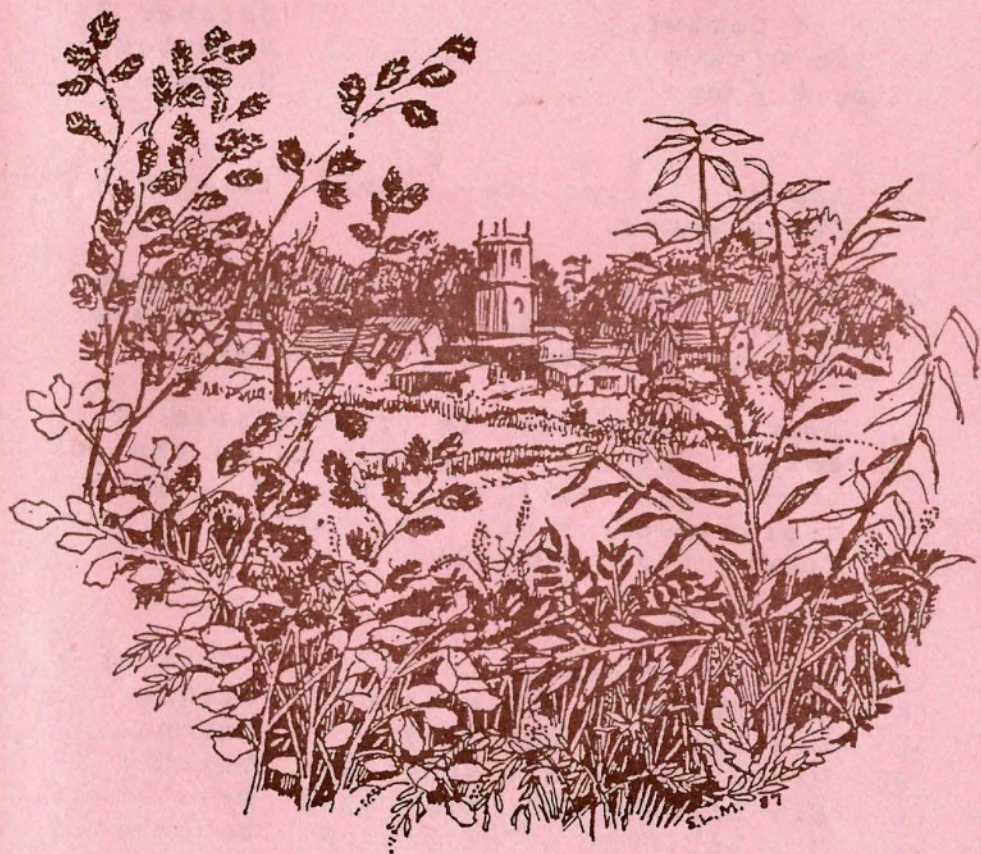


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS





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FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

"For everything in Heaven and on Earth is
Yours
All things come from you
and of your own do we give you."

These words spoken by King David, the first King of Israel, during the dedication festival in Jerusalem, form a fitting theme for Harvest Thanksgiving. The roots of such Thanksgiving are to be found in the origins of Man's relationship with God. In the book of

Genesis, we read of Cain and Abel bringing an offering to God, each appropriate to his calling. Cain, the farmer, brought fruit and vegetables. Abel, the shepherd, brought the best animals from his flock. So the bible teaches that Man is to be the caretaker, the steward, of all that God provides, and that theme runs consistently throughout the scriptures, both Old and New Testaments.

The gifts of creation, their creation, and their replenishment do not belong to us. Harvest reminds us that though we may have the use of these gifts they are ultimately not ours. Ownership of them belongs to God alone. Such a view, in today's world, may seem an odd one, at variance with the pressure to have, and to own, which dominates much of our thinking. But it demands our attention.

