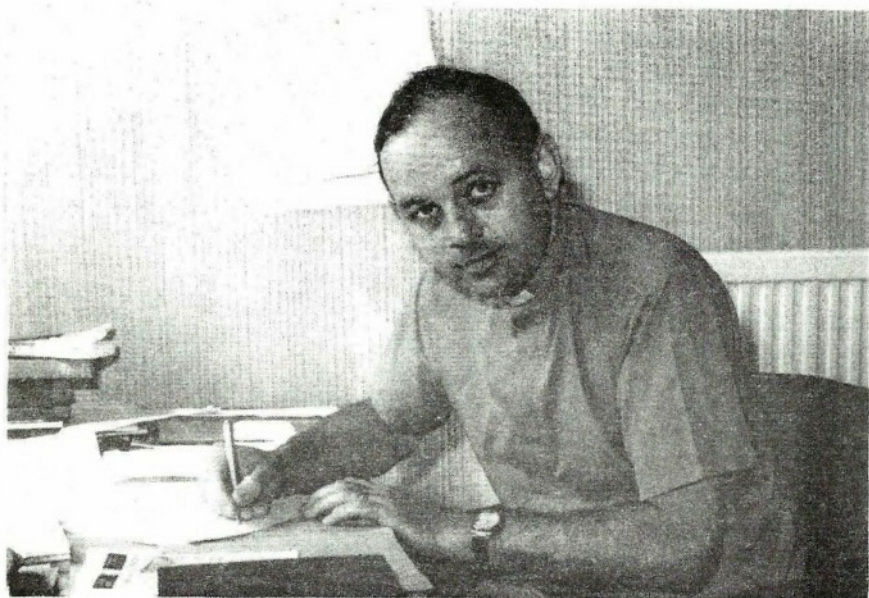


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS





**March 1988**

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Punch once published a cartoon showing two caterpillars looking up with amazement at a butterfly. One caterpillar said to the other "You'll never catch me going up in one of those contraptions.

For better or worse, our lives are always changing. Man is a journeying creature. But for many, that journey is either without purpose, or has limited goals as its aims. Life can be seen as an aimless journey from birth to death in which pain or suffering seem to fall in increasing amounts; the limited goals of self

preservation and the acquisition of personal security offering some temporary relief to the lucky ones. But to speak of life as a journey suggests that life has a meaning and a goal. This would certainly be the picture in the Bible, of God's purpose that we should recognise ourselves as made by Him; made for Him; and made to return to Him.

Made by Him in that we are created in His image. Made for Him in that we are only fully realised when we live in a relationship with Him, and with each other. Made to return to Him in that this earthly life is not the be all and end all of life, but a preparation for that greatest gift of eternal life.

Good Friday and Easter are the proof of God's intention for us. He takes death to himself on the cross and conquers it. He raises Jesus to new life as the ultimate sign that we can be raised through faith to share that life with him. In saying that I believe in the resurrection, I express my trust that one day we shall see God with all, and through all, that we are; with all that our present body represents and conveys; loving, enjoying, touching, tasting, hearing, smelling, feeling.

If this is the goal of life, then every day has both purpose and choice. For as decide, so we become. To decide to be a loving, generous person, opens our eyes to the opportunities for creative loving which confronts us. To decide for evil in this life, which seemingly many do, is to alienate oneself from the possibilities of peace and growth. The transformation of our life here into the life of heaven is difficult to describe. The human images

of springtime, new birth, the Easter egg, can often seem too trivial when faced with the enormity of human suffering and desolation. But one image of that meaning to life sticks in my mind. The picture of the destruction after the Remembrance Day bombing in Enniskillen last year has quickly been replaced by other more horrifying events in the history of the world. But the calm, quiet, forgiving voice, of a bereaved father, whose daughter died that morning, remains with me. He spoke of a loving God, whose gift of life could never be destroyed by the violence of others, of a daughter's love which will be gathered up into the limitless love of her heavenly father. In the midst of such violence, where hatred could so easily have conquered, he spoke of forgiveness and love. He and his family were not overcome by the hatred and violence which seems to have dominated Ireland, but rather became a source of inspiration to Protestant and Catholic alike.

