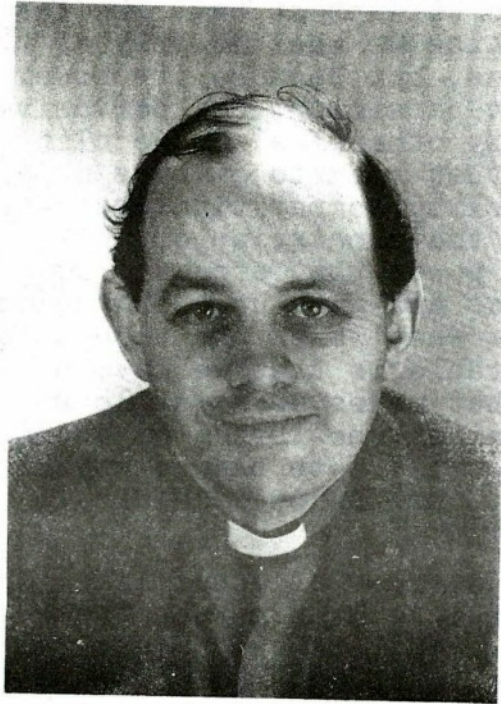


ECTON
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FROM THE
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December 1988 / January 1989

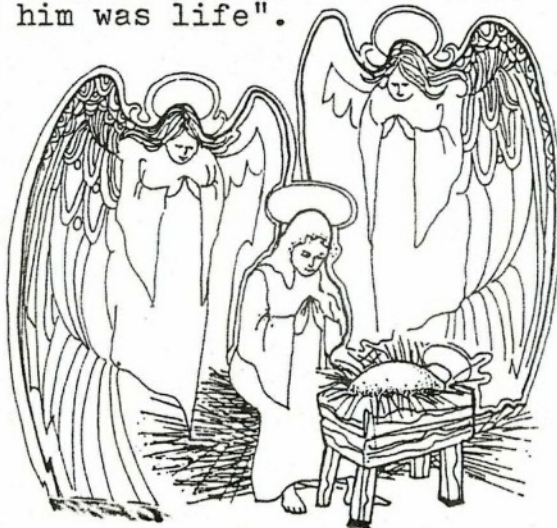
"In him was life, and the life was the light of men" -- the majestic beginning of the gospel which heralded the birth of Jesus. In Jesus, St. John writes, we see life.

"The last enemy to be overcome is death", said St. Paul.

Life and death - two thoughts, as we prepare for Christmas. The first, life - attractive to all of us, particularly as we so often try to re-discover the secret of life through the joy of Christmas.

Death,- more to be kept at bay. The last enemy, not because we meet it only at the end of our lives, but because its power over us is more persistent and pervasive than that of any other foe. So we cling to the things that seem to give us more substance, we cling competitively at the possessions, or the reputation, or the status, or the power that argument our feeble realities and give us an illusion of being alive. What makes the thought of dying so unbearable is that we have never fully lived. What makes us struggle so desperately against the threat of becoming nothing is our failure to become anything sure and clear, our shadowy identity.

As we read the stories of Jesus life, one thing that seemed to have struck those around him was his aliveness. Jesus was alive to people not merely in the physical sense, but in his response to them as individuals. He was sensitive to their unspoken needs to the glory and ugliness of life, and, above all, to the reality of God. Jesus human personality was such that someone who came into contact with him, was healed by him, forgiven by him, could say " In him was life".



What then is the secret of this aliveness ? St. John answers us " by laying down the life that others might live". "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends". Here then, is the true mystery, the true miracle of Christmas. Nothing to do with an ever increasing commercialism, nothing to do with a search for a long lost world of childhood memories, nothing to do with our half-hearted attempts to be jolly. Life and death teach us a principal; one which I believe we all need desperately to learn. Hang on to what you have of life and you are lost. Let go, give yourself, die to yourself, and a fuller, richer quality of aliveness will be given to you. A principal embodied in that birth of a child - the son of God and supremely revealed to the world in that same child dying alone on a cross, ridiculed and rejected, yet still a life so vividly and intensely alive that it meets death and goes down into nothingness and contains death. Death is swallowed up in him in whom there is life.

