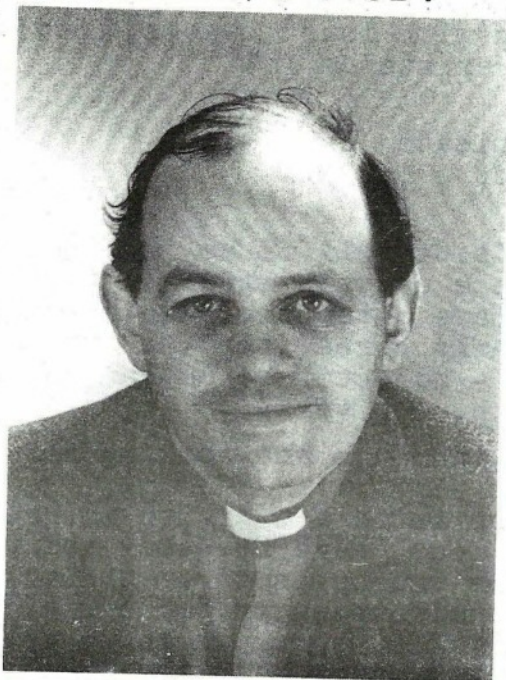


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



FROM THE
RECTOR'S STUDY



November 1988

I recently completed the creation of the constitution for the newly proposed Board for the Development of Ministry in the Diocese. The Board will oversee and encourage the whole ministry of the Church, both lay and ordained, in the Diocese. The writing of the constitution however forced me to consider the prior question " what is the purpose of the Church?".

There seems little point in working out a strategy for action if we don't know, and accept, why we are doing it anyway.

I came up with four reasons for the Church's existence.

To act
To communicate
To reflect
To be

With Lewis Carroll, I am inclined to attribute a certain strength to verbs :
" Words have a temper, some of them - particularly verbs, they're the proudest - adjectives you can do any thing with, not verbs"

(Through the Looking Glass).

The Church is to act "faith without works is dead" says St. James and that's right. The Church is to be the active servant and witness to God's presence in the world. The Church is to be the agent of peace and justice in the place where each individual member finds himself/herself to be. 'Practice what you preach', may sound trite, but I believe that is what people outside of the Church demand of those of us inside.

The Church is to communicate.

Communication is perhaps the word of this decade, " Be clear about what you want to say and why you want to say it and then be as precise and clear as possible about the telling". The Church often claims to be misunderstood, but that seems a poor excuse when we claim also to possess the "word of life". No-one, I believe will want to come to a church which is so vague or uncertain about its belief, that doubt rather than belief seems to be its dominant feature. We are called to communicate the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ - yes we

may have to translate those words into a more easily understood language, but let's be sure that in the translation we don't also lose the truth. The Christian faith is not just an alternative to the social services, nor a cosy home for like-minded people, but a people who believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus are the cardinal pivots of the understanding to life.

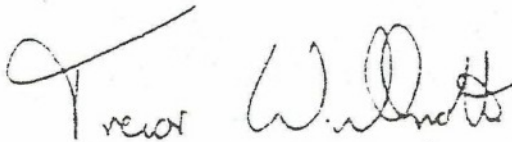
The Church is to reflect - to spend time not in being so busy that there is no time for God, or for the concerns of people. Reflection will mean silence a standing back from the commonly accepted ideas of society, a time for prayer. How busy we seem and sometimes want to be - as a church, but how empty of the presence of God our churches sometimes appear to be. Reflection is essential if we are to fulfill our primary reason for existence -- for the Church is called to be - to be the presence of God in his world today to be concerned for the lives of all his people; to be a power for good in a world where evil seems to flourish more easily; to be a family in which the needs of each and every member are valued; to be a place of healing.

Ultimately, the Church is to be Christ to its neighbour.