A small example, beginning, if you like, but one which speaks clearly of the Easter faith in terms which we can easily grasp. The end of our journey will not be death, - that is but one further stage - but a life with God. The moment when I shall clearly see and know the loving purposes of the God who called me, and in His light, I shall know and recognise all those who have already found their peace with Him.

"There we shall be still and see; we shall see and we shall love; we shall love and we shall praise, behold what will be in the end, without end. For what is our end, but to reach that Kingdom which has no end? "

*Rev. W. Willmott.*

Rector.

#### FESTIVAL 88--- CHURCH FLOWERS

We held our first meeting on 25th February and consequently have volunteers for the main arrangements, but would appreciate more helpers on the day, for smaller arrangements, the pillars and general clearing up. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th April, 8.0pm in the Rectory Room.

We are grateful to Mr. Collins of West Street for offering to make shelves for the South Windowsills, which we shall now be able to decorate.

There are several items we need, can you help i.e. a large globe of the world, Feather fan, also pearls, ruby and emerald coloured necklaces or beads.

Edna and Freda.

## SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

'Money-off' coupons have dried to a trickle and hardly anyone in Ecton seems to drink soup or coffee.

Come on Ectonians you can do better than this !

I've planted lots of small pots of seeds and hopefully you have as well, so look out for details of a Coffee Evening later in April.

In the meantime Spring is now officially with us, so this month's project is a Jumble Sale. The Rectory Room has been booked for 2pm Saturday 30th April. Over the Easter period you have the ideal opportunity to Spring clean and turn your old clothes and junk into cash to help the Festival.

Even if you have no jumble in your home (I don't believe you!) perhaps you'd like to come along on the day and help. You never know there might be a bargain waiting for you.

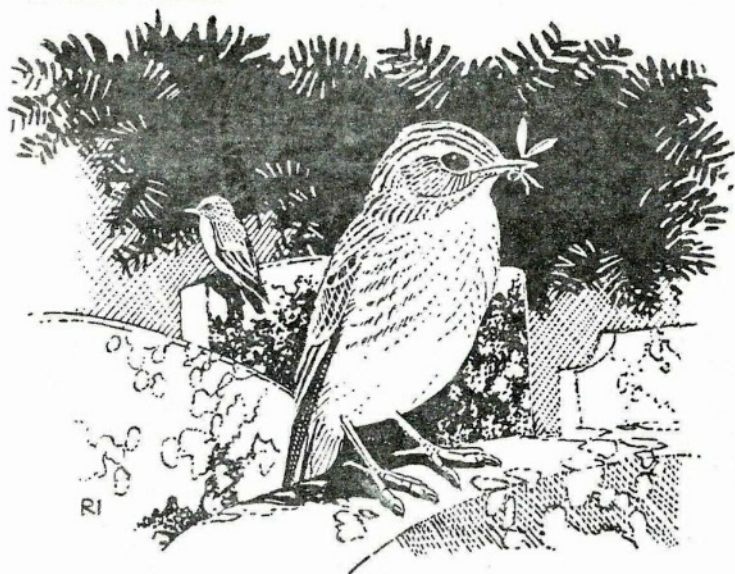
If you need your jumble collecting, then give me a ring on 406038 or pop it round to 17 West Street, before 30th April.

Sheila Ingram

## St.Thomas Seaforth

The vicar of St.Thomas, David Flewker has written suggesting that we might organise a shared weekend- both in Liverpool and in Ecton- to help us each understand the others hopes and problems. The dates should be fixed shortly, but for our part, offers of hospitality for the Ecton weekend will be greatly appreciated.

## WILD ECTON



### SPOTTED FLYCATCHERS

What a wonderful time of year the Spring is as the Redwings, Fieldfares and other winter visitors leave us, their place is taken by those birds that are so much a part of an English summer.

First to arrive in the village will be the Swallows and House Martins which appear about the middle of April. At about the same time you may be lucky enough to be visited in your garden by a Willow-Warbler or Chiff-chaff and this is the time the 'first Cuckoo' will be heard.