But equally a principal for us. In all of us, there are the little deaths - always painful and frightening - the lettings go's, the forgivenesses, the break up's, the moves, the human deaths. Yes, we all try to cling hold to the successes to our dignity, to our privacy, to our worlds, yet ultimately there will be a laying down of life for us as well. But a glad letting go, a good death, will open the way to a greater fullness of life; often, if not always, hidden until it breaks upon us. So the hearts of the shepherds were touched by the love of a child, and so our lives and hearts are still to be filled with his life.

As I prepare to celebrate this Christmas with you, my family, both blood-tied, and tied-in-Christ, I pray that that same miracle, of life through death, may be rooted and grow in you.

"One day people will touch and talk perhaps easily,
And loving be natural as breathing and warm as sunlight,
And people will untie themselves, as string is unknotted,
Unfold and yawn and stretch and spread their fingers,
Unfurl, uncurl like seaweed returned to the sea,
And work will be simple and swift as a seagull flying,
And people will be casual and quiet as a seagull settling,
And the clocks will stop, and no-one will wonder or care or notice.
And people will smile, without reason, even in winter, even in the rain."

May God bless you and keep you in his love this Christmas and always.

Travis W. Smith

Rector



A thought for today

Sticks, rocks, poles, cans, bricks, bats, clubs, chains - so runs the list of suggestions for the fight between the Jets and the Sharks in the musical "West Side Story". In a week that has seen a report in the local paper concerning rival factors from two comprehensive upper schools almost on our doorstep, are our youth, so far divorced from those of New York's west side?

We in Ecton are very lucky to be living in a somewhat sheltered environment compared to our towns and inner-cities. We are also very lucky that we have an active and caring Christian community in which we may partake, if we so wish.

No-one would say that we were complacent or that we have got everything right in our worship and secular activities at Ecton Church but generally speaking most of us would admit to being very comfortable and content with our way of life.

Yet here lurks the seeds of a very real danger to Christian life. Those who have read C.S.Lewis's "Screwtape Letters" will know that these are the ideal conditions for the "Devil" to get to work in. We can be sure that our united fellowship will be causing him the greatest aggravation and his method of attack will be stealthy and insidious.

How easy it is to say that which we believe to be right without questioning the far reaching implications of our actions.

We should be grateful for establishing the Junior Sunday School in the old Chapel, but its use must be for those parents who wish to use it and we must be careful that we don't create any impression that it is mandatory. Many

parents see that it is important to train their youngsters to regular Sunday church attendance from a very early age and whilst a young child can be distracting during the quieter moments of a service perhaps we should give thanks to God for the wonder of his creation rather than allow the devil to score a self goal in an attempt to divide our community.

There cannot be many among us who have not turned towards the font during the Baptisms of many Ecton babies solemnly renouncing the devil but equally importantly exclaiming that "We welcome you!"

The church welcomes us all regardless of our faults and offences. How much better for a child to cry out if that is its only fault rather than those which we silently try to hide away from God.

Our young people need our example in our daily worship and beliefs. As a teacher I know that when a child has reached its teens it is very difficult to correct its ways.

Towards the end of West Side Story "Doc" admonishes the Jets gang for their lack of respect for others - saying:

Doc: What does it take to get through to you? When do you stop?
YOU MAKE THIS WORLD LOUSY!

Action: That's the way we found it, Doc.

Doc: Get out of here !

Perhaps our beliefs and criticisms are well intentioned but I pray that they never lead us to speaking similar lines to our young.

Stephen Meakins

Flower Rota

The Flower Rota for 1989 is now at the back of the Church. It is helpful if those doing the flowers sign up for two weeks at a time.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas Day being on a Sunday both eases and causes problems in preparation. I hope that the Christmas Tree will be in place for the Carol Service on December 18th, but we shall not decorate the Church for Christmas until FRIDAY 23rd.

