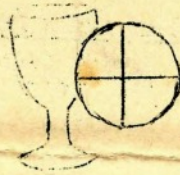


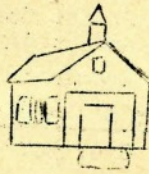
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July	1st	8.00	Cricket Club	
	2nd	2 - 4	Playgroup Preparation	
		7.30	W.I.	
	4th	09.30	Holy Communion	
	5th		<u>Friends of Ecton House Festival</u>	
		6.30	A.G.M.	
		7.30	Sung Evensong followed by Buffet Supper	
	7th		<u>6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Colossians 3,12-17 Luke 15 11-end
		6.00	Evensong	
	8th	2.30	Over 60's	
		7.30	Wellingborough Deanery Synod at Strixton	
	9th	2.45	M.U. at the home of Mrs. Maud Dicks	
	11th	09.30	Holy Communion	
	14th		<u>7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	1.Corr.12 27-13end Matthew18 21- end
		6.00	Evensong	
	18th	09.30	Holy Communion	
	20th		<u>Summer Celebration and Band Concert</u>	
		2 - 5	Rectory Garden	
	21st		<u>8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Galatians 5,16-25 John 15 16-end
		6.00	Evensong	
	22nd		<u>Feast of St.Mary Magdalene</u>	
		2.30	Over 60's	
		7.00	<u>Sung Eucharist</u> followed by party on the Rectory Lawn.	
	25th	09.30	Holy Communion St.James the Apostle	
	27th	11.30	Holy Matrimony	
	28th		<u>9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30	Parish Communion and Sunday School	Ephesians 6,10-20 John 17,11b-19
July 28th - August 24th Rector on Holiday				
There will be no celebration of Holy Communion on Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22				
	29th	7.30	Parish Council at the School.	

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

The Feast of John the Baptist - June 24th

"A voice crying in the wilderness, - prepare the way of the Lord."

John was an enigmatic, awkward character; born with impeccable background and parentage, he became perhaps the first hippy with his camel skin coat and vegetarian food. John was a lonely man; a loneliness caused by his singlemindedness in speaking of his experience of God. He made friends and enemies easily, only to die because of a woman's hatred "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned".

John preached in the wilderness of the desert, but it is to the wilderness of our won times that he speaks so clearly today. I write at a stage when the hijack crisis in Beirut is still to be solved, even while we attempt to find the reasons behind the crash of the Air India 747. Today's world is a wilderness of hatred and division, a world in which solely to survive is to have beaten the system of hunger, disease and politics.

John the Baptist was a true radical in the sense that he returned to the roots of his faith to find meaning and purpose. His God was a God of Love who intended his people to live at peace with each other. John saw his role in terms of preparation and watching for the opportunity, the moment, when God would reveal himself. In Jesus Christ, the Baptist believed that moment had come; the Man to whom all must look and imitate in their search for peace and justice.

The Church must also speak in the wilderness - of injustice, need, poverty; to a world that is hungry for love and understanding. There will, thank God, be many who will respond to this call, but also some who will reject both its message and its messengers. The Church will, I believe, be unpopular as it seeks to do the will of God and to change the hearts of men, because change involves both pain and sacrifice. John the Baptist embodied the teaching of our Lord "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will receive the gift of eternal life."

So, we, as the followers of Christ today, in seeking to do his will must prepare the way of the Lord that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Trevor W. D. H.  
Rector

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## RECTOR'S NOTES

The calendar for July promises a busy and enjoyable month for all of us. Top of the list must be the Summer Celebration on Saturday July 20th, and the celebration of our Patronal Feast on Monday July 22nd.

The Summer Celebration will be centered around the visit of Virtuoso in Brass, who will entertain on the Rectory Lawns at 2.15, 3.30 and 4.30pm. The Virtuoso played at the Christmas Concerts at Turners Merry-go-round and are excellent entertainment.

