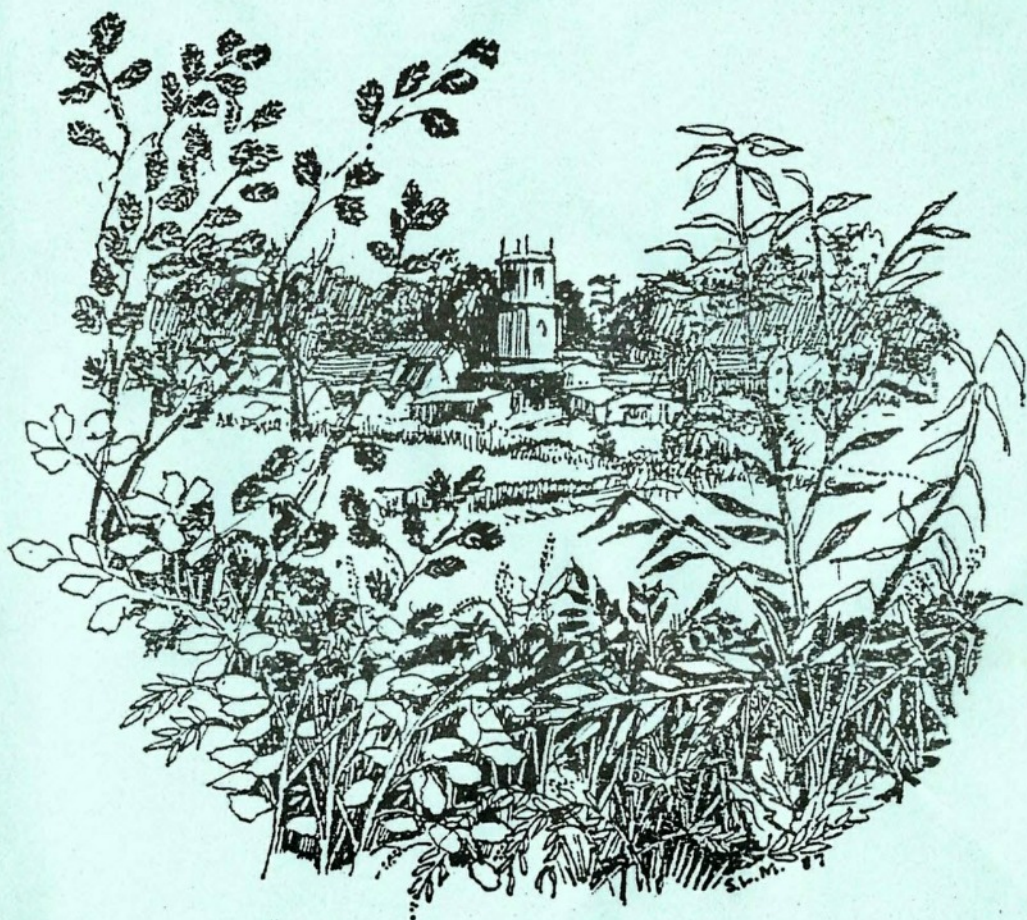
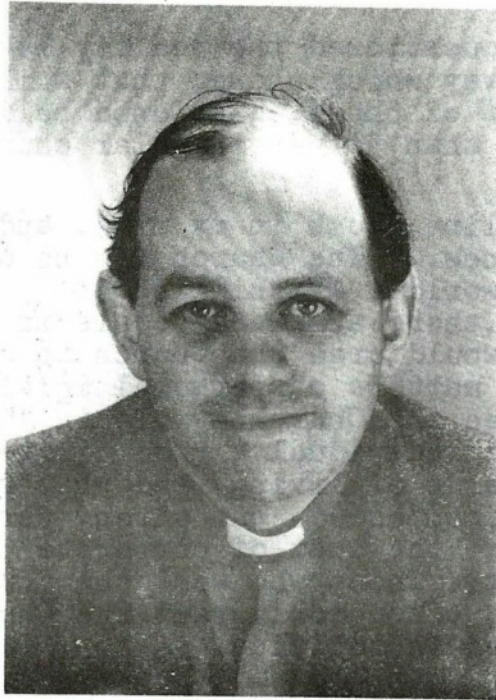


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



FROM THE
RECTOR'S STUDY



FEBRUARY 1989.