Offers of help and greenery and flowers on that morning will be much appreciated. Anyone who would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Christmas Flowers should give it to Margaret or to the Rector. If you would like to give this donation in memory or in thanksgiving of a particular person, please add the name with your donation.

From The Collection Plate

OCT	16th	A black and white line drawing of several coins, including a crown piece and a shilling.	£159.56
	23rd		£145.80
	30th		£110.50
NOV	6th		£190.15
	13th		£158.45

POPPY COLLECTION

Special thanks to the Shop, Three Horseshoes Pub, Ecton House and door to door collections. The total amount from this was £104.26p. There was also a donation made from Ecton Church of £25, making a grand total of £129.26p.

I wish to thank everyone for their great effort.

John Collip.



COPY FOR THE FEBRUARY MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House
by 15th January.

Enquiries :-Tel. Northampton 407888.

Cleaning Rota

Dec	3rd	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(L)
	10th	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
	17th	Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)
	24th	Mrs.W.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.A.Johnson	(R)
	31st	Alice & Wynne	(L)
Jan	7th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)
	14th	Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright	(L)
	21st	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(R)
	28th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(L)
Feb	4th	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)

Women's Institute

Who doesn't imagine a Beefeater as a large, jolly gentleman? Mr H T Chaffer was no exception and his introductory "Hello girls" set the informal, friendly mood which he maintained throughout his talk on "My life as a Yeoman Warder".

During his years as a Beefeater, living and working in the Tower of London, Mr Chaffer had built up a store of anecdotes of lost or loo hunting tourists and the often grizzly but fascinating detail behind the bald historical facts surrounding other one-time residents of the various towers. In those by-gone days prisoners had to pay not only for their keep but also the axeman's fee!

Nowadays, the only "prisoners" are the 38 Beefeaters themselves, part of the Royal Household, who must book out at the South Gate every time they (or their wives) wish to leave the confines of the Tower walls. A veritable army of coughs and splutters passed his door-step in the visible form of the 3 million tourists per annum who visit the Tower.

Inexplicable events such as disembodied voices of children, handbags floating through the air, lights switching themselves off and on were all part of accepted life recounted with humour and a candour which had the "girls" laughing all the way home.

Competition winners for the most appealing animal ornament were Sylvia Johnson, Sue Rands and Paddy Macquire.

Mr R Morris-Smith will bring in a breath of fresh air with a talk on "The Penine Way" at the December meeting. On Friday 2 December there will be a Whist Drive in the Rectory Rooms to which all are welcome - 7.30 pm start. Come and along try your skill - prizes include two Christmas Hampers.



Over 60's Club

We have held two successful Whist Drives, which besides being very enjoyable evenings have made £72 for funds. Our stall at the Youth Club Market realised £55. We thank all who helped in anyway on these occasions.

The Christmas Party is on Friday 16th December. Please note this year the meal will be at 6.30pm. May we have your name and £3 payment to Mrs Reynolds or myself by the 5th December at the latest.

There is only one meeting in December on the 5th.

Edna Welch.

RECTOR'S NOTES

December's business is almost upon us.. So in all the rush of preparation let me highlight a few dates.

Sunday December 11th will be 'Christingle Day! An opportunity for us all to think and contribute financially to the work of the Children's Society. A work which gives hope, and love, to many children whose lives have been broken by the world. Notices and details of our service that morning should be seen all around---- so come and join us.

Sunday December 18th 6.0pm

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Monday December 19th

Carol Singing around the village, meet at Ecton House at 6.30pm. Dress warmly and bring a torch. Carol sheets will be provided. We shall end with some warming refreshments in the Rectory, West Street. The collection will be in aid of the Tower Restoration.

Saturday December 24th 11.30pm

The First Communion of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am

Family Communion of Christmas.

Then the quieter days which follow. A service each morning at 9.0am in the Chapel of Ecton House on December 26, 27,28,29,th. Times of thanksgiving and silence for God's greatest gift.

