

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES:

- 2nd Jan. 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist. 6.30pm Evensong.
 6th Jan. 7.30pm Team Eucharist to celebrate Epiphany here in Braunston.
 Thursday
 9th Jan. 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30am Family Service.
 16th Jan. 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist.
 6.00pm Team Evensong in Laventry.
 23rd Jan. 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30am Parish Eucharist
 30th Jan. 8.00am 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 daily in church at 9.00am & 6.00pm.
 Services for Saints' days are published in the weekly bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME We were very pleased to welcome Helen Ansell aged 3½ weeks to our December Family Service - she was the youngest person there! Congratulations to her Mum and Dad on the birth of such a lovely little girl.

Dear fellow parishioners,

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be well into the Twelve days of Christmas - I wonder if you received your 6 geese-a-laying, 5 gold rings, 4 calling birds? If you did, what are you going to do with them? I do hope that you received what you asked for from Father Christmas, I also hope that you have felt something of the peace of the Christ Child in this time when we celebrate His birth.

This is also the time for New Years Resolutions - what will they be? At Christmas time we tend to feel very loving and show care and concern for our neighbours throughout the world. Perhaps we should make a resolution to keep the love of the Christ Child in our hearts throughout 1994 and not just in a sentimental way at Christmastime.

At All Saints' we pray for the whole of Braunston's people street by street, organisation by organisation and factory by factory, month by month. During this time of interregnum those with the responsibilities for the Church in Braunston would value your prayers.

The Services and service of the Church in Braunston continues 'In House' as far as it can and 'The Laventry Team' looks after the rest. The telephone numbers at the top of this letter are for your use if necessary - if we cannot help we may well know someone who can help.

Happy New Year,
 Sheila.

Thank you: We gratefully acknowledge £5 anonymous donation towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRILNY CLUB I'm sure the members will agree that we had two excellent meetings in December. On the 13th a mincepie tea with a chance to chat to friends and a Bring & Buy stall raised much needed funds for the club. Monday 20th Boultons provided their usual high standard Christmas lunch, this year we had Beef with all the trimmings, followed by gateau, cheese & biscuits coffee etc. We rounded off the afternoon with carols accompanied by John Bradshaw on piano. (Thanks John!)

The first meeting for 1994 will be on Monday 10th January when we will be entertained by Greta, Audrey and the 'Gals'.

Monday 24th We hope to have a meeting with a Scottish flavour.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Many thanks to all who gave so generously at the Christingle Service. £223.71 has been sent to the Society. Thank you to all who have a Children's Society Box and contribute throughout the year. If you would like a home box, please contact me or any committee member. Janet Caunt (890776)

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE APPRAISAL The questionnaire form for the village survey is being finalised and it is planned that this will be distributed to every house during April.

It is intended that the report, to be published in the autumn, will contain sections which should be of interest to all the village; the secretary of the appraisal group will therefore be writing to all of the village organisations inviting them to contribute a section on their activities for inclusion in the final report.

VILLAGE NOTES by Lick Herne

In the days before local and central Government provided social services it was the custom for successful men to leave land or money in their wills for charitable causes. These might include the support of orphans and the destitute, and the maintenance of roads and public buildings especially churches. Such bequests are recorded in Braunston from the 16th century onwards but the most notable was in the will of William Makepeace dated 2nd May 1733.

He left a quarter of a yardland - about eight acres - to provide an income "for putting to school.....so many poor children, boys and girls, born in the parish of Braunston.....to learn to read and write, or at least to read and be instructed in the church catechism".

If a suitable schoolmaster or mistress or sufficient scholars could not be found, the money was to be used to help those poor who were not in receipt of relief from the rates. When the village land was enclosed, the allotment received by the Makepeace charity was let and the rent used to pay the schoolmaster.

When the National School was built on the village green 1820-5 this rent was added to the subscription fund raised to finance the school "at which about 100 boys and 50 girls are instructed in reading, writing and arithmetic, and the girls are also taught knitting and plainwork (sewing)."

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