Later Swifts will advertise their presence with their screaming calls and Spotted Flycatchers will appear in our gardens.

Of course whilst all this is going on our resident birds, the Robins, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Dunnocks etc have been busy claiming territories and building nests. The birdboxes in our garden are quickly taken over by Blue Tits and Sparrows although our open-fronted boxes are still awaiting tenants; a Robin or Spotted Flycatcher perhaps.

There is not a moments rest for the participants what with finding and defending territories, attracting mates, finding (and agreeing on) suitable sites and building nests. And all this is accompanied by a marvellous carophony or birdsong.

Watch and listen in your garden this Spring.

Rodney Ingram.



COPY FOR THE MAY MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House  
by Saturday 16th April.  
Enquires:-Tel:Northampton 407888

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members enjoyed refreshments with a difference at the March meeting when they were able to sample some of the range of products from "Floughshares", the Wholefood Co-operative, after the talk by Mr Lucien Conway, in which he pointed out the benefits of eating wholefoods.

Toasted pumpkin seeds, rice cakes with pear and apple spread and date syrup; oatcakes with herb spread, sesame sticks and pistachio nuts were just some of the foods to try, with pear juice in addition to the usual tea.

For the competition, members brought recipes using wholefoods, and those entered by,

Mrs. J. Wilson (fruit and vegetable curry);

Mrs. M. Harlott (sesame shortcake);

and Mrs. S. Rands (rhubarb crumble), were winners.

### Thankyou

To everyone who supported the Whist Drive in any way, and we hope you all had an enjoyable evening. £27.92 was raised.

Miss. M. Aspinall will talk about Patchwork at the next meeting on April 5th at 7.30pm.

The competition is for a piece of patchwork.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Of a FASHION SHOW at Ecton House on Thursday 1st September. More details later.

Marion Gleave.

## ECTON PLAYGROUP

Applications for Easter and September intake of children of 2½ years plus are now being taken.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are searching for a new leader. This interesting role for two morning each week during school term time could suit you and offers a nice remuneration in addition to the joy and satisfaction of working with young children.

We do hope you will support our fund raising events planned as follows:

### PUB SPORTS

At the Three Horseshoes, Ecton on Friday 29th April at 8.0pm.

### CAR RALLY

This has been planned for June and the exact date will be confirmed soon.

For full details about these and other activities. Contact Margaret Tinston Telephone 412233.

### COFFEE ROTA

April	3rd	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
	10th	Celia & Howard Carter
	17th	Zara Hunwicks & Kathy Stears
	24th	Nick & Mary Green
May	1st	Marion Gleave & Sylvia Johnson

## ECTON ARMADA BEACON FESTIVAL

The festival is drawing closer and once Easter is passed we shall be into the 'run up' proper.

The radio broadcast seemed to go quite well and provided the opportunity for a little advance publicity. Several telephone calls came in afterwards and a few more teatowels were sold. The mugs are now available at &3.25p and these are most attractive in stone and brown bearing the Ecton beacon symbol.

Most projects seem to be taking shape really well and it is hoped that a general meeting will be called to discuss future progress on the festival early in April.

In the meantime, there are a few items needed that you may be able to spare or lend. If you can help then please contact the following people.

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|-------------------|----|---|
| Margaret Willmott | -- | Raffle Prizes.                              |
| Freda Richards    | -- | A 'Globe' drinks cabinet.                   |
| Stephen Meakins   | -- | Large guage rope for the Galleon's rigging. |
| Sheila Ingram     | -- | Double Knitting Wool.                       |

Don't think that because everything appears to be running smoothly you are not needed ---- Its your festival, so try to think of ways that you can help in the preparation. Remember- the anticipation is often more fun than the event.

Sheila Ingram.

### OVER 60'S CLUB

The A.G.M. will be held on Monday 11th April, when the year's subscriptions are due. The other meeting in April is on the 25th .

