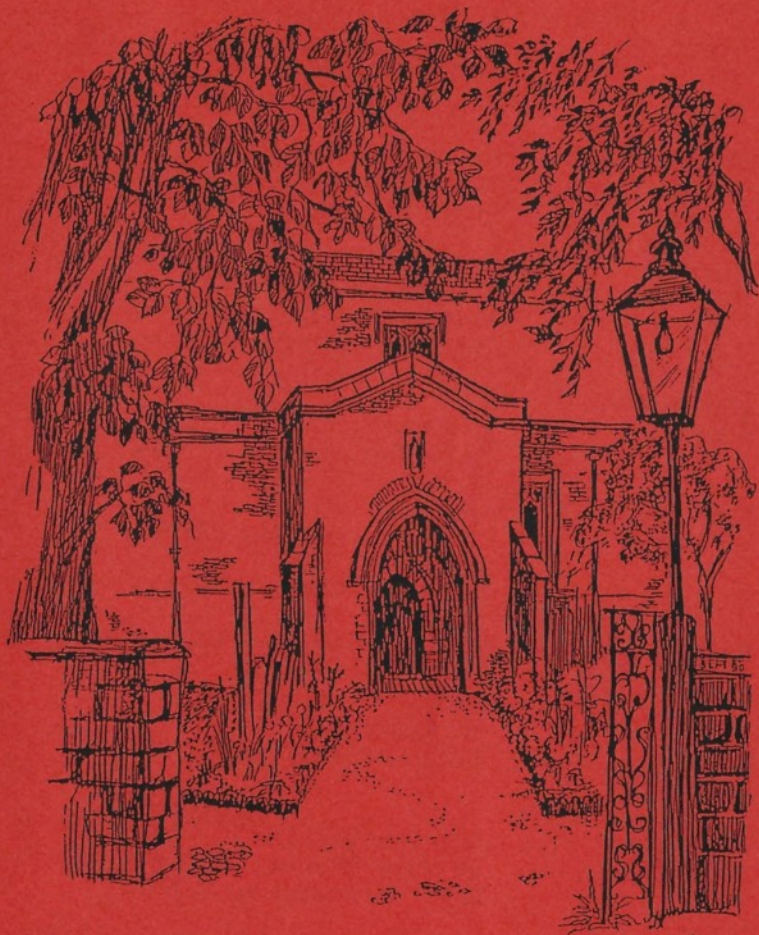


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



December 1990 - January 1991

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19.11.90

From the Rectors Study



I cannot imagine that there are many Churches where there will not be a crib this Christmas time. Even churches of Evangelical tradition will have no qualms about setting the scene of the nativity with the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus, Shepherds and Wisemen, not forgetting the animals. I am certain that many of us can take such a scene for granted and forget this most powerful imagery. The nativity scene tells of the birth of Jesus the son of God to Mary a young Jewish woman approximately 2,000 years ago in a place called Bethlehem. Joseph stands protecting and caring as he was wont to do for some years ahead.

In our Parish Church at Ecton we will have our crib. Two men in the congregation will prepare it with loving attention to detail. At the great festival we will gather together singing carols of great joy and affirming our bonding with God through Jesus and with each other. May I suggest that we all look intently into the crib but this time as if we were seeing it for the first. Gaze into the crib and ask the questions "What does this mean?" and "What difference does it make to my life?" Above all in a world spoilt by violence and hatred this wonderful picture of God's love should colour all our thinking and move our lives towards a greater holiness.

The times of the services are printed elsewhere. Bring your relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues at work, indeed anyone you know who would welcome the opportunity to share in one of our Christmas acts of worship. There is no need to be shy as a warm welcome awaits you in our beautiful Church.

Patricia and I welcome this opportunity to wish you a happy, holy and homely Christmas and New Year.



BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The sum collected this year in Ecton for the Poppy Appeal was £147.81p.

Many thanks to all who gave so generously, thanks also go to the collectors Marian Gleave, Graham Day, Leslie Murdin and Maurice Richards and also to the Three Horseshoes and the World's End for their support.

Sylvia Johnson.

Ecton School

Just to let you know that this year the school Christmas performance will be in Church on Friday, 16th December at 1.30 p.m. This will be followed by the Friends Christmas Bazaar in School, when you can purchase those last minute gifts for friends you had forgotten about. You can also see the unique Ecton C P School Christmas decorations (Regent Street; Piffle!).

This year the school is having a traditional nativity in Church and as it is my last Christmas as Headteacher at Ecton, I would be delighted to see again all of you who have supported the school so well during my six years here. If you've been before you know it's always a pleasing experience, if you've missed out come along and enjoy the pleasure and fun of children at their best.

