

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH Reader: Miss Fileen Thorp 890321

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CHURCH SERVICES

6th Mar. 8am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist. 6.30pm Evensong.  
 13th Mar. 8am Holy Communion. 10.30am Special Family Service for  
 Mothering Sunday.  
 20th Mar. 8am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist.  
 27th Mar. 8am Holy Communion. 10.0am Procession of Palms from the Green  
 Palm Sunday to church for 10.30am Parish Eucharist.  
 31st Mar. Maundy Thursday. 7.30pm Celebration of The Last Supper.  
 1st Apr. Good Friday. 2.00pm An Hour at the Cross.  
 2nd Apr. Easter Eve. 8.15pm Service of Light.  
 3rd Apr. 8am Holy Communion. 10.30am Family Eucharist.  
 Easter Day 6.30pm Spngs of Praise.

The Sunday School meets at 10.15am 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 at 7.30pm.

Services for Saints days are provided in the weekly bulletin.

BAPTISMS IN FEBRUARY: Megan Grose and Helen Ansell

We bid them both a very warm welcome to the Lord's family.

LENT LUNCHES will be served in the Parish Room at All Saints on 5th,  
 12th & 19th March from 12.30 until 2.00pm. Please come for bread & soup  
 & fellowship. There is no set charge but we will invite your donations  
 towards the work of CHRISTIAN AID in the parts of the world where there  
 is little or no food.

LENT STUDY GROUPS are taking place throughout the Daventry area. They  
 are entitled 'Take Another Look' and are inter-denominational. Two are  
 taking place each week in Braunston at 7.30 on Wednesdays and Fridays.  
 If you are interested in joining either of these it isn't too late.  
 Please contact Marilyn Brinkman (890032) or Margaret Chamberlain(890649)  
 Dear Fellow Edrishioners,

We are at the moment, in the season of Lent when we think very  
 seriously about prayer, fasting and self examination. To help with  
 prayer the Revd. Geoffrey Howard continues with his course "Exploring  
 Prayer" at 7.30pm in the Parish Room on 8th & 22nd March. To consider  
 fasting there are the Lent Lunches detailed above. To assist with  
 self examination there are the Lent Study Groups also detailed above.  
 Why not try any or all of the above to help with your preparation for  
 sharing Christ's Passion in Holy Week so as to be really ready to  
 celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Sheila.

CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL CHARITY CONCERT

Donations to: St. Cross Hospital Rugby & Coronary Care Unit Northampton.  
 at All Saints Church on Friday 11th March at 8.00pm.

Music by: Tallis - Bach - Mozart etc. Kingfisher Choral.

Free Admission

This concert commemorates the life of Gwen Hedge, late of Braunston,  
 who died on 4th February 1994.

THANK YOU: We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £20 from the  
 Gardens Association toward the production of the E.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Due to the severe frost and bitter weather  
 on Feb.14th we had to cancel our Valentine's Day meeting. We are  
 hoping the members will bring their Valentine Day cards to the next  
 meeting.

On March 14th we have a Fish & Chip lunch planned. Come at 12.30 for  
 12.45 start and bring knife, fork & spoon. Names to Janet if you  
 were not at the meeting on Feb.28th.

March 28th We hope to have a speaker to talk about Easter traditions,  
 or decorating Easter Eggs.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE We started the new year with a splendid  
 meeting. Mr. Roades talked on Country Crafts & Craftsmen which all of  
 us found very interesting. March 1st we have Mrs.A.Wright enlightening  
 us on the work of "ACWW" Associated Countrywomen of the World.

March 5th Our annual Jumble Sale will be held in the Village Hall 2.0pm.

FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON C.F. SCHOOL - The Friends are holding a Spring Fling in the Village Centre on Saturday 19th March from 1.00-4.00pm. There will be a Grand Prize Draw plus lots of Stalls - tombola, cakes, crafts, books, plants and white elephant among others. Refreshments available all afternoon. Everyone welcome - come along and have some fun!

SCOUTS We once again have a very active troop with forthcoming events including a Jumble Sale happening on 12th March, 10am at the Scout hut. Trips to Alton Towers, London, Quazer Laser, raft racing, summer camp, canoeing and many many more, all of which the boys have to do all of the organisation themselves.

This year we hope to be entering into Scout car competition the only troop in the district and to race on the national and international scene.

At present we have 10 scouts ranging from ten and a half to fifteen and a half and are lucky to have two leaders and two ex Scouts as helpers. With this vast experience the troop strides forward to advance the boys, who are well on course to achieve their Chief Scout Award (about the same as silver gold Duke of Edinburgh award), which takes at least four years to achieve in the scouting movement. We welcome Edward Seymour, Daniel Daymond, Freddie Pargunson and Graeme Ashbridge, who have just been invested in our troop.

The assistant patrol leaders Dexter Hubbard and Andrew McCormick are well on their way to make the grade and become patrol leaders.

I am sure that once again this year we will be one of the most active troops in our district and the boys that participate will be the better for belonging to the biggest organisation in the world.....  
THE SCOUTS.  
Gordon Kemp (Skip)

#### VICTORIAN SPORTSMAN

Braunston cricketers and footballers will be interested to hear of a letter which has been received recently from Mrs. Margaret Woolley of Bushey Heath. She and her family celebrated the centenary of a rather magnificent marble clock. This handsome timepiece is inscribed as follows: "Presented to the Reverend H.B. Woolley, M.A. on his leaving Braunston, by the members of the Cricket and Football Clubs as a token of their respect and esteem and in recognition of the kindly interest he has shown in their WELFARE and AMUSEMENTS. December 12th 1893".

Mrs. Woolley was daughter-in-law of this gentleman, Bernard Woolley, who was the curate at Braunston Church when the Reverend Lewis Gilbertson was Rector. Gilbertson was Rector for 24 years and towards the end of his time must have been rather infirm as Bernard Woolley writes of taking "practical sole charge", in 1890 when he takes up the post. Another letter, in 1892, says the Rector's "participation in the daily services (is) very uncertain". Again, in 1893, on receiving an invitation to visit a friend in Lincolnshire, he has to refuse as his Rector is, "too aged to take part on Sundays".

Mr. Woolley must have found some leisure time however as he obviously had opportunities to endear himself to the local sportsmen. One wonders whether he was an outstanding batsman or a demon bowler. Did he serve Braunston well in the Goalmouth or was he the dependable umpire and the reliable referee as the seasons changed? He obviously had a good impression of Braunston as he wrote the following to a friend: "This is a nice little place in the Midlands, rather given, alas! to hunting, which makes church work somewhat difficult. Otherwise, all that could be desired. We have a nice little house and garden here".

Mr. Woolley could not afford to get married until 1901, and, it was another 4 years before he was established in a church of his own in Cambridgeshire. He died in 1929. Bernard was a keen bellringer and three generations of bell ringers followed him in the family, so Mrs. Woolley, our correspondent, sends her regards to the bell-ringers of Braunston.

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