

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins,
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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 & sermon on the first Sunday of the month
only)
This month TEAM EVENSONG is at Ashby, on 16th at 6.30pm.
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.

BAPTISM: April 11th. Jemima Dring.

It was a joy to welcome her, to share with us membership of God's
family.

There are two concerts in All Saints' Church on the Whitsun Bank
Holiday weekend.
Saturday May 29th. Fiori Musicali give a performance of Vivaldi's
Four seasons.

Sunday May 30th. Beauchamp Sinfonietta - 'A little Summer Music'.
Both concerts at 7.30pm; see posters in the village for more details.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to say 'Thank you' to all those who came to our Saturday
Lent lunches in March. Not only were the lunches good social occasions,
people came from all over the village, but a most generous sum was
raised for the starving of Somalia. With other wars and natural
disasters grabbing the headlines, the people of Somalia have been
somewhat forgotten, but drought and civil war continue into their
third year. The £263.25 donated by the Village doesn't seem much on
its own, but it has been gratefully received to support drought relief
and the airlifting of food. Thank you also to those who prepared,
served and donated the bread and soup.

Charitable collections are not the only thing the Church does, but the
teaching of Jesus, 'as you did it for one of the least of these my
brethren, you did it for me' has always been a powerful message for
his followers. This month we have the Christian Aid collection to
help the poorest of the world's poor - help them with aid and help
them to provide for themselves and to preserve their dignity in the
world community. Even in these hard times, I hope you will be generous
to those who have less than the poorest person you can imagine.

Michael Tompkins.

There is grazing available, in the field next to the cemetery, for
one pony or horse. Apply to The Rectory.

THANK YOU Bob Bunn would like to thank everyone who sponsored
him in the London Marathon. Approximately £700 will have been
raised for "Helping Hands" charity for sick children.

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

39, Greenway.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Our "mile" of pennies last month raised £65 as a contribution towards the Daventry District community bus. The Coffee Morning on April 6th was moderately well attended. £43.60 was made by the Raffle and Bring & Buy stall which will help to swell club funds.

On April 26th Muriel & Peter Farley with three friends Joan, Sheila and John (The Jolly Allsorts) entertained us with songs and humorous monologues and poems - a very enjoyable afternoon.

Meetings for next month are on Monday May 10th - a coach trip to the Merry Hill Shopping Centre. The coach will pick up from The Wharf at 9.45am, Harrow Lane at 9.50am and The Green at 10.0am. Return coach leaving at 3.00pm. The trip will cost £3.50 and there are some spare seats available. 'phone Gill on 890763 or see Janet McCarthy. May 24th George Dickenson the Village Policeman will talk to us about his work.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At the April meeting Mrs. S. Bond gave us an inspiring talk on "Miscellany of Herbs". Next meeting May 4th we shall welcome our V.C.O. Mrs. Christine Farmer who will be talking on this years resolutions. May 19th we visit Naseby Village for a "Grow Gather and Gain" day.

THE BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION remind you that:-

- A) the Gardens and Hanging Basket competition will be judged towards the end of June. Any garden or hanging basket which can be seen from the road or pavement will be viewed by an independent judge and the results will be announced in the July newsletter. We hope that the standard will be as high as last year, and that attractive gardens and hanging baskets will help Braunston to win the Britain in Bloom competition this year.
- B) that the Fertilizer shop is now open every Sunday from 11.00 to 12.00 at the Village Hall. In addition to our normal range we have many 'eat-free' alternatives for the 'Green' gardener, including, for the first time, composted duck manure, and hanging basket compost from the Uzer Frenley range of products. An annual membership fee of 20p is all you need to pay to take advantage of our cheap prices. If the opening time is not convenient, then please ring Frank Cox on 890142 who is willing to open the shop for you during the week (although hopefully for more than just a pound of Growmore!)
- C) that anybody who would like to help us in our activities should please call David White on 890865.

GARDENING NOTES by Frank Cox

May is often the month when the garden begins to make up for a slow start in Spring. But don't be caught out by the late frosts which sometimes persist until the middle of the month in our area, and be ready to protect tender plants if necessary.

Seeds will not germinate unless the ground is warm enough and it is worthwhile investing in a soil thermometer to tell you the right moment to sow them.

Lift bulbs which have finished flowering and temporarily plant them in spare ground until the foliage dies back naturally. This will make room for the summer bedding plants which should now be hardening off ready for setting out.

Rake in 1 to 2 oz per square yard of a general fertilizer such as 'Growmore' before planting out dahlias and outdoor chrysanthemums. Pinch out the growing tips on chrysanthus two or three weeks after planting and reduce the number of new shoots to about six.

Watch roses for any signs of black spot, rust or mildew, and, if necessary spray with a systemic fungicide which can also check the old enemy greenfly.

All growing shrubs should be fed, watered and then mulched around them. Now established lawns to keep pace with growth, and newly-sown lawns when the grass is about 2 inches high.