To be a caretaker is to admit that the 'property' over which one has care, is worthy of care. God wants us to be responsible in the way which we live is fundamentally a good one; the Church is not the sole recipient of God's love, nor a lasting protection from a naughty, fallen world. Harvest is a statement to the world that it is the creation of a loving, caring, God, whose purposes are good even though we have fallen short of them; who loves us when we cannot love ourselves; who forgives us and heals us despite the violence and misuse with which we so easily treat his world. Evil there certainly is, but evil can only be overcome with good. So we are to be the caretakers of God's world, to cherish every sign of his goodness and enable others to share in our thanksgiving. We give back to him, only what we have received from him, and

that means being prepared to share our richness with others. But more of that, next month. In the meantime, let me end with a prayer written by Christian Aid for Harvest.

Creator God, we thank you for the gifts of the earth

We thank you for trees and flowers
for fruit and vegetables
for the sun, rain and soil.

Help us remember that we do not own these gifts.

Help us remember that they are for all people,
everywhere and at all times.

Keep us from a positive attitude.

Keep us from thinking that those who have much
are more important than those who have little.

May we always be willing to share what you have given us.

AMEN

Treas W. Illmott

RECTOR

FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

August 23rd	£125.20
August 30th	£122.95
September 6th	£152.29
September 13th	£100.36
September 20th	£102.47

LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF
CANTERBURY AND YORK

Church Urban Fund

We want to tell you now that we will be launching the public appeal for the Church Urban Fund on Wednesday, 20th April 1988. Some detailed information about the aims and operations of the fund has been circulated to dioceses, and further material will be provided in the coming months.

The Church Urban Fund is a central part of the Church's response to 'Faith in the City'. It will be a vital means of strengthening its mission in our most deprived urban areas. We are called to offer fresh hope, purposed and opportunities to many who often feel excluded from society (including the Church) and unable to influence their own lives.

The Church can do this because it is already present in these areas, through the hard and costly work of priests and congregations. We need now to support and strengthen them. The Church Urban Fund will provide an opportunity for the whole church to demonstrate its commitment to them. It is a question of all together sharing in a witness to the love of Christ for everyone in our society.

We need to raise through the public campaign a capital sum to provide at least fl million a year. The target for this is fl8 million. It is a daunting sum, yet small in comparison with the need.

In total the aim of the Church Urban Fund is that £4 million a year should be spent on church-related projects in urban areas. £1 million a year will come from the Church Commissioners, subject to Parliamentary approval. There will be other substantial sums from companies, trusts and foundations, and a local contribution will be required for all projects.

At the start of the campaign we shall be issuing a pastoral letter to be read from every pulpit on Sunday, 24th April 1988 - the first Sunday after the launch. It will need to initiate two years of hard work if we are to raise the sum we seek.

Each diocese, under the leadership of its Bishop, has been asked to establish in its part of the country the specific means to stimulate and encourage giving for the Church Urban Fund, and this will be supported by a national campaign office. The positive response of parishes will be essential in this task.

ROBERT CANTUAR and JOHN EBOR

TERRARIUM AND CRAFT EVENING

Freda and Edna wish to thank everyone for their support when £84.65 was raised and given towards 1988 Festival Flower Fund.

There are still some plants at the back of the Church for those who may have missed the sale.
Terraniums

Orders can still be taken for Christmas. Please contact Edna Welch.

WELCOME! STEPHEN DANIEL

Our warm congratulations and best wishes to Julie and Stephen Meakins on the birth of their son (young Stephen).

Young Stephen arrived at 7.12 p.m. on Sunday, 20th September in Northampton General Hospital and weighed in at 7lbs 11ozs. Both Julie and Stephen are fine and "old" Stephen is probably still celebrating!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Decoration of Church for Harvest Thanksgiving, any vegetables, fruit or produce to be brought to the church on Saturday, 3rd October at 10.00 a.m. Everyone welcome to give a hand.

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Our trip to Olney and Bedford was most enjoyable, the weather was good and it was lovely to sit in the sun beside the river, our last trip of the Summer. The October meetings are on the 5th and 19th at 2.30 p.m.

