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CHURCH AND VILLAGE
NEWS



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FROM THE STUDY

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know you sent me, and have loved them even as you have loved me."

St John 17:23

This prayer, uttered by Jesus just before he was arrested, must surely be one of the most important statements recorded in the Bible.

Perhaps Jesus had foreseen the divided state the Church is in now, or even how it would be by the end of the first century. We even read in the New Testament of two important disputes: one in Acts 15:39 where Paul and Barnabas had such a sharp disagreement over whether to take John Mark on a missionary journey that they parted company; and through the Epistles we read of Peter and Paul's argument over whether to eat with Gentiles. So differences are nothing new!

There have always been heresies and heretics outside of the Church, but there have been two major schisms from within the Church: in the fourth century between East and West; and the Reformation in the sixteenth century between Catholic and Protestant.

These splits weren't easy, and it is questionable whether they were worth it or not. It is true that these breaks came when the established church was corrupt and spiritually all but dead. They certainly gave new life and purpose to the church. But was the price that has been paid worth it ? Many people died on both sides for their faith, but worse still, the senseless sectarian killing we see today in Ireland is a legacy of the Reformation. The complaints raised against the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent visit to Rome just goes to show the anti-Catholic feeling that still exists.

But this only exemplifies the problems that we have with inter-denominational unity. What about the obstacles that stand within our own denomination ? When the only time that the anglo-Catholic talks to the Evangelical is when they gang up on the liberal ! We may not feel that we are a part of this in Ecton, but imagine our feelings if our new Rector tries to introduce incense, or alternatively, if he tries to get rid of vestments. Our prejudices are all too obvious sometimes.

But let us strike a positive note. We must thank God for the diversity that He has given the human race, and not curse him for it ! He has given us individual minds and hearts - He doesn't want us all to be clones. Also, as we are all at different stages in our pilgrimages of faith, we will each have a different appreciation of the Lord. And that will be reflected in the way we choose to live, pray and worship.

However, we should always have a tolerance and moreover an understanding, of people from other traditions and denominations. I personally believe that the sort of unity where Christian works alongside Christian without fighting is the best we can hope for. And hopefully, we will be able to share Communion on earth, as it will be in heaven.

Meanwhile, let us pray to be filled "with the knowledge of His will through spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Cor1:9)

Let us put aside our prejudices, and remember that our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven is praying with us for unity here on earth.

Richard Mayne.

THE OLD CHAPEL, WEST STREET, ECTON.

The conversion work being carried out to turn the Old Chapel into a design studio is almost completed.

Graham Scriven and others have done a splendid job in transforming the old place and we're so proud of it that we would like you to come and have a look !.

Everyone who wants to, is invited to come along on Saturday 11th November between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Refreshments aren't guaranteed, but we'll do our best !!

Rodney and Sheila Ingram

HOUSE GROUP

The next three meetings are :-

Thursday 9th November 8.0pm at
17 Huntsmead.

Thursday 14th December 8.0pm at
8 Berrydale.

Wednesday 10th January 8.0pm at
76 Ecton Lane, Sywell.

Please come to any of these meetings if you are interested. We are not a closed group and our discussions are not heavy theology.

In October we had an interesting discussion on worship, led by Richard Mayne ending the evening with communion. The meetings in November and December will end with Compline.

Mary Strange.

From The Collection Plate

SEPTEMBER

24th

£194.75

OCTOBER

1st

£244.00

8th

£109.20

15th

£162.70

Ecton School

Recently, we have been concerned to see that one or two dogs have been finding their way on to the school playing field, and fouling the grass where the children play. We are naturally concerned that this could lead to children becoming ill and therefore would ask all dog owners in the village to ensure that their dogs are supervised at all times (as I'm sure most of them already are).

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Sarah Stopps

Headteacher Ecton Primary School.



Ecton Village Playgroup

We have been pleased to welcome 7 new children to playgroup this term. We hope that they and their parents will be very happy with us.

Our supervisors, Audrey and Carol are attending the Basic Playgroup Course in Wellingborough this term and have returned with some interesting ideas.

Forthcoming Events

We invite you to a Musical Evening on Saturday November 11th with the NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR. This will be held in school and Cheese and Wine will be served.



Tickets are available from Jan Lennon, The School House. Northampton 410658.

Adults £2.00 Children 50p.

PRAYER

One of the most important, but mostly invisible, tasks of the parish priest is to pray for his church and his parish.

I believe that we too should share this burden, especially as we are in interregnum. I'm sure that many of us pray individually for the work of the parish, but sometimes we suffer from lack of communication, and we simply don't know what to pray for.

So, perhaps, we can consider the following ideas.

Firstly, a prayer pouch, or prayer board. Then people with a specific prayer request, e.g. someone who is ill, or about to make an important decision, can communicate this to the whole church for individual intercession, without any unwanted feelings that is all just 'gossip'. You may not feel that you want everybody praying for cousin Beryl's runny nose, but it can be a great comfort to know that other people are praying for your friends and relatives.

