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NEWS



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Dear Friends at Ecton

Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia! These words will ring out in Churches throughout the World on Easter Day as we acclaim the presence of Jesus amongst us. We do this, of course, every Sunday, but Easter is a time for special thanksgivings and a reminder of the belief that is at the heart of our faith. Sin, Evil, Death and Separation are broken down and defeated and The Risen Christ is with us. Alleluia!

The miracle of The Resurrection of Christ is a mystery and gains nothing by being continually analysed and debated as it was recently in The General Synod. The greatest evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus is the reality of The Church and the faith by which we live. To walk with The Risen Christ and to know His presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion is a living experience and Easter is a time to celebrate that miracle of faith in all that God has done for us through Christ's sharing of our humanity.

Easter, like every season of our Christian Year, brings challenge as well as faith and comfort. If God who created us by His love and power has recreated us in Christ by that same power, we must respond with love and commitment and be willing to share the pain and suffering, even the rejection, that Christ bore for us. This is a continuing process in life and if we want to live with The Risen Christ we can not walk away from the suffering and redemptive work of Christ.

Churches will be full on Easter Day. More full than they have been during Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and perhaps this emphasizes the point I am making.

There was a mistake in my last letter. For Cardinal House read Cardinal Hume, the leader of the Roman Catholic church. It was my fault and I must in future be more careful in writing my letter.

Do have a happy Easter.

Your sincerely in Christ

 Norman Crowe .

Norman Crowe

RELIGION IN RUSSIA TODAY

Jane Ellis from Keston College, Europe's leading study centre for religion behind the Iron Curtain, is the guest speaker at an open meeting of the Deanery Synod.

Everyone is welcome to come along to what should be a very interesting meeting at All Saints Church, Wellingborough on Monday, 2nd April at 7.30 p.m.

Reverend Michael Webber

WHICH BONE?

Where there is a big job to be done, there can be four kinds of 'Bones'.

WISHBONES - people who want everyone else to do the work -

JAWBONES - people who talk a lot - but do very little else -

KNUCKLEBONES - people who 'knock' everything others try to do -

BACKBONES - people who roll up their sleeves and get on with the work.

Friends of Ecton School

Thanks to your outstanding support since the beginning of the school year we have been able to provide a number of "extras" for the pupils at the School.

The Nimbus computer and software are used daily.

The juniors went to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at the Derngate and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We have also been able to purchase some new reading materials, a construction set for the infant class and another gymnastics mat.

But..... the coffers are now empty!

With your help we hope to be able to fill them again!

We hope to be able to go to a Car Boot Sale after Easter, so if you have any unwanted items please bring them to the School or contact Mrs Stopps (tel: 409213) or myself (tel: 403049) and we will arrange collection.

We also hope to hold a large Raffle during the Summer term and any donations of prizes will be most welcome.

One of the parents at the School is going to be backpacking around the coast of Britain between Falmouth and Plymouth during Spring Bank Holiday week. He has kindly agreed to be sponsored and the School pupils will have sponsor forms after Easter.

Your generosity is very much appreciated by all the children at the School. Thank you for your continuing support.

Barbara Wheeler

A HOLY LAND HOLIDAY AND PILGRIMAGE

28TH APRIL - 8TH MAY 1991 (11 DAYS)

Visiting Netanya, Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Acre, Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. Capernaum, Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, Jerusalem, Negiddo, The Via Dolorosa, Bethlehem, Emmaus, Quinsau, The Dead Sea and Massada.

Further information next month.

Ring Canon Norman Crowe Tel: 0536 760820

Ecton Youth Club

Lunch Club is on Wednesday 25th April everyone is welcome. Jumble Sale on Saturday, 5th May at 2.00 p.m. If you have some jumble to be collected please contact Mary Beesley telephone Northampton 810577 or drop a note in to Sue Darwin's post box at 54 High Street, Ecton.

Mary Beesley

Ecton Village Playgroup

We would like to thank all those who supported the Pub Sports Night. We raised £100 for playgroup funds. It was a very enjoyable evening and the trophy was won by Margaret and Colin. We are still looking for another supervisor. If you are interested please contact Jan Lennon, Tel: 410658.

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Our Safari Supper raised the magnificent sum of £225 which was donated to Action Aid.

We have heard from Action Aid's Regional Organiser, Chris Davey, that the entire sum has been allocated to the Mozambique "Reviving Agriculture Project", ref. XMOP0119.

Full details of the project are available to anyone who would like a copy.

Chris would like to convey his thanks to everyone who contributed.

