

ECTON

VILLAGE AND PARISH



NEWS

MAY
1985

MAY CALENDAR 1985

MAY	5th	<u>4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</u>	
	09.30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Rev. 3 14-end
	6.00	Evensong	John 21 15-22
	7th	W.I.	
	9th	09.30 Holy Communion	
	12th	<u>5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</u>	
	09.30	Parish Communion	1 Cor.15 21-28
	6.00	Evensong	John 16 25-end
	13th	Over 60's	
	14th	2.45 M.U.	
	16th	09.30 Holy Communion - Ascension Day	
	18th	Diocesan Synod	
	19th	<u>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION</u>	
	09.30	Parish Communion	Ephesians 1,15-end
	6.00	Evensong	Luke 24, 45-end
	21-24th	The Rector will be on Retreat	
	25th	M.U. Diocesan Festival in the Cathedral	
	26th	<u>PENTECOST</u>	
	09.30	Parish Communion	Acts 2, 1-11
	6.00	Evensong	John 14, 15-26
	30th	09.30 Holy Communion	
JUNE	1st	2.00 Holy Matrimony	
	2nd	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>	
	09.30	Parish Communion	Ephesians 1 3-14
	6.00	Evensong	John 14 8-17

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

When we say "I hope so", in our everyday speech, we usually mean that we are not at all sure. So the word hope in this sense comes to mean something very uncertain. The expression "hoping against hope" goes even further, and conveys the idea of trying to hang on to an illusion just to make life tolerable. To hope is somehow to imagine that the laws of nature will be suspended and the impossible will happen. So many people live in a sort of 'Half light' world, buoyed up by the day dream of hope which enables them to shut out the problems which surround and confront them.

Nothing could be further from the definition of the word hope as it is used both in the Bible and in the Church. The Christian hope is something sure and certain. Peter writing in his first letter addresses a Church which bears many similar marks to that of our own. It was a Church struggling with Faith, facing an uncertain future. So he writes:-

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who by his great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".

What then is it that the Christian can look forward to with such certainty? It is the fact that through the historic event of Jesus' resurrection, we have been given a clear vision of the life to come. He has shown us how to live now, with an confidence in the face of all adversity. With the indwelling Holy Spirit - the guarantee of what lies ahead - we shall not be disappointed. St. Paul tells us that with faith and love, hope us a gift that will endure. It is the sort of hope based on a firm reality, a firm promise, which God offers us today. A hope which will offer us strength to face whatever problems may come our way.

The Church of Peter's day suffered severe persecution. The Christians were routed out and put to death for their faith, as the State attempted to destroy the Church. But the living hope of Christ gave them strength enough. This week is the 40th anniversary of the death by execution of the German Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was put to death because he refused to give into the evil power of Nazism. He suffered in prison before his death, and from his cell reminded all who would listen, of St. Peter's words:

"So we in turn hope, because God in Jesus Christ is with us."

Thomas W. Smith

Rector

RECTOR'S NOTES

EASTER proved to be a marvellous celebration, even if the weather was not as kind as in previous years. The Church looked lovely, and thanks to the new boiler, was beautifully warm for the Maundy Thursday / Good Friday vigil.

Numbers can be used to prove anything, and we must beware of becoming complacent, yet the communicant numbers on Easter Day were the highest ever.

When I suggested an Easter Garden last year, I little realised how that garden would become the focus of our prayer and worship during the days of Holy Week and Easter. David Wilson and Geoff Horlatt put hours of dedication and hard work into its preparation; for which we are very grateful. What will next year bring, I wonder?

I wrote in the March magazine of the planned restoration work. At the time of writing these notes, I'm still waiting for the response from the Department of the Environment to our request for additional aid for the tower arch. With luck, we shall be able to complete that work at the same time as the Clerestory Windows.

Easter Monday was obviously a good time to have a party! The selection of food, together with the odd glass of wine, or two, started the evening well. Sheila Ingram is clearly the person to organise the games at any party, and judging by the variety of Easter Bonnets you would want to add your thanks to her for her hard work; we also added another £40 to the Festival Fabric Fund.

