

ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS





June 1988

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

"We are fellow members of the Church of England and that very name declares our responsibility not just to parts of England, but to the whole of it."

So begins the Pastoral Letter issued recently by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and printed in full elsewhere in this magazine. That letter, together with the great service in Westminster Abbey, launched the Church Urban Fund, which will bring much needed resource to the deprived areas of our Country.

But the claim to be the Church OF England demands some explanation, both to the Country and to the Church. First to the Country; social disintegration has reached a point in some areas that there is a prevailing sense of powerlessness and despair. Faith in Christ demands that all who follow Him must be prepared to serve the needs of those who are outcast and underprivileged. The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that it was the outsider, and not the religious people, who came to the aid of the man who fell among thieves. If we are to be the Church OF England, then we must be involved in the material, as well as the spiritual, needs of its' people. The Church's message to our Country is a firm determination to be involved, and responsible, for the poor, the sick, and the vulnerable, as much as for the rich, the healthy and the secure. If that decision brings us into conflict with any one political stance, then so be it, since the

Church's gospel speaks of an ending of division, and the building of a single new humanity in Christ. "We cannot envisage a Christian concern which leaves out of account the physical and social conditions under which people actually live".

Secondly, to the Church: If we are to be the Church of England then our worshipping congregations must realise that the Church does not belong to them alone. At times our worship, and approach, can be such that people feel alienated from the life of the Church. The Church door which should welcome the outsider, can so easily appear as the most difficult step for some to cross. The worship of the church should be seen as opportunities of witness and service to Christ's people.

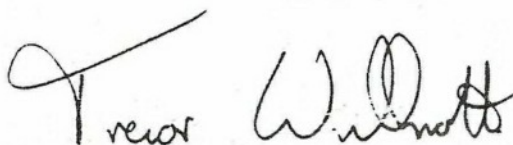
I am saddened then to see Churches which put such barriers in people's way, so that having a child baptised can sometimes seem like a series of obstacles determined to drive them away. Baptism, marriage, funeral, are not owned by the Church, but are gifts of God for the life of His people.

Such claims lay a heavy burden upon all of us who would be part of the Church of England. At times we will be unpopular for speaking out about social ills and problems which can separate community from community, or North from South. Equally, the Church can sometimes seem to those who have been long-time members of it, more concerned with the needs of those who don't belong, than with the building-up of its' own membership. Again, the decision to create the Church Urban Fund may not have won total acceptance within the life of the Church, yet I believe that we are called to a new sense of generosity and concern for the whole of our Country at a time when division and separation are becoming more the norm for some of our communities.

In the life of Ecton, we have already responded to this challenge in terms of our twinning with the parish of St Thomas's Seaforth in Liverpool. I have pointed out on several other occasions that we have much to learn from that community in Liverpool, as much, if not more than we have to give them. Such a relationship should not be seen in terms of the rich and confident, giving charity to the poor, but rather a mutual sharing of faith and action within the world which God had made. We shall deepen our relationships with St Thomas's Seaforth by our visit there on 20th/21st August. It will be an opportunity for us to see the glories of

Liverpool and to share in worship with our fellow Christians. If anyone is interested in joining that party, please let me know as soon as possible.

At our Diocesan Synod last Saturday, a decision was made to set up a small working group of people within the Diocese whose job it will be to bring the work and concerns of the Church Urban Fund into the life of our own Diocese and Parishes. Our Diocese is committed to raising £300,000 towards that fund, and I am confident that with generous heart and mind, we shall easily attain that total. The will to change the life of our Country is laid upon all those who would follow Christ, let us pray for the resolve to carry out that action.



RECTOR

I CUT MY FINGER the other day, and after putting a plaster on it I found it very awkward to do quite simple jobs.

Isn't it amazing that the tips of our fingers are all different. As every detective knows, the patterns of whirls and lines differ even from the fingertips of our mother or father.

I sometimes wonder: how can God bother with all the people in the world, millions of them? Then I find it reassuring to know, that he loves us so much, that when he created us he took the

FAITH AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

trouble to give each person a unique character — even to the detail of the lines that make up fingerprints . . .

If you follow the tradition of putting your hands together in prayer, it can serve as a reminder that you are the only person on God's world with that particular set of fingerprints pressed together in prayer! God is listening to YOU — individually.



THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th June at 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory Room. We shall be watching a video about Commissioner Catherine Branwell-Booth. She is interviewed about the Salvation Army and its' founder, her Grandfather William Booth.

ECTON VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

We will be attending the PPA Teddy Bears Picnic in Abington Park on Wednesday, 15th June. If anyone wishes to join us for the afternoon then please contact: M Tinston Telephone 412233 or Y Miller Telephone 416339.

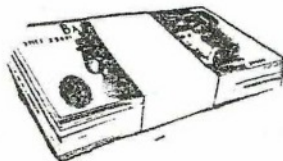
HOUSE GROUP

The Parish's monthly House Group is proving both popular and stimulating. Our next Meeting is on Wednesday, 15th June at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Dennis and Sylvia Strange (76 Ecton Lane, Sywell), and will include supper, compline and a Bible Study. Meetings are also planned for Wednesday, 20th July and Wednesday, 24th August.

ALL ARE VERY WARMLY WELCOME

FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

17th April		£204.56
24th April		£141.00
1st May		£149.61
8th May		£165.82
15th May		£155.06



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PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS
OF CANTERBURY AND YORK TO BE READ IN ALL CHURCHES
ON SUNDAY 24 APRIL 1988

Greetings in the name of Christ.

We are fellow members of the Church of England and that very name declares our responsibility not just to parts of England but to the whole of it.

So when parts are in need we cannot ignore them. That is the situation now. The report "Faith in the City" diagnosed the urgent and serious needs of our inner cities and urban priority areas.

The Church of England is there in those areas and has been from the beginning. We cannot and will not withdraw from them. Already there are heroic examples to inspire us. It is on this foundation we shall advance in evangelism, pastoral care and community action. A new future is possible.

The Church Urban Fund, launched last Wednesday, is a response of hope, faith and love. It is an initiative which has the support of fellow Christians with whom, in these urban areas, we are working together as closely as anywhere in the country. It is a step which has won all round political support. It is a move which will enable the local Church to meet the needs which they know best of all.

Together we are to create a Fund sufficiently large to enable many projects to go ahead and workers to be financed for years to come. We owe this to the dedicated clergy and lay people living in areas of physical decay, financial hardship and high unemployment but often sustained by a faith, a resilience and a spirituality that is an example to us all. The Fund will stand with them and support them.

The investment of money in the Fund is an investment for Our Lord and His mission, with the dividend being found in the lives of people and the transformation of communities. We ask all Church members, wherever they are, to share with us in this venture with vision, prayer and generosity.

We believe this Fund to be a cause which will renew our confidence in the unity of our Church as we work with all those who long for a sense of one nation within this land. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

May God bless our endeavours and be with you all

ROBERT CANTUAR

JOHN EBOR

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

May is the month in the WI calendar when Resolutions to be put forward at the AGM in the Albert Hall are first discussed by the 9,000 WI's all over the British Isles.

Mrs Joyce Haynes spoke with great interest about the five current Resolutions. She remarked that "WI's views are taken seriously by the authorities, and the Annual Meeting in London serves to air those views -- to name just a few:

1. More council houses were asked for in 1917.
2. More telephone kiosks in 1957, and
3. In 1988 we urged the introduction of random breath tests to help prevent the number of injuries on the road....."

The Meeting ended with a Quiz.

On 7th June Mr Denis Nichols is talking about "Collectables and Bygones" which sounds very interesting. The competition we hope will provide interest when members are asked to bring along a (small!) Bygone. Visitors to this Meeting will be most welcome.

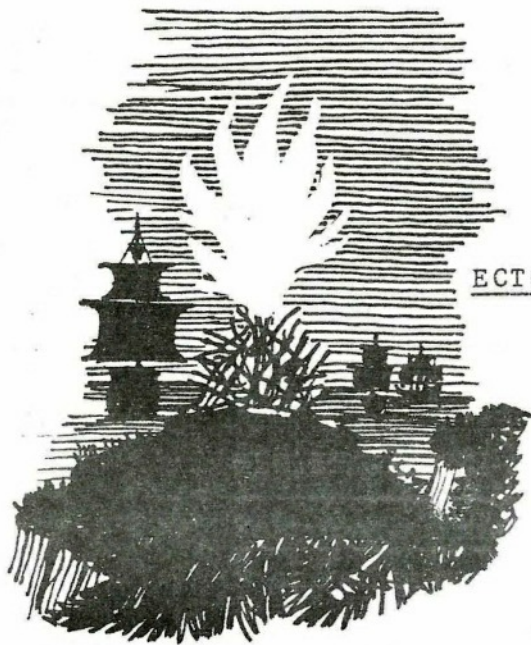
(A Reminder to members requiring bulbs, please send in your orders before 29th June.)