Notice that I haven't talked about money or buildings, even though both are important for the life of the Church. But I believe that if we get our faith right, if we speak and live it clearly, if we are ourselves somehow different in action and thought to the present way of the world, then we shall raise whatever monies are necessary to carry out

those purposes, and our buildings; far from being a burden, will become treasure houses for God.

Is 'it too high an ideal so far from reality as to be almost non-sensical?. Yes, perhaps at times we do become so wrapped up in our own concerns, so centred on me and my likes and dislikes that we shut our eyes to others, that the Church loses its way. But unless we remind ourselves of our purpose for being, we shall attain that to which we are called :
To be the people of God



RECTOR

Ecton School

Many thanks to all who supported our Harvest Festival, the children gave a lovely performance of Harvest songs and readings and the school was full of gifts from Friends and Parents.

We were able to provide 10 parcels to the people in the village and a large box of produce was sent to the Home for the Elderly in Ecton Brook. Also we raised £32 from the sale of jams, apples and pet bedding!

On December 15th at 1.30pm we will be putting on our Christmas performance in Church. It will be a mixture of favorite carols and drama. This will be followed by the Friends Bazaar in school.

DO COME

Ecton Bellringers



Don't panic ! We're not asking you to come and learn to ring the bells (although you're welcome if you'd like to) or to help pay for the new ropes which should be arriving soon (the P.C.C. have already said that the church will pay for those). I think that the editor just thought you might like to hear from the bellringers by a somewhat quieter method than usual.

For those of you lucky enough to live far enough away not to have already heard -- we practise on Tuesday evenings 8-9.30pm and Wednesday evenings 8.15 - 8.45pm. Wednesday evenings are for people who are learning how to ring a bell. Once the "how" has been mastered they will be able to have a go at the "when" ; first by ringing in rounds then by attempting call changes (changing ringing place with the bell currently ringing before or after you when that change is called).

After this comes the more complicated ringing of "plain hunt" and "methods" which is what we're learning to do on Tuesday evenings. You'll hear the difference when we get it right (or should that be if we ever get it right ?). There are currently about a dozen of us at various stages and as none have been learning for very long a lot still to be mastered of this art of bellringing.

We are extremely lucky at Ecton : not only to have six beautiful sounding bells which we are able to ring ; but also to receive a considerable amount of help, especially on Tuesdays, from a number of extremely competent bell-ringers from other local towers. Thanks to those people who have given so much of their time to help us, for nearly two years now, we have been able to hear our bells ringing again to call people to worship on Sunday mornings and evenings. I am delighted because this is , after all, why the bells are hanging in our church tower.

Another advantage of learning to ring the bells is that we have been able to ring on Saturdays for three weddings in 1987 and four this year. This will never make us rich in financial terms (although each ringer at a wedding is paid) but it is very rewarding to know that we are part of each couples' "special day". Two of our ringers are also proud to have rung their first quarter peal (three quarters of an hour of ringing different methods) as part of the team which rang before the Evensong service which ended our Festival weekend.

Well I think that's enough from me about bellringing. I'll let you know if any of us are ever brave/foolish/good enough to spend three hours ringing a bell to achieve our first peal !

Mary Strange Tower Captain

From The Collection Plate

SEPT	18		£132.06
	25		£146.74
OCT	2		£248.44
	9		£158.20

Ecton Fellowship

A new organisation ? Well, yes and no.

At the last meeting of the Mother's Union it was decided (unanimously) that we would not renew our subscription to the Mother's Union. The cost of subscription has risen considerably and it was felt, that it would suit us better to be independent.

The new organisation will be "Christened" on Tuesday 8th November in the Rectory Room when our speaker will be the Revd Valerie Barford, Curate of St. Peter's, Weston Favell who will be talking about her work as a woman deacon. Valerie is organiser of the Movement for the Ordination of Woman in our diocese so her talk will no doubt be stimulating if not controversial !

The Fellowship will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Rectory Room. The annual subscription will be £2 payable in January.

We shall always start our time together with a short service but will occasionally have a non religious speaker.

