

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins, The Rectory,
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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 Staverton on 18th at 6.30pm.
Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am & 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday: 10.25am Procession of Palms and Dramatic presentations of
the Passion Gospel 6.30pm Evensong.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 7.30pm Holy Communion

Maunday Thursday: 7.30pm Holy Communion, followed by the Watch until 10pm

Good Friday: 2.00-3.00pm An hour at the Cross.

Easter Eve: 8.00pm The lighting of the Paschal Candle and the Easter

Easter Day: 8.00am Holy Communion Vigil.

10.30am Family Communion Service

FUNERALS: March 3rd Edith Nellie Forster, aged 74 years

March 3rd Margaret Mary Hall, aged 78 years

We pray for the safe repose of their souls and offer our deepest
sympathy to their families.

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, 10th from 10.00am
onwards. Gifts of flowers and offers of help will be most welcome.

Dear Parishioners,

On Easter Day we will be launching the Church's Road Representative
scheme. This is not a new idea, I even suspect that it has already been
tried in Braunston. Political parties and our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
have their Street Reps, or whatever name they choose to use; all with the
same sort of idea - to keep an eye on what is going on. Our scheme differs
very little from the others. It is our intention to have one churchperson
to represent All Saints to the people of a small area, to greet new-
comers to Braunston and to give them a 'Welcome Leaflet' containing useful
information about the Village and the services which are available.
Many people have co-operated in the production of the leaflet and it has
been handsomely laid out by Roddie Grant, clerk to the Parish Council.
Janet McCarthy has suggested that I ask if some can be placed in the Post
Office after the launch, this I will do. Any comments will be most wel-
come. Another task of the Road Representatives will be to let me know if
anyone is ill or in need of a visit. With an increased amount of work
outside Braunston it would help me to make the best use of my time in
the Village; it is to be hoped that the new scheme will ensure this.

I invite you to share in the solemnity of our Holy Week services and the
joy of Easter Day. From our Palm Sunday Procession, re-enacting the
triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, we are plunged into a daily
consideration of what lay behind his trial and execution on the Cross on
Good Friday. As he lay in the grave on Easter Eve we prepare ourselves to
celebrate the gift of New Life in his resurrection from the dead; a pledge
that in Him all things are made new. Whatever there is in your life
which is shabby or hurtful, God can bring to it healing and light. Join
us at Easter to celebrate Joy of the resurrection.

Michael Tompkins.

Thank you. We gratefully acknowledge £5 donation from Friends of
Braunston School towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

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

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BRAUNSTON C.E. SCHOOL. The Chess Teams continue to play well. At a recent Tournament in Northampton, the under 11 team retained the Small Schools Trophy (schools with a roll of less than 150) The Under 9 team is due to play in a tournament Belling School March 20th. The Club has matches against West Haddon and the Abbey School before the end of term. Our thanks to Mr. W. Adams and other parents who support the Chess Club. The Netball team has been most successful - their recent match against Crick resulted in a 3-1 win. Our Football team drew in their last away game against Weeden. The children are looking forward to the Annual six-a-side tournament to be held on March 27th at Southbrook. The children ran a Mini Market on Friday March 19th to raise money for the R.S.P.B. Shetland Disaster Fund. A total of £160 has been sent. BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUE. The lunch held on March 8th - Fish & Chips followed by fruit pies & cream was much enjoyed by the members. On March 22nd The Perspectives Theatre performed a very enjoyable production called "A Right Old Song & Dance". This was set in a sea-side guesthouse in the 1930's, a musical sing-a-long which was well supported by members and non members alike.

Tuesday April 6th we will be holding a Coffee Morning plus Bring & Buy sale from 10.0am to 12.00. Everyone welcome.

Monday April 26th we will be joined by Mr. & Mrs. Farley who will entertain us with a selection of song and poems.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE On March 2nd Mr. Kemp took us by way of slides and music on an exciting journey aboard M.V. Orient Express.

Tuesday April 6th the talk will be on Growing, exhibiting and using of herbs, with Mrs. S. Bond. Our annual Jumble Sale March 13th was a lively affair, the sunshine bringing the ladies out to join us.

BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE On 5th and 6th March 140 pupils from both the Braunston and Byfield classes took part in a dance display held at Danetre School in aid of The Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust. It was a very enjoyable and successful occasion resulting in a cheque for £678.61 being sent to our chosen charity.

~~FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION~~ ^{We} are looking for new members to join the Braunston Badminton Club, to ensure the club's survival. Anyone interested is welcome to ring Ann Walker on 0327 62405.

MICHAEL PRIESTLEY STREAT died suddenly while on holiday in Germany 21st March 1993.

Michael Streat served with air-sea rescue during the second world war and came to Braunston with his wife Patricia in 1954. He established the first canal holiday business in the village with four small cruisers and two camping punts, running it from his home in Nibbits Lane. Soon after, the Streats moved to a cottage in Cross Lane and later still to Langdon House on the High Street. Their business developed, taking over the premises of Samuel Barlow and for a while operated pairs of working boats carrying coal to the South. About this time too, the reservoirs were opened up for use as moorings by private boat owners.

Michael Streat's own fleet of cruising boats expanded and became the Blue Line. Later on it was merged with Lady Line and Streat then concentrated on a subsidiary he had opened up across the channel, Blue Line Cruisers (France) Ltd. Later still he managed the European arm of an American company: Floating through Europe. Pat and Mike left Braunston in 1988 and retired to Totnes in S. Devon.

R.J.Hayes.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herne A resident has informed me that the two red-brick houses next to the path leading from the Green to Bottom Lock were built in 1934 on the site of the parish cottages which were used to house the homeless poor.

Northampton Rural Community Council is sponsoring a series of Village Appraisals - surveys detailing the natural environment, the occupations of the inhabitants and the social facilities of villages in the county. Mr. Ian Nelson, the officer promoting this enterprise, is coming to Braunston to give an illustrated talk on the project on Wednesday 7th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. He hopes to encourage the formation of a working party to carry out a survey in Braunston. Anyone interested in the venture will be welcome.