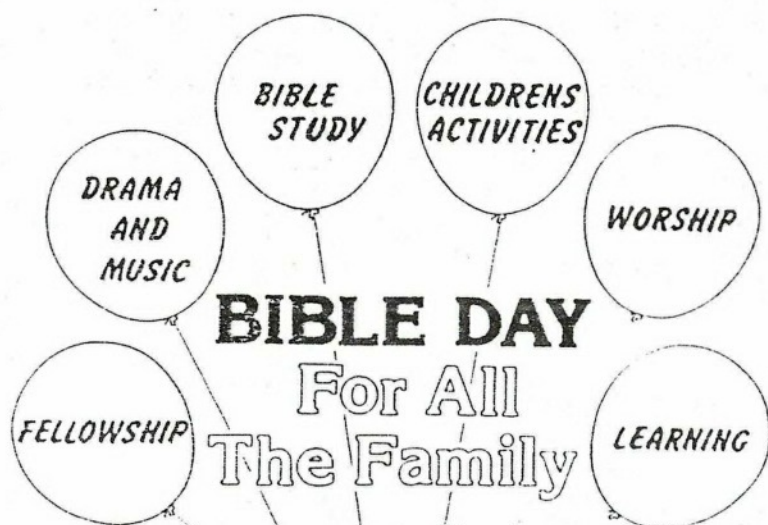
On Monday 9th May we are going to lunch at Sywell Motel, cost £4.50p per person. Will you please let me have names so that transport can be arranged.

Edna Welch.

### ELIZABETHAN MUSIC

Is anyone interested in forming a recorder / percussion group to play some simple Elizabethan music for the Festival.? No great expertise is required just a willingness to join in and have some fun.

If you're interested or would like to know more contact Jan Lennon on 410658.



**25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1988**  
**PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL**  
**10.30am to 5.00pm**  
**SPEAKER:**  
**MISS RUTH ETHELLES**  
**PRINCIPAL, ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, DURHAM**

ALICE THROUGH THE AGE BARRIER

After a 60 year campaign  
ALICE ADAMS  
has been unanimously elected as  
SENIOR CITIZEN.

This unique occasion will be celebrated  
between 12.30pm and 3.30pm  
on Sunday 17th April  
in The Rectory Room.

Supporters are invited to share a  
PAUPER PENSIONER'S PORTION.  
Comrades with time at a premium  
are requested to attend for  
appertizers or coffee.

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R.S.V.P. (not later than 12th April)  
to Hingé & Bracket on N'pton 414331.

## RECTOR'S NOTES

April begins with the greatest feast of the Church's year Easter.

The death and resurrection of Jesus points us towards our own humanity and so towards the needs of others. In the faith of Easter, we are given others, and because we meet, we become part of each other, and become a body.

During our Easter Morning celebration, I shall baptise Jo-anna Gardener. We rejoice with her parents, in thanksgiving for God's gift of a child.

There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 9.0am on Monday-Thursday of Easter Week in Ecton House Chapel. On the first Sunday after Easter I shall be preaching in Harrogate in the Diocese of Ripon; we shall welcome the Rev'd P.J. Gandonas celebrant and preacher that morning.

On Sunday April 24th The Orton Trust will celebrate its 21st Anniversary of the foundation with a special service at 3.0pm. in Rothwell Parish Church, with the Bishop of Peterborough as Preacher. In its life, the Trust has done enormous work to support and foster the work of stonemasons. The gravestone at the West End of the Church was raised by the Trust from the Churchyard, and placed as a memorial to the stonemasons trade. As we plan further stone restoration of our Church, please remember the Trust in your prayers.

In the past few months, the Magazine has carried some of the plans for our 88 Festival. Now's the time to rally support for the weekends programme. The tickets for the Sheep Roast and Dance on Friday July 16th and the Elizabethan Banquet on Saturday 17th will soon be on sale. But we still need offers of help for the other events, in particular the Flower Festival, and the Market Stalls.  
If you can and want to help let me know.

*Tew*

#### ECTON C.P.SCHOOL

We are having a MAY FAYRE at the school on Wednesday 25th May at 1.45pm. There will be the usual stalls, raffle and tombola, plus an entertainment performed by the children. This year being the Armada Festival we will be singing some Elizabethan ballads and perform several Elizabethan dances. So if you have been worrying about the 'parvanne' or 'la volta can't figure out who 'Lord Willoughby' was or are totally puzzled by 'The Frog Galliard'.