So ladies, feel free to come along on the 8th with no obligation to join.

Sacristans Rota

Nov	5th	Mr & Mrs Murdin	(A)
	12th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)
	19th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(A)
	26th	-----do-----	(B)
Dec	3rd	Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(A)

Women's Institute

There was plenty food for thought when the A.G.M. reports provided reminders of the past year's events. Mrs Millie Harlott, newly elected President for a second term, was delighted to welcome so many members and friends.

It was the members turn to entertain their committee to say thank you for their hard work during the year and after a delicious supper, dice rattled and beetles were drawn, brains rattled and anagrams and puzzles were unscrambled. Prizewinners were too numerous to mention but congratulations go to Mrs Sue Rands who won the recent W.I. Group Competition and brought the Rose Bowl back to Ecton.

In the highlight of the evening we attempted to indentify one another from lists of personal likes and dislikes.... amazing how many confessed to a passion for chocolate ! And when the handwriting was deciphered, we were relieved to learn that the lady attributed with a dislike of PEOPLE, actually had an aversion to the colour PURPLE!

On 1st November Mr G Chapper will tell of "Life in the Tower of London". The competition is "A small ornament : animal or bird". All members are reminded that subs are due for payment before Christmas.

Carol Jones.

Ecton Youth Club

Unfortunately there are no Youth Club meetings taking place at the moment due to lack of attendance, we have reached the point now, where our regular members are in to their 20's and of course have other interests, and for that reason we desperately need some of the younger people in the village to start to use the club. If you are a parent and have a young person of youth club age and would like to know more about the youth club, why not ring Harry Welch on Northampton 406163 or Doreen Bray on Northampton 812265. The club meets on Monday night and is always supervised.

The next Lunch Club will take place on the 16th November.

The Autumn Fayre will be held in the Youth Club room on Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm (Please make a note of the date as the wrong date was given in last months magazine) there will be a nearly new stall, soft toys, childrens new clothes, tombloa, cakes, Christmas cards and wrapping paper etc.

We look forward to seeing you there, please give us your support.

Coffee Rota

Nov	6th Nick & Mary Green
	13th Tricia Fuller & Mavis Ahead
	20th Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
	27th Johan Pinney & Pat Baylis
Dec	4th Audrey Teloar & Ingrid Cartwright

Friends of Ecton School

Calling all owners of small furry pets - we have a supply of pet bedding ; wood shavings straw or hay. At 25p per bag it is a bargain not to be missed. Send your orders now either to the school or Mrs.J. Scriven on Northampton 407468 and keep your pets cosy in the approaching chilly weather.

The Friends are also organising a lottery. For an annual membership of £5.20p you are eligible for prizes totalling £250 per year. There are only 100 places available and the first draw will take place at the School's Christmas performance on 15th December. So hurry -- get your name down at the school or contact Martin Stears on Northampton 407888.

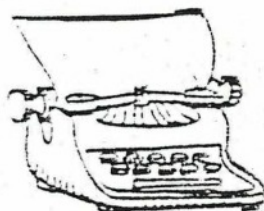
Finally, may I remind you of our forthcoming events :

November 18th Children's Disco.

December 3rd Adult's Disco.

Tickets priced 75p and £2.50p per person respectively are available from the school, committee members or Barbara Wheeler, 44 High Street, Ecton.

COPY FOR THE DECEMBER MAGAZINE



Should be delivered to Ecton House
by 20th November.

Enquiries :- Tel Northampton 407888

The Churchyard

"The state of the Churchyard is now the finest it has ever been".

I'm sure we'd all agree with these words, but are you aware of the hard work and money which have gone into it's care over the past five years?

Henry Pinney, Tom Richards, Brian Saunders, and Martin Stears, to name but 4, have put enormous amounts of time and energy into making the churchyard into a place of peace and beauty. But to keep the grass down to a manageable level, we have also spent £550 on grass cutting in this year alone.