Pat Baylis

TONI AND JACK MAIN

We would like to thank everyone who has sent cards, prayed and given practical help whilst we were both in hospital and since.

Jack has now been transferred to Ecton Brook House to convalesce, while I rest at home before starting a months daily hospital treatment from 19th March.

Thank you one and all.

Toni

PARISH NOTES

Electoral Roll

The new roll which comes into effect on Sunday, 8th April contains exactly 100 names. A full list is displayed on the Church Notice Board, and if anyone still wishes to add their name to the roll they should contact Mary Dicks.

Only those whose names are already on the new roll are eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Sunday, 8th April, in Ecton House, although everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Flower Rota

You will see elsewhere in the magazine that the flower rota has a few gaps! If you would like to add your name to the list please do so or if you need further information please speak to Mary Strange.

Tower Restoration

Our contractors Bowden and Ward are about to commence work, and some scaffolding equipment has already been delivered. I would ask everyone who uses the Churchyard to exercise special care during the next few months.

It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of June.

A New Rector Soon?

Much water has flowed under the bridge since Trevor Willmott left Ecton last August. However, I am able to tell you that someone is now being considered for our Parish and it is hoped that positive news will be available within the next few weeks.

Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, 14th from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Everyone who would like to help is most welcome to come along. If you would just like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers please see Mary Strange.

Martin Stears

From The Collection Plate

February

18th	£135.17
25th	£173.90

March

4th	£211.51
11th	£194.50

READERS' DIARY

April

1st	Alice Adams
8th	Brenda Jones
15th	Henry Pinney
22nd	Dennis Strange
29th	Martin Stears

May

6th	Stan Kidney
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CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

This was the heading under which questions were raised about homosexuality and the priesthood. It would perhaps have been more accurate to make the heading "A Christian Viewpoint" because sincere Christians can hold apparently opposite points of view and in love and charity be one in Christ.

When the March magazine was published I was asked a question about this article in an informal conversation at the back of the Church. As a result of my reply I was asked to put a few thoughts in writing. I put it that way because this is not meant to be an authoritative statement by an acting temporary Rector, but a fellow Christian putting into writing his thoughts and understanding of his faith and priesthood in trying to grapple with a complex, perhaps almost insoluble problem in terms of knowing any final dogmatic answer. I believe the Bishops have a very difficult problem in trying to determine whether it is right to ordain people who are homosexual or lesbian.

In a long ministry I have known priests and lay folk who were very devout and committed whose sexual orientation was homosexual or lesbian. The discussion is about men and women and this is easily forgotten or ignored. Where they have been responsible and mature in their relationships I have been pleased to know them as fellow disciples of Christ and His Kingdom.

Over many years there has been much discussion as to whether homosexuality and lesbianism are the results of nature, that is, genes and chromosomes and the constitutional makeup of people, or nurture, that is, early relationships, family influences, schooling, etc. This has never been resolved. In my experience as a Counsellor I have come to the conclusion that it may be a bit of both.

Another question that is raised is, can it be changed by counselling and therapy, by prayer and discipline. All the evidence is that it is difficult, but I do know that the gifts and talents of people with this orientation bring to life, as do those who are heterosexual, many gifts, and there is no doubt that a richness and variety flows from people with both kinds of sexuality.

We must be careful about quoting the Old Testament. You might remember that a few Sundays ago the Old Testament lesson was Numbers 15:vs.32-46, which suggested that people should be killed for collecting sticks on the Sabbath day and this reflected a very persecutory kind of discipline that we inflicted on the Jewish people in their early days. Deuteronomy 23 also suggests that an illegitimate child can never have a relationship with God, read v.2. We have to study the Old Testament in its context and background and be prepared to look at our new understandings and new attitudes against our Christian backgrounds and the findings of our society.

One thing is sure if we are "In Christ", we are new creatures, as St Paul reminds us. Whether we are heterosexual, homosexual or lesbian, we have to be responsible and caring and not flaunt personal problems, nor push other people into the margins of society by quoting texts out of context and condemning people who are different to us and possibly make us feel uncomfortable. Jesus never did this, in fact he did the opposite and there are many accounts in the Gospel of him clashing with authority when he was in the company of publicans and sinners. Of course, the other great incident is the woman taken in adultery.

