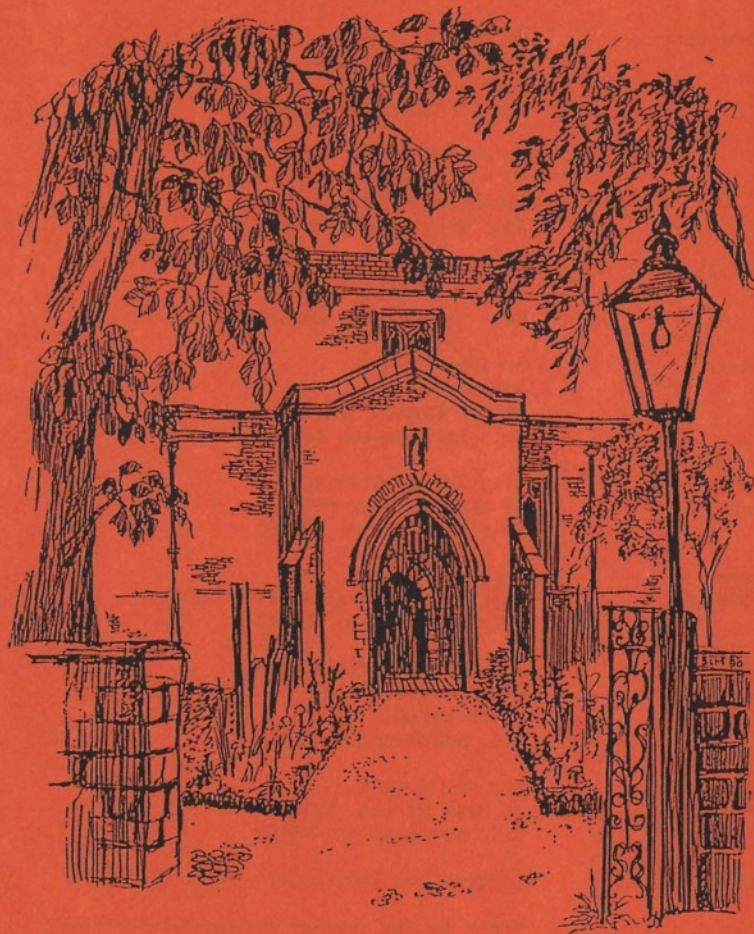


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Do you feel like an Easter person?

Can you talk of a change in your life for the better, either gradual or rapid, because of your commitment to God as a member of your Church?

There are people who know us, perhaps not professing a great faith who are dependent upon our witness to Christ. This is of a truth whether we like it or not. Some people will make a request, such as "say a prayer for me", or be upset if we do not go to Church when they know that it is a regular pattern in our life. We must not minimise the difficulties that lack of faith makes. What can we contribute as Easter people? I believe that Easter people should be showing the fruits of the Holy Spirit. There are 12 in number and simply to read the list as an aid for personal examination can be a moving experience. Let me remind you of them:

Love	Faith
Joy	Meekness
Peace	Patience
Long Suffering	Modesty
Gentleness	Temperance
Goodness	Chastity

Some people will say that the world would be a very different place if we all obeyed the 10 Commandments, and they would be right. But how much better a world would it be if we were all to encourage the growth within ourselves of these great spiritual fruits. During the

course of the year I intend to preach on each of them, because I believe that we need to set standards based on these qualities. Also we need to recognise who we are and what we are doing as Easter people. We now have the power to change. It comes from Jesus Christ the Crucified and Resurrected Lord. He went willing to the Cross in order to achieve a victory, and now it is possible to share in the benefits that have been won for us.

May I suggest that when you are saying your prayers you use this list of 12 fruits from the Holy Spirit and, if there is anything lacking, ask Jesus to help you to change for the better.

Expect to be a "fruity" sort of Christian who has experienced change for the better.

Every blessing.

Peter Naylor

#### FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

10th February	£211.90
17th February	£185.50
24th February	£138.00
3rd March	£138.38

## THE FLAME

There is a candle in the dark  
Quenched not  
    by tears of mine,  
Shining,  
    illuminate my soul,  
Matchlight  
    within the empty space  
I call my God.

There is a candle in the dark  
Disturbing  
    all the comforting I am,  
Lighting  
    my own existence  
Whispering  
    your God is yet unknown.

There is a candle in the dark  
Calling me  
    to step within the flame,  
Consuming  
    all I am and hope to be.  
Stillness  
    and all movement are as one

When candlelight and darkness are  
the same.