Whist Drives

Friday 9th October and 6th November in the Rectory Room, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

EDNA WELCH

RECTOR'S NOTES

Parish Barbeque. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the barbeque such a success - even if we do need some more practice at lighting the coals! Financially we broke even, if not a little profit, which goes to show how well one can eat and drink for £2. Several new ideas emerged for the '88 Festival; and we look set for a busy Winter and Spring.

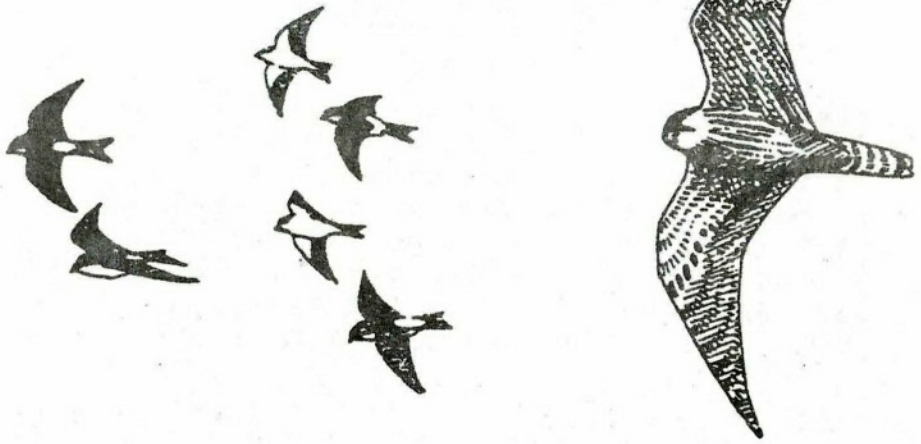
Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th at both the 9.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. services. Evensong will be followed by the Harvest Supper in Ecton House, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, priced £2 are now available. It is our custom at Ecton to auction all the Harvest Gifts, and give the proceeds away - the auction is a light hearted affair, with an odd surprise or two. This year the auction will be part of the supper. So buy a ticket and come and join us.

Looking into November. Advent Sunday, November 29th is also Stewardship Sunday. The annual renewal of our pledge of time, talents and money in God's service and the needs of this world. The Stewardship Committee will shortly be visiting all the existing members of the Stewardship Scheme, but if you are not already a member and would like some details and/or explanation see John Strange.

Bus Tokens

These will be issued on Wednesday, 21st October in the Youth Club from 10.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

WILD ECTON



Summer (such as it was) has drawn to a close and with the onset of Autumn great changes are taking place in the bird life of the village. Most of the swallows and house martins have set out on their long journey south, leaving just a few stragglers, and the swifts disappeared some weeks ago. As the Summer visitors leave their breeding sites, perhaps in the woods and fields around our village or down in the river valley, some inevitably turn up in our gardens. Ours is no exception and in the past couple of weeks several blackcaps, willow warblers and chiff-chaffs have made brief visits and I have heard the distinctive call of a yellow wagtail as it flew over. Best of all I have twice seen a hobby, a splendid falcon not unlike a large swift in silhouette, scattering the flocks of swallows, martins and starlings over the village in all directions. This is another bird which Winters in Africa and returns every Summer to nest with us. How amazing this migration is and how fascinating that we can follow its' progress in our own village.

RODNEY INGRAM

POLICE NOTEBOOK

During the month of August crimes on our beat were;

Reported: 33

Detected: 11

Part of the undetected crime is made of an outbreak of theft of fishing equipment and bicycles from Overstone Solarium which of course is on our beat and is exposed as most of our beat is to the criminal element of East Northampton. Please don't leave your garage doors wide open and unattended or your car unlocked. Times we visit premises on other matters to find the garage undone exposing bicycles, the lawn mower, power drill, etc., to anyone who cares to walk in. On other occasions the front door key has been found in the lock and nobody has been in the house. It's so easy for a casual thief to take advantage of any little slip up on your part. Please don't expose yourself and don't make us that little bit of extra work which we can well do without.