CHURCH ROTAS

Cleaning Rota

Sacristans Rota

Mrs.S.Johnson & Mrs.Richards	May 4	(A)	Mr.& Mrs.Murdin
Mrs.Baylis & Mrs.Stears	11	(B)	Miss Macquire & Miss Trelor
Mrs.W.Johnson, Mrs.Rands & Mrs. A.Johnson	18	(A)	Mrs.Wilson & Mrs.Willmott
Mrs.Gonifas & Mrs.Ahern	25	(B)	Mrs.Wilson & Mrs.Willmott
Mrs.Wilson & Mrs.Hunwicks	June 1	(A)	Mrs.Baylis & Mrs.Van Leersum

Mrs.Strange and Mrs.Van Leersum are responsible for oiling and cleaning the wooden screens in the church.

Would Sacristans please be responsible for cleaning the brass as follows:

- (A) High Altar, Collection Plates, book rest and candle sticks on nave altar.
- (B) Lady chapel, collection plates, baptism jugs and small brass items.

Flower Rota

May 5th	S.Johnson & M.Gleave	May 19th	J. Haycox
12th	Zara Harwicks (MAW)	May 26th	T. Main
	June 2nd	Joy Wilson	

W.I.

Many attractive curtain fabrics were on display at the April meeting by Mr. Michael Flavell from the Flavel-Scott shop in Northampton. He gave advice on the choice of designs, both traditional and modern. Most fabrics were expensive, but long lasting.

Mrs. M. Harlott gave a report of the spring council meeting at Spinney Hill.

Winners of the competition "Your most attractive stole" were Miss P. Macquire, Mrs. I. Gonifas and Mrs. V. Middleton. The subject for the May meeting is "How to use your bank", and the competition, "Your oldest English coin".

Mrs. J. Robinson

Mums & Tots

The existing Mother and Toddler group has now been running for two years. We meet weekly in the Rectory Room on Thursday afternoon from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock for a chat and a cup of coffee, while the children enjoy playing together and making new friends.

We started off small in number but each month we are pleased to welcome new members. If you feel you'd like to join us then pop along one Thursday afternoon for all or part of the two hours.

Margaret Tinston

OVER 60's

Our meeting this month will be on Monday 13th May and there will be an outing to Warwick on the following Monday, May 20th.

On Tuesday 7th May there will be a birthday party for Miss Johnson in the Rectory Room from 4.30 to 6.30 pm.

Our first meeting in June will be on 10th.

YOUTH CLUB

The Annual General Meeting took place on the 17th April.

The Bingo held on the 18th April raised £29.45p. Many thanks to all those that supported us.

We are now working hard for the Auction at South Lodge on 3rd May. If anyone has anything they would like to give please contact Harry Welch or myself. Refreshments will be available at the auction from a Bar, a Tea-bar and a Hot Dog stand.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 in the Club room to get the senior night underway. Anyone who is interested in making use of the club facilities once a week would be very welcome at the meeting, when a starting date will be decided.

As soon as the weather settles the club members are planning a sponsored walk.

D. Bray

RECIPE CORNER

CHILLED WATERCRESS SOUP

Watercress is most often used as a garnish or in salads. It also makes a good basis for a smooth-textured chilled soup.

Preparation time: 20 mins.
Cooking time: 45 mins
Chilling time: 2 hours

Ingredients (for 6-8) :

2 bunches watercress
 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb potatoes
1 onion
2 pts. brown stock or bouillon
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz butter
1 bay leaf
1 clove of garlic (optional)
Salt and black pepper
3 tablespoons double cream

Garnish:

Grated nutmeg (optional)

Wash the watercress thoroughly in cold water and discard any tough stalks and yellow leaves. Peel and thickly slice the potatoes and the onion. Put the potatoes, onion, watercress, stock, butter, bay leaf and peeled garlic (if used) in a large saucepan. Season with salt and pepper.

Bring the soup to the boil, cover the pan with a lid and simmer until the potatoes and onion are quite soft. Remove the bay leaf and rub the soup through a coarse sieve. Alternatively, let the soup cool a little before liquidising it.

Return the smooth soup to the pan, stir in the cream and heat the soup through without boiling. Pour into individual bowls and leave to cool before chilling.

Just before serving, sprinkle a little freshly grated nutmeg over the soup. Serve with Melba toast.

ECTON SCHOOL

Would parents who intend their children to start school in September 1986 and September 1987, please contact the school during this term. This would be a great help for our long term planning.

D. Lennon
Headmaster.