Secondly, a prayer group, meeting possibly once a month, to pray specifically for the church and the parish e.g. items on the prayer board, P.C.C. meetings, the Sunday Services. My idea would be only to have prayer for about half an hour - but obviously we'd need to go on for as long as people wanted.

So if you are enthusiastic about either of the ideas see me after church sometime and we'll see what can be done.

Richard Mayne.

11-14? PATHFINDERS



Sorry ! It isn't one of those word puzzles. I haven't enough brains to create one of them - it takes me long enough to work out an answer to them - and then I'm usually wrong.!

In January we would like to start up a "Pathfinder " group. This group would be for young people who might think they are getting too old for Junior Church. The aim is to encourage you to continue learning about being a Christian in a way that is fun.

If you are between the ages of eleven and fourteen (or parents of children aged 11 to 14) and are interested we would like to hear from you. There will be a meeting on Sunday November 26th after church (approx 10.45 am) in the Lady Chapel. Please come to find out more and ask any questions you might have.

If you can't come but would be interested please speak to Mary Strange before then.

COFFEE MORNING

Once again it's time for the Children's Society Coffee Morning and the gathering in of the money boxes. This will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 10.15am All are welcome. As before, coffee and mince pies will be served -- a prelude to the Christmas festivities.

There will be a raffle, a Bring & Buy as well as a Homemade produce stall. All contributions will be gratefully received.

If you are unable to attend this event, could you please arrange for me to have your money box before 23rd November. This would be much appreciated.

Ingrid Cartwright.

From The Registers

BURIALS

SEPTEMBER

21st Dorothy Freda Jolley

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Help is required in maintaining the Village Play Field in a litter free condition and in particular with the regular removal of glass etc. The bus shelters also require cleaning on a weekly basis. The Parish Council invites an enquiry from a Resident willing to undertake these duties. Payment to be agreed. Please contact the Parish Clerk, telephone 845224.

Parking Problems

The police wish to hear from Residents when affected by parking problems. You are advised to telephone the Wellingborough Sub Divisional HQ., on 90 440333 and they will visit and help you.

John Wright
Clerk to the Parish Council.

COACH TRIP TO LONDON

There are 2 seats available on the coach to London on Saturday 16th December leaving Ecton at 9.0am returning around 7.15pm.

If anyone is interested please contact Sylvia Johnson Tel: 409444

Stewardship

You can always tell the passing of the year by the way the stewardship envelopes disappear from the little box in which they are kept. The fewer envelopes left in the box the closer it is to Stewardship Sunday and a report as to how we are doing!

The year has been extremely successful and the vast majority of our pledged givers have been able to maintain their pledge for the year. This has enabled us to proceed with confidence to accepting the quotation for the tower restoration and committing ourselves to putting the work in hand as soon as the builders are able. For the future then we are asking that our subscribers maintain their existing level and, if at all possible, give a small increase. Obviously the tower is our largest target but undoubtedly our Parish share, gas bill and water rates, etc., will continue to increase. Anything which we are able to do to help me as Treasurer will obviously be gratefully received.

For those members new to the Church I would advise them that we have a Stewardship Scheme which means that approximately 90% of our income is pledged each week and contributed by means of envelopes. This enables the PCC to plan the expenditure of the Church with confidence as they are assured of the income. If you would like to join the scheme do please see either myself or Martin Stears.

For the present year there are two points with regard to house-keeping:

- a) You will notice that the present box has a week 53 envelope and we would ask you to use this when the last dated envelope has been used up. Unusually this particular Stewardship year is a 53 week one. However the numbers are not on the envelope so would you please write your number on it before you use it.
- b) The envelopes for the new year will be placed at the back of the Church as soon as we have them. If you would be kind enough to collect them from there it will save the Stewardship Committee delivering them.

Thanking you in anticipation for your continued support!

John Strange

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES
TRUST

Four people volunteered to take part in the sponsored bicycle ride which took place on Saturday 9th September. Joan Dickins walked to 11 Churches in Northampton town, Denis Lennon visited 7 and Richard Mayne found his way between House duties to 11. Whilst all this exercise was going on Kathy Stears recorded 40 visitors to our Church.

Our team you will be delighted to hear raised the magnificent sum of £211.75p of which 50% will come to our own Tower Fund and the balance will go towards the work of the Historic Churches Trust.

Many thanks to all who took part and to everyone who sponsored them.

Martin Stears.

Over 60's Club

The dates of our meetings in November are 13th and 27th.

Whist Drive on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm. Open to all.....

Please come along.

Denise Langley.

Ecton Fellowship

Tuesday November 14th at 2.30pm

This meeting will be given by Christopher Horne a florist from Broadway, he will give an afternoon of floral arrangements. These arrangements will be raffled.

We hope as many people as possible will come and enjoy this afternoon.

Joan Dickins.