Come along to Ecton School on the 25th May to put your mind at rest.

Dennis Lennon

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	<u>Chairman</u>	Mr J E Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577
Ecton Primary School	<u>Headmaster</u>	Mr D Lennon Tel: Northampton 409213
Children's Church	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs T Main Tel: Northampton 405322 Every Sunday (except Parade Service Sunday) 9.30 a.m in Rectory Room
Mother's Union	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Willmott Tel: Northampton 406442 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs G Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs E Welch Tel: Northampton 406163 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs D Bray Tel: Northampton 408509 Y.C Monday 7.00-9.30 p.m S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs J Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Tinston Tel: Northampton 412233 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	<u>Secretary</u>	Mr J Collip Tel: Northampton 405688
Brownies	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs T Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Strange Tel: Northampton 409306 Tuesday & Wednesday in Bell Tower at 8.00 p.m

## Easter Flowers

We shall decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday 2nd April from 10.0 am onwards.

All offers of help, greenery and flowers will be much appreciated. If you would like to give money towards the cost of the Easter flowers, please hand it to Margaret or Trevor.

# TRY YOUR HAND AT PRAYER

## 1 THE WHOLE HAND

Praise and thank God for all he has made and done.

## 2 THUMB

Closest to you. Pray for those nearest you; family and friends

## 3 POINTER

Pray for those who try to point people to God: church leaders, clergy, evangelists, youth workers, teachers, missionaries.

## 4 BIGGEST

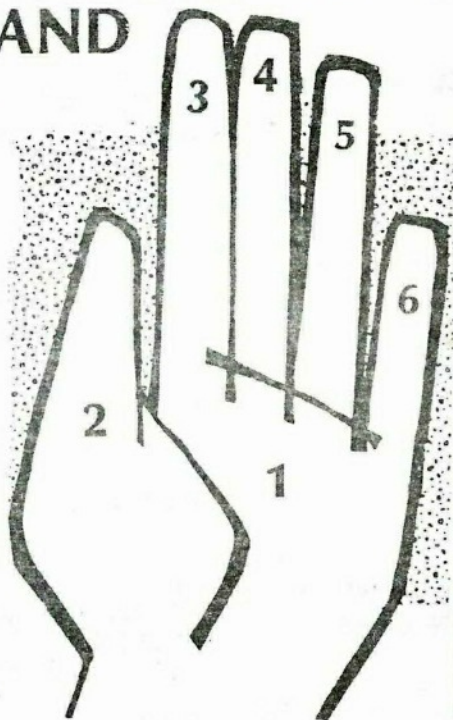
Pray for those in authority in this country and throughout the world.

## 5 WEAKEST

Pray for the disabled, bereaved, ill, hungry, ill-treated, needy, mentally ill, persecuted, prisoners.

## 6 LITTLEST

Pray for yourself.



*From the magazine of Holy Trinity, Ripon*

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# EASTER EVIDENCE GOING BY THE BOOK

... SUDDENLY THE LORD HIMSELF stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' Full of fear and terror, they thought that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them: 'Why are you troubled? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet and see that it is I, myself. Feel me, and you will see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have.'

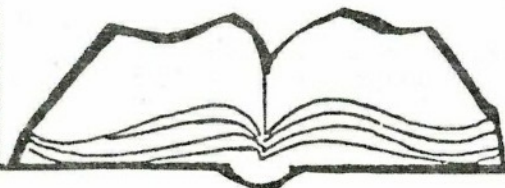
He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, 'Do you have anything to eat here?' They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate before them.

Then he said to them: 'These are the very things I told you while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true.'

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them: 'This is what is written: that the Messiah must suffer and be raised from death on the third day, and that in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.'

'You are witnesses of these things. And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you.'