"Church has no words for a pagan world".

I was fascinated to see in the week to ten days after Christmas how much space was given in national newspapers to the life and world of the Church. We hear so much today of the irrelevance of the Church, of the apathy towards Church going, that it was good to see such coverage being given. But the articles were not uncritical of the Church. Against the background of international and national disasters, of individual and corporate suffering, the writers were asking how the Churches could still speak of a God of hope and love. More sharply,

one article questioned the reality behind a recent survey which showed that while more than 65% of those questioned believed in God, less than 3% were regular churchgoers.

But one headline stuck in my mind, and to that I turn now. " The Church has no words for a pagan world". In thinking of Christianity, there are many people in our country who would urge the Church to speak out on matters of personal morality. They would see the Church's role in terms of making the individual a good citizen, decent standards of living, and that's surely to be commended. But often, personal morality is at the cost of corporate responsibility. Those who want the Church to speak out, often don't want the Church to be involved in politics.

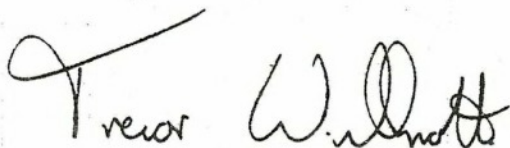
Again, the Church seems to some today to be out of touch with the real world. Our words are almost from an alien, unknown, language, and there are few, if any, interpreters. The Church's agenda is too often inward looking, concerned with its own survival, and only too ready to fight its internal divisions on the public stage.

What then are the Church's words to a world which has long since moved on from that rosy 19th Century picture of a Christian, church-going, country? Are we to be concerned solely with making the individual good, while at the same time ignoring the needs of the community? Can we, and dare we, continue with our own inward lookingness, and still claim to be the Church of Jesus Christ?

Weighty questions indeed ! But I, for one, believe that the Church does have something to say to the condition both of the individual and the community as we approach the last decade of the 20th Century. Equally I don't believe the world is a pagan one, if by that we mean a world without God. But if we are to speak, then we must ensure that our language is understandable of the people as the old prayer book has it; that we don't fall into the trap of believing that high-minded words can ever be substitute for action. Certainly " our words " are often out of touch"; but let's not in the process of trying to interpret them, also throw away the reality which is God.

The world today is a sorry place, probably no worse than at other times in its history, but in its needs, and its disasters, its countless peoples are still seeking for its meaning. The challenge to the church is to find the words which will both embody its faith, yet also reach into the hearts and lives of people.

So in the weeks of Lent, I propose to take some of the Church's words, and explore their meaning for today's world. If you'd like to join me in common exploration, the details of our meeting appear later in the magazine.

 Trevor White

Rector

Action Aid

GAMBIAN SUPPER

In an attempt to titillate your jaded winter palates, the Ecton members of Action Aid are holding a Gambian evening on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm in Ecton House.

True we may be a bit short on dusky maidens and coconut palms here in Ecton, but we shall try to compensate for that with the odd glass or two of wine.

It will be no fun if the food is described to you beforehand, so just give your £2 to me, Zara or Joan and come along and enjoy the surprise. (We shall when we come to cook it believe me !)

There must be few such places in England where you can enjoy such a gastronomic experience for only £2 !!

There will be a bring and buy stall ----- just the place to bring those unwanted Christmas gifts. Also of course, a raffle, but one with a difference and we hope a very special prize.

Your money will be used to support a specific Action Aid project and we'll tell you more about that during the course of the evening.