The P.C.C. has therefore decided to set up a fund to enable this fine and necessary, work to continue. If you have a grave of a relative or friend in the churchyard, perhaps you'd like to consider making an annual donation towards it's upkeep. Or perhaps, like me, you just find the churchyard to be a living place of hope and peace, and are keen not to let it slip back into the old unkempt state. The churchyard is as much part of the fabric of the church as the building or the bells or the pews, and the P.C.C. fully accept responsibility for it's continued upkeep. But we hope that everyone in the village and wider church community, will join us in this work.

For further details, contact the Treasurer, John Strange, who will be only too happy to accept donations on behalf of the church.

RECTOR'S NOTES

Much of our P.C.C. meeting on October 10th was dominated by two issues. The first, the restoration of the tower, featured in last months magazine. The Treasurer undertook to produce some papers for general distribution, and details of those, appear elsewhere. The P.C.C. has set up a sub-committee to oversee the planning of the fund raising and I am grateful to those who volunteered to undertake the job:-

Henry Pinney

John Strange

Martin Stears

Trevor Hunwicks

Joy Wilson

Stephen Meakins

The Rector

We hope that all the necessary monies will be promised by next year, even though some will continue to come in during a few year coverant period. As I've said in my letter this month 'The Church is not primarily about the restoration of its buildings', so the sooner we can get the necessary repairs out of the way, the sooner we shall be able to concentrate on our primary work of spreading the gospel.

The second issue at our meeting was slightly more contentious in the care of the church for our young people. Over the past five years, the congregation has grown steadily and for that, thanks be to God - new families have joined us and some who had no family, now do ! Our worship has also changed from two services on Sunday morning to the 9.30 Parish Communion - on a side note, I've been asked if we might, from time to time, have a celebration of Holy Communion at 8.0am on a Sunday

morning. I regret that the demand on my time and life as Director of Ordinands and Warden of Ecton mean that I could never guarantee to be available on a regular basis for such a service to be of any real use. I also believe that the addition of a further service would lead us into having three congregations who rarely, if ever, saw each other.

The negative side of our growth is the fact that we all have to learn to put up with each other, and that sometimes means noisy children. We are immensely grateful to Toni Main's willingness to organise and run our Childrens Church, most times single-handed. If the Church of England is to survive - and at times I'm doubtful that it will - the Church of the next Century will be our Childrens Church. We owe them the right and opportunities to come to know Jesus Christ and to learn about God through the bible. Running a Childrens Church or Sunday School is never easy - you never know how many or which children will turn up each week - and it can often seem a lonely calling when despite numerous appeals for help, no-one is forth coming.

Now we have a number of pre-school children who come willingly I may say to church on a regular basis. For them Church must seem long and boring, so much at odds with their everyday lives, and pattern of learning. Gone are the days, and I for one, say 'thank God', when children were shunted off to Sunday School, or forced into silence in church from which, judging by their absence in church in later years, few recover.

We call ourselves a family, but it seems odd that in some churches, when we gather as a so-called family around the Lord's table, the children are nowhere to be seen. What, I wonder, are we saying here by our actions? But equally... I believe that the nature and care of the children of our families is the responsibility of the whole congregation. As one, whose daughter is part of a one parent family during our church services, I know only too well the anxieties and concern felt by many when children become fidgety or cry during the service. But, I remind myself that the only church in which I shall be fully pleased will be made up of me alone, yet there will be no place there for the God who called the little children to himself, and condemned those who tried to push them away.

In the October Magazine, Margaret floated the idea of a creche for the younger children, to run from 9.30 to that point in the service when we come forward to receive communion. I'm grateful to Stephen Meakins for offering us the use of his chapel room for this activity, but if we are seeking to ease the problem of being one family by removing one part of it for most of the service, then I think we are being less than honest about our understanding of the gospel. If the creche is to work, and be seen as part of the life of the rest of the church, the responsibility for its organisation and staffing cannot be left solely with the parents of the children. So I appeal to anyone who is willing to help out, to come forward and be counted.

