

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

1st April	Good Friday	2.00pm	An hour at the Cross
2nd "	Faster Eve	8.15pm	Service of Light
3rd "	Faster Lay	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Family Eucharist
10th "		6.30pm	Songs of Praise for Easter
		8.00am	Holy Communion
17th "		10.30am	Family Service
		8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Parish Eucharist
		6.30pm	Team Evensong at Staverton
24th "		8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Parish Eucharist

The Sunday School meets at 10.15 every Sunday; all children of Primary School age are welcome.

Morning & Evening Prayer are said every weekday & Saturday at 9am & 6pm.

There is a quiet service every Wednesday usually at 7.30pm. Services for Saints' Days are published in the weekly bulletin.

EAPTISM: 20th March 1994 Alice Madeleine Ferris
 We welcome her into the Lord's family - may she be faithful to the promises made on her behalf.

FUNERAL: 17th March 1994 John William Reed

At All Saints' we are really missing John - we send our love and sympathy to Joan and all the family and we pray that his soul may rest in peace.

THANK YOU: We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation of £3. Also a donation of £10 towards the cost of producing this leaflet from Jean Hossain in memory of her Dad - Duncan Gallie.

LENT LUNCHESES: We were very pleased and encouraged by the attendance, the fellowship and the money raised at these lunches. We thank those who cooked, those who helped and those who came. The total raised was £157.75 which has been sent to Christian Aid for their appeal to help the peoples of Yugoslavia.

DIARY DATE: When we published our 1994 dates in the February issue of this leaflet we weren't sure of the date of the summer Fete. This has now been fixed for 18th JUNE.

On the evening of this day COWBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR will be coming all the way from South Wales to sing for you.

Dear fellow parishioners,

By the time you receive this publication the 'purple period' of Lent will be nearly over and we will be getting ready to celebrate the Feast of Easter. The church will be robed in yellow and white flowers after the Lenten period when we have had no flowers. We will have spent a lot of time remembering that Jesus made the supreme sacrifice for our sins, on Easter day we will rejoice in His Resurrection from the dead.

Easter is the most important Festival in the church's year and a day of obligation when everyone who is a confirmed member of the Church should present themselves to receive the body and blood of Christ at the Eucharist. I assure you that you will receive a

welcome here at All Saints.
 I hope that you have a really happy Easter celebration and enjoy your Easter Eggs.

Sheila.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB had a very enjoyable Fish & Chip Lunch on Monday 14th March. The Bring & Buy Stall raised £18.00 for Club Funds. On Monday 28th March the meeting had an Easter Theme. Several members had decorated hard boiled eggs. Mary from the Library came in to judge them and chose two winners. Mrs. Cuthbertson had made hers into an Easter bunny and Mrs. Brinkman had dressed hers as a bride. Well done everyone who entered. Greta and John entertained us with songs on the piano including a couple of duets. Monday 11th April will be a Tea Dance with a cream tea. There will be Board Games for those who do not dance. Monday 25th April is a Ploughmans Lunch 12.30 for 12.45. Let Janet have your name if you are not at the meeting on April 11th. Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Our March meeting was a delight with Mrs. Wright speaking about the work of the Associated Countrywomen of the World and how Pennies for Friendship started. A group of members and others visited Pebble Mill on March 7th, very enjoyable. March 29th we had our group craft exhibition at Welton. Some of us are going to the Nickelodium at Ashorne Hall on April 13th meeting 1.15 on the Green. April 5th Mrs. J. Twigger is our speaker, her subject "Swiss Straw Lace".

THE CHILDRENS' SOCIETY A house to house collection in aid of the Childrens' Society will be made in the Village between the 9th and 23rd April. Please give generously to help us 'Make Lives Worth Living' for many children in need. This is part of The Childrens' Society 1994 National Appeal.

The Charity Concert held in the Church on 11th March to commemorate the late Gwen Hedge was highly successful. A large audience seemed very appreciative of an excellent performance by Kingfisher Chorale, David Old and Ian Imlay.

Donations to be divided between Northampton General and St. Cross Hospitals amounted to £852, of which £522 was received at the concert, and the balance from friends who could not attend.

Ron and Chris Hedge are deeply grateful for the support received. If possible, something similar will be done next year.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herne.

The Green is not a traditional village green, a focal meeting place and recreational centre; it was waste land. Before the old school was built the Green extended to the fields and the village pound where stray animals were kept. It owes its open aspect to the disappearance of old cottages. On the north side the present wide grass verge was the site of a mud and brick cottage with a small enclosed garden occupied by James Hall.

The houses above it have seen many changes. The first building contained a house and barber's shop belonging to Vic Hall where much village gossip could be learned. In the row of early 19th century cottages the first house has a cement name plate which still shows the name of Pebody who kept a chemists shop. The middle house with a wide shopfront window was once a butchers and later was used as a surgery until the village centre provided alternative rooms for the visiting doctor. The cottage next to the public house was occupied for a time by the village schoolmistress.

The Wheatsheaf is a traditional house built of stone, it was thatched; brick courses were added when the thatch was replaced by slate.

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