Shena Bell

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School welcomes children from 4 years until 10, rising 11, when they move on to Pathfinders. Sunday School usually takes place in the Rectory Room at 9.30 except for Sundays when there is a Parade Service.

The children start with a small act of worship and sing accompanied by a pianist. They then do an activity such as painting, printing or modelling etc. They go into Church for the final 5\6 minutes when they receive a blessing.

If anyone is interested, or indeed if anyone is interested in helping with the children, would they please contact Patricia Naylor on 416322.

## CLEANING ROTA

April 6th	Orange Team	Polish
April 13th	Blue Team	Shine
April 20th	Pink Team	Polish
April 27th	Yellow Team	Shine
May 4th	Red Team	Polish

## PRAYERS FOR APRIL

"That which is done through Love,  
with love, never hurts." - Pionions

Wind on the Sand

Mon	1	Pray for the Mums and Tots
Tue	2	Play group
Wed	3	Cricket Club
Thu	4	Brownies
Fri	5	Bell Ringers
Sat	6	Pathfinders
SUN	7	Sunday School
Mon	8	Saints & Martyrs of the Americas Martyrs of N. America 1642-49 St Rose of Lima 1617 St Elizabeth Seton 1821
Tue	9	William Law Mystic & Non-juror 1761 Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1945 Pastor & Theologian
Wed	10	Teilhard de Chardin Priest & Philosopher 1953
Thu	11	Rector and family and those working on the magazine
Fri	12	Church Wardens

Sat	13	Parochial Church Council Secretary and Treasurer
Sun	14	Stewardship and Electoral Roll Officers
Mon	15	The Children's Society
Tue	16	The Diocese of Peterborough
Wed	17	For Ecton Guild
Thu	18	For the Readers
Fri	19	For those who serve coffee
Sat	20	For those who arrange flowers
SUN	21	St Anselm - Archbishop of Canterbury Teach of the Faith 1109
Mon	22	For those with special needs
Tue	23	St George - Patron St of England Martyr 4th Century
Wed	24	Those who live in Franklin Close
Thu	25	ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
Fri	26	For those who live in West Street
Sat	27	For those who live in Church View
SUN	28	For those who live in Church Way
Mon	29	St Catherine of Siena - Mystic 1380
Tue	30	High Street and Caravan Park

# O P E R A T I O N   S P R I N G C L E A N

Saturday 20th April

Last year we had such an enjoyable morning that we feel sure that lots more of you will want to join in, so the parish council have taken the liberty of ordering more pairs of gloves and day-glo waistcoats to cope with the extra demand.

I'm not saying that we are aiming to collect more than last year's total of 93 black sacks of rubbish because to have that much lying about in a village the size of Ecton is disgraceful, but nevertheless I daresay we shall be approaching that total again!

Do come along to Ecton House at 9.30 am, we shall have some fun and a chat together. If we are lucky a cup of coffee will be available and if we are extra lucky and John Beesley and Gallones turn up we may have an ice cream!

Sheila Ingram

## W O M E N ' S   I N S T I T U T E

At the end of February we celebrated in true party style 70 years of WI in Ecton and it was a particular pleasure to share the celebrations with WI Northampton Federation Chairman, Mrs Winnie Shurville from Earls Barton. After a delicious dinner from the Ecton House kitchens we relaxed to nostalgic songs presented by a talented group from the Savoy Singers.

"What's the difference between an auricula and a primula?" Well, none really because auriculas are alpine members of the primula family. But what a stunning flower! The brilliant hues of the competition blooms he specialises in brought gasps of admiration from the ladies at our March meeting when Mr J Titcomb showed slides of some of his favourites during a talk on Fuchsias and Auriculas". His handy hints on propagating and caring for the more hardy fuchsia should ensure an abundance of prize winning specimens around Ecton this summer.

The competition winners with "A Flower from the Garden" were Mrs Carol Jones, Mrs Mavis Patten and Mrs Joy Wilson.

On the 2nd April Mrs M Pipe will talk on "Myths and Ghosts of Northants". The seasonal competition will be a "Decorated Egg for Easter".

**Carol Jones**

## RECTOR'S NOTES

I am most encouraged by the number of people who have shown interest in being Confirmed. The course will begin sometime after the Easter holidays and all those whose names are in my possession will be consulted. It is not too late to express an interest, remembering that you don't have to commit yourself to Confirmation until the very last moment. All of you doing is showing a willingness to be prepared.