Pat Baylis.

Women's Institute

Walking the Penine Way is not everyone's idea of a relaxing way to spend a 3 week holiday but, as Mr Morris Smith told the December meeting, he found the experience deeply and personally satisfying. Enjoyment perhaps came later as he reflected on memories of generous hospitality and unspoiled landscapes rather than whilst knee deep in peat bog or surrounded by blanket mist and his photographs illustrated just how spectacular the scenery is. Even the most sofa-bound listener could day-dream of hill top tracks and the freedom of wide-open spaces.

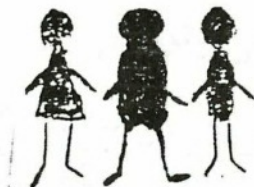
The January meeting took the form of a members games evening - Scrabble and Whist were the preferred diversions ! Winners of the competition for "The present I least wanted" were Mrs. J. Robinson, Mrs. M. Harlott and Miss. M. Gleave.

On 1st February Mr Lewis Mcrae will talk on "Lighthouses in Scotland" and the competition is for an "Unusual Sea Shell".

Carol Jones.

Coffee Rota

Feb	5th	Millie & Dora
	12th	Celia & Howard Carter
	19th	Zara & Kathy
	26th	Alice & Wynne
Mar	5th	Nick & Mary Green



The Children's Society

MAKING LIVES WORTH LIVING

Many thanks to all boxholders for the magnificent sum raised of £ 244.17p.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who supported the Coffee Morning in November and helped to make it such a success --- we raised £ 77.

The Children's Society has asked me to please convey their gratitude to you all for your support which enables them to alleviate the hardship and suffering experienced by many children in England and Wales.

For those who would like a Children's Society money box, please see me in Church or telephone me on Northampton 415806.

At the Christingle Service on the 11th December we raised £ 206.37p. Raymond Austin Appeal Secretary of the Society has written to the Rector passing on the Society's thanks to all those who contributed to this magnificent sum, which will continue to help the Society's work with disadvantaged and unprivileged children.

Happy New Year to you all.

Ingrid Cartwright

Ecton Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th February at 2.00pm (please note time for this meeting only) when our speaker is Mrs Felicity Webber who will talk about " Modern Church Embroidery". All ladies are welcome to join us. Our outing to the School of Catering in Booth Lane for lunch is on Tuesday 28th February. The cost of lunch is £3.50p -- please give me the money on the 14th if you are coming.

We had a very successful Christmas Party and A.G.M. The following were elected to the committee.

PRESIDENT	Margaret Willmott
TREASURER	Jean Leigh
SECRETARY	Joyce Orford
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Johan Pinney Paddy Macquire Jessie Chadwick Joan Dickins

In January Marion gave us a very good illustrated tour round the Holy Land and got the year off to a good start.



COPY FOR THE MARCH MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House
by 12th February.

Enquiries :- Tel Northampton 407888

Over 60's Club

We had a very happy evening at our Christmas Party. After dinner, entertainment was provided by Cliff Billing and Members of Northampton Amateurs. Three boxes of groceries were given by the Three Horseshoes Sports and Social Club and names were drawn by the Rector of the lucky winners.

We thank the Rector and Mrs Willmott, Staff of Ecton House and all who helped to make such a successful evening.

The meetings in February are on the 13th and 27th.

WHIST DRIVES

Advance notice of two evenings, Thursday 16th March and Thursday 13th April.

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all my friends in Ecton who share my great loss John Tooth.

I would also like to thank everybody for the lovely flowers which were left in the Church.

I did not know I had so many friends in Ecton in the short time we have been here 6 years.

Thank you all again.

Mrs.M.Tooth.

From The Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

Nov 27th Timothy James Mitchell

Nov 27th Rosemary Loveridge

Nov 27th Theodore Sid Loveridge

FUNERALS

Dec 8th Amy Evelyn Bayes

Dec 19th Jack Tooth

LENT 1989

EVENING HOUSE COMMUNIONS AND DISCUSSIONS AT 8.0PM.

