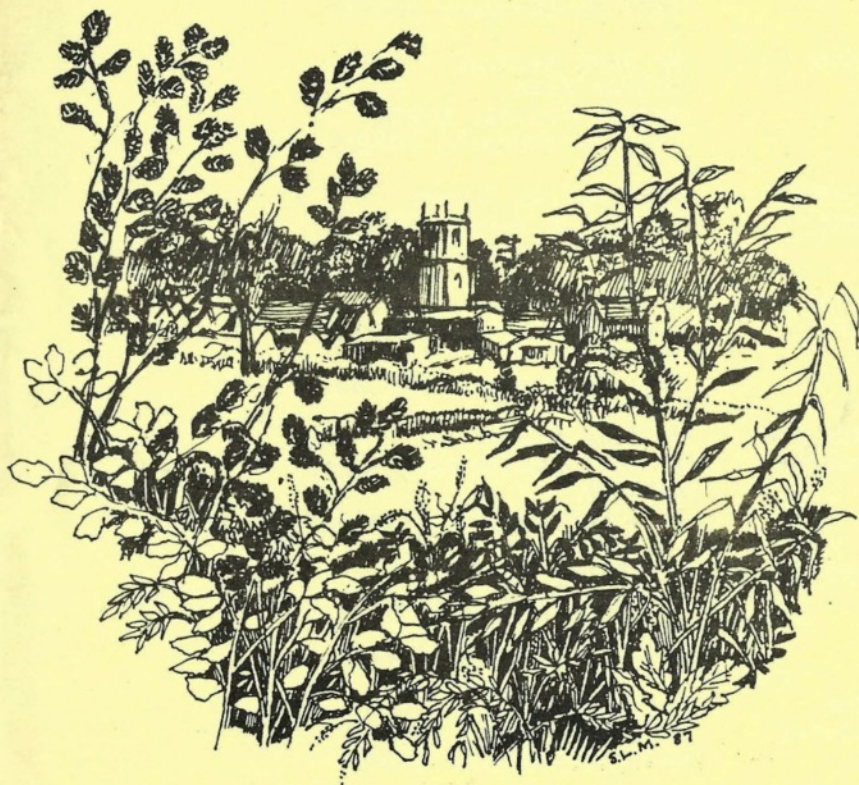


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



MAY 1990

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(during interregnum)

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Dear Friends at Ecton

May is full of opportunities for worship and practical work in our following of Christ.

Christian Aid Week has become an established part of our ecumenical work in the united church and I think can be seen as the practical expression of united missionary outreach in the World. Christian Aid projects are all administered by local churches in various parts of the World and are funded by Christians of every denomination through House to House collections, Lent projects and other money-raising efforts. We all have a chance to play our part during Christian Aid Week which begins on 14th May. Do respond by taking out and collecting envelopes and do pray for a needy work and a movement towards greater sharing and concern for our stewardship of the resources of the World.

St Matthias the Apostle is remembered on 14th May and his day is a reminder to us that God does not leave himself without people to serve him in spite of treachery and betrayal. You will recall that Matthias was called to replace Judas Iscariot. We have occasions when we betray our Lord and are ashamed of our treachery but Christ renews us through forgiveness. Christ also raises up others to serve him and we must always be on the look out to welcome the newcomer and the stranger as potential disciples of Christ.

Ascension Day is one of the greatest festivals of our Christian Year. Falling as it does on a Thursday, it is always in danger of being neglected. Do remember 24th May at 7.30 p.m. when we shall celebrate the festival of Christ the King. Christ reigns and we need to remind ourselves of this day by day when easily we think that politicians, economists and the many human influences hold sway in the World.

All these influence the circumstances of our lives but our faith is in Christ and His Kingdom and the future as well as the present are the things we emphasize in our worship on Ascension Day.

I have a busy time ahead being in Norway during this month with the Leicestershire Regiment at Lillehammer to remember the events of 50 years ago and the events of the overthrow of Norway and the sacrifices of British Troops.

I am also leading a Holiday and pilgrimage to Jordan returning on 2nd May. You will be in my prayers and thoughts, please pray for me.

Yours sincerely in Christ.



