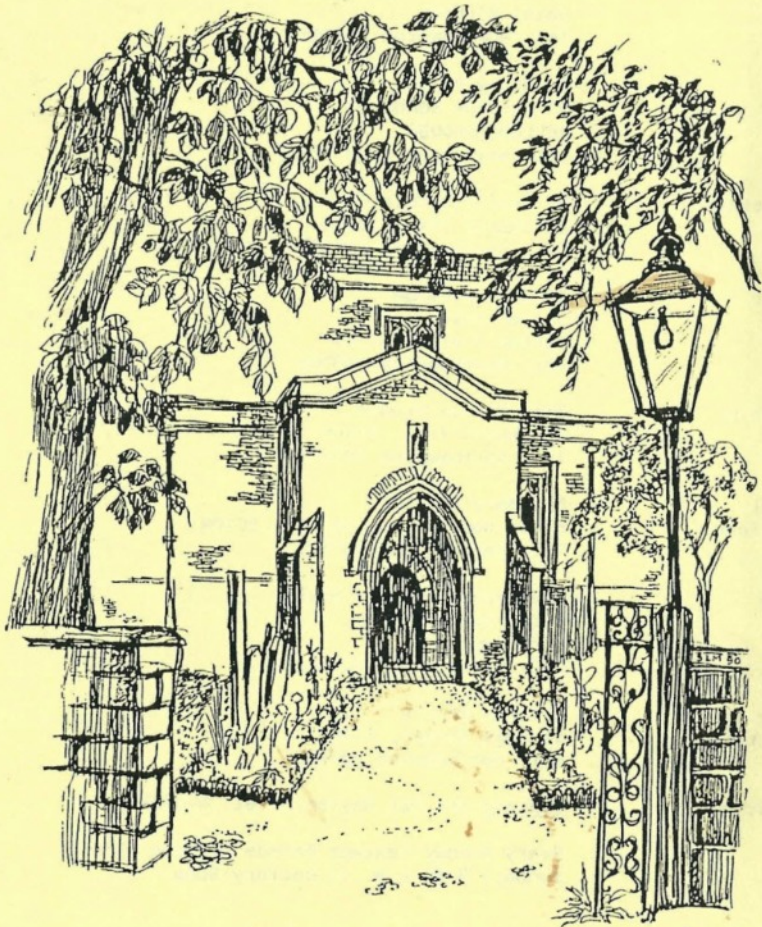


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



MAY 1991

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## HONESTY

I was sitting in the doctor's waiting room recently, when a woman in the queue suddenly recognised one of the other women sitting there. The conversation that followed went something like this:-

A. (enthusiastically) "Emma I didn't recognise you. How are you?"

E. "Hello Ann. Fine, thanks, how are you?"

A. "Oh, I'm fine too. Your family?"

E. "We're all very well. Yours?"

A. "They're fine, too."...

.....Which all left me wondering why, if everything was so incredibly well with them and theirs, they were in a doctor's waiting room at all!

There may be a good reason for what was said in that true story. Nevertheless, it did set me thinking about how good at pretending we all can be - Maybe even fooling ourselves sometimes.

We would all say, when we think about it, that we must always be honest with God. As John's Gospel puts it (Chapter 4v23), "those who are real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth".

In this month of May, in church, we will be celebrating two important Christian festivals - Ascension Day and Pentecost. Ascension Day is the time when we commemorate the truth that Jesus ascended to be with the Father, whilst at Pentecost (or Whitsun) we celebrate the fact

that God sends His Holy Spirit to indwell those who are true believers.

At this time, then, there is a challenge to each one of us. The Easter story makes it plain that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead. Now, the ascension of our Lord and the sending of His Spirit tell us clearly that Jesus is alive - today! As I said before, there's no fooling God - He is a living God who cherishes a living relationship with each one of us. The challenge to each of us this Pentecost, then, is quite straightforward. It's a challenge which each one of us needs to face individually as well as corporately as a community or a church. The challenge is this: Is God's Holy Spirit alive in me today? Honest?

**Ian Birkin**  
**Assistant Warden, Ecton House**

#### **ECTON YOUTH CLUB**

Our A.G.M. was held in March and it was decided to cover the rest of the concrete floor. The roof is complete and paid for.

The Youth Club are very short on young members, and we are looking for three new leaders as Mrs Robinson and Mrs Darwin will be retiring as leaders in October.

The playgroup is really going to be busy, as they have many more children and helpers.

Lunch Club will be held on Wednesday 1st May and Wednesday 29th at noon everybody is welcome.

**Mary Beesley**

Want to Equip your Church/Congregation for the  
Decade of Evangelism?