I quoted Deuteronomy Chapter 23:v.2 because the writer of the original article quoted the same chapter v.18. I am sure none of us would want to exclude a person from Christ's Kingdom because of the circumstances of their birth. The article also quotes Leviticus 20:v.7, v.27 of that same chapter was often quoted to justify witch-hunts. It says "A man or a woman that hath a familiar spirit or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: then blood shall be upon them." People judged to be in this category were burned to death in this country less than three hundred years ago and everyone is familiar with the fate of Joan of Arc. I hope this shows you that we must be very careful about quoting texts out of context, especially from the Old Testament and how, at certain points in history, society has used texts in order to be quite sadistic in dealing with other people.

Neither must Christians involve themselves in witch-hunts today, and much of the abuse that is directed towards individuals, such as homosexuals, lesbians and black people and other fringe groups, is of the witch-hunt kind. I hope these notes may help you to pray, to be responsible and caring and if you are left with the feeling of still being uncertain, test your attitudes by the New Commandment Jesus gave His disciples in St John 13: vs 34 and 35 "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

Norman Crowe

Archbishop Romero: Martyr for Liberation

The Last Homily

24 March 1980

This was the last homily of Archbishop Romero, given at 5 p.m. in the chapel at Divine Providence Hospital in San Salvador.

Through our various dealings with the publishing house of the newspaper *El Independiente*, I have been able to observe the filial sentiments of Doña Sara's children on the anniversary of their mother's death. Above all, I have seen the noble spirit that belonged to dear Doña Sara, who placed all her education and intelligence at the service of a cause that is so vital today: the true liberation of our people.

This afternoon, I believe that her brothers and sisters should not only pray for the eternal rest of their dear deceased one, but should especially heed her message, one that every Christian must live intensely. Many surprise us by thinking that Christianity should not meddle in these things, but our duty is the exact opposite.

You have just heard in the Lord's gospel that we must not love ourselves so much that we refrain from plunging into those risks history demands of us, and that those wanting to keep out of danger will lose their lives. On the other hand, those who surrender to the service of people through love of Christ will live like the grain of wheat that dies. It only apparently dies. If it were not to die, it would remain a solitary grain. The harvest comes because the grain of wheat dies. The earth allows itself to be sacrificed, broken; only in being broken does it produce the harvest.

I have chosen an excerpt from a Vatican II document that applies to dear Doña Sara now in heaven. It says this:

We know neither the moment of the consummation of the earth and of humanity nor the way the universe will be transformed. The form of this world, distorted by sin, is passing away and we are taught that God is preparing a new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, whose happiness will fill and surpass all the desires of peace arising in human hearts. Then with death conquered God's children will be raised in Christ and what was sown in weakness and dishonour will put on the imperishable: charity and its works will remain and all of creation, which God made for human beings, will be set free from its bondage to decay.

We are warned that it is of no value to us to win the whole world if we lose ourselves. Nonetheless, the hope of a new earth should not weaken, but reinvigorate, our concern to perfect this earth, where the body of the new human family is already growing, a body which can be a foreshadowing of the new age. So, although we have to make a careful distinction between temporal progress and the growth of Christ's kingdom, temporal progress, insofar as it may contribute to a better ordering of human society, is still of great importance to the kingdom of God.

When we have spread human dignity, unity and freedom — in a word, all the excellent fruits of nature and our effort — throughout the earth in the spirit of the Lord and in accord with his command, we will find that, when Christ surrenders the eternal and universal kingdom to the Father, they will be free of all stain, illuminated and transformed. 'His kingdom will be a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace; a kingdom of justice, love and peace'. The kingdom is already mysteriously present on our earth; when the Lord comes its perfection will be completed.

This hope comforts us as Christians. We know that every effort to improve society, above all when society is so full of injustice and sin, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God demands of us. And when one meets noble people like Doña Sarita, and sees her thinking embodied in little Jorge and in all those who work for these ideals, one must try to purify

these ideals in Christianity, yes, to wrap them in hope for what is beyond. Our good deeds are stronger if done with faith. We have the security of knowing that what we plant on earth, if we nourish it with Christian hope, will never fail; we will find our efforts purified in that kingdom where merit lies in what we have done on this earth.

I believe that it would be vain to aspire to great visions of hope and struggle on this anniversary. We simply and gratefully remember this noble woman who understood the restlessness of her son and of all who work for a better world, who knew as well how to plant her share of wheat grain in the suffering of the people. There is no doubt that Doña Sara's self-giving is the guarantee that her reward is heaven, the reward that must come for making the sacrifice and showing the understanding that many need at this moment in El Salvador.