Norman Crowe

SIDESMAN'S ROTA FOR 1990

	<u>Parish Communion</u>	<u>Evensong</u>
1st Sunday	John Strange Martin Stears	David Cross Sylvia Johnson
2nd Sunday	Henry Pinney Sheila Ingram	Joy Wilson Henry Pinney
3rd Sunday	Trevor Hunwicks Maurice Jones	Sylvia Johnson Alice Adams
4th Sunday	Brian Saunders Sylvia Johnson	Martin Stears David Cross
5th Sunday	David Dicks Alice Adams	Joy Wilson Stephen Meakins

PARISH NOTES

A New Parish for Reverend John Evans

John Evans has been one of those kind clergy who have helped us out Sunday by Sunday during the Interregnum. I am very happy to report that John has been appointed Rector of Greens Norton with Bradden and Litchborough, and he will be instituted by Bishop Paul Barber at Bradden Parish Church on Tuesday, 3rd July. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and his family at this time.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We were delighted to welcome our Rural Dean Haydon Smart who so ably chaired this years meeting held on Sunday, 8th April. The following are the major matters discussed:

1. Elections

Deanery Synod Representatives: (automatically members of the PCC)

Sylvia Johnson
Marion Gleave

PCC Membership:

David Cross Brian Saunders
Stephen Meakins Jean Morrison
Trevor Hunwicks

Our grateful thanks go to Pat Baylis and Joy Wilson who retired from the PCC this year, for all the hard work and support they give to the Parish, which I am sure they will continue to give for many years to come.

The new electoral roll that came into effect on 8th April contains 100 names. If you would like your name to be added to the roll please contact Mary Dicks.

2. Henry Pinney reported on the Parish affairs since the last AGM.

INTRODUCTION:

In the absence of a Rector due to the interregnum, the Churchwardens are pleased to report on the situation concerning our church and parish.

When Trevor reported at our A.P.M. in 1989 little did we realise that within a few short months he and Margaret would be leaving us. We have now been on our "own" for seven months, and with God's help we are surviving!

In point of fact, life has gone on very much as before. We were fearful that we would perhaps lose some members of our congregation but in fact attendance figures are much the same as they were a year ago. That is most encouraging and it proves that everyone is fully committed to preserving the life of our church and parish, and we are both most grateful for this.

PASTORAL CARE:

We wondered how we would cope with obtaining clergy and Readers to officiate at our Sunday services of Parish Communion and Evensong, and also services of Holy Communion on Thursday mornings. In this we have received loyal support and help from the Rural Dean, the Reverend Haydn Smart; the Reverend Michael Webber who has looked after the services of Holy Communion on Thursday mornings, and also baptisms, weddings, and funeral services. He has also been kind enough to take Holy Communion to sick parishioners in their own homes. No fewer than nine different clergy have taken our Parish Communion services, but we feel that one person Canon Norman Crowe, deserves our special thanks. He has truly become "one of us", and his very friendly help and guidance has been an inspiration to us all.

PATHFINDERS CLUB:

We are very grateful to Mary Strange who had the foresight to form a 'Pathfinders' Club for children aged 10 to 14. It is affiliated to the "Church Pastoral Aids Society" to promote Christian teaching and help children to cope with life's problems. The club meets on Sunday evenings and the children enjoy a social and friendly atmosphere. The help given by Richard Mayne and Pat Bayliss is also very much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We were very sorry to learn that Toni Main was admitted to hospital and recently underwent an operation. However, we are very pleased and relieved to hear that she is now back at home and making progress. Her husband, Jack, is far from well, and is being looked after in Ecton Brook

House. Our prayers are needed for both of them. Toni feels unable to continue the responsibility of running the Childrens' Church, but we feel sure that Toni would like to continue her association with the children. Our warmest thanks are extended to Gwen Douglas and Trudi Wright for their help and support.

GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES

The number of Girl Guides and Brownies attending church parades remain encouraging. We are delighted to see them and hope that they will continue to support the aims of Guides and Brownies. They will certainly find that the training which they receive will help them as they grow older and face lifes problems. We thank Tricia Fuller and her assistants for their unstinted devotion to the cause of Girl Guides and Brownies.

GIVING - FINANCIAL

During the year the PCC donated £925 or 10% of our total income to various charitable causes.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our social activities followed our usual pattern, chiefly the very successful Harvest Supper followed by the sale of produce and gifts which realised the splendid sum of £120. This was donated to the Safari supper proved a great success, in fact it seemed to go better than ever before. Our grateful thanks to Sheila Ingram and Zara Hunwicks for all their hard work and to all those who contributed to ensuring the success of these ventures.

CHURCH FABRIC

We hope that the restoration work on the three lower sections of the church tower will commence very soon, and all being well the work will be completed in August 1990. This work will complete our commitments from the last quinquennial report, however, the next report is due this year and we just hope that we are awarded a clean bill of health!

INTERREGNUM

We are very hopeful that the person we have in mind to be our new Rector will soon be appointed. We are quite sure that he will look after the pastoral needs of all sections of our community.

3. Following the unanimous approval of the 1989 Accounts a vote of thanks to our Treasurer, John Strange, was recorded for his excellent Stewardship during the year.

Conclusion

It was disappointing that so few were able to attend this years meeting, and I hope that more of you will be able to come next year.

Easter Flowers

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard on Saturday to make the Church look so splendid for Easter Day, keeping up the fine Ecton tradition. We are again most grateful to David Wilson and Geoff Harlott for preparing the Easter Garden.