This magazine is prepared at Ecton House by myself and my colleague, the Bursar. There are times when we are under great pressure simple because of the busyness of the House, together with Parish duties. It would be of great help to have someone who would, either take on the duties of Editor, or act as assistant to me. Otherwise this most useful journal will nearly always be produced under pressure suffering the consequences. We will to continue to prepare the magazine at Ecton House. All we need is someone to provide helpful support.

There have been some changes to the team at Ecton House. Sue Mitchell has been appointed Bursar and Chris Doddington the Housekeeper. These appointments will strengthen the team, with Marilyn Webster continuing as Cook, and Ian Birkin as Assistant Warden until his time with us comes to an end in the summer. These decisions have the full support of the Chairman and Management Committee.

It is pointless having a book stall at the back of the Church when we have one at Ecton House continually being replenished with books of a spiritual nature. There is nothing to prevent anyone who wishes to buy Christian literature from visiting Ecton House; preferably during the day time, when books may be purchased from the stall by the main staircase. You will find a box where you may leave your money.

To see young people in our Church always gives great pleasure, and it is especially pleasing to see the Sunday School growing, though at a modest pace. The happy faces of the children when they come into Church are a joy to see. There are few children in the village, but wherever they are we want them to know that a warm welcome awaits them here. Sunday School occurs on most Sundays in the month, at 9.30 a.m., and the person to get in touch with is Patricia Naylor on 0604 416322.

#### C O F F E E   R O T A

April 7th	Audrey Treloar and Ingrid Cartwright
April 14th	Millie Harlot and Dora
April 21st	Celia and Howard Carter
April 28th	Alice and Wynn
May 5th	Nick and Mary Green

## O V E R 6 0 ' S C L U B

There will be no meeting on April 1st as it is Easter Monday. The A.G.M. will take place on Monday 8th April when it is hoped that all members will be present. The other meetings will be on 15th and 29th April.

The last Whist Drive of the winter will be on Thursday, 25th April, in the Rectory Room - 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm.

On March 13th we held a Fish and Chip Supper followed by a sing sone, the piano being played by Mrs Clarke. We had an enjoyable evening.

Denise Langley

### P R A Y E R

Final fragments fading  
from past care.  
Depths of stillness deeps  
the silent prayer.  
Bird song fades and chill now  
is the air.  
Sunshine softens shadows  
into silence.  
Life and will surrender now  
in gladness.  
Soul give softly and with  
reverence.  
Worshipping God alone.

Shena Bell

## A PRAYER FOR THE BEREAVED

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh, as we always laughed, at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind, because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near: just around the corner. All is well.

Canon Henry Scott Holland 1847-1918

## READERS' DIARY

April 7th	Pathfinders
April 14th	Dennis Strange
April 21st	
April 28th	Jean Morrison
May 5th	Sunday School





## MAY

Thu	2	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sat	4	2.00 pm	Wedding
Sun	5	Rogation	Sunday
		9.30 am	Parish Communion and Parade Service Hosea 6.1-6 John 16.23b-33
		6.00 pm	Evensong
		7.00 pm	Pathfinders

## L O V E

And the music plays  
And the singer sings of love,  
First love and loss  
Unending bliss and tearful sighs.  
But I sing of a love  
Beyond these things:  
Love torn through days  
And nights  
Of dark despair  
And long hours filled  
With grains of misery.  
And the heart fills  
With a love beyond knowing,  
Of sorrow and pain  
For the wild world and its woes.  
But I cry of a love  
Before these things.  
A father weeping for his son  
A mother for her stillborn child,  
And God for his creation.

Shena Bell

## D A Y B R E A K

Quietly the mornings falter,  
Summer light  
Makes way for autumn chill.  
Quietly, unprotestingly,  
My racing heart  
Stills.  
False sunlight wakes me  
Hours late,  
Promising the same old promise,  
Whispering of God.  
And in the stillness of my heart  
I find no answer.  
No echo to respond.  
I turn away  
Mind, heart, soul.  
Voices stir  
sunlight fades,  
Morning conquers daybreak.  
Same old motions  
Dim the light within my mind.  
And stepping from my room  
To write or pray  
The silence enters,  
And still, beyond the dust  
Of half forgotten longings,  
There is God.

Shena Bell

## PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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Ecton Fellowship	<b>Contact</b>	Miss Joyce Orford Tel: Northampton 414245 2nd Tuesday in month 7.30 pm in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I.	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Every Thursday 2.30 - 4.00 pm in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Tuesday and Friday 9.15 - 11.45 am at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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Brownies	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Tricia Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
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