Friday February 17

Wednesday February 22

Thursday March 2

Friday March 10

LUNCHTIME SERVICE AND PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH AT 12.45PM

Friday February 10

Friday February 17

Thursday February 23

Thursday March 9

Friday March 17

ECTON HAND BELLS

I would like to thank everyone for their support for this worthwhile cause when £69 was sent to Wellingborough Turbo Appeal which provide Turbo wheelchairs to young children to make them more mobile. The letter below was received from Mr. Smith in acknowledgement.

Freda Richards.

The Wellingborough Turbo Appeal
C/O 174 Burns Road
Wellingborough
Northants
NN8 3RT
Tel; 673806

Dear Campanologist's

We would like to thank you for your recent donation of £69 to our appeal, when we have raised enough money we shall buy a Turbo wheelchair for a local disabled child.

Whilst writing I would like to mention a dance and buffet we are holding at the Tithe Barn Wellingborough on Saturday 18th February 89 the entertainment will be provided by a three piece band. The tickets are priced at £2.25 each, please ring the number above if interested.

Mr.S.Smith
(treasurer)

Mary the time has
Come to write a song
Concerning you.
I have read hundreds, but
 they all seem wrong.
About what people think you
 thought
At various times, or what you
 ought
(On their behalf) to do.

Steady you were, accepting the
 world's
 Weight upon your shoulder,
The Gospeller found little to
 relate;
In their narratives you appear
Still slow to speak and quick to
 hear,
Clear-eyed beholder.

So dearest, our request shall be
 to share
Your single heart,
And silence, and your readiness to
 bear
The burden of the unexplained
By which we are perplexed and
 pained
Right from the start

C.S.M.V.

Church & Village Diary

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 2 Presentation of Christ in
the Temple
9.30am Holy Communion
- Saturday 4 Safari Supper
- Sunday 5 7th SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
9.30am Parish Communion &
Parade Service
Philemon 1-16
Mark 2. 13-17
6.0pm Evensong
- Tuesday 7 7.30pm W.I.
- Wednesday 8 ASH WEDNESDAY
9.30am Holy Communion with
imposition of ashes
7.30pm Holy Communion with
imposition of ashes
- Thursday 9 9.30am Holy Communion
- Friday 10 12.45pm Short Service in Ecton
House Chapel, followed
by Ploughman's Lunch
- Sunday 12 1st SUNDAY IN LENT
9.30am Parish Communion
Genesis 2. 7-9; 3. 1-7
Matthew 4. 1-11
- Monday 13 Over 60's Club
8.0pm P.C.C.
- Tuesday 14 2.0pm Ecton Fellowship, speaker
Mrs Felicity Webber

Thursday 16 9.30am Holy Communion

Friday 17 12.45pm Lent Service & Lunch
8.0pm Lent Service & Discussion
"The Words of the Church"

Sunday 19 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT
9.30am Parish Communion
Genesis 6. 11 to end
Luke 19. 41 to end
6.0pm Evensong

Wednesday 22 8.0pm Lent Service & Discussion

Thursday 23 9.30am Holy Communion
12.45pm Lent Service & Lunch

Sunday 26 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT
9.30am Parish Communion
Genesis 22. 1-13
Luke 9. 18-27
6.0pm Evensong

Monday 27 Over 60's Club

MARCH

Thursday 2 9.30am Holy Communion
8.0pm Lent Service & Discussion

Sunday 5 4th SUNDAY IN LENT
MOTHERING SUNDAY
9.30am Parish Communion &
Parade Service
1 Peter 2. 1-10
John 19. 23-27
6.0pm Evensong

St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

formerly St. Luke's Nursing Home for the Clergy
14 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 6AH
Tel: 01-388 4954

President: The Archbishop of Canterbury
Chairman: General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, G.C.B.
General Secretary: The Reverend Peter Nicholson

Dear Trevor

Thank you so much for the kind donation you have sent us today. When one is having to find £1,700 every day of the year, every single gift, large, small or middle-sized, brings great joy and encouragement to us all.