Looking forward to seeing you, best wishes for the coming celebrations.

Denis Lennon

From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

October

7th Iona Maria Topham

November

6th Liam Adrian Stones
6th Alexander Luke Green

Ecton Youth Club

The Committee of the Youth Club wish to thank everyone who took part and gave things for our Mini Market.

A most successful and enjoyable two hours were had by one and all plus we made £160.30 for our building fund.

Thank you everyone for your help and support. Our Christmas Lunch Club will be on Wednesday, 19th December and we will have a raffle.

Mary Beesley

11-14? PATHFINDERS

Pathfinders provides the opportunity for 10-14 year olds to meet together and participate in a varied programme of Christian learning, worship and teaching. Our Sunday evening sessions are held in Ecton House from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. each week.

We use a variety of approaches, such as games, discussions, videos, drama, quizzes, music and prayer to involve everyone. The group is open to all between the ages of 10 and 14, for further details contact Graham Jordan on Northampton 410255. We would also be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to help with the running of the group.

Graham Jordan .

Rector's Notes

One of the most demanding jobs in any Parish is that of editor of the magazine. The time has come for Kathy Stears to retire after a number of years of sitting in the hot seat. This is her last edition and I express deepest gratitude to her for all that she has done with, of course, the support of Martin. As there is no one who is readily available to take her place I have decided that I shall act as editor until her replacement can be found. Material for the magazine should continue to be left at Ecton House clearly marked "For the Editor, Parish Magazine".

At the last Parochial Church Council it was decided to purchase 20 new copies of the Book of Common Prayer. These are now in use. I am writing to ask if anyone would like to contribute towards the cost which is £4.75 per book. Each purchaser has the opportunity of having their name or the names of a loved one inscribed on a special book plate.

Many of you have expressed delight at seeing the two Stears' brothers learning to serve under the expert tutorage of Leslie Murdin. We congratulate them and trust they will benefit from this highly privileged role in the worship of the church. Leslie's knowledge and demeanour as a server of long standing is in the classic tradition of all that is best in Church of England liturgy.

The work of the Ecton Church Guild is already seen to be producing excellent results. Recent visitors have been highly complimentary on the state of our church. Also we must not forget the chaps who work in the graveyard which is one of the best kept I have ever seen. This, of course, is all for God's glory and not ours.

Finally, will you all remember in your prayers the need for a person with the right qualities to be appointed organist and choirmaster.



Christmas Flowers

Our Church will be beautifully decorated for Christmas and if you wish to make a contribution towards the cost of flowers please hand it to either Pat Bayliss or me, preferably after one of the services on Sunday, 1st December, in an envelope clearly marked "Flowers for Christmas".

The All Saints Supper was held on Thursday 1st November to raise funds for the purchase of cleaning materials and equipment.

The evening was very well attended. After a glass of mulled wine or fruit cup, we were served with cottage pie or a vegetarian curry. The meal was rounded off with a choice of apple tart or pumpkin pie. Ecton house was suitably adorned with pumpkin faces.

After dinner we were entertained by the Laurence Lloyd singers led by Stephen Meakins. They presented a programme of religious (and Irreligious?) music. Finally, the Rector supervised the raffle prize giving; an impressive range of prizes - both quality and quantity.

A very big thank you to all who helped to provide food, drinks and raffle prizes, to the men on the bar, and the ladies serving in the kitchen, and a special thank you to Stephen Meakins and his choir who donated their services.

It was a very successful and enjoyable evening. We raised £229- 44; this will enable us to buy an industrial cleaner for the church. Finally, thank you to all who turned up for the event to give it such a pleasant atmosphere.

Patricia Naylor



ECTON CHURCH GUILD ROTA

December

1st	Orange Team	Shine
8th	Blue Team	Polish
15th	Pink Team	Shine
22nd	Yellow Team	Polish
29th	Red Team	Shine

January

5th	Green Team	Polish
12th	Orange Team	Shine
19th	Blue Team	Polish
26th	Pink Team	Shine

February

2nd	Yellow Team	Polish
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Coffee Rota

2 Dec	Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
9 Dec	Millie Harlot & Dora
16 Dec	Celia & Howard Carter
23 Dec	Alice & Wynn
30 Dec	The coffee rota needs volunteers. Please contact Trevor Hunwicks.

6 Jan	Nick & Mary Green
13 Jan	Tricia Fuller
20 Jan	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
27 Jan	Johann Pinney & Pat Baylis

3 Feb	Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
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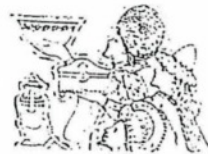
CAROL SINGING

We will be Carol Singing around the village on Friday 21st December.