We now have an answer-phone service which you can contact us on by dialling Northampton 703394, this gives you the Force's answering service which is a bank of answer-phones computerised. When you dial that number you get an automatic voice which give you instructions on how to contact the person you wish to leave a message for.

If you wish to leave a message for us - ask to leave it for the Police at Earls Barton on Box Number 6018 leaving your name, address and telephone number, and make sure you leave the full text of the message you wish to leave for us.

If you wish us to contact you - leave that message.

If you have a little snip of information you want to pass to us, Please don't hesitate - if you want to remain anonymous please take advantage of the situation to do so.

If you think you can help us in any way what-so-ever, please don't hesitate.

We have been locking up the thieves through the Summer regularly in particular for stealing petrol in the villages. It seems to be an easy touch for thieves from Wellingborough, Northampton and in fact Rushden now, to come out into the villages to fill their petrol tanks during the night. If you hear anything during the night which you think is unusual, take a look out the window and take a note of any car numbers which may be about which are strangers, pass them on to us. None of it is a waste of time, every little helps.

As some of you already know, PC RHODES has been ill for some time and his place at the moment is being taken by PC MARKS who is very familiar with the area and whom some of you know very well.

POLICE. CONSTABLES SAUNBY, LEWIS and MARKS

BELLRINGERS



Everyone who has expressed an interest in learning to ring the church bells please note:-

Practices for beginners will be held in the church tower on Wednesdays from 8.00 p.m. The first practice will be Wednesday, 30th September. Don't forget to come along! We'd like to have enough ringers to be able to ring before morning and evening services on Sundays.

If anyone can already ring the bells and would like to join our "not-so-new" learners we practice on Tuesday evenings from 8.00 p.m. and we would be pleased to welcome you.

I look forward to seeing lots of you in the tower soon!

MARY STRANGE

THE CIVIL SERVANT'S PRAYER?

Oh Lord grant that this day we come to no
decisions,
Neither run into any kind of responsibility,
But that all our doings may be ordered to
establish
New and quite unwarranted departments.

O thou who seest all things below
grant thy servants may go slow.
That they may study to comply
With regulations till they die.
Teach us Lord to reverence
Committees more than common sense.
Impress our minds to make no plan
but pass the baby when we can.
And when temper seems to give
us feelings of initiative,
or when alone we go too far,
Chastise us with a circular.
Mid War and tumult, fire and
Storms, strengthen us we pray
with forms.
Thus will thy servants ever be
A perfect flock of sheep for thee.

A prayer found in the house of a senior member
of the Indian Administrative Service.

Extract from "FROM RAJ TO RAJIV" - "Betrayal
by Bureaucracy"

Broadcast on 19th August and re-broadcast on
20th August 1987 on Radio Four.

Kindly supplied by Henry Pinney

Who's Who Around Ecton 2: Andrew Currah

"..from the banks of the Nile to the banks of
the Nene"

That was a title suggested to me by a
parishioner when she heard that I had been
asked to compile the second in the "Who's Who"
series for the magazine. For I come to Ecton

having spent much of last year in Southern Sudan, living and working with Christians in that land. but it is in much colder surroundings that I begin my story.

I was born in Southampton Vicarage in Devizes, Wiltshire, at that onset of a freezing winter in December 1962. My father was the vicar of St James' Southbroom until 1969, when we moved to West Dorset and back to my father's birthplace, Bridport. From an early age, my brothers (Mark and Paul), and I, sang in the choir at St Mary's Bridport, where our parents jointly hold the position of choirmaster. It was this early commitment to the life of a church, and the ease and security of a Christian home, that encouraged an awareness of my faith and calling.

I was educated at the Comprehensive School in Bridport, and after successfully tackling some examinations for a second time, proceeded to St Chad's College in the University of Durham. I graduated in the summer of 1985 with a degree in Natural Sciences of which Mathematics formed a large part. The three years at St Chad's College saw a further exploration of my faith, and developed in me an appreciation of the richness of ritual, liturgy and music in worship. Set in beautiful surroundings, the years of learning at Durham were both happy and interesting.