As you may know, nurses have received a large increase in salary and allowances; this has increased our salaries bill by £32,000 this year and we shall have to find over £40,000 extra next year.


We have recently had our Quinquennial inspection by our architect and, while the building is on good condition both inside and out, we shall have to hire scaffolding to deal with faulty pipes on the west side of the building and we must also, at the same time, paint the woodwork of the windows.

We now have 127 leading London Christian consultants who give about a quarter of a million pounds worth of work to the Church every year through this place. What a great example in what the Church calls "Time and Talents" Each year we treat over 800 in-patients and arrange over 1,400 out-patient consultations. Patients come to us from every diocese in England and Wales.

In this Lambeth Conference Year we have helped many people from overseas and this help has added considerably to our costs.

So...may God bless you for helping us.

Yours very sincerely,

Peter Nicholson

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, tins, 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.

Rector's Notes

This year, Easter and Christmas 1988 are separated by just three months - Lent begins on February 8th. But before looking forward, let me first make some comments about earlier events. Our thanks, as usual, are to everyone who helped to make the Church look so fine for our Christmas Services. The congregation on Christmas Eve was the largest ever, and it was marvellous to so many children and their families in Church on Christmas Morning.

Our carol singing around the village raised some £90 towards the Tower Fund, thanks to those who offered the cold singers such welcoming refreshments!

Now to February and Lent to Easter

Ash Wednesday on February 8th will be celebrated with services of Holy Communion at 9.30am and 7.30pm. This day reminds us both of our morality, and our hope in Christ. The cross, made on our foreheads, in the ashes of last Palm Sunday's crosses is a fitting reminder of the Christian journey.

During Lent, there will be two major activities. One in the evening, will be a celebration of Holy Communion followed by a simple supper and discussion on the theme of the "Words of the Church". If you'd like to attend, or host one of these meetings, add your name to the list in Church.

The second will be a short service at 12.45 pm in the chapel of Ecton House, followed by a Ploughman's Lunch. There will be a begging bowl both at lunchtime and evening and all gifts will go to a Church project in Ethiopia, for which more details appear elsewhere in the magazine.

Cleaning Rota

Feb	4th	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
	11th	Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)
	18th	Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs.W.Johnson & Mrs Rands	(R)
	25th	Alice & Wynne	(L)
Mar	4th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)

Sacristans Rota

Feb	4th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)
	11th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(A)
	18th	-----do-----	(B)
	25th	Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(A)
Mar	4th	-----do-----	(B)

Flower Rota

January	28th	Alice & Wynne
February	4th	Alice & Wynne
February	11th	
February	18th	No flowers
February	25th	required as it
March	4th	is Lent
March	11th	
March	18th	
March	25th	EASTER

From The Collection Plate

NOV	20th	£222.23
	27th	£168.76
DEC	4th	£163.95
	11th	£306.62
	18th	£216.82
	24/25th	£287.66
JAN	1st	£191.07
	8th	£218.32
	15th	£200.78



ECTON WHEELCHAIR

This chair is available for use by Ecton residents.

It is the property of Ecton Village bought and held by the W.I.. You use it at your own risk, and are responsible for it, while it is in your possession.

Fee towards maintenance is 50p per day.

Please contact Mrs.J.Wilson
Old Bakehouse
West Street
408664

or if away Mrs.M.Harlott
52 High Street
405938

BEST KEPT VILLAGE AND CHURCHYARD
COMPETITION

The results of this competition have now been received. For the Best Kept Village Competition, in its class (Class I) and within its area (Kettering & Wellingborough), Ecton scored 93 points out of a possible 100, thus achieving joint 3rd place in the preliminary round (12 villages in this class and area). We lost points due to the removal of the official notice from the Notice Board (although there was one displayed in my window) and also due to the rubbish in the telephone kiosk. The overall winner of Class I was Haselbech and of the whole competition was Welford.