Anyone wishing to join us, please meet at Ecton House at 6.30pm and bring a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.

Hot Soup will be served afterwards at Ecton House.

Readers Diary



December

2nd	Graham Jordan
9th	Eric Dickins
16th	Brenda Jones

Ecton Village Playgroup



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Will be held on Saturday, 1st December at
2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. in the Rectory Room.

All welcome.

Attractions will include:

Cake Stall
Handicrafts
Raffle
and Father Christmas



Church and Village Diary

DECEMBER

- Sunday, 2nd 1st Sunday in Advent
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
and Parade Service
Isaiah 52:7-10
Luke 21:25-33
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
- Monday, 3rd Holy Communion in House
Chapel 7.50 a.m.
Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 4th WI 7.30 p.m.
- Thursday, 6th Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Over 60's Whist Drive 7.15
p.m.
- Sunday, 9th 2nd Sunday in Advent
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
2 Timothy 3:14-45
John 5 36b to end
- 6.00 p.m. Christingle
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
- Monday, 10th Holy Communion in House
Chapel 7.50 a.m.
- Thursday, 13th Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
- Friday, 14th Over 60's Christmas Dinner
- Sunday, 16th 3rd Sunday in Advent
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
1 Cor 4:1-5
John 1:19-28
- 6.00 p.m. Carol Service
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders

Monday, 17th	Holy Communion in House Chapel 7.50 a.m. Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 19th	Lunch Club Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 20th	Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Friday, 21st	Carol Singing around the village 6.30 p.m.
Sunday 23rd	<u>4th Sunday in Advent</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Isaiah 11:1-9 Luke 1:26-38a 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
Monday, 24th	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> Holy Communion in House Chapel 7.50 a.m. Midnight Service 11.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 25th	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> 9.30 a.m. Family Communion
Wednesday, 26th	<u>St Stephen the First Martyr</u> Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Thursday, 27th	<u>St John the Evangelist</u> Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Friday, 28th	<u>Holy Innocents</u> Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 30th	<u>Sunday after Christmas</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Isaiah 7:10-14 John 1:14-18 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders



Monday, 31st Holy Communion in House
 chapel 7.50 a.m.

JANUARY

Tuesday, 1st Circumcision of Christ
 Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
 in Church

Thursday, 3rd Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, 6th Epiphany
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
 and Parade Service
 Isaiah 60:1-9
 Matthew 2:1-12

6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders

Monday, 7th Holy Communion in House
 Chapel 7.50 a.m.
 Over 60's 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th Ecton Fellowship 2.30 p.m.
 WI 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 10th Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, 13th 1st Sunday after Epiphany
 9.30 a.m. Parish communion
 Romans 12:1-5
 Luke 2:41-52

6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders

Friday, 18th to 25th	Week of Christian Unity
Sunday, 20th	<u>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Romans 12:6-16a John 2:1-11 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
Monday, 21st	Holy Communion in House Chapel 7.50 a.m. Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
Thursday, 24th	Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
Friday, 25th	<u>Conversion of St Paul</u> Holy Communion 7.30 p.m. in Church
Sunday 27th	<u>Septuagesima</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Genesis 1:1-5 Matthew 20:1-16
Monday, 28th	Holy Communion in House Chapel 7.50 a.m.
Thursday, 31st	Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
Sunday, 3rd	<u>Sexagesima</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Parade Service Genesis 3:9-19 Luke 8:4-15 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders

Monday, 4th	Holy Communion in House Chapel 7.50 a.m. Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 5th	WI 7.30 p.m.

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The end of season annual dinner was held at the Worlds End on 30th October. The President, John Beesley, presented the batting award to Malcolm Kearsley, and the bowling award to Arun Shah.

During the winter the Club attends the indoor cricket nets at Weavers Sports Centre, Wellingborough, on alternate Thursday evenings. If there are any school boys who would like to attend they would be very welcome to join us, and should contact the Captain, Steve Wheatman, tel. 401714.

Recent Pools winners were:-

Sept.	Mr. F. Davis	No.61	£20
	Mr. M. Bullock	" 129	£10
Oct.	Mrs. D. Creed	" 123	£20
	Mrs. A. Saunders	" 110	£10

The December Pool with prizes of £50 and £25, will be drawn at the Three Horseshoes at lunch-time on Sunday, 23rd December.

If you are not already a member of the monthly Pool and would like to try your luck in 1991 please contact Steve Wheatman (Captain).