Coffee Rota

NOVEMBER

5th Nick & Mary Greene
12th Tricia Fuller & Mavis Ahead
19th Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
26th Johan Pinney & Pat Baylis

DECEMBER

3rd Audrey Treloar & Ingrid
Cartwright
10th Millie Harlott & Dora

Flower Rota

NOVEMBER

4th Jean Leigh
11th Jean Leigh
18th M.Hussey
25th M.Hussey

DECEMBER

2nd Toni Main
9th Ecton Fellowship

READERS

NOVEMBER

5th Les Mitchell
12th Paul Gilbert
19th Denis Strange
26th Martin Stears

DECEMBER

3rd Alice
10th Paddy Macquire



Friends of Ecton School

Due to the wonderful support that has been given we have been able to contribute £550 towards the cost of the new computer as well as a further £150 for some new Sports equipment.

By mid November we hope to find enough good quality items to take along to a Car Boot Sale. So please have a clear out and bring all your unwanted items to the school.

On Friday 1st December we are holding our ever popular Children's Disco, from 6.0pm to 7.30pm.

Tickets 75p each which includes some refreshments, other snacks will also be available for sale.

THE MONTHLY DRAW

All existing members of the draw are reminded that the new years subscription is now due.

There are a few spaces left in our draw. An annual ticket costs £5.20p which is entered in the monthly draw for £10. Please contact me or Kathy Stears or leave your name at the school if you would like to join.

Barbara Wheeler.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

What can we say, but an enormous thankyou to everyone who donated produce to and spent long hours of loving care to make our Church look so magnificent on Sunday 1st October.

Following Evensong over 80 of our number enjoyed a superb meal prepared by Mary Dicks and her team. We were very pleased to welcome both Warren Warnes and Haydn Smart for the evening.

The Auction raised the handsome sum of £120 which has been passed to "The Children's Society".

We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who kindly helped during the weekend to make the 1989 Harvest Thanksgiving an enjoyable and memorable one.

Henry and Martin.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Our Parish Communion Service and Parade service will start at 9.45am and our Guides and Brownies will lead us to the Memorial for the laying of the Wreath at 11.00am.

Evensong at 6.0pm will be a Remembrance Service as usual.

Women's Institute

At the AGM on 3rd October Mrs Millie Harlott, Mrs Denise Langley, Mrs Mavis Patten and Miss Marion Gleave re-elected as President, Vice-President Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer respectively and the standing committee was increased by one new member, Mrs Austen. The Secretary's report reminded us of the interesting and varied events of the past year when membership rose to 30. Members were congratulated and thanked for their successful fund raising efforts throughout the year. These were reflected in the end of year balance in the Treasurer's accounts, healthy even after the distribution of monies to several local charities. On behalf of the members Miss Macquire thanked the Committee for their hard work which had resulted in so much enjoyment and companionship.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the speaker was unable to make her presentation, however, we all enjoyed the unexpected opportunity to have a good natter while enjoying a delicious tea provided by the committee.

We look forward to a interesting evening on 7th November when Miss J Hodgkinson of the Northampton Museum will talk about "Museum Collections". The competition is for a Small "Museum Piece". Mrs Langley and Mrs Austen are on teas. Members are reminded that subs for the new year, which promises to be even better than the last, are due before Christmas.

Carol Jones.

CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 5th 8TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- Romans 7. 7-13
John 3. 13-21
- 6.0pm Evensong
- Tuesday 7th W.I. 7.30pm
- Thursday 9th Holy Communion 9.30am
- Sunday 12th 7TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY
- 9.45am Parish Communion &
Parade Service
- 10.45am Laying of Wreath at
Memorial
- 3.0pm Holy Baptism
- 6.0pm Evensong
- Monday 13th Over 60's 2.30pm
- Tuesday 14th Ecton Fellowship 2.30pm
- Thursday 16th Holy Communion 9.30am
Over 60's Whist Drive 7.30pm
- Sunday 19th 6TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
- 9.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 19th Exodus 6. 2-8
 Mark 13. 5-13
 2.30pm Holy Baptism
 6.0pm Evensong

Thursday 23rd Holy Communion

Sunday 26th 5TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 9.30am Parish Communion
 Isaiah 10. 20-23
 Mark 13. 14-23
 6.0pm Evensong

Monday 27th Over 60's 2.30pm

Thursday 30th Holy Communion 9.30am

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY
 9.30am Parish Communion &
 Parade Service
 Isaiah 51. 4-11
 Matthew 25. 31 to end
 6.0pm Evensong

Tuesday 5th W.I. 7.30pm

Thursday 7th Holy Communion 9.30am

Cleaning Rota

NOVEMBER

4th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(L)
11th	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
18th	Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)
25th	Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.W.Johnson	(R)

DECEMBER

2nd	Alice & Wynne	(L)
9th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)

Sacristans Rota

NOVEMBER

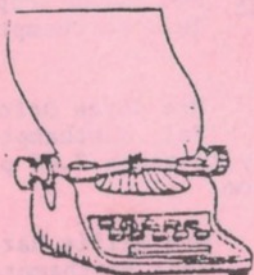
4th	Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(A)
11th	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(B)
18th	-----do-----	(A)
25th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)

DECEMBER

2nd	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Molford	(A)
9th	-----do-----	(B)

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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Ecton W.I	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C Wednesday 7.00-9.00 p.m S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Jan Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Jan Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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