A New Rector Soon?

Following my comment in last months magazine there is still no official news, but Henry and I live in hope!!

Flower Rota

It does appear that we won't have many flowers in Church over the next few weeks unless we can find some volunteers.

Martin Stears

Flower Rota

MAY

5th ?
12th ?
19th ?
26th Toni Main

JUNE

2nd ?

COPY FOR JUNE MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House by 13th May 1990.

Enquiries: Telephone Northampton 407888

A HOLIDAY AND PILGRIMAGE IN THE HOLY LAND

To visit the Holy Land has been called "The Journey of a lifetime". We are arranging a Pilgrimage and Holiday from 28th April to 8th May 1991 and an Interest Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 5th June at 7.30 p.m. at Church House, Barton Seagrave, Kettering, which is just by Wicksteed Park. Slides will be shown and the itinerary discussed.

The Holy Land is about the size of Wales, distances are not great and there is much to see, and an itinerary needs to be planned wisely with time for relaxation and contemplation as well as visiting the Holy Places.

The Pilgrimage will include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Emmaus, Bethany, Jericho, the Dead Sea and Masada, Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, Mount Tabor (The Transfiguration). We travel to Tiberias and The Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. A journey through the Gadarene country will take us to the Pilgrims Baptismal Site on the banks of the River Jordan and the Boat Trip across the Sea of Galilee gives us an opportunity to stop for a time of devotion.

The Golan Heights and Caesarea Philippi (where Peter recognised Our Lord as the Messiah) in the north takes us through some of the most beautiful country in the whole of the Holy Land. Visiting Acre gives us an opportunity to see the ancient port and underground Crusader City. We shall also visit Haifa and Mount Carmel and see Elijah's cave before moving on to Netanya, a beautiful Mediterranean resort, to relax and contemplate before our return.

April is a good time to go, with temperatures around 75 deg.F. and the alpine flowers in bloom. The cost is £698, which includes Half Board in 3-star hotels, Insurance, Flights and Airport Taxes, getting to and from the airport and entrance fees and gratuities.

I underline this because most holidays do not include all these items and you can find there is an additional £75 to add to the quoted price. You will only need to provide yourself with a midday snack at a cost of £4-£5 and there are just 2 optional items - Masada, which costs £20 and The Golan Heights and Caesarea Philippi, which costs £14, and so the whole pilgrimage and holiday will cost about £800.

Safety and security is not a problem. I was there last year and a friend of mine returned recently having had no problems. We shall be welcomed by Jews and Arabs and thousands will tour in 1990 and we can be quite relaxed in making plans for 1991.

Those who wish to come will be asked to fill in an Interest Registration Form. Firm bookings will be taken in October, when a deposit of £70 will be required, and the balance will be payable towards the end of February 1991.

Do think about coming, it will be the chance of a lifetime, as well as The Spiritual Journey of a lifetime.

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THE SPASTICS SOCIETY

The recent village collection for the Spastics Society raised £88.70. Many thanks to all those who gave to this cause. Thanks are also due to our two extra helpers, Joan Dickins and Marion Gleave.

Carol Jones and Mary Dicks

Ecton Fellowship

There will be no meeting of the Fellowship in May as the Over 60's Club are away on holiday.

The Fellowship outing this year will be to Brigstock Herb Farm on Tuesday 10th July leaving Ecton House at 5.00 p.m. After a "look round" the Herb Farm, light refreshments will be served. The estimated cost of coach and visit with refreshments will be £3.20 each. Coach leaves to return at 8.00 p.m. number are limited to 30. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to come. Husbands welcome!

Ecton Womens Fellowship invites all who have hearing difficulties or who may be interested in the treatments available, to come to their meeting at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th June 1990 in the Rectory Room.

The Speaker will be Sarah Quinton, Senior Audiology Technician to the Northampton Health Authority, and a video presented by Siemens, entitled "A better life through clearer hearing", will be shown.

All are welcome.

HOUSE GROUP

The next meeting will be Thursday, 17th May at 7.30 p.m. in Ecton House.

The Group now has 16 or so members and we are beginning to grow in numbers and faith. We need to decide how we are to progress so do please come along if you are interested. Soup and cheese will be served at 7.30 p.m.

Mary Strange

Over 60's Club

The AGM was held on 9th April. Mrs Beesley reported that 1989 had been a good year apart from the fact that the Secretary, Mrs E Welch, had resigned due to ill health. Outings had continued as usual and plans had been made for 1990. The membership of the Club is about 40 and it is to be regretted that younger people do not join.

The membership fee is to remain at £2.50 and is now due. New members would be very welcome.

Meetings on 7th and 21st May.