J KNIGHT

MUMS AND TOTS ROTA

2nd June
9th June
16th June
23rd June
30th June

Joy Day
Linda Richards
Gerry Collins
Jan Lennon
Margaret Willmott



ECTON ARMADA BEACON FESTIVAL

15TH-17TH JULY 1988

FRIDAY, 15TH JULY

All Day Please:

Help Required with:

Tree Lights
Erection of Stalls
Tables and Chairs
Flower Festival

EVENING

1st Formal Event

Beacon Extravaganza

£4 per Head

1. Pig Roast
2. Dancing
3. Firework Display
(10 p.m.)

SATURDAY, 16TH JULY

Event

Flower Festival
Rectory Farm Dancers
Bouncy Castle

Dancing (Brownies)

Lunches/Teas/Bar

Recorder Group
Fancy Dress
Exhibition (Rectory
Room)
Play (Children's
Church)
Skittles (Cricket
Club)

Stalls

Garden Produce
Eggs and Honey
Cakes

White Elephant

Handicrafts
Tombola
Pocket Money Stall
Raffle
Home Made Toys

Knitting Patterns
and Cushion Covers
Fancy Goods

Contact

Brian Saunders
Mr and Mrs Cunningham
Mrs Cross and
Mrs Maud Dicks
Mrs Murdin and
Mrs Treloar
Mrs Rands
Mrs Baylis
Janet Hanna
Margaret Willmott
Mavis Patten and
Margaret Willmott
Brownies

All stalls will welcome contributions!
White Elephant donations can be left at
Ecton House.

Handicrafts would welcome knitting wools,
pieces of material - no matter how small or
large, and wooden coat-hangers.

SATURDAY EVENING

Elizabethan Banquet

SUNDAY, 17TH JULY

9.30 a.m.

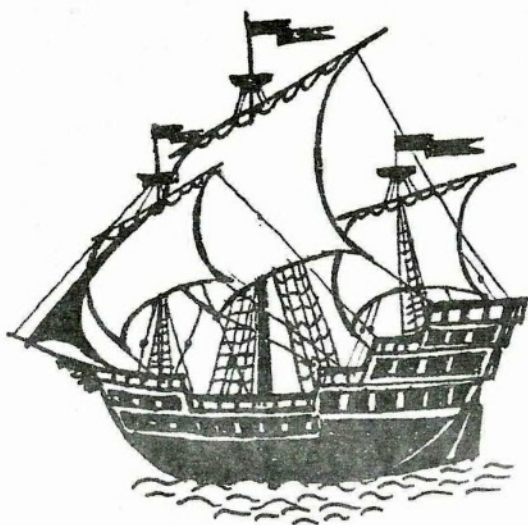
Church Service in
Marquee

All Afternoon

Stalls, Flower Festival
Punch and Judy, Morris Men
Hand Bells, Brass Band
Teas/Bar

6.00 p.m.

Festival Evensong



ECTON FESTIVAL TICKETS

FRIDAY, 15TH JULY

BEACON EXTRAVAGANZA
8.00 p.m.

Pig Roast, Family Dance
and Firework Display

Tickets £4

Trevor Hunwicks (406203)
Margaret Tinston (412233)
Jane in the Hair Salon (405007)
Andrew Currah (406442)

SATURDAY, 16TH JULY

ELIZABETHAN BANQUET
8.00 p.m.

Tickets £10

Julie Meakins (411140)
Paddy MacQuire (407788)

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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

RECTOR'S NOTES

With our thoughts much on the Festival, it's a good time to say "thank you" to everyone who has helped so far - to those who helped with the Jumble Sale, to Rodney and Sheila Ingram for the successful plant sale, and to Freda Richards and Edna Welch for organising such an enjoyable Scrabble evening - all of which have considerably added to the Funds.

Details of the House Group Meetings, for June, July and August appear in the calendar. To date we have discussed Baptism, and the call to Mission, both of which subjects have provoked much conversation. If you would like to know more, come and join the Group.