It was during the Christmas vacation of my final year that the idea of some time in the Sudan began to take shape. My home Diocese (of Salisbury) has strong personal and prayerful links with the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, and it was through this link that my year in Africa came about. I spent the six

months immediately after graduation in a factory in Bridport, earning the cash necessary for my year abroad, and learning too about the needs, hopes and motivations of a large local workforce. I left West Dorset in the grip of snow in February last year, and began my long journey to the Sudan.

I was assigned to teach English at the Theological College of the Episcopal Church, at a small village called Mundri in Southern Sudan. It was here that I came to know and love many Sudanese Christians; they opened their homes and lives to me, and in return I offered my life and my love. The twelve months that I spent at Mundri have had a profound effect on my life, and it is my strong desire to return to the Sudan in the future. "Loving and being loved" is how it can best be expressed. Despite the hardships and suffering in a country torn by war for four years, and probably because of them, the Sudanese retain a remarkable spirit and faith. I will never forget their humility and good cheer in all things, and their kindness to me.

And so to Ecton. During a restless and quite difficult time of readjustment to life in England, I saw the need for a firm base from which to work out the longer-term future. The position at Ecton House will, I think, provide that base, and at the same time give me valuable experience as I involve myself in the life of the community here. I have already found a warm welcome from you: from staff at the House, from members of the Parish, the people of the two pubs and the cricket club. Alas, Ecton no longer boasts a football team, but I have been warmly welcomed by the club at neighbouring Earls Barton! Thank you all for

your open friendship, and for making Ecton a home so quickly. Something of what is, for me, a Sudanese spirit, is here too.

At the beginning of my time here, it is my hope and prayer that I will come to know and love many of you; that I can adequately meet the needs of, and serve the people of, the House and Parish, in my capacity Assistant Warden; and through all of these things, glimpse some more of the excellence of God, and His will for me.

MUMS AND TOTS

WANTED!

Mums and tots are looking for more toys. We need large toys, such as sit and ride, and toys with no pieces to get lost! We are willing to pay a reasonable price for toys in good condition suitable for ages 1 to 4. All donations would be gratefully received. Please contact Margaret Willmott (416322) or Margaret Tinston (412233) if you can help.

We also hope to start a dressing up box. Items such as hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, etc., would be very welcome. Please leave donations at Ecton House.

Mums and Tots Rota

M Tinston	October 1st
J Stock	October 8th
J Scriven	October 15th
Y Miller	October 22nd
M Kennedy	October 29th
J Lennon	November 5th

MARGARET WILLMOTT

ECTON VILLAGE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup are holding a jumble sale at Rectory Farm Community Centre on Saturday, 17th October at 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Would anyone wishing to given any jumble please hand it to Mrs Yvonne Miller, 6 Church View, Tel: 416339 or Mrs Jan Lennon, School House, Tel: 409213.

If anyone is unable to deliver please let either one of us know and we will collect.

There will also be a cake stall so donations of cakes will be gratefully received. Please bring these to Yvonne Milleer on Friday, 16th October. Funds raised will go to Ecton Village Playgroup.

Our AGM will be held on Monday, 5th October at 8.00 p.m. in Rectory Farm House, High Street, everybody welcome.

The highly successful photography session will be held in the Youth Club again this year on Friday, 30th October between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. This is open to all, families, individuals, groups, etc. Last years results were delightful and they make such wonderful Christmas gifts! Please come along and remember you are under no obligation to buy.

MARGARET TINSON

DON'T CRY FOR ME!

By the time some of you will be reading this I will have (hopefully!) landed in Argentina to being my year's work with the Church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the very generous gift of a camera which will remind me of the happy times which I have had during my stay with you in Ecton. It is perhaps also appropriate to record here my gratitude to Trevor and Margaret for putting up with me for so long. It has been a great joy for me to have shared with them in their lives during the past four years, especially as half way through that period an important addition was made to their family. Elizabeth's growing-up has been a pleasure to behold and I will undoubtedly miss her very much indeed.