An under 16 Fancy Dress will take place at 2.15pm, followed by stalls and games for all. There will be a chance to throw a wet sponge or two at the Rector and other members of the village, -- but at a price!!; Teas throughout the afternoon; and many opportunities to have a good time and help the Church Restoration Fund. Stall organisers will be glad to receive gifts and offers of help, so here's who to contact:

Tombola-Bottle Stall	Baylis and van Leersum
Garden Produce	Brian Saunders
Cakes, Jams etc.	Dicks and Cross
White Elephant	Mrs. Treloar
Handicraft	Mrs. Rands
Teas	Joy Wilson
Games : Roll a penny,	Bat the Rat, Spin the Wheel;
Treasure Hunt;	Guess the Weight

St. Mary Magdalene, July 22nd We shall celebrate our Feast with a Service of Holy Communion in the Church at 7pm, at which the preacher will be The Venerable Basil Marsh, Archdeacon of Northampton. The Service will be followed by Strawberries and White Wine, hopefully on the Rectory Lawns. The refreshments will cost £1.25, and tickets are available from the Rectory.

P.C.C. The Architects have been back to conduct a thorough inspection of the Nave Roof and have confirmed the presence of death watch beetle in one of the truss supports. We still await the estimates for the necessary repair work, but expect it to be in the region of £5,000; the work will also have to be done as soon as possible.

Sunday School. We've drawn up a rota of helpers for every Sunday, but we still need more children and volunteers!!

News from the Diocese. The Bishop recently re-hallowed the St. Mark's Deaf Centre, and during the service announced that he had created the Chaplain, the Reverend John Favell, a canon of the Cathedral. John has done enormous work for the care of deaf people in Northamptonshire and richly deserves this recognition.

Summer and All That. Margaret and I will be away from Sunday July 28th until August 24th. Services on Sunday will be as usual but there will be no Thursday morning celebration of Communion.

Calendar (continued from cover page)

August	4th	<u>10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30 Parish Communion	Philippians 2, 1-11
		6.00 Evensong	John 13, 1-11
	5th	Over 60's	
	11th	<u>11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30 Parish Communion	2 Cor. 4, 1-10
		6.00 Evensong	John 13, 31-35
	18th	<u>12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30 Parish Communion	2 Cor. 5 14- 6,2.
		6.00 Evensong	John 17 20- end
	19th	Over 60's	
	25th	<u>13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30 Parish Communion	Acts 7, 54-8, 1.
		6.00 Evensong	John 16, 1-11
September 1st		<u>14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>	
		09.30 Parish Communion	Ephesians 5,25-6,4.
		6.00 Evensong	Mark 10, 2-16

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MOTHERS' UNION

A visit to "Daily Bread" whole foods warehouse on June 12th was much enjoyed by 15 of our members. The help of the ladies with cars was much appreciated. Mrs. Diana Smith gave a talk about the aims and objectives of this Christian co-operative food group who help to promote work in 3rd world countries and also employ people who need rehabilitation. We also employ people who are now used

W.I.

Leathercraft can be a fascinating hobby as demonstrated by Mr. Turner of Pearce Tandy, Little Billing. He showed a wide range of leathers, from fine dressweight, to heavy weight for belts and saddles etc. Cowhide is the most widely used, but also skins from various animals from frogs to elephants. Mr. Turner also demonstrated leather carving and showed some attractive articles made from work kits which they sell.

The Whist Drive has been postponed to October 3rd, when the evenings will be darker. The July meeting on Tuesday 2nd is to be a members evening.

The two rose bushes in memory of Mary Starman have been planted in the churchyard on behalf of the W.I.

Winners of the competition, "Your best Photograph", were Mrs. Mary Dicks, Mrs. D. Langley and Mrs. J. Haycox.

Money for the outing on August 14th to the Lavender Fields and the Wedgewood Factory should be paid in at the July meeting. In September, Mr. C. Mitchell will be talking about Silver Hallmarks, and the competition " a small silver object " .

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OVER 60's

We had a very enjoyable visit to Mr. & Mrs. Beasley's home. Thanks must go to Mrs. Beasley for the lovely tea she prepared, and also to her helpers, Mrs. J. Haddon, Mrs. S. Fenn, and Mrs. L. Richards. Mention must also be made of the car owners who helped by providing transport.

There are two outings in July. On the 3rd we have an evening trip leaving at 6pm and returning at 9pm when we should welcome non-club members. Wednesday 17th we have booked tea at Yeldon, leaving the village at 2pm.

Meetings will be July 8th and 22nd, August 5th and 19th. On September 4th an outing to Oxford leaves at 1pm, - all friends welcome.