For the Best Kept Churchyard Competition, in its class and area, Ecton scored 97 out of a possible 100, achieving 2nd place in the preliminary round. The winner of this class/area in the preliminary round was Weston by Welland with 98 points. Bugbrook was the overall winner of the Best Kept Churchyard competition.

Joan Drage

PARISH COUNCIL

As from 1st January, 1989, the post of Clerk to the Parish Council will be filled by Mr Jack Wright, 20 North Western Avenue, Kingsthorpe, Northampton
Tel:- 845224.

Mums & Tots

Rota

February	2nd	Jan Lennon
	9th	Maureen Kennedy
	16th	Joy Day
	23rd	Gerry Collins
March	2nd	Janet Scriven

WHAT IS A GRANDMA ?

What is a Grandma ? A Grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own, so she likes other peoples boys and girls. Grandmas don't have anything to do except to be there. If they take us for a walk they slow down past pretty leaves and caterpillars. They never say "Hurry up" ! Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie our shoes.

They wear glasses, and sometimes they can take out their teeth. They can answer questions like why dogs hate cats, and why God isn't married. When they read to us they don't skip words, or mind if it is the same story again. Everyone should have a grandma, especially if they don't have a television set, because Grandma's are the only grown-ups who always have time.

By an author aged 8 years.

P.C.C. Report

The major item of business at our December meeting was the allocation of the parish's charity giving for 1988. In 1987, we decided that we would allocate 10% of our income to charitable causes outside of the parish as a sign of our commitment to the needs of God's people. At our Annual Meeting in 1988 we also decided to support Andrew Currah, the last assistant warden of the House, during the course of the Diploma in Mission Studies which he began in Birmingham in September. In due course, Andrew hopes to return to the service of the Church overseas, and we saw the financial support of £1000 as being a fitting use of our money.

The P.C.C. resolved its allocation thus,

The Royal British Legion	£50
St.Luke's Hospital for the Clergy	£75
Historic Churches Preservation Trust	£75
The Diocesan Bellringers	£25
St.Thomas Seaforth	£100

Our major decision was to fulfill our commitment of £800 to the Church Urban Fund. This Fund is one of the major recommendations arising from the Archbishop's Commission on Urban Priority Areas, known as "Faith in the City". The Church of England has committed itself to raising £18 million over the next four years to help the Church's in the deprived inner city

communities of our county. Every parish is being asked to support that initiative and the P.C.C. felt that it would right to fulfill our four year commitment by a single payment.

In the after-math of the Armenian earthquake, we also voted to send £250 for immediate medical supplies.

The end result being more than 10% of our income for the year, but nonetheless unanimously agreed by the P.C.C.

The Christingle Collections for the Children's Society amounted to £204.

The Tower Restoration

The Treasurer reported that as a result of our Stewardship Renewal, we have received pledges of £3,000 per annum for the next 4 years towards the restoration programme. We are still awaiting the response from the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, but hopefully more news will soon be available. The overall response to the Stewardship Renewal was excellent, in addition to the Tower Fund, pledges for the general account for 1989-90 are running at about £7,500.

Treasurer W. Smith

THE JULIAN MEETING

What is this ?

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, we meet in each other's houses at 8.0pm. The hostess or host reads a few words and perhaps plays some quiet music for a minute or two. Then there is quiet-- quiet for 30 minutes. We each find our own ways to centre into this stillness -- it is stillness in the presence of God. This shared silence is very precious. Sometimes we offer short intercessions afterwards.

Anyone of any Church -or none- can come. It is a wonderful way of finding energy, peace and a depth of caring for each other.