With my best wishes and thanks once again. I hope that the community at Ecton continues to be blessed in love and faith in the way that it has been in the last four years.

Hoping to see you all fit and well in a year's time.

CHRISTOPHER

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

MODERN HEROES are more violent than the villians. That is why they win - and that is the message that some over, loud and strong, from both the small and large screen.

Excessive violence is seen as something to admire. Add to this the fact that the hero proves his virility by leaping into bed with the heroine at the slightest opportunity, then we can hardly complain at the morality of the younger generation!

Is the Rambo image the one "real men" will be expected to take on?

When armed soldiers came to the Garden of Gethsemane that first Good Friday, Jesus did not use his superhuman power to defeat the might of Rome. He showed that gentleness has more power than force. Pilate saw in Jesus a strength he could not match.

Surely the qualities Jesus demonstrated then to his enemies are those we want to see in the heroes our children admire!

MARY REID

CAROL CONCERT-PLUS

On Saturday, 5th December there is a Carol Concert in the Albert Hall starting at 3.00 p.m. (stalls £5.50)

A Coach will leave the village at 9.00 a.m. (approximate fare £4.50) allowing time for sightseeing, shopping, etc., returning from the Albert Hall at 5.00 p.m.

If a day in London appeals to you please let me know as soon as possible. Tel: 409444.

SYLVIA JOHNSON

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The club has had a successful season in spite of the unfavourable weather. With one match still to play against Little Houghton, we have won nine, lost six, with four cancelled and one abandoned.

The abandoned match played at bugbrooke was washed out at tea time with Ecton 212 for 2, with eighteen years old Mark Patching on 133 not out. This is the highest score by an Ecton player since the war (unless you know otherwise) and a remarkable achievement by such a young player.

Other good batting and bowling performances have been achieved. Four other players have scored 50 or more in an innings.

The assistant warden, Andrew Currah, has joined the team which brings the number of players living in the village to seven. This is the most we have had for a number of years.

Supporters and friends are invited to join the club at their end of season dinner to be held at the Fir Tree Restaurant, Wellingborough on Tuesday, 20th October. The cost of this will be approximately £6 per person. Please advise Brian Saunders, Tel: 403417, by 7th October if you wish to be included.

BRIAN SAUNDERS

RECIPE CORNER

Original Cornish Pasties

Short Pastry

12ozs Plain Flour

6-7ozs Lard and Margarine

4-5 Tablespoons of Cold Water to Mix

Roll out pastry into thick rounds the size of a small tea plate.

Ingredients, ALL RAW

½lb Chuck Steak cut into small cubes

1-2 medium size Onions, sliced thinly

2 good sized Potatoes, sliced thinly

Same quantity Swede, sliced thinly

Season with Salt and Pepper.

On each round put:- Sliced Swede, Onion, Potatoes and beef cubes, well seasoned with Salt and Pepper and place on top a small knob of butter or margarine.

Moisten edges of pastry and bring edges together and pinch them up and crimp edges with fingers, brush each one over with milk and make incision on top and pour about a teaspoon of milk through the incision.

Bake about 55 minutes in oven temperature 375° F or Gas Mark 5.

AUDREY TRELOAR

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Joan White displayed a fascinating assortment of embroidered articles which demonstrated what a lot can be achieved with a

little imagination. In her talk on the subject she stressed the value of making up ones own designs. In her collection were some beautifully worked articles by a German lady about 100 years ago.

Mrs White judged the competition for an embroidered mat, the winners being Marion Gleave, Audrey Treloar and Denise Langley.

Nominations were requested for the new committee to be formed at the October meeting, when subscriptions will be due.

On October 6th Mrs Fairhurst will speak on "My Year as Lady Mayoress". The competition will be a hat suitable for the occasion.

