

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

- 6th Feb. 8.0am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist. 6.30pm Evensong.
 13th Feb. 10.0am Team Eucharist at Laventry - this is the only service within the Daventry Team on this day and is to renew our commitment to the Team. Transport will be available.
 16th Feb. Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Eucharist - this will be a Team Service in Daventry.
 20th Feb. 8.0am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist.
 6.30pm Team Evensong in Braunston.
 22nd Feb. 6.0pm Thinking Day service for Guides and Brownies.
 27th Feb. 8.0am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist.
 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 published in the weekly bulletin.

FUNERAL: 31st December 1993 Sid Hall

We send our deepest sympathy to his family, particularly Lizzie, and we pray that his soul may rest in peace.

THANK YOU:

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £10 from the Braunston Twinning Association towards the cost of producing the B.V.M.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The P.C.C. met at 'All Saints' on 12th January and planned its diary of events for 1994. You will find below a list of these dates and the occasions which we hope you will want to share. Please keep this copy of the B.V.M.

OR PUT THE LATES IN YOUR DIARY.

All Saints is committed to giving 10% of its Stewardship Income to Missionary work each year and I thought that you might like to know that in December 93 £2000 was paid to 25 different organisations which work for the good of all, locally, nationally and internationally. These range from Christian Aid whose work is well known to Tools for Self Reliance who employ people with learning difficulties to restore tools for use in the underdeveloped world - to the St. Christophers Fellowship who work with homeless youngsters - to the VIP Club & 988 Club who work with and for people living with particular problems locally.

You may also like to know that PCC minutes are displayed on the Notice Board at the back of the church each month.

I ask you to keep 'All Saints' and those with the responsibility for its organisation in your prayers during this time of interregnum. Sheila.

LENT STUDY GROUPS for anyone interested will be held throughout the team during the weeks of Lent - details of venues and times are displayed on the Notice Board in the Church Porch.

Diary Dates for 1994

5th March, 12th March, 19th March - Lent Lunches in Parish Room.

9th March - Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

22nd May - Parish Lunch for Pentecost.

27th to 29th May - Boatshow Weekend Concerts as follows:-

27th May Fiori Musicali

28th May Beauchamp Sinfonietta

29th May Daventry Choral Society

18th or 25th June - Church Summer Fete

4th August - Car Treasure Hunt and Supper

10th September - Seven Parishes Walk

1st October - Harvest Concert with Opus 9

2nd October - Harvest Festival

3rd October - Harvest Supper

1st November - All Saints' Celebration

13th November - Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service

26th November - Christmas Fair

27th November - Deanery Advent Carol Service in Daventry

4th December - Christingle

18th December - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB There was a party feeling about the first meeting on Jan.10th. The members were entertained by Greta, Audrey and the W.I. Singers, all dressed up in party style. Christmas crackers & serviettes on the tables added to the festive feeling.

The next meeting is on Feb.14th when we hope the members will make and bring Valentine Cards, favour. le poems etc. Feb.28th - We plan to give the meeting a Welsh flavour to celebrate St. David's Day.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE - Happy New Year! Once again we have a full calendar of events for '94, we would welcome new members, do come along. We finished '93 with a lovely Christmas party & Father Christmas sent a couple of his helpers to entertain us! Our outing to the Pantomime at Derngate was enjoyed by all.
Feb.1st 7.30pm. Mr. D.Roades will give a talk on "Country Craft & Craftsmen".

BRAUNSTON FOOTBALL CLUB Unfortunately we are losing the great services of Mr. B. Bateman to the "French National Team" in February. His contribution to the club has been enormous - playing a major part in keeping the club going. Everyone would like to wish him and his family all the best. If you would like to get involved in the running of the club (help of any sort is always welcome) then please call S.J.Skelcey 891220 or J.Syme 890948, or just come along when we are at "home" down the playing fields.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION This year Braunston has been twinned with Quincy-Voising for 10 years. We will be celebrating with our French friends when they visit over the May Bank Holiday weekend. We expect them to arrive on Friday 29th or Saturday 30th April and to leave again on Sunday 1st or Monday 2nd May. If you are interested in hosting a French family over this weekend or would like to find out more about twinning in Braunston please contact Bev Hankinson (891221) or Elizabeth and John Gwynne (891331).

VILLAGE NOTES

Amnesty International by Honor Mackichan

Before the Rev. Michael Tompkins left he asked me to write a piece for this newsletter. Amnesty International is as I am sure many of you know, the largest international body working for human rights, it takes its mandate from the United Nations Declaration of human rights, it seeks to release prisoners of conscience, and works for fair and prompt trials, and oppses the death penalty, torture and all degrading treatment for prisoners. It has over a million members in 150 countries, 40 of these countries have sections, of which the British section is one and it is from this that the Daventry group receives its information.

The Laventry group was formed nine years ago, soon after I moved to Braunston, we are a very small band of committed people who campaign, write letters, and raise funds, for this very worth while cause. We have many friends and supporters in Laventry and the surrounding villages, in this the people of Braunston have certainly played their part, some write letters while many others have joined us on our sponsored walks, and other events, not long after I received a most generous donation. We are most grateful for all who have shown an interest and we hope it will continue.

This year Amnesty International is focusing on the worlds "disappeared", this term is used to describe people who are detained or kidnapped by government agents or opposition groups, and have vanished without trace, there are over 2,000 cases in 31 countries in the latest Amnesty report. We will be sending cards and letters during this year to all the governments involved and their embassies in this country.

Some of them may be found, two years ago during a similar campaign a Moroccan human rights worker was released after being "disappeared" for 16 years! so we never give up!

If anyone is interested in helping us please ring me on 890881.

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