I implore all of you, beloved brothers and sisters, to look at these things in their historical context, to have hope, joined with a spirit of surrender and sacrifice. We must do what we can. All of us can do something. First, from the outset, we must have a sense of understanding. Maybe this blessed woman that we are remembering today could not do things directly, but she inspired those who could by understanding their struggle, and above all, by praying.

And even after her death, she lives on and says from eternity that it is worth the effort to work for the kingdom. If we illuminate with Christian hope those longings for justice, peace and goodness that we still have on this earth, they will be realised. Those who have put into their work a feeling of great faith, of love for God, of hope for humanity, find all that work now overflowing in the splendours of a crown. Such has been the reward for all of those who do that work, watering the earth with truth, justice, love and kindness. These deeds are not lost; purified by the spirit of God, their effects are our reward.

This holy mass, this eucharist, is clearly an act of faith. Our Christian faith shows us that in this moment contention is changed into the body of the Lord who offers himself for the redemption of the world. In the chalice, the wine is transformed into the blood that was the price of salvation. May this body broken and this blood shed for human beings encourage us to give our body and blood up to suffering and pain, as Christ did

— not for self, but to bring justice and peace to our people. Let us be intimately united, then, in faith and hope at this moment of prayer for dear Doña Sara and for ourselves.

At this point Archbishop Romero was shot.

A small tribute to the memory of Archbishop Romero on the Tenth Anniversary of his death in El Salvador

The Revd. Terry Ensor
St. Benedict's Vicarage
Sentinel Road
West Hunsbury
Northampton

Cleaning Rota

April

7th	Alice and Wynne	(L)
14th	Mrs Wilson and Mrs Austin	(R)
21st	Mrs Robinson and Mrs Haycox	(L)
28th	Mrs L Johnson and Mrs Richards	(R)

May

6th	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Stears	(L)
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Sacristans Rota

April

7th	Mrs Wilson	(A)
14th	Mrs M Dicks and Mrs Harlott	(B)
21st	Mrs M Dicks and Mrs Harlott	(A)
28th	Mrs Treloar and Miss Gleave	(B)

May

6th	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Stears	(A)
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Coffee Rota

1 April Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
8 April Millie Harlot & Dora
15 April Celia & Howard Carter
22 April Alice & Wynn
29 April Volunteers Please.

6 May Nick & Mary Green

Flower Rota

April

7th	No Flowers in Lent
14th	Easter
21st	?
28th	?

May

6th	?
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Over 60's Club

Club Meeting will be on:

Monday, 9th April (AGM)
Monday, 23rd April

Whist Drive on Thursday, 19th April in Rectory
Room at 7.30 p.m.

Denise Langley

Memorandum

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafter, Carpenter Shop.

From: Jordan Management Consultants, Jerusalem.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; we have not only run the results through the computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capabilities.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James (the son of Alphaeus) and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale. One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All our other profiles are self explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely yours
Jordan Management Consultants.

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The AGM was held in February, when Mr. Paul Darwin was appointed Chairman, to replace the Rev. T. Willmott, with Mr. Brian Beck as Vice Chairman and Mrs. Hilary Kearsley as Secretary.

Fund raising has been active during the winter months and the Club is particularly indebted to Mrs. Sue Darwin who runs a meat raffle every Sunday lunchtime at the Three Horse Shoes.

The new draw pool is going very well and the February winners were:-

No.4 Mr. Loveland £20

No.84 Mr. C. Thorneycroft £10

It is not too late to join, tickets only £5 each.

The 1990 Cricket Season starts on Sunday 29th April, and the early fixtures are listed below:-

SUN.	APR.	29	Old Bradwell	at Old Bradwell
"	MAY	6	Mears Ashby	at Ecton
"	"	13	Harlestone	at Harlestone
WED.	"	16	Litchborough	at Ecton
SUN.	"	20	Little Harrowden	at Little Harrowden
TUE.	"	22	St. Crispins	at Ecton
SUN.	"	27	St. Michael's 74	at Ecton

If anyone is interested in becoming a member or a Vice-President of the Club, or would like to join the draw pool please contact:-

The Captain Steve Wheatman, 6 Frankins Close (401714)

The Treasurer Steve Richards, 8 Church View (Tel.405888)

Brian Saunders

BIBLE DAY

23rd JUNE 1990

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

10.30am to 4.30 pm

If you came to the Diocesan Bible Day in 1988, you will want to come again this year. If you missed it in 1988, you will want to come this time because others will have told you how much they gained from the last one.

Bible Day is for all. Come and take part.

The theme of the day is 'Praying with the Bible'.

