS: August 6th. Peter Everson Nurser

August 25th. John Griffiths

We pray for the repose of their souls and offer our deepest condolences to their families

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Advance Notice. HARVEST FESTIVAL will be over the period 2nd. to 4th. October.

Saturday Evening, Concert by 'Sounds Choral'

Sunday Morning, usual services, in Thanksgiving for Harvest.

Sunday Evening, Harvest Songs of Praise.

Monday Evening, Harvest Supper.

Further information on Church Notice Boards and in next issue of BVN.

PARISH OUTING to LONDON. 4th. September. If anyone wants to join our coach for a trip to London, there are still seats available. Please contact the Rectory (890235) and come to church for 8.30am. The cost is £7 and we return leaving London at 5.30pm.

Dear Parishioners,

I wrote, two issues ago, about the relationship between Church and State in England. I think I need to write a little more, particularly as I have heard it reported that some mistaken ideas are still circulating in Braunston.

First, it is important to remember that Church Law is in fact the Law of England. The Church does not have rules imposed by the vicar as he thinks fit, or commandments sent from Peterborough just to upset parishioners; parliament fixes the rules/laws and the vicar tries to have them observed.

Many of the laws which involve the Church were framed at a time when it was assumed that all Englishmen were members of the Church and played their part in the running of it. That is no longer true, if it ever was, but has left some odd loose ends.

Most people only come up against the rules at times of births marriages and deaths, and here they can be most irritating to the unwary, but a great benefit to the wise. Everyone who is resident in the Parish has a right to the services of the Church at these times.

ALL parents living in Braunston have a right to have their child baptised in All Saints' Church; ALL persons resident in Braunston have a right to be married in the Parish Church (except divorced persons with a partner still living) and any person dying within the boundaries of the Parish has the right to be buried in the Churchyard. This is the Law of England for the protection of individual liberty, there is no question of Church membership required on the part of parents, intending brides or the deceased. There are, of course, exceptions to almost every rule, but these serve to improve the provisions I have mentioned; other people MAY avail themselves of the services of the Church, in certain circumstances, but these are too numerous to go into here. I have done my best to keep to the letter and spirit of the Law.

Since 'going to press', it has been announced that I am to be made Rector of Paston (in Peterborough) on 25th. November. It will be a sadness to leave Braunston and I will write about this in a later edition of the BVN.

Michael Tompkins

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB enjoyed a very happy day in Peterborough on Monday August 9th for their summer outing. Monday 13th September. We hope to have the Dog Wars from Daventry talking about her work. Monday 27th September will be the Harvest Festival followed by a Bring & Buy stall.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Last meeting we enjoyed a very humorous talk on the privy called "Smothered in the bog house". Tuesday September 7th we have Mr. Oscar Lawson coming to talk on Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. The evening to Marton Museum was a delight including the visit to the old village church followed by supper arranged by the local W.I., all this and a sun-set! This month we have a trip to Gloucester to look forward to, also the Group Meeting at Kilsby on the 23rd.

BRAUNSTON DANCING CLUB The new season of Old Time and Modern Sequence dancing commences on 10th September, when new members (preferably in couples) will be most welcome.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE APPRAISAL Did you know that the population of Braunston reached a peak in 1841 when the village was only High Street, Cross Lane and Nibbits Lane? The population which numbered 1,470 then fell, and only reached that level again in 1971 after the building of houses in Welton Road, Spinney Hill, Archer Avenue and Church Road. This is just one of a number of interesting facts being discovered by the Appraisal group which we aim to publish in our report. We would be pleased to hear from anyone with either reminiscences of life in Braunston early this century, or who would like to contribute a section to our report about Braunston which would be of interest. John Caunt 890776.

GARDENING NOTES IN SEPTEMBER by Frank Cox.

One of the highlights of our gardening year must surely have been the visit of the B.B.C.'s "Gardeners Question Time" team for their recording here in March. What a pleasant, enjoyable and instructive evening we spent in the company of these friendly, knowledgeable gardening personalities. As summer bedding plants begin to fade we must be thinking of what can go in their place to provide for attractive, long-lasting Spring displays. September and early October are the times when Garden Centres will have a wide range of Spring bedding plants and bulbs. Bellis (Double daisies), Forget-me-nots, pansies and violas can all be set out in September while many of us will also be putting out our Sweet Williams and Wallflowers. Plant daffodils and other bulbs in informal groups between shrubs and herbaceous plants in beds and borders. Tulips are not usually planted till later but it is as well to get them as soon as they are available and store them in a cool place. Towards the end of the month hanging baskets will need to be stripped down and replanted with winter-flowering pansies to provide colour in the dark winter days. Summer Fushias and Geraniums should be potted up in a frost-free place to over-winter. Lawns can be looking quite jaded after wear and tear during the Summer months. Spike the lawn to aerate it and brush in a top-dressing of sand and sieved garden soil. Oversow thin areas with grass seed and re-seed or re-turf bare patches. For the last few mowings of the lawn raise the mower blades.

Material for the October Issue should reach Mrs.M.Foulkes by 21st September.