In the New Year January 3rd - 13th I shall be attending a course at St. George's House in the Royal Castle at Windsor. Aimed at those who are mid-way through their ministry - help ! - the course enables the participants to reflect and face the challenge of the 'other half', still to come.

I will readily bring Communion to anyone who is unable through illness to come to Church over Christmas. If anyone wishes to make their confession or talk about preparation for Christmas, please speak to me, and arrange a convenient time.

Throughout January, Evensong on Sunday evenings will be in the Chapel of Ecton House.

A new



Coffee Rota

Dec	4th	Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
	11th	Millie Harlott & Dora
	18th	Alice & Wynne
	25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
Jan	1st	Nick & Mary Green
	8th	Tricia Fuller & Mavis Ahead
	15th	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
	22nd	Johan Pinney & Pat Baylis
	29th	Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
Feb	5th	Millie Harlott & Dora

Ecton Fellowship

Ecton Fellowship welcomes all ladies to the Christmas Party on Tuesday 13th December in the Rectory Room from 3.00 - 5.00pm.

I have decided that we will hold the first Annual General Meeting on this occasion and not in January as previously announced, simply because we need to establish a committee quickly. Also it might snow in January. (Looking out of the window as I write this on a white Sunday in November, I reflect that it might snow again in December!!)

However, weather permitting, our speaker on January 10th at 2.30pm will be Marion Gleave who is going to tell us about her recent visit to the Holy Land.

Subscriptions will not be due until the New Year.

I forgot to say at the last meeting that we are responsible for flowers in Church during December. If you could help me out with the arranging, please let me know as soon as possible.

Margaret Willmott.

FOR COURAGE

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

S. Ignatius Loyola

IN QUIETNESS AND IN TRUST SHALL BE YOUR STENGTH

Isaiah 30

We live in a society that offers a confusion of choices - which brand of soap to buy, which model of motor car, which bank to borrow from ... All are vying for our attention and our emotions are constantly having to respond to our surroundings. For peace of mind, we must make time for silence and stand aside from the roar of life.

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Fortunately there are clear signs that modern man in the late 20th century has not surrendered unconditionally to the demands of a high speed and high technological life style. The Japanese are generally regarded as being the most successful nation on this planet in material terms. Interestingly, a daily period of silent contemplation is regarded as an essential part of Japanese business technique. But we don't have to look abroad for evidence of man's recognition of the need for silence and contemplation. . The cacophony we hear on the wireless during Question Time each week is only one aspect of life in Parliament. Daily Prayer each morning at Westminster is very important to many Christian MP's. And Heathrow airport, the busiest in the world finds it nessesary, by popular demand, to provide chapels for worship and places for silent meditation. People need silence in order to maintain their sanity and sense of proportion in a very busy world.

Christ realised the value of silence in prayer. He understood that God exists in every aspect of life and He knew that communication with God (who speaks through "the still small voice") is achieved through silent prayer. By discovering God's purpose in creation we begin to discover His purpose for each one of us in creation. Time must be taken to consider our relationship to God and God's concern for us. It is this sense of God's Presence in every part of His creation that gives meaning to a Christian's love for his neighbour, his social action, his fondness for animals even, and his concern for the environment.

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So, we take time, even a few minutes, each day to assess our life relationship to God. We meditate, we day dream, we reason about and explore the goodness of God and His love.

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The requirements for prayerful meditaion are really only two. First, there should be some guide line or outline to keep our minds from jumping wildly about. Secondly, there should be silence, a quietness which brings its own peace. In such silence we discover life's goodness coming to us and we realise the futility of rushing after everything we think life has to offer.

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Consider silence first. How we find silence will vary from person to

person, but it is worth bearing in mind Christ's suggestion that, "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you". Mt 6:6. It is helpful to find a place where you can be quiet and undisturbed, if only for a few minutes. Each individual will have to where and at what time of the day or night this can best be done. Then sit, kneel, stand or even lie down in a comfortable and relaxed position.