E V A N G E L I S M  
Leaders Training Course

AT

EMMANUEL SHARED CHURCH  
NORTHAMPTON

From Friday 12 May to Wednesday 15 May 1991

This course is designed for members and leaders of Churches who wish to run training courses in Personal Evangelism in their own churches based on and using the Evangelism Explosion (Teac and Reach) programme. This course (currently used at Emmanuel very successfully) is now well established and the materials used have been especially produced for the United Kingdom.

By the end of the course, participants will

1. Be able to present the Gospel in a clear and concise manner;
2. Be able to recognise what aspects of the Gospel message to use in given situations;
3. Be more confident in their ability to deal with objections;
4. Be prepared to lead a person to Christ;
5. Become an accredited Teacher Trainer in Evangelism Explosion;
6. Be able to arrange and run an EE Training Programme in their own home church - subject, of course, to the approval of their church leadership.

(Full Residential Cost is £95 : Apply to Reverend J Knight, 12 Jersey Court, Northampton NN3 3TB)

(The Course commences midday Friday [Sunday attendance essential] thro' to 10 p.m. Wednesday - Accommodation also provided Wednesday night if needed.)

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Ecton Fellowship meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory Room.

Paddy is showing the second half of her video on antiques.

Everyone is welcome.

The Ecton Fellowship are having a Barge Outing on Tuesday, July 9th. We leave Ecton House at 1.30 p.m. The Barge leaves High House Wharf at 2.30 p.m. for a 3 hour gentle cruise through Weedon and Brockhall Park to Whilton Bottom Lock and return. Refreshments on "Saucy Sue" are 2 filled cobs - tea or coffee.

The total cost is £6.

We hope if you are free on that afternoon you will join us and enjoy the delights and peace of the canal.

Places are limited to 43 so don't delay to contact me! Phone no. 415576.

**Joan Dickins**

## READERS' DIARY

May 5th	Sunday School
May 12th	Jean Morrison
May 19th	Paddy Macquire
May 26th	
June 2nd	Guides

## ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

It is with optimism we begin the 1991 season, and look forward to good matches and plenty of sunshine.

You may have read in a previous magazine that the Club was hoping to rent direct from Ecton Hall Estate the cricket area of the field. This is now going ahead and will involve large expenses for the Club as the cricket square will have to be relaid and the pavilion moved or replaced. Grants and loans will be available to cover some of the costs, and we shall organise various fund raising events from time to time.

There has already been a good local response to our sponsored fixture card, and we would like to thank all those involved.

We also greatly appreciate the support from our Vice-Presidents, and new ones are always welcome.

The Club has a full fixture list of Sunday afternoon and weekday evening matches. A fixture card is freely available to anyone who is interested.

Early season fixtures as follows:-

April

28 Sun	Old Bradwell	Away	2.30 pm
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May

5 Sun	Mears Ashby	Away	2.30
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6 Mon	Chapel Brampton	Home	2.30
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8 Wed	President's XI	Home	6.15
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12 Sun	Harlestone	Home	2.30
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15 Wed	Litchborough	Home	6.15
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19 Sun	Pitsford	Away	2.30
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22 Wed	Technical College	Home	6.15
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26 Sun	St Michaels Bugbrooke	Home	2.30
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31 Fri	St Crispin's Cup - Round 1		6.15
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June

2 Sun	Collingtree	Away	2.30
5 Wed	Stoke Bruerne	Away	6.15
7 Fri	St Crispin's Cup - Round 2		6.15

Finally I end on a sad note; we start this season without Mervyn Draper who was our wicket-keeper for the last 17 years. Mervyn died suddenly earlier this year from a heart attack. He will be greatly missed by us all as a player, personality and good friend.

### RECTOR'S NOTES

The Church looked beautiful at Easter. It was a blaze of colour, polished and cared for, and the Easter garden providing a wonderful focus of attention on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In fact it was a great team effort but more importantly supported by our prayer and many acts of devotion.

Our prayers go up for Bishop George Carey, the new Archbishop of Canterbury. Who would want to take on this enormous task at this particular time when the affairs of the church are at such a low ebb. The meaning of George is gardener and it is not without significance that the Primus of the Scottish church is George Henderson, whilst another George (Noakes) is the Archbishop of Wales. At this present time there are three Georges leading the Anglican church in Great Britain. As someone has pointed out one George is an evangelical, one a catholic, and one a central churchman. Even more interesting is that there is a fourth George who is a spiritual power house. George is the first name of Cardinal Basil Hume! We are in the hands of four gardeners. Mary Magdalen when she first discovered the Resurrected Christ thought he was a gardener.

## PRAYERS FOR MAY

"Solitude - a deepening of the Presence  
not outside ourselves, but within us."