Brian Saunders

Over 60's Club

On 16th October 53 members and friends visited the Derngate Theatre to see Annie Get Your Gun. The show was enjoyed by all.

Our Monday meetings are:

3rd December
17th December
7th January - Talk on health by Mrs P Naylor
21st January
4th February

On Thursday, 6th December there will be a Christmas Whist Drive - 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. in the Rectory Room. All welcome.

Christmas Dinner Friday, 14th December at Ecton House (members only) at 6.00 p.m.

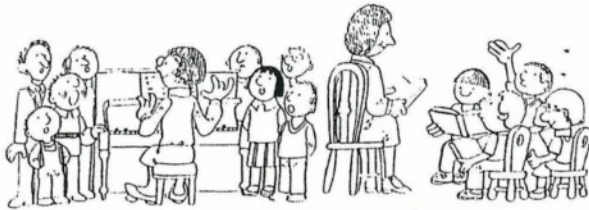
Whist Drive on 24th January in Rectory Room - 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Denise Langley

JOHN COLLIP

I would like to thank the many friends of my Husband, John, for their kind messages, letters, cards and flowers, also the donations for Cancer Research. Thanks also to the Reverend Peter Naylor for his beautiful service, help and kindness shown in our sad loss.

Eileen and David and his Wife Helen.



Sunday School - Welcomes all children between the ages of 4 and 10 years. We meet in the Rectory Room between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. each Sunday, except the first in the month, when we attend the Family Service in the Church.

Through hearing the Bible Stories the children learn the history of God's saving purpose and the power of His love shown in the life of Jesus.

They discover the family of the Church by joining the Services and make friends with other children also growing up here.

PLEASE pray for all those either teaching in or attending the Sunday School.

Thank you - Patricia Naylor (0604) 416322

The Creche Corner - in the Church are toys and books for children of all ages - which are for use during the Services. Parents are invited either to sit with their children in the creche corner or to take the toys into the pews.

Women's Institute

A real feast for sore eyes and inspiration for the cooks was offered to those who, forsaking the fireworks, made the trip to Moulton College on the 5th of November to savour Mrs Black's mouth-watering suggestions for "Christmas Fare". I wonder how many have since wrestled with delicate sheets of filo? Or plan to bake their Christmas tree decorations?

We look forward to welcoming Miss Church from Church's China to the next meeting on Tuesday 4th December. Please note that subscriptions are due and make a point of seeing Marion Gleave during the meeting.

CAROL JONES

From the Collection Plate

September

9th	£177.55
16th	£176.06
23rd	£188.30
30th	£222.58

October

7th	£306.18
14th	£173.37
21st	£216.10
28th	£212.85

November

4th	£225.25
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Ecton Fellowship

This months Ecton Fellowship meeting is on Tuesday, 11th December from 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. It is our Christmas Party - we shall have carols and tea. Great Billing Fellowship will be joining us.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in festive joy!

Our meeting for January is on Tuesday, 8th January at 2.30 p.m. The Major of Wellingborough is coming to see us. Please come along and join us even if you are not a member.

Joan Dickins

A Preparation for Christmas

You are invited to an Advent Carol Service in Ecton Parish Church on Sunday, 16th December 1990, at 6 p.m. This is a glorious opportunity to prepare for Christmas. Bring your family, friends and neighbours. Traditional Advent Carols for the congregation to sing with gusto, and the voices of the Laurence Lloyd Singers in harmony, as they render seasonal choral pieces.

TOOLS FOR SELF-RELIANCE!

TFSR collects, renovates and ships abroad tools required for local communities in the Third World. The renovating is done by the Camp Hill Community, Milton Keynes.

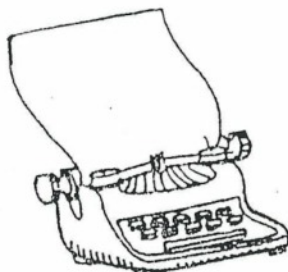
Required are:

Garden Tools
Building Tools
Agricultural Tools
Sewing Machines (hand)
Scissors, etc

This effort is supported by Julius Nyevere, Trevor Huddleston, Richard Briers and Lenny Henry.

If you have any tools which can be renovated please leave, at 2 Church Way, Ecton, or telephone (0604) 415576.