In order to hear God in the silence it is useful to fix your mind on some image which will help inspire meditation. There is no better source for such inspiration than the bible. There are many different 'methods' in which the bible can be used and many books have been written outlining these. Biblical prayer is distinct from all other forms of prayer. Old Testament prayer has a particular place in our spirituality. Here we have God speaking to people who respond by seeking God's aid and intervention on their behalf. The psalms are prayers of adoration, penitence, thanksgiving and petition to this God. Prayer in the Old Testament has about it a quality of persistence and almost bargaining with God. See how Abraham goes on and on in his pleading for the people of Sodom. Moses too sounds quite cheeky in asking God not to destroy the people He has gone to so much trouble to deliver out of Egypt, in spite of their ungrateful behaviour. But

there is also another quality in the Old Testament which we today would be well advised to take note of. The patriarchs and prophets all show a great reverence for God. See, for example Moses and the people singing a song of praise to the Lord in Exodus 15:1-18.

The New Testament reflects a distinctive approach to God. For a Christian prayer is always made 'in the name of the Lord'. We "lean" on Christ as we approach the Father. Faith in Christ inspires us to follow His example and seek above all else the glory of God. Our mission in life is to see the Kingdom of God established. Our prayers are answered when God's will is reflected in our intentions. There are two distinctive characteristics to Christian prayer. First, they are acts of faith, and teach us. Second, we recognise Christ, the Son of God, and through Him we strive for virtue and seek fulfillment in His Kingdom.

Christ used the psalms often when He prayed and He prayed often. He prayed in silence whenever possible.

He prayed for God's strength and blessing before the great events in His life, and thanksgiving was never far from His lips. Apart from Christ's example of prayer, there is Mary's example in the words of the 'Magnificat'.

So, we find God's presence in our lives by growing into unity with Christ Who is



our only way to God the Father.

We learn from the bible how to offer our prayers and the guide lines we should follow.

First we are to recognise our dependence upon God: "Ask, and it will be given you ..." Mt.7:7-8. Second, they should be informal and humble. Lk.7:9-14. Third, our petitions must be made with faithful acceptance of God's will. Fourth, we should pray for others and in a spirit of penitence for our own sinfulness. Fifth, we should pray in thanksgiving. Rom. 1:8. And sixth, our prayer should be continuous. We should pray all the days of our lives: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all

circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thes.5:16-18

Our prayer is both a striving for virtue and an expression of hope for the coming of our Lord in the fulfillment of His Kingdom. The very word "Amen" with which we end our prayers is a prayer in itself. In its original thought it meant "fidelity" and could be translated "Let it be". If nothing else, this sense of "Amen" should be the source and inspiration of all our prayer, not only in the moments of silence but in all the moments of our lives. In this way we will become what God intended when He created us: rulers with Christ of all creation and not its slaves, even today in the late 20th century.



LET US PRAY!

DAY BY DAY

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits and blessings
which you have given me;
for all the pains and insults
which you have borne for me.

Merciful

Friend, Brother and Redeemer,
May I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.

Amen

St Richard of Chichester

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

God be in my head
and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes
and in my looking.

God be in my mouth
and in my speaking.

God be in my heart
and in my thinking.

God be at my end
and in my departing.

Amen

Sarum Primer, 1527

Mums & Tots

PARTY INVITATION

To all pre-school children Mums and Tots welcomes you all to the Christmas Party on MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 2.00 - 3.30pm in the Rectory Room.

Please tell Jan Lennon (410658) if your child is coming so that Father Christmas will leave the correct number of presents !

ROTA

December	8th Gerry Collins
	15th No Meeting
	19th Party
January	5th Jan Scriven
	12th Linda Richards
	19th Janet Stock
	26th Margaret Willmott
February	2nd Jan Lennon



Sacristans Rota

Dec	3rd Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(A)
	10th -----do-----	(B)
	17th Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(A)
	24th -----do-----	(B)
	31st Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(A)
Jan	7th Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott	(B)
	14th -----do-----	(A)
	21st Mr & Mrs Murdin	(B)
	28th -----do-----	(A)
Feb	4th Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)

JUNIOR CHURCH



Junior Church welcomes all children up to 5 years of age. We meet in the Old Chapel, 26/28 High Street at 9.30am and go across to Church for the end of the service.