Wed	1	St Philip & St James Apostles
Thu	2	St Athanasius - 373 Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith
Fri	3	Barton Fields
Sat	4	Northampton Road
SUN	5	Wellingborough Road
Mon	6	Ecton House
Tue	7	Ecton Hall and Cottages
Wed	8	Julian of Norwich Mystic - c.1417
Thu	9	Those on holiday
Fri	10	Those with family problems
Sat	11	All who will be confirmed
SUN	12	Peace
Mon	13	Christian Aid Week
Tue	14	St Mathias - Apostle
Wed	15	Families
Thu	16	Friends
Fri	17	The Sick
Sat	18	The Village
SUN	19	St Dunstan - 988 Archbishop of Canterbury
Mon	20	The Church
Tue	21	For those who work
Wed	22	For the unemployed
Thu	23	Those involved in war
Fri	24	John & Charles Wesley - 1791,1788 Priests, Poets, Teachers of the Faith
Sat	25	The Venerable Bede - 735 Priest, Monk of Jarrow
SUN	26	St Augustine - 605 First Archbishop of Canterbury
Mon	27	The Third World
Tue	28	Members of Government
Wed	29	The Young and Old

Thu 30 For Travellers  
Fri 31 The Housebound

### OVER 60'S CLUB

Our meetings are on Monday 13th and 27th May at 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory Room.

An evening **Mystery Tour** has been arranged for Wednesday, 22nd May, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is open to anyone in the village. Names please to Denise Langley.

**Whist Drive** - Thursday 23rd May, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room. This is for anyone who wishes to come.

**My Fair Lady** at Deringate Theatre on Tuesday, 8th October. A coach will leave the village at 6.40 p.m. Tickets £5 plus coach fare. Anyone wishing to join us please contact Denise Langley.

### FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

10th March	£253.90
17th March	£205.01
24th March	£208.49
31st March	£246.74
7th April	£156.97

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

May 13 to May 18, 1991

During the week our volunteer collectors will deliver and collect the special envelopes for any contribution you may wish to make.

In the 10 years that I have been organising the collections I have been encouraged and heartened by the generosity of the people of Ecton. Each year the total collected has increased giving great heart to the collectors and myself.

The theme for Christian Aid Week this year is "Do you believe in life before death? - We do."

Christian Aid Week is your opportunity to help communities ground down by poverty or destroyed by violence. It is your opportunity to do something constructive to help strengthen the world community by making the earth a better place for all its people.

Naturally, people like to know just what it is they are giving to. Here are answers to some of the questions most frequently asked:-

"What is Christian Aid and where does the money go?"

It is a development agency funding projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It funds projects which help people to help themselves. These include food production, health, technical training, education and social welfare schemes. In emergencies, such as floods, draughts and earthquakes, it buys medical supplies, food, blankets, shelter and transport.

"Is it just for Christians?"

Christian Aid help those in greatest need and is so-called because of its origins and motivation. It asks nothing in return for the aid it gives and makes no distinction between Christian and non-Christian beneficiaries.

"What about poverty in this country?"

Christian Aid is, of course, concerned about poverty everywhere but its mandate is to direct money abroad. It does, however, contribute to some community programmes in multi-racial areas in the U.K.

I look forward to a very successful "week" and thank you all in anticipation of your generous support.

**Mavis Patten**

**COFFEE ROTA**

May 5th	Nick and Mary Green
May 12th	Tricia Fuller and Mavis Ahead
May 19th	Janet Robinson and Jean Leigh
May 26th	Johann Pinney and Ingrid Cartwright
June 9th	Audrey Treloar and Ingrid Cartwright

**FLOWER ROTA**

May 4th	
May 11th	
May 18th	
May 25th	Toni Main
June 2nd	Jean Morrison

## ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Considerable concern has been voiced with regard to the control of dogs within the parish.

The fouling of pavements by dogs was discussed with the Borough Environmental Health Officer in November last year. He explained that the Control of Dogs Order applying to Ecton concerns the offence of fouling by a dog in the control of its owner. A resident who witnesses a dog fouling the pavement, who wishes to take further action, should contact the Borough Environmental Health Officer at 20 Sheep Street, Wellingborough, Telephone 0933 229777. The matter will be investigated. If a prosecution follows, then the complainant would be required as a witness and may have to attend court.

The Environmental Health Officer prefers to educate dog owners in their responsibilities to the Community and encourages the use of Poop Scoops or plastic bags for the immediate removal of dog droppings. The Dog Warden visits all villages including Ecton on a regular basis to look for offenders and to take action against them.

Ecton Parish Council discusses the problem on a regular basis at their bi-monthly meetings and now wish it to be known that they will not hesitate to bring a prosecution against anyone who allows their animal to foul the footpaths in this village.