We are fortunate in having as our speaker Fr. Michael Hollings, the distinguished author of many books on prayer and spirituality. He is the parish priest of St Mary of the Angels RC Church, Bayswater, London.

The outline of the Bible Day is as follows:-

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| 10.15 am | Arrival for registration. Coffee will be served. |
| 10.45 am | Prayer together |
| 11.00 am | First Address by Michael Hollings |
| 11.30 am | Silence - stay in seats to think about Scripture passage alone (A) |
| 11.45 am | Move to group venue |
| 12.00 pm | Discussion of Bible passage in pairs (B) |
| 12.15 pm | Discussion of same passage in groups, feeding in results from (A) and (B) |
| 1.00 pm | Picnic lunch in Cathedral Precincts |
| 2.00 pm | Second Address by Michael Hollings |
| 2.30 pm | Move to group venue |

2.45 pm
to 3.30 pm Discussion in groups

3.45 pm Prayer and reflection in the Cathedral,
ending about 4.15 pm

In addition there will be separate activities for children so family groups are strongly encouraged. There will be activities to suit all ages.

In preparation for the day, Michael Hollings suggests that individuals or parish groups might study one of the following books which he has written:

I Will Be There
or
Christ Died at Notting Hill

Lay leaders will be required for the discussion groups on the day itself. A Training Day will be provided in the Spring for all who are prepared to offer their services.

It would be helpful at this stage to have a rough idea of how many are likely to take part, together with the names of potential study group leaders.
Please return the attached reply slip to Canon Higham.

To: Canon J. Higham,
14 Minster Precincts, Peterborough, PE1 1XX

The Parish of hopes to join in the Bible day. We expect that about adults and children will take part.

The following lay people would be interested in serving as discussion group leaders and would be pleased to receive more information about what is involved.

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Signed

Women's Institute

"A time capsule of life in Tudor England" is the description given to the contents of The Mary Rose, the pride of Henry VIII's Navy which sank, fully armed for war and over-manned, in Plymouth Harbour on 15 July 1545 without having fired a shot. Mr P Ellement treated the March meeting to a wonderful journey in time with slides and tales of the circumstances which led to the sinking, of salvage work and of the equipment and personal belongings of the 700 who perished - a huge human loss when the whole population of England was only 3 to 4 million.

In these days of concern over conservation of rain forest, it was interesting to learn that in the 1500s up to 20 acres of oak woodland was required to build and fit a single ship the size of The Mary Rose and that during the 1740s there was a cutback in ship building due to a shortage of mature trees.

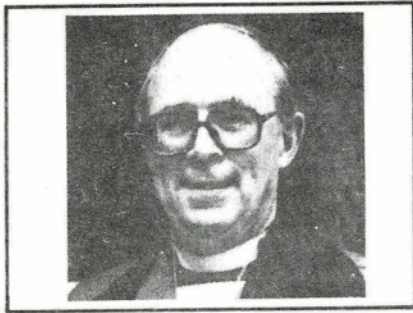
Cooks and diners alike in the audience were glad no longer to be dependent upon salted beef which, if properly prepared, was expected to last 40 years! Nor did the thought of "ship's biscuits infested with maggots being not unlike eating calves foot jelly" whet many appetites. However Mr Ellement certainly successfully conveyed the atmosphere of The Mary Rose Museum where the shell of the ship and many beautifully conserved articles are on view.

Winners of the competition for a "Photo of your Favourite Pet" were Dorothy Austin, Carol Jones and Paddy Macquire. Congratulations go to Dorothy Austin, who won the Northamptonshire WI Food and Farming Quiz with only 1 question wrong out of a difficult 50, and to Dorothy Cross, a runner up with 2 errors.

Our annual birthday party was a great success on 22nd February and thanks go to all the members who entertained the rest of us and to the staff at Ecton House for a sumptuous dinner.

The speaker at our April meeting on Tuesday 3rd will be Mr T Frost with a talk entitled "The amusing side of Upstairs Downstairs". The competition is for a "Short poem that you like".

Commandment Number Eight



Christmas came and with it the usual season of thieving.

We seem to take stealing for granted nowadays. Supermarkets recognise that they will have to write off so much stolen stock and people assume that a certain amount of pinching is normal at their work.

Our forefathers took it more seriously. The Prayer Book has a Service called The Communion containing the powerful phrase "cursed is he that removeth his neighbour's landmark" and even the version of the same service in 1928 has the bidding "Robbers and thieves and them that defraud, God shall judge".