Finally, creche and childrens church are only voluntary. Parents must still be allowed to bring their children to church for the whole service, and we in turn must be prepared to welcome them.

A reminder that on some Thursdays in November the time of communion has been altered. This is due to Diocesan commitments on my part. The altered times appear in the calender.

November 27th ADVENT SUNDAY is also

Stewardship Sunday for Ecton. As we begin a new church year, so we re-pledge ourselves in God's service. In the next weeks members of the Stewardship Committee will be sharing our plans for the future with you and seeking your support.

If you're not yet a member of the Stewardship Scheme, or would like further details, please contact John Strange.

Some December dates have also crept on to the end of this months calendar, so please make a note of them for future reference.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13th

In addition to our normal Service of Remembrance at 6.0pm, there will be a short act of remembrance and wreath laying at the War Memorial at 11.0am.

The Childrens Society

Coffee Morning

After last year's success we shall have another Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society on

Thursday 24th November

10.00 - 11.30am in the Rectory Room.

Coffee with Mince pies will be served; there will be a Bring & Buy stall and a Raffle.

All contributions will be very gratefully received.

Do come and support this very worthy cause.

If you have a Society Collecting box, please return it at this event or give to me beforehand.

Ingrid Cartwright

Mums & Tots

Please note new time ----Thursdays

2.00 - 3.30pm in the Rectory Room.

This means mum's collecting children from school don't have to leave early.

All mum's with children under school-age are very welcome to join us.

ROTA

Nov	3rd	Margaret Tinston
	10th	Margaret Willmott
	17th	Jan Lennon
	24th	Maureen Kennedy
Dec	1st	Joy Day

Who's Who in Ecton

MARK CATHERALL

At the beginning of September 1988 the fourth Assistant Warden for Ecton House in recent years was installed and handed the keys. A Southerner for the second year in succession, but this time from the coastal region of Sussex.

I was born in June 1964 and spent the early years of my life in the terraced 'Coronation Street' type housing of Brighton town, where I was later Christened. The family moved to the smaller rural community of Portslade, near the South Downs in 1970/71. From that time on, the church featured in many ways through Scouting, school and music. After leaving sixth form college, I worked for a year within my father's arboricultural (forestry) business. In February 1982, I joined the commercial department of a traditional firm of estate agents and surveyors, thereby venturing into the world of high finance, the industrial property market and in "big business".

After two years I was offered a managerial position with another firm where I gained further insight and experience of management practices. During this period I felt drawn closer to God, and became more involved within the life of the church, but I wasn't clear on how I could best serve it. Was God calling me to a vocation to the priesthood? The Bishop of Lewis, (Suffragen to Chichester), provided time and a place during which I could seek God's guidance to sort these

thoughts out. He had founded "the scheme" a group of young men and women who gave a year to God. Within that year they would spend two months with him, leading a prayerful life and studying the Bible. Then for the following ten months they would be sent to a parish to live, work and pray as witnesses to Christ. The decision to join this group was a difficult one, because I enjoyed my work, and the benefits it provided. However, in September 1986, I decided to step into the unknown hoping that God would guide me. After my initial two months "Bible-bashing" as the Bishop would call it, I asked to be sent to Hulme and Moss Side in Manchester in the winter of that same year. In April of the following year, I took a three year vow and joined the religious community that merged from the scheme called 'The Little Brothers and Sisters of Christ with Saint Richard', Saint Richard being the Patron Saint of my home diocese, Chichester.

In Manchester I grew in many ways and felt after careful thought and prayer, that God was calling me to a vocation to the priesthood. In January 1988, I attended a Bishop's selection conference at Ely, and was recommended to train for the ordained ministry. However, with their recommendation, I was requested to do the Aston Training Scheme, prior to entering theological college. The Aston Training Scheme involves combining work, study, and home life over a two year period.