December	4th	Junior Church
	11th	Christingle Service in Church
	18th	Junior Church
	25th	Christmas Service in Church
January	1st	No Junior Church
	8th	Family Service
	15th	Junior Church
	22nd	Junior Church
	29th	Junior Church
February	5th	Family Service

Some people have offered to help but more volunteers would spread the load. In view of the Children's age two people help every week.



ECTON SCHOOL

Just as you were thinking, no need to dress up until Festival '90' here comes another glorious opportunity. Next summer the school is hoping to stage an evening of Victorian Music Hall in the Days of the Good Old Days. For this to succeed we will need two things, firstly an audience ! suitably attired and secondly ACTS !.

I feel sure that Ecton has a hitherto untapped resource in the form of Barber Shop Quartets, Burlington Berties,..... and so on. If you feel you would like to grace the boards please give us a ring, you never know Bob Monkhouse could be in the audience and it'll be 'Bernie the Bolt' no sorry Opportunity Knocks.

Also I have been giving some thought to brightening up the exterior of the school and have settled on the children designing and 'building' a mosaic on one of the walls that reflects our lives in school. If anyone can help them in this process we would welcome all assistance and I am sure you can all help us by contributing any unwanted crockery, ties, buttons, beads or other resilient material suitable for mosaic. If you have anything you could let us have just drop it into school, if you like to help in designing and building the mosaic just give us a ring.

TUESDAY CLUB

If you play Chess, Snooker, Pool, Table Tennis, Darts, Cards or Scrabble, we would be pleased to see you on Tuesday nights in the Youth Club Room.
5Op incl. Coffee or Tea & Biscuits.

Ecton Safari Supper

Zara and I have tried to keep a pretty low profile over the last few weeks. You may even have discovered us sneaking out of Church without stopping for coffee, but we've been captured and tortured until we agreed to inflict on you all yet another Safari Supper.

The date is set for Saturday 4th February with a 7.0pm start at Maud Dicks house for sherry and route details.

Surely I dont need to explain how it works all over again. Those of you who have sarafied with us over the last four years know that it does work and anyone new to the game can be assured that they will enjoy the adventure of eating 'house to house'. So, take courage and put your name down for this years gastronomic experience.

The price will be the same as last year £6.50p, the menu as described, but rest assured we will provide an alternative if you really cant cope with the set menu.

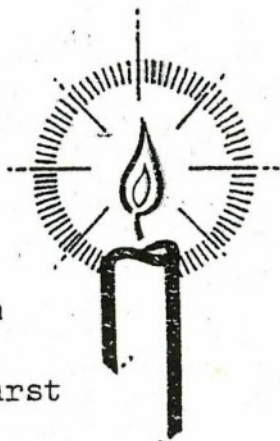
To allow sufficient time for the detailed organisation, please hand in your name and money to either Zara or me before Sunday 8th January.

Sheila Ingram

From The Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

Oct 30th Kimberley Ann Parkes
Nov 20th Alexander Edward Morris
Nov 27th Timothy James Mitchell



HOLY MATRIMONY

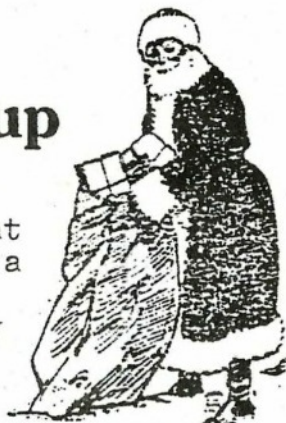
Oct 8th David Keith Gore & Dawn
Yvonne Semple
Oct 22nd Christopher Paul Fairhurst
& Raechel Charles
Nov 26th Roger Alan Pilgrim & Doreen
Madeline Anderson

FUNERAL

Nov 6th Leslie Baden Gallett

Ecton Village Playgroup

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Open Day. It was a great success and we were pleased to have a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress. As you could see, our children enjoy a wide range of equipment thanks to your generosity in supporting our fundraising events.