Joan Dickins



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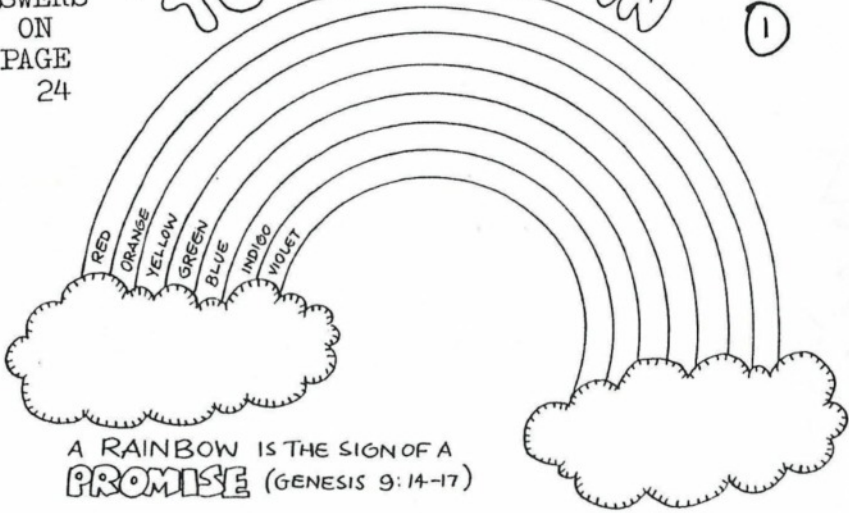
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Children's PUZZLES

ANSWERS
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TO COLOUR IN

1



A RAINBOW IS THE SIGN OF A
PROMISE (GENESIS 9:14-17)

Verse 15: A flood _____

MATCH THESE SHOES...

2



NOW LOOK UP **EPHESIANS 6:15** ... PAUL TELLS US TO WEAR

SHOES OF THE O6OD SNWE FO EPCAE

unscramble
the
letters

ON OUR FEET!

21

wear them
today!



③
It's in
Matthew 6:
19-21

RICHES

A C E H I N O P R S T U V

CHOOSE THE MATCHING JEWELS TO FIND JESUS' MESSAGE...

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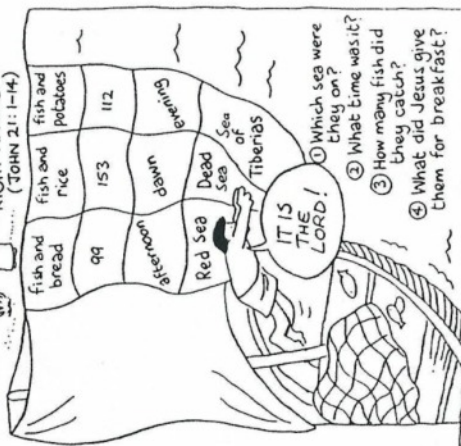
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HELP PETER TO SWIM TO JESUS...

COLOUR IN THE
RIGHT ANSWERS
(JOHN 21: 1-14)



And this happened AFTER Jesus had been crucified — so it proved that he was

LAVIE GAANI!

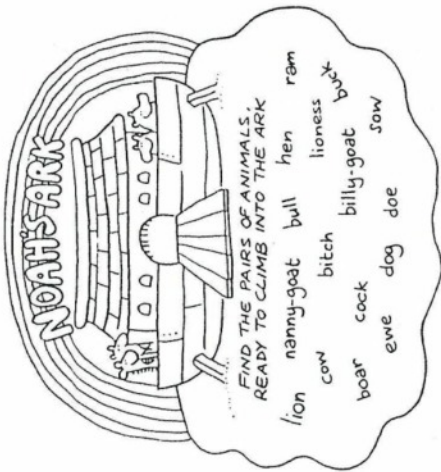
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FAMILY

WHAT KIND OF WORD

WHICH FATHER IS:

- FATHER-- -- behaving like a father
- FATHER----- -- Santa Claus
- FATHER /- /- -- the father of one's husband or wife
- FATHER'S --- -- a day in June when fathers are honoured



ANSWERS

①

Answer: will never
again destroy all living beings.

②

Answer: Good News of Peace.

③

Answer: Store up riches in heaven.

④

Answer: Carpenter, Healer, Teacher.

⑤

Solution

1. FATHERLY
2. FATHER CHRISTMAS
3. FATHER-IN-LAW
4. FATHER'S DAY



PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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Tel: Northampton 409213
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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 Julie Meakins
Tel: Northampton 411140
Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in
Rectory Room
- Playgroup Contact Mrs Julie Meakins
Tel: Northampton 411140
Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at
Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
- Cricket Club Captain Mr Steve Wheatman
Tel: 401714
Secretary Mrs H Kearsley
Tel: 810922
- Brownies Contact Mrs Tricia Fuller
Tel: Northampton 403137
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Tel: Northampton 409306
- Pathfinders Contact Mr Graham Jordan
Tel: Northampton 410255

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