For me, Ecton House is firstly my place of work around which I am able to fit my studying. However, more importantly, I consider it my home. I have only been

here a matter of weeks and yet I have received such a warm, caring welcome from one and all. I hope that throughout this coming year, I may fully share in the life of this community and I pray that we may, by God's grace, grow in faith, hope and love.

Ecton Stores & Post Office

FRANKLINS CLOSE, ECTON.

Opening Times :

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-1 2-5.30.
Weds, Sat 9-12.30.

As we move nearer to the festive season, save your time and tempers and visit me for your Christmas goods and gifts (in stock soon).

A reminder to all senior citizens, take advantage of my FREE delivery service, on Thursdays only.
Phone 415017 with your order by 12.30 on Wednesdays.

Dorothy.

Cleaning Rota

Nov	5th Alice & Wynne	(L)
	12th Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)
	19th Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright	(L)
	26th Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(R)
Dec	3rd Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(L)

Action Aid

I wish to thank all those who once again supplied me with cakes for the ACTION AID stall at Wellingborough. This year the weather was much kinder and we raised £180. This sum will go towards immediate relief of disaster victims rather than the usual long term aid.

Pat Baylis.

True Stories



Taking the Mike

The Bishop had come to dedicate a new sophisticated public address system. Being unsure as to whether the microphone had been switched on or not he tapped it gently with seemingly no result. So, leaning very close to the microphone he said in a loud whisper which echoed around the church,

"THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS MICROPHONE".

The well trained and responsive congregation, well established in the latest A.S.B. service replied:

"AND ALSO WITH YOU".

Ecton Village Playgroup

We are holding an 'Open Day' at the Youth Club on Tuesday 8th November, 9.45 - 11.30 am. You are all invited along to see the Playgroup in action. We do hope as many people as possible will pop in during the morning. It will be a great opportunity to see the children using the equipment and toys you have helped us to buy in supporting our fundraising events.

Do come along.

We look forward to seeing you.

Date for your Diary

Saturday 3rd December----Christmas Fayre

Please support us.

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Flower Rota

Nov	5th	Jean Leigh
	12th	Jean Leigh
	19th	M.Hussey
	26th	M.Hussey
Dec	3rd	Mother's Union
	10th	Mother's Union
	17th	CHRISTMAS

From The Registers

WEDDING

Saturday 8th October Dawn Semple and
David Gore

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CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 1 All Saints 9.0am Holy Communion
Wednesday 2 All Saints 9.0am Holy Communion
Thursday 3 9.0am Holy Communion
Sunday 6 7th BEFORE CHRISTMAS
9.30am Parish Communion & Parade Service
Genesis 12.1-9 (Ted Langley)
John 8.51-end
6.00pm Evensong
Monday 7 2.30pm Over 60's Club
Tuesday 8 2.30pm Ecton Fellowship in
Rectory Room
Thursday 10 9.0am Holy Communion
Sunday 13 6th BEFORE CHRISTMAS
9.30am Parish Communion &
Children's Church
Exodus 3. 7-15
John 6. 25-35
11.0am Short Service of
Remembrance at the War Memorial
6.00pm Service of Remembrance
Thursday 17 9.0am Mattins
Sunday 20 5th BEFORE CHRISTMAS
9.30am Parish Communion &
Children's Church
1 Kings 19. 9-18
Matthew 24. 37-44
6.0pm Evensong
Monday 21 2.30pm Over 60's Club

Tuesday	22	8.0am Holy Communion
Thursday	24	8.0am Holy Communion- N.B change of usual time
Friday	25	8.0am Holy Communion
Saturday	26	12.00 Wedding
Sunday	27	<u>1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> Stewardship Renewal Sunday 9.30am Parish Communion & Children's Church Isaiah 52. 7-10 Luke 21. 25-33 6.0pm Evensong
Wednesday	30	<u>St ANDREW</u> 9.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Confirmation at Great Doddington
Thursday	1	9.0am Holy Communion

Dates for December

Sunday	11	<u>3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> 9.30am Christingle Service & Parade Service 6.0pm Parish Communion
Sunday	18	<u>4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT</u> 6.0pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Saturday	24	11.30pm 1st Communion of Christmas
Sunday	25	9.30am Family Communion of Christmas Day 5.0pm Said Evensong

Stewardship and You

Ecton is a Stewardship Parish! A brave statement but what does it mean? It usually means that it is time for a Renewal Campaign so we are being reminded that it is not just Time and Talents but Money too!