JANET ROBINSON

MOTHER'S UNION

We had a very successful afternoon on 8th September when Mrs Leatherland spoke to us about the use of church vestments and their embroidery. We had a very good attendance since members of Billing Mother's Union joined us.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th October at 2.30 p.m. when our speaker is Mrs Cullup of the Mother's Union Media Department.

MARGARET WILLMOTT

AUTUMN IN THE GARDEN

Now is the time for a good tidy-up in the garden. Herbaceous plants need cutting back and dividing where necessary. Cuttings can be taken of roses. Heathers can be planted or divided this month and a good tip after they have flowered is to trim back with the shears and sprinkle over good handfuls of peat gently shaking down through the plants. Spring bedding plants should be planted now and flowering bulbs. To encourage lots of flowers on winter jasmine tie back to fence or wall securely and after flowering in the Spring prune back really hard keeping it trimmed all Summer. Rambler roses should be pruned now too.

If you are thinking of planting a tree or hedging now is the time to do so while the ground is still warm, particularly fruit trees. October is a good month for starting a herb garden and it is ideally sited near the kitchen door for nipping out and snipping just a sprig of something. Melt holes in plastic icecream containers, fill with garden soil and sink them in the herb bed. This method enables you to grow a collection of assorted herbs particularly mint, while keeping them from spreading through each other. To grow good garlic the cloves should be planted in late Summer/early Autumn in really deep soil, do not plant in Spring.

This is the storing month - carrots, potatoes, onions, etc. After lifting carrots it is very handy to put some in a hessian type sack and clamp them near the garden path so that they are easily accessible during the Winter

months. Apples ready for picking should only need a gentle twist otherwise they are not ripe. The ideal temperature for storage is 32°F with 80-90 per cent humidity. The newly picked apple harvest really does need a cool room for storage to prolong the life of the crop.

These are just a few of the 101 jobs that need to be done by the end of the season, so let us hope for a golden October to enjoy some time in the garden.

OCTOBER DIARY

October 4th 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST :
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

9.30 Family Communion, Brownie Church Parade, Presentation of Harvest Gifts, & Holy Baptism
Epistle: Galations 6, 6-10
Ted Langley
Gospel: John 4, 31-36

6.00 Evensong

7.00 Harvest Supper and Auction of Harvest Produce at Ecton House.

October 5th Over 60's Club

October 6th 7.30 Women's Institute

October 8th 9.30 Holy Communion

October 9th 7.00 Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

October 10th 2.00 Wedding

October 11th 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday
School
Epistle: II Corinthians
8, 1-9 Dennis Strange
Gospel: S Matthew 5, 17-26

6.00 Evensong

October 15th 9.30 Holy Communion

October 18th ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
(last after PENTECOST)

9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday
School
Epistle: Acts 16, 6-12a
Andrew Currah
Gospel: Luke 10, 1-9

6.00 Evensong

October 19th Over 60's Club

October 22nd 9.30 Holy Communion

October 25th 9th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

9.30 Parish Communion and Sunday
School
Old Testament: Genesis 2,
4b-9, 15-end Martin Stears
Gospel: John 3, 1-8

October 28th St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

October 29th 9.30 Holy Communion

November 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY
(8th SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS)

9.30 Family Communion and
Brownie Church Parade
Old Testament: Genesis 3,
1-15 Maurice Jones
Gospel: Matthew 5, 1-12

6.00 Evensong

November 2nd ALL SOULS' DAY

Over 60's Club

November 8th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (7th SUNDAY
BEFORE CHRISTMAS)

9.30 Parish Communion
Epistle: Genesis 22,
1-18 John Strange
Gospel: Luke 20, 9-17

6.00 Service for Remembrance
Sunday

Sacristans Rota

(A) Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks October 3rd
(B) Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks October 10th
(A) Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks October 17th
(B) Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks October 24th
(A) Miss MacQuire & Mrs Treloar October 31st
(B) Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott November 7th

(A) High Altar, Nave Altars and Collection
Plates

(B) Lady Chapel, Collection Plates and Other
Items