We don't hear much of that sort of language nowadays, even though stealing is as much a plague as ever it was. In 1986, the police in England and Wales reported 3.8 million offences: two million of these were thefts or handling stolen goods. One of the biggest worries facing us is that so much of the stealing which goes on is carried out by children below teen years.

Christians, and other moralists, seem to talk about sex a great deal, but no-one ever says that stealing is wrong. No-one says that what you have pinched was obtained by somebody through work and effort and does matter to them. No-one says that by stealing you hurt somebody. It is one of those things that we all pass over, but a crime and sin it is.

"Thou shalt not steal ... You shall not steal": that is the eighth commandment.

Now I do not believe for a moment that quoting a Commandment or referring to God - our final Judge - will stop people who find it easier to thieve. I look at it another way. There are a lot of people who want to bring their children up to be decent and honest and straight. They want them to be able to look the world in the eye. They are doing their best for the children and whether they are members of a Church or not they deserve our support in saying to them that we believe that they are right and our belief is rooted in a conviction that respecting other people and what they have is the way God would have us live.

As I sit here writing this I have a sudden attack of nervousness for I do not remember in these past twenty years ever having heard or read words like this. Suddenly, panic comes upon me. Am I wrong?

No. It is the eighth commandment.

William:

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Enquiries: Tel: Northampton 407888.

CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

April

Sunday, 1st	<u>5th Sunday in Lent</u> <u>Passion Sunday</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Mark 10:32-45
	6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
Monday, 2nd	<u>Open Deanery Meeting on</u> <u>"Religion in Russia Today"</u> at All Saints Church, Wellingborough at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 3rd	7.30 p.m. WI
Thursday, 5th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Friday, 6th	Lent Group 8.00 p.m. at 34 West Street, Ecton.
Sunday, 8th	<u>Palm Sunday</u> 9.30 a.m. Procession and Parish Communion
	Isaiah 50:4-9a Mark 14:32-15:41
	6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Ecton House.

Church & Village Diary

- Monday, 9th 2.30 p.m. Over 60's
- Tuesday, 10th 2.30 p.m. Ecton Fellowship
- Thursday, 12th Maundy Thursday
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and
 Renewal of Ministerial Vows
 at St Mary's, Higham Ferrers.
 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion of
 the Last Supper.
 Followed by vigil of prayer
 until Midnight.
- Friday, 13th Good Friday
 10.30 a.m. Family Service
 2.00 p.m. Hour by the Cross
- Saturday, 14th 10.00 a.m. Decoration of
 Church
- Sunday, 15th Easter Day
 9.30 a.m. Lighting of the
 Paschal Candle. Renewal of
 Baptismal Vows, Family
 Communion and Parade Service
 1 Cor 15:12-20
 John 20:1-10
 6.00 p.m. Evensong
 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
- Wednesday, 18th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- Thursday, 19th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 7.30 p.m. Over 60's Whist
 Drive

Church & Village Diary

Sunday, 22nd	<u>1st Sunday after Easter</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Holy Baptism 1 Cor 15:53 to end John 6:32-40 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
Monday, 23rd	2.30 p.m. Over 60's
Wednesday, 25th	PCC Meeting in the Rectory Room at 8.00 p.m.
Thursday, 26th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday, 29th	<u>2nd Sunday after Easter</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion 1 Peter 5:1-11 John 10:7-16 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
<u>May</u>	
Tuesday, 1st	7.30 p.m. WI
Thursday, 3rd	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday, 6th	<u>3rd Sunday after Easter</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Parade Service Colossians 3:1-11 John 11:17-27 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- Parish Council Chairman Mr John E Beesley
Tel: Northampton 810577
- Ecton Primary School Headteacher Mrs Sarah Stopps
Tel: Northampton 409213
- Ecton Fellowship Contact Miss Joyce Orford
Tel: Northampton 414245
2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in
Rectory Room
- Ecton W.I Contact Mrs Millie Harlott
Tel: Northampton 405938
1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in
Rectory Room
- Over 60's Contact Mrs Denise Langley
Tel: Northampton 404173
Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in
Rectory Room
- Youth Club & Senior Club Contact Mrs M Beesley
Tel: Northampton 810577
Y.C Wednesday 7.00-9.00 p.m
S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall,
High Street, Ecton
- Mums & Tots Contact Mrs Jan Lennon
Tel: Northampton 410658
Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in
Rectory Room
- Playgroup Contact Mrs Jan Lennon
Tel: Northampton 410658
Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at
Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
- Cricket Club Captain Mr Steve Wheatman
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