The Julian Meeting is named after Mother Julian of Norwich; a mediaeval mystic who lived in a quiet cell at the shrine of St. Julian. In the quiet (and particular when she was going through serious illness) she understood with refreshing vigorous insight the wonders of the tender care of God.

Her famous words, born of intense personal suffering- " All shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well"- are as much needed and as true now as when she wrote them.

Go on your way rejoicing, " Live gladly and gaily because of His love".

If you would like to know more about the Julian Meeting please ring 415576 or call at 2, Church Way, Ecton.

Joan Dickins.

Ecton Village Playgroup

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fayre. The children enjoyed visiting Father Christmas and we raised £170 for the Playgroup Funds. We would like to thank Harry Welch for his help as shsh..... you know who !

This term we have enjoyed a variety of visitors; the community dentist, librarian and a puppet theatre with a clown. We had a wonderful trip to the farm to see the lambs followed by a very muddy walk around Sywell Country Park.

We are looking for a new Playgroup leader from Easter. This is a paid position, working on Tuesday and Friday from 8.45am to 12.15pm. Experience is not essential, just a love of young children and patience.

If you are interested please contact Jan Lennon, 410658.

The Last Word

The young curate didn't get on too well with his rather pompous vicar. In due course he was appointed to another church and for his last sermon in the parish he chose as his text:

"Tarry ye here with the ass while I go yonder". F.H.

The same Vicar went on holiday to Jerusalem where, to the surprise of his flock, he met the lady of his choice. News of his forthcoming marriage soon reached the parish and the following Sunday the organist marked the event by playing the voluntary 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem'. F.H.



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What is the Church Urban Fund

The Church Urban Fund is an independent new charity. The Chairman is the Archbishop of Canterbury. It has been created to provide support for those in our cities who are poor, disadvantaged and feel excluded from the mainstream of our national and Church life.

The Fund's national target of £18 million has been divided between the 43 Dioceses on what the Trustees feel to be a fair basis, asking most from those parts of the country where prosperity is highest and Church life strongest, and conversely, least for areas of poverty and low church membership — the most urban dioceses.

The targets are important to our success. It is not possible to organise fundraising effectively without one. Diocesan targets set a point against which people and sectors of the community can measure their commitment.

Our diocesan target is: £300,000

FROM THE BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH, THE PALACE, PETERBOROUGH. PE1 1YA

For nine years I worked with fellow-Christians — laity and clergy — who lived in what we now call "the inner city".

They were like all of us, they wanted the best for their children. Many of them were trapped in circumstances that I would have found defeating and often needed a nudge to help them to help themselves. As I look back I understand what Ministers and industrialists mean when they talk about "priming the pump". We in the Church have talked a lot about this. Now we are called to take our part along with the Government, with industry and with the great charitable trusts in actually doing something to help people to stand on their own feet — the greatest gift we can offer to others.

The people I knew in Tottenham and Kings Cross never whinged to me but I knew that there were a few things which, if we could find the money to do them, could make all the difference to their lives. We have that chance now to help those who are fellow-citizens of our great nation and, remember, in a hard world we need them as much as they need us.

St. Paul called us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. In the spirit of his words I commend this cause to you.

Your sincere friend and Bishop

Timothy Peterborough

Faith — in action

At present, I live in the lovely surroundings of a Cathedral precinct. To understand anything about Bangladesh or Brixton means making a real effort in imagination to touch something now outside my experience. So far as Urban Priority Areas are concerned, my recollection of working in South London and Notting Hill makes the necessary leap just a little easier to make. Hence my readiness to assist in putting into practice a response in the Diocese to "Faith in the City".

Although the Christian faith is so deep and profound, it is also very simple. There are two rules — to love God, and to love your neighbour after the pattern of Jesus Christ. The quality of true neighbourliness was illustrated in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The generous action of the Samaritan led to Jesus' comment "Go and do likewise". To respond to "Faith in the City" is in part an aspect of neighbourliness. Such a response is also the consequence of belonging to one another in the Church. We depend on one another, whether we live in a lush Northamptonshire village or in a squalid and unsafe housing estate in London.