Our Christmas Fayve is on Saturday 3rd December at 2.00pm in the Rectory Room. There will be a tombola, raffle, cake, handicraft and bric-a-brac stalls. Please come and join us for coffee and visit Father Christmas in his Grotto.

Our Playgroup is a small, friendly group which meets on Tuesday and Friday mornings. We have some vacancies and are taking applications for September 1989.

If you are interested please contact either
Jan Lennon Northampton 410658 or
Yvonne Miller Northampton 416339

Ecton Youth Club

The Autumn Fayre on the 19th November raised a total of £102.90p. We would like to thank everyone for their support, also thanks to anyone who cooked cakes or gave prizes for the raffle, all raffle prizes were claimed. Winners were as follows:

1st Prize	No.234	A.Pearson
2nd ..	. 11	D.Langley
3rd ..	. 89	D.Lennon
4th ..	. 160	D.Patching
5th ..	. 263	H.Welch

All proceeds from the Fayre will be used for the Youth Club building.

Our next Lunch Club will be on 4th December which will be our Christmas Lunch.

Would anyone who would like to Come along, please let either Freda Richards know or phone me on 812265, this lunch is open to anyone, but please book if possible.

January's Lunch Club will take place on the 25th weather permitting.

Ecton Youth Club would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during 1988 and to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 1989.

COFFEE EVENING

Held on 3rd November on behalf of ECTON LADIES TEAM. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evening such a success.

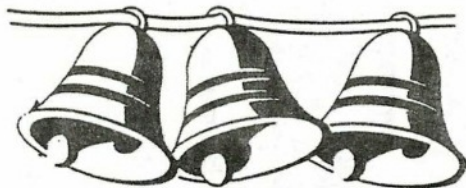
The £310 raised was boosted by a very generous donation of £250, making a splendid total of £560. This money will go to the League of Friends of Princess Marina Hospital, to make up for the loss of funds due to bad weather at their Summer Fete.

The League work very hard for patients amenities and so every penny counts. We help in the cafeteria at the hospital and find it very rewarding.

We would like more helpers, so if you can spare the occasional Saturday afternoon, why not join our team? We would like to hear from you.

Finally thankyou to Sheila for her help in organising the evening.
Special thankyou to Trevor and Zara for inviting us into their home.

Millie Harlott
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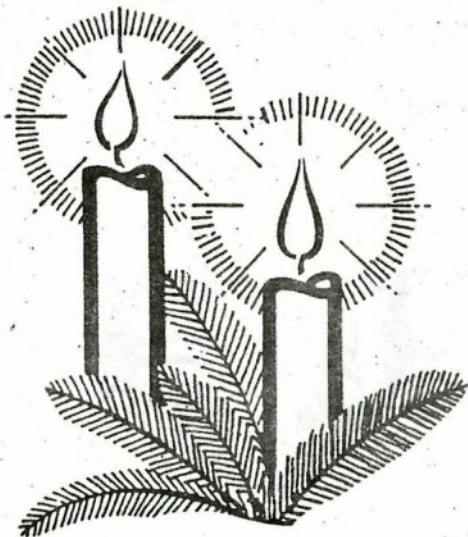
TOMB IT CONCERNS

CANON Keith Hugo of Potterne, Wilts, has been surprised by a series of letters addressed to

"The Occupier,
The Old Cemetery,
Potterne Churchyard!"

The cemetery, he points out, has several occupants, but none capable of lending full attention to any correspondence.

The postbag included a council questionnaire, and inquiry from the local rubbish collectors and a rating valuation form. The latter asked for details of amenities and number of rooms. Hugo is still composing a response, but his task should be made easier with the introduction of the poll tax, which will only require a head count of those over 18.





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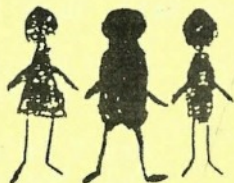
SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER AT 9.30 AM.