Now to the Festival The broad plans are now well in place. We urgently need you to help make the various events known, and to join us in the celebrations. Raffle tickets are now on sale, with the best list of prizes ever, and tickets are still only 10p each. Many offers of help have been made for the stalls and food arrangements, but there are still vacancies if you haven't yet made your offer. The main aim is to have a good time, welcome people to the life of the Church and Village, and raise some money towards the next stage of the tower restoration programme. Let's pray for fine weather and plenty of people.

For the future, on 3rd July I shall be taking part in the Ordination Service in our Cathedral at Peterborough. Andrew Currah will lead our 9.30 a.m. Service, which will also be the monthly Parade Service for our Brownies and Guides. Communion will be at 6.00 p.m. in place of Evensong. John and Linda Oliver's Daughter, Charlotte, will be baptised at 3.30 p.m. that day.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

At Lamport Hall on Saturday, 9th July

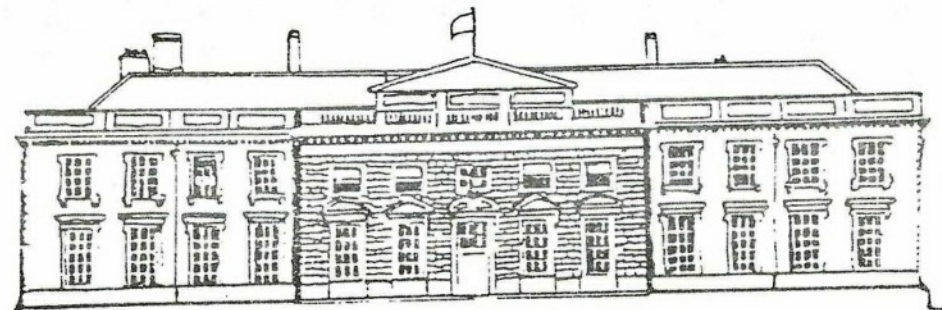
- A FESTIVAL for the — FAMILY
— PARISH
— DIOCESE with
- TALKS and SEMINARS in the House
 - DISPLAYS and EXHIBITIONS in the Stables
 - CHOIRS/MUSIC in the Courtyard
 - CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
- AND ALSO (at no extra cost)
- conducted tour of the House
 - splendid gardens
 - nature trail
 - picnic area
 - ample parking

Displays and activities
from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

ENTRANCE ONLY

£1.00 per car.

£10.00 per coach.



Lamport Hall

RED CROSS COLLECTION

May I thank you all for your generous donations when we collected for the Red Cross. The total received was £80, an increase of £13 on last years total.

Sylvia Johnson

RECIPE CORNER

Oaty Date Triangles

8 ozs Chopped Dates
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pt Orange Juice
6 ozs Margarine
6 ozs Demerara Sugar
4 level tblsps Golden Syrup
3 ozs Porridge Oats
1 oz Plain Flour

Grease & line a 11" x 7" tin
Set oven 180c, 350f, gas 4

Put dates & orange juice in pan & bring to the boil. Reduce heat & simmer for 10 mins, until thick & pulpy. Leave to cool.

Gently heat the marg, sugar & syrup in pan until sugar has melted. Remove from heat, stir in the oats & flour. Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ the oat mixture over base of tin, press down well. Spread with date mixture, then cover with remaining oat mixture. Press down well.

Bake in centre of oven for 25-30 mins
Cut into triangles when cold.

WAS IT YOU?

Comrades and Supporters.

A bottle of champagne and a lovely yellow chrysanthemum pot plant were amongst the gifts I received on 17th April but neither had a label.

Forgive my not being able to recall who gave them to me but I was overwhelmed with kindness and generosity that day.

Will whoever is responsible please "stake" a claim as I would like to thank you personally.

ALICE ADAMS

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

We had a very enjoyable time at Sywell Motel, after lunch we were able to walk around and visit the workshop.

In June there will be Meetings on the 6th and 20th. On Monday, 13th June we are again invited for tea by Mrs Beesley. We shall have a Bring and Buy Stall as usual.

The coach trip to Prickwillow is on Wednesday, 29th June. The fare is £2, I still am waiting for the price of meal. Please let Mrs Reynolds or myself have names.