Denise Langley

From The Collection Plate

<u>MARCH</u>		<u>APRIL</u>	
18th	£107.89	1st	£226.49
25th	£172.40	8th	£182.95
		15th	£262.19

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- 1 I had no shoes and I complained until I met a man who had no feet.
- 2 Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open.
- 3 Some people try to get even with those who have done them a wrong. Why not try to get even with those who have done you a kindness?
- 4 Worry often consists of a lot of troubles that never happen.
- 5 We are not put on this earth to see through one another but to see one another through.
- 6 We are not what we think we are; but what we think, we are.
- 7 If every other Briton were just like me, What sort of Britain would our Britain be?
- 8 Lord, make us not like porridge, thick and stodgy, but like Cornflakes, crisp and ready to serve.
- 9 We are each of us a small mirror in which God looks for his reflection.
- 10 Beware of half-truths. You may have the wrong half.
- 11 Consider the postage stamp: it's usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.
- 12 Aim higher - there's plenty of room at the top.

This story concerns four people - Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but in the end Nobody did it. Everybody got very angry over this because it was really Somebody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but Nobody realised that Anybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody had asked Anybody!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Nell Mallard, who has lived in the village since her marriage to Walter in Ecton Church in December 1946, was the guest at our April Meeting. She told parts of the tale of her eventful life. From family life on Sumatra with the Dutch East India Company, periodic home leave in Holland and boarding school on Java she followed with normal concern and interest events of the 2nd World War until the bombing of Pearl Harbour and Japan's invasion of the East Indies brought action terrifyingly close. She and her parents were all separately interned in Japanese camps.

Though mercifully they were not physically abused by their captors, the meagre diet, forced performance of futile tasks, the monotony and complete isolation from the outside World all took their toll. After three and a half years and the Japanese surrender there was a curious interlude of Indonesian revolution when the Japanese had to protect them from the locals before their final release to her amazement, by British - not American - troops. United by the Red Cross with her parents, relief was short-lived as it was impossible to remain and they returned to Holland as refugees. Nell is able to speak of this terrible time with a humour and forgiveness, which impressed us all. We understand why she never plays bridge and yes, she said "Tenko" is very realistic.

Winners of the competition for "A short poem that you like" were Margaret Scott, Vera Middleton and Carol Jones.

Mrs Haines will be addressing the next meeting on Tuesday, 1st May about "AGM Resolutions" for the 1990 conference on protection of the Antarctic and the use of BST to enhance the milk yield of dairy cattle. These are both interesting and environmentally important topics, so come along and make your views known. The competition is for "The Prettiest Handkerchief".

Cleaning Rota

MAY

5th	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Stears	(L)
12th	Mrs A Johnson, Mrs Rands and Mrs W Johnson	(R)
19th	Mrs Dicks and Mrs Cartwright	(L)
26th	Mrs Harlott and Mrs Wright	(R)

JUNE

2nd	Alice and Wynne	(L)
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MAY

5th	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Stears	(A)
12th	Mrs Baylis and Mrs Stears	(B)
19th	Mrs Cross and Mrs Dicks	(A)
26th	Mrs Cross and Mrs Dicks	(B)

JUNE

2nd	Mrs Treloar and Miss Gleave	(A)
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ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Help is required in the regular clearing of litter and broken glass from the Village Play Field. The bus shelters also require cleaning on a weekly basis.

The Parish Council would be pleased to hear from a Resident willing to undertake these duties.

Payment to be agreed.

Please contact the Parish Clerk by telephoning 845224.

CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

MAY

- Tuesday, 1st 7.30 p.m. WI
- Thursday, 3rd 9.30 Holy Communion
- Sunday, 6th 3rd Sunday after Easter
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
- Monday, 7th Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
- Thursday, 10th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- Sunday, 13th 4th Sunday after Easter
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
2 Cor 4:13 5-5
John 15:1-11
6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
- Thursday, 17th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- Sunday, 20th 5th Sunday after Easter
Rogation Sunday
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
Romans 8:28 to end
John 16:12-24
6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 Pathfinders
- Monday, 21st Over 60's 2.30 p.m.

Church & Village Diary

Thursday, 24th Ascension Day
8.00 p.m. Holy Communion
(NB: No celebration at
9.30 a.m.)
Acts 1:1-11
Matthews 28:16 to end

Sunday, 27th Sunday after Ascension
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
Ephesians 4:1-13
Luke 24:45 to end

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

Thursday, 31st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

JUNE

Sunday, 3rd Pentecost
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and
Parade Service
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

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

Monday, 4th Over 60's 2.30 p.m.

Coffee Rota

6 May	Nick & Mary Green
13 May	Tricia Fuller & Mavis Ahead
20 May	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
27 May	Johann Pinney & Ingrid Cartwright

4 June Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in
Rectory Room
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1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in
Rectory Room
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Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in
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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
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Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in
Rectory Room
- Playgroup Contact Mrs Jan Lennon
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Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at
Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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