To be serious though we are a good Time and Talents Parish. We only pay for things that we cannot do ourselves and many apply Time and Talents to raise money for good causes. Our Festival was a great example and of course the 3rd we have held.

No its money I am writing to you for. The trouble is that, on a day to day basis, we are good at money too! Over the last few years more people have joined the envelope scheme and many have covenanted. We raise enough to meet all of our bills and still give 10% of our income to outside charities.

So why am I writing to ask you to review your giving, take envelopes if you do not already and covenant if you can. In a word:

THE TOWER

Our Tower needs £42000 spending on it to restore and preserve the fabric. We had a go in 1979 but Death Watch Beetle in the roof took all our funds. In 1983 it was the windows, in 1987 the church decoration and so the Tower was left.

So we need to raise £42000. We hope to receive grants and have already raised the £4000 or so from the Festival. The PCC believe that we should try and raise £22000 from grants, etc., and borrow £20000 from the Diocese. This is where you and your stewardship comes in. To pay it back is £5400 a year over four years!

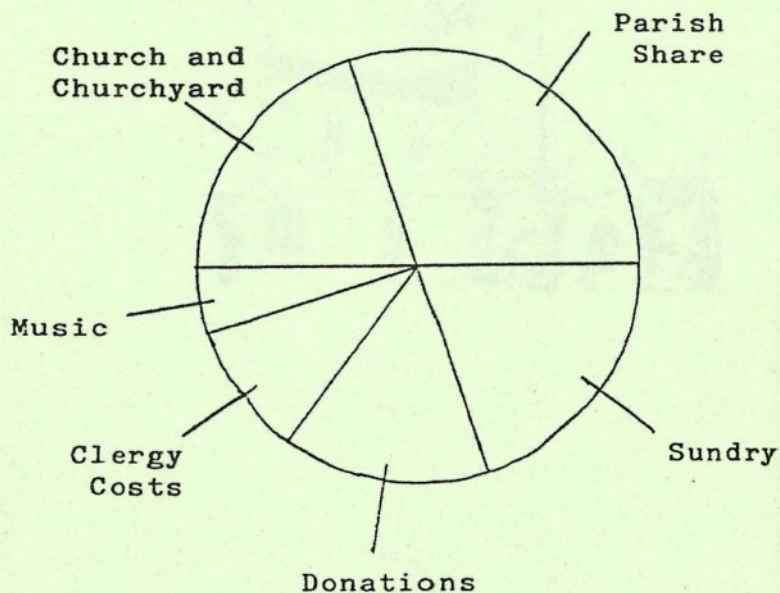
Some of this will come from coffee mornings, etc., which we do so well with our Time and Talents. Obviously though most will have to come from our regular giving. It is a tall order but if 50 families will covenant an extra £75 a year through their envelopes we can do it. Some people will be able to do more and others less. This is a tall order and exactly what stewardship is all about.

We are then asking all present scheme members to renew their existing covenants for the next four years. Any increase will go onto a separate covenant for the Tower so that you know exactly how it is being spent.

If you are not a member but would like to join please see me, Martin Stears or Marion Gleave. We can accept payment by cash, cheque or standing order! We would though like you to take a box of envelopes and bring your weekly gift to Church each Sunday. That way we see you as well as your money and our Christian family will grow faster than the Tower Fund!

Where our income will go in 1988

Parish Share	30%
Church and Churchyard	20%
Music	5%
Clergy Costs	10%
Donations	15%
Sundry	20%



John Strange