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Over 60's Contact Mrs E Welch
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Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in
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Youth Club & Contact Mrs D Bray
Senior Club Tel: Northampton
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SAFARI SUPPER MENU

Aperitif at Maud Dicks, 63 West Street
7.0pm

Fish Pate

White Wine

Olives de Boeuf
Creamed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Red Wine

Tipsy Gateaux

Cheese Selection

Port

Coffee with Mints



Please return tear off portion to Zara
or Sheila before 8th January.

Name/s.....

Please enclose £ 6.50p per head.

Please indicate, if you are willing to
provide one of the courses in your home.

I/We are happy to provide.....
course.

I/We would prefer an alternative.....
.....course.

CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

DECEMBER

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| Friday | 2 | 7.30pm W.I. Whist Drive |
| Saturday | 3 | Playgroup Christmas Bazaar
in Rectory Room 2.0pm |
| Sunday | 4 | <u>2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u>
9.30am Parish Communion &
Children's Church
Isaiah 55. 1-11
John 5. 36b-end
6.0pm Evensong |
| Tuesday | 6 | 7.30pm W.I. |
| Thursday | 8 | 9.0am Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 11 | <u>3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u>
9.30am Christingle Service
6.0pm Parish Communion
Isaiah 40. 1-11
John 1. 19-28 |
| Monday | 12 | 8.0pm P.C.C. |
| Tuesday | 13 | 3.0pm Ecton Fellowship Christmas
Party |
| Thursday | 15 | 9.0am Holy Communion
1.15pm Ecton School - Carols &
Drama in Church, followed
by Christmas Bazaar at the
school |
| Friday | 16 | 6.30pm Over 60's Christmas Dinner |
| Sunday | 18 | <u>4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u>
9.30am Parish Communion &
Children's Church
6.0pm Service of Nine Lessons &
Carols |
| Monday | 19 | Carol Singing around the village
Meet at Ecton House at 6.30pm |
| Thursday | 22 | 9.0am Holy Communion |

Saturday	24	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> 23.30pm 1st Communion of Christmas 1 John 4. 7-14 John 1. 1-14
Sunday	25	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> 9.30am Family Communion of Christmas Day Titus 2. 11-14 Luke 2. 8-20 5.0pm Evensong (said)
Monday	26	St. Stephen 9.0am Holy Communion
Tuesday	27	St. John 9.0am Holy Communion
Wednesday	28	Holy Innocents 9.0am Holy Communion-
Thursday	29	Thomas Becket 9.0am Holy Communion

JANUARY

Sunday	1	<u>1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</u> <u>NEW YEAR'S DAY</u> 9.30am Parish Communion Galatians 4. 1-7 6.0pm Evensong
Tuesday to Friday	3 13	The Rector will be attending a course at St. George's House, Windsor Castle
Thursday	5	9.0am Mattins
Friday	6	<u>Feast of the Epiphany</u> 8.0am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 9.30am Parish Communion &
 Parade Service
 Acts 10. 34-38a
 Matthew 3. 13-end
 6.0pm Evensong

Thursday 12 9.0am Mattins

Sunday 15 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 9.30am Parish Communion &
 Children's Church
 Acts 26. 1, 9-20
 Mark 1. 14-20
 6.0pm Evensong

Wednesday 18 Week of Prayer for Christian
 to Wednesday 25 Unity

Thursday 19 9.0 Holy Communion

Sunday 22 9th SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
SEPTUAGESIMA
 9.30am Parish Communion &
 Children's Church
 1 Cor. 4. 8-13
 Matthew 5. 1-12

Wednesday 25 Conversion of St. Paul
 9.0am Holy Communion

Thursday 26 9.0am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 8th SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
 9.30am Parish Communion &
 Children's Church
 James 5. 13-16a
 Mark 2. 1-12

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2 Presentation of Christ in the
Temple
9.0am Holy Communion

Sunday 5 7th SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
9.30am Parish Communion &
Parade Service

Philemon 1-16

Mark 2 13-17

N.B. Parade Service in March will be on the
5th, which is also Mothering Sunday