In deprived areas of inner cities, there are some things which need to be done, like caring for the lonely and the frightened, which are simply an expression of loving our neighbours. Other projects, like the provision of a youth worker at a Church centre, are more obviously related to the parochial system. The important thing to appreciate is that a variety of activities is needed to bring life and hope, faith and love, into apparently hopeless situations.

Elsewhere in this leaflet you will find ways of giving financial help, and I hope you will assist any fund-raising activities in your own parish. It is also important to try to understand the circumstance of people living in our urban priority areas, to pray for them, and to meet them. This Diocesan inset is an attempt to enable these things to happen in our own Diocese.

RANDOLPH WISE
(Dean of Peterborough)
Chairman of the Diocesan
"Faith in the City" Group

Who will the Fund benefit?

The Fund will work with people living in the inner cities to find, and implement, ways of meeting the spiritual and emotional needs of their own communities.

The Fund is not only for existing church members and organisations. There is a strong commitment to extend the Fund's support beyond the immediate church going community. We all recognise that economic decline, the physical decay of the inner city social disintegration and spiritual poverty inflict suffering indiscriminately. The Fund is committed to working ecumenically wherever possible and will also work with people of other faiths. It will not support the propagation of any non-Christian religion.

How long will the fundraising last?

Until the total is achieved. Many Dioceses are planning a two year programme. Some are aiming for a shorter, more intensive push. An enormous amount of continuous voluntary effort is needed for at least two years.

The money will continue to come in over four - six years, because of four year covenanted commitments, and other longer term ways of securing income.

How much money will be spent each year?

The fund will stimulate an annual spend on projects of £4 million. This target, set by Faith in the City, cannot of course represent the total cost of solving the problem. It is a realistic goal that the Church, as the largest voluntary organisation in the country, can now set itself. We see the £4 million arising as follows:

	Emillion per year	Source
A:	£1.0	From Church and community -- a capital fund which will peak at £18m and be spent out by 2010
B:	£1.0	Church Commissioners' annual contribution
C:	£0.5	Direct project support from corporate fund raised through Archbishop's Council
D:	£1.5	Money raised locally or granted to projects from other sources, organised locally by project sponsors or the Diocese. The proportion varies from project to project but is at least 10% of the total cost in each case.

£4.0

How can I support the Fund?

There is a wide variety of ways in which help can be utilised. The Fund needs time, energy and skills as well as cash, so that every Diocese meets the challenge set by its target, and the national objectives are met or even exceeded.

Contact your Diocesan Fundraising representative to ensure a strong element of local participation in the Fund.

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Deed of Covenant

Church Urban Fund Tax Recovery Form ('Covenant')

Church Urban Fund Bankers Orders
We will send this on to your bank so do not detach.

I _____
of _____
_____ Postcode _____

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

undertake to pay the Church Urban Fund every year for four years or during my life (if shorter) from _____ the sum that will, after deduction of income tax at the basic rate, amount to £ _____ (figures) _____ pounds (words)
Signed, sealed and delivered by me

Please pay £ _____ (figures) _____ (Words)
Starting on _____ 19 _____ and each year on the same date to make 4 annual payments in all.
To NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK (50-30-28) (Millbank Branch), for the credit of Church Urban Fund Account No. 05315263

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Signed _____ Date _____

in the presence of _____

To the Manager, _____ Bank

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Another way of pledging your support is by a Deed of Covenant — this enables the Fund to recover the tax you have paid, thus increasing the value of your donation.

Your generous donation will enable the Fund help meet the material and spiritual needs of those in our deprived urban and suburban areas. And when every penny counts, those few extra ones — at no extra cost to yourself — make an enormous difference.

Please send your contributions and/or completed covenant forms to your Diocesan Fundraising Representative, address as overleaf.

Your gift will bring new life to our cities