## **ECTON W.I.**

"Myths and Legends" was the theme this month, when Mrs Pipe gave a most interesting talk with slides on this fascinating though sometimes ghoulish subject.

Amongst some amusing stories, there were some very grim tales of murders etc. that happened in times past. "Nothing changes really does it?"

The competition for a decorated egg was won by Mrs Cross, Mrs Harlott and Mrs Patten.

Our visitor on 7th May will be Mrs Anne Mackly, who will be discussing resolutions for the Triennial Meeting. Volunteers are needed to arrange the members Evensong in June.

The competition for May is a limerick about the W.I.

## **GOZO ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF**

Dear People of Ecton

On behalf of the deaf people of Gozo I thank you with all my heart for the generous donation of £100 raised by you recently. The money was handed to us by Sheila Ingram on her brief visit to Gozo a few days ago.

The money will be used to buy toys and books for the educational resource centre which has just been initiated. Your donation gives us a good start.

Many, many thanks to you all.

Carmen Grech - Secretary

A letter received by our Bishop from the Chaplain-General of the Forces and circulated to all the clergy in the Diocese.

"Now that the Gulf war has ended, I would like to put in writing my warm thanks to you and your clergy for the very great support you gave to Chaplains and those to whom they minister, during an anxious few months. For all of us, it is a cause of thanksgiving and relief that the outcome did not result in the larger number of casualties which had been predicted by some. At the same time, we offer sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of those who had been killed and injured.

"During these difficult days it has been a great encouragement to our Chaplains to know that there is so much support for their ministry. Also, it was an immense source of spiritual strength to the Chaplains in the Gulf to experience the wealth of prayer being offered by so many in our country. Equally important this also gave comfort and support to the families of our service personnel who have waited anxiously in their homes in Germany and the United Kingdom.

"I should be grateful if you would convey our thanks to the clergy and people when opportunity arises."

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

24th March Charlotte Amy Smith

24th March Rhianna Marie Boot

**CHURCH GARDEN FETE**

to be held on Saturday  
13th July, at Ecton House

Incomplete list of organisers

**CAKES AND JAMS**

Dorothy Cross, 38 West Street (408585)

**POSTERS**

Henry Pinney, 91 Henshaw Road, Wellinborough  
(90-77021)

**BAND - Henry Pinney**

**HANDICRAFTS**

Suie Rands, 4 West Street (407166)

**REFRESHMENTS**

Joy Wilson, The Women's Institute, 15 West  
Street (408664)

**WHITE ELEPHANT**

Evelyn Murdin, 20 Church View (409422) and  
Audrey Treloar, 47 West Street (402956)

**TOMBOLA**

Pat Bayliss, 34 West Street (407707)

**JEWELLERY**

Joan Dickins, Ecton Fellowship, 2 Church Way  
(415576)

**VEGETABLES AND PLANTS**

Brian Saunders, 20 Charmwood Avenue, Northampton  
(403417)

**BOOKS** )

**RAFFLE** ) Being arranged

**5 GAME STALLS** )

Please give all your support to the stall-  
holders and organisers of games. Let's make  
this a happy family occasion.

The Rector

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

May  
Wed 1 St Phillip & St James, Apostles  
12 noon Luncheon Club at the Youth  
Club

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

Mon 6 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel

Tue 7 7.30 pm W.I. in the Rectory Room

Thu 9 Ascension Day  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
7.30 pm Holy Communion (sung)

SUN 12 Sunday after Ascension Day  
9.30 am Parish Communion and  
Sunday School  
Ephesians 1.15-end  
Luke 24.45-end  
6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy  
Communion  
7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 13 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel  
2.30 pm Over 60's, Rectory Room

Tue 14 St Matthias the Apostle  
2.45 pm Ecton Fellowship Rectory Room  
7.30 pm Holy Communion



PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	<b>Chairman</b>	Mr John E Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577
Ecton Primary School	<b>Headteacher</b>	Mrs Helen Tite Tel: Northampton 409213
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
Cricket Club	<b>Captain</b> <b>Secretary</b>	Mr Steve Wheatman Tel: Northampton 401714 Mrs H Kearsley Tel: Northampton 810922
Brownies	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Tricia Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	<b>Contact</b>	Mrs Mary Strange Tel: Northampton 409306
Pathfinders	<b>Contact</b>	Mr Graham Jordan Tel: Northampton 410255

JUNE 22  
JULY

The Ecton based Laurence Lloyd Singers  
will be singing Choral Evensong in  
Coventry Cathedral on Bank Holiday  
Monday, 6th May at 5.00 p.m. Why  
not have a trip out and come and join  
us in this service?

Stephen Meakins.