EDNA WELCH

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Over the last month our project has really come to fruition.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped with both the Jumble Sale (£155) and the Coffee with Cake Morning (£105). Surely the Lord must have heard my prayers when two consecutive Saturday mornings arrived warm and sunny. Both occasions provided the opportunity to meet together and enjoy ourselves whilst raising money to swell the Festival Fund.

Money off coupons are still being collected and to date we have almost £50 in groceries for Mrs Cunningham to sell will the eggs and honey on her stall.

If I haven't accosted you personally yet, then one last request, please will you give me one of your favourite family recipes, sweet or savoury. This will be the last "Something for Nothing" before the Festival and together the recipes will be bound into an Ecton Cookery Book.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE IS 5TH JUNE
SO DON'T FORGET!

Please hand to Sheila Ingram or drop into 17 West Street.

READERS ROTA

5th June
12th June
19th June
26th June
2nd July

Mavis Patten
Maurice Jones
David Stears
Les Mitchell
Richard Stears

hair



NORTHAMPTON ACTION AID GROUP
FRENCH QUARTER PRESENT A
hair and fashion show
AT EGTON HOUSE - CHURCH WAY - EGTON
THURSDAY 2 JUNE 1988 FROM 8 PM
TICKET £3 TO INCLUDE WINE & CHEESE

TICKETS FROM
PAT BAYLIS 407707 and
SHEILA INGRAM 406038



fashion

FLOWER FESTIVAL

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st June at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. Will all arrangers please bring a note of what flowers they will require, to enable us to order early from the florist.



WANTED

Have you any Pot Plants we may borrow, to fill in odd corners in the Church? We promise to return them after the Weekend. Please let us know.

EDNA AND FREDA

COFFEE ROTA

5th June	Johan Pinney & Pat Baylis
12th June	Marian Gleave & Sylvia Johnson
19th June	Audrey Treloar & Millie Harlott
26th June	Alice & Wynne
3rd July	Nick & Mary Green

FLOWER ROTA

4th June	Janet Robinson
11th June	Janet Robinson
18th June	Dorothy Cross
25th June	Dorothy Cross
2nd July	Paddy MacQuire

CLEANING ROTA

4th June	Mrs Harlot and Mrs Wright (L)
11th June	Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hunwicks (R)
18th June	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Stears (L)
25th June	Mrs Robinson and Mrs Haycox (R)
2nd July	Mrs L Johnson and Mrs Richards (L)

SACRISTANS ROTA

4th June	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Van Leersum
11th June	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Van Leersum
18th June	Mrs Aveyard and Mrs Maud Dicks
25th June	Mrs Aveyard and Mrs Maud Dicks
2nd July	Mrs Cross and Mrs Mary Dicks

WANTED: A volunteer is needed to replace Saskia Van Leersum on this Rota. Please speak to Margaret Willmott or Pat Baylis if you can help.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

MAY

Sunday 29 1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church
Ephesians 1.3-14 (A Currah)
John 14.8-17
6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

JUNE

Thursday 2 9.00am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Hair and Fashion Show
for Action Aid

Sunday 5 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Family Communion and
Parade Service
Acts 2.37-end (M Patten)
Luke 14.15-24
6.00pm Evensong

Monday 6 2.30pm Over 60's Club

Tuesday 7 7.30pm W.I.

Thursday 9 9.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church
Acts 4.8-12 (M Jones)
Luke 8.41-end
6.00pm Evensong

Tuesday 14 2.30pm Mothers' Union

Wednesday 15 8.00pm House Group

Thursday 16 8.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church
Acts 8.26-38
Luke 15.1-10
6.00pm Evensong

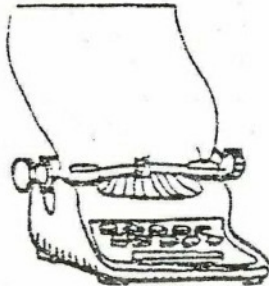
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JUNE

Monday 20 2.30pm Over 60's Club
Tuesday 21 7.30pm Flower Festival Meeting
Thursday 23 8.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church
Acts 11.4-18 (M Mitchell)
Luke 10.1-12
6.00pm Evensong

JULY

Sunday 3 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
9.30am Morning Prayer and
Parade Service
3.30pm Holy Baptism
6.00pm Holy Communion



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COPY FOR THE JULY AND AUGUST MAGAZINE

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