GOOD NEWS BIBLE  
St Luke Chapter 24, verses 36 to 49



## CLEANING ROTA

Apr	2nd	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)
	9th	Mrs Harlot & Mrs Wright	(L)
	16th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(R)
	23rd	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(L)
	30th	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
May	7th	Mrs. L. Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)

## SACRISTANS ROTA

Apr	2nd	Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(B)
	9th	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(A)
	16th	-do-	(B)
	23rd	Miss Macquire & Mrs Treloar	(A)
	30th	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott	(B)
May	7th	-do-	(A)

## READERS DIARY

April	3rd	Andrew Currah
	10th	Mary Strange
	17th	Margaret Willmott
	24th	Zara Hunwicks
May	1st	Stan Kidney

We have a new Readers Diary, so if you would like to read, please sign your name on the list.

## MUMS AND TOTS

Meet in the Rectory Room from 2.30pm to 4.0pm every Thursday. All mums with children under school-age are very welcome to join us.

### Rota for April

April	7th	Holiday
	14th	Jan Lennon
	21st	Margaret Willmott
	28th	Margaret Tinston
May	5th	Maureen Kennedy

## FLOWER ROTA

April	2nd	Easter.
	9th	2 people are needed today
	16th	A.Badger
	23rd	M.E.Gleave
	30th	Kathy Stears
May	7th	Kathy Stears

The flower rota is looking rather bare, so could you please fill in the empty spaces.

## YOUTH CLUB

The response the the Open Night held on the 17th March was very disappointing in spite of a notice in the village magazine the only people in attendance were youth members and committee, this seems such a pity as the youth club building is being used for other activities i.e. Senior cluc, Lunch club and not least the Play Group who we hope will be the youth club of the future, but we do need your support now so that the youth club can continue.

It has been decided that the A.G.M. this year will be held on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm. We sincerely hope that you will support us on this occasion.

We are hoping to have a JUMBLE SALE in May and would be glad to have any good jumble or Bric-a-Brac.

The April Lunch Club will be on April 27th.

D.Bray.

## MOTHER'S UNION

At our next meeting on Tuesday 12th April we shall welcome as our speaker the Revd Margaret Taylor of Doddridge Memorial Church.

Would the ladies going to the Cathedral on Saturday 21st May, please give the coach fare of £2.50p to Margaret.

CHURCH and VILLAGE DIARY

APRIL

- Friday 1 GOOD FRIDAY  
9.00am Ceremonies of the day  
10.30am Family Service  
2.00pm Hour by the Cross
- Saturday 2 10.00am Church decoration
- Sunday 3 EASTER DAY  
9.30am Lighting of Paschal Candle,  
Holy Baptism, Family Communion  
& Parade Service  
Revelation 1.10-18 (A Currah)  
Matthew 28.1-10  
6.00pm Festal Evensong
- Monday 4 9.00am Holy Communion
- Tuesday 5 9.00am Holy Communion  
7.30pm W.I.
- Wednesday 6 9.00am Holy Communion
- Thursday 7 9.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 10 1st SUNDAY after EASTER  
9.30am Parish Communion &  
Children's Church  
I Cor 15.53-end (M Strange)  
John 6.32-40  
6.00pm Evensong
- Monday 11 2.30pm Over 60's Club
- Tuesday 12 2.30pm Mothers' Union
- Thursday 14 9.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 17 2nd SUNDAY after EASTER  
9.30am Parish Communion &  
Children's Church  
I Peter 5.1-11 (M Willmott)  
John 10.7-16  
6.00pm Evensong

DIARY contd

APRIL

Tuesday 19 8.00pm Festival Flower Meeting  
Thursday 21 9.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday 24 3rd SUNDAY after EASTER  
9.30am Parish Communion &  
Children's Church  
Colossians 3.1-11 (Z Hunwicks)  
John 14.1-11  
6.00pm Evensong  
Monday 25 2.30pm Over 60's Club  
Thursday 28 9.30am Holy Communion

MAY

Sunday 1 4th SUNDAY after EASTER  
9.30am Family Communion &  
Parade Service  
II Cor 4.13-5.5 (S Kidney)  
John 14.1-11  
6.00pm Evensong  
Tuesday 3 7.30pm W.I.

FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

February	21st	£144.15
	28th	£152.53
March	6th	£111.05
	13th	£178.35
	20th	£138.35