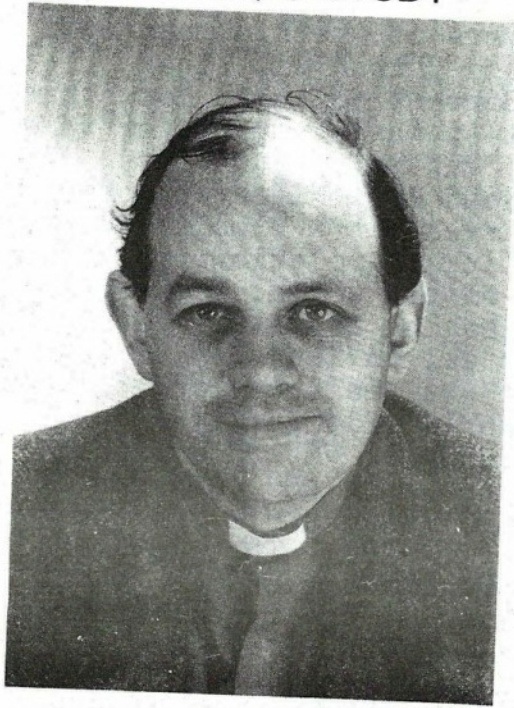


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



FROM THE
RECTOR'S STUDY



OCTOBER 1988

October takes us into Autumn, and our thoughts and prayers turn towards Harvest. The pictures and reports from Sudan and Bangladesh, rightly remind us not only of our responsibilities for those people less fortunate than our selves, but also of our own thankfulness for the lives which we enjoy. Harvest for many people in this country has become a matter of nostalgia, almost a longing for time past, a chance to sing the old hymns. But such nostalgia has little or no place in the Church's Harvest celebrations.

Yes, the old hymns of thankfulness will be sung. Yes, the Church will look lovely in its Harvest colours. Yes, there will be prayers of thankfulness for this year's harvest. But more than these outward signs, and more important than any of them, Harvest is a timely reminder of our common link or relationship with all the people of the world. Harvest is not an inward looking festival, but a challenge to us all to look beyond the confines of our own small worlds, to the needs of that world wide family of which we are all part. The television, radio, newspapers bring the concerns of that world before us in stark and sometimes terrifying reality. The pictures of the flood damaged communities in the Sudan and Bangladesh, their homelessness, the ever present threat of disease, comfort both our own self-concern, and our willingness to meet those needs. A National Newspaper editorial recently asked ' Why does it take a national disaster such as has recently occurred in the Sudan to awaken the first world prosperous nations to the recognition of a problem which has long been ignored?'

We may seek to justify our previous lack of action; we may try to shift the blame onto the shoulders of the third world countries; we may even try to ignore the problem and yet-----.

Of course, we must be grateful for the government aid which has been given in the millions of pounds which the national appeals have raised - but is it enough to prevent such disasters occurring again?

At the heart of our Harvest Thanksgiving is a God who by word and action involves himself with the needs of all his people. Here is no discrimination, no favouritism, no selfish self-preservation. But we see also the cost of such giving, measured in the human terms of rejection, and crucifixion.

But lest you think this is all too negative, too depressing, let me point to the other aspect of Harvest. We are called to be thankful for our own lives, the richness of family life; our community with all its sharing and caring; the willingness to see 'the good' in the other and to welcome all who would share in such activity. To reach out beyond one's self is not to be a kill-joy, nor is it to be ashamed of one's own life, but is to recognise that all of this life is a gift which grows as we learn to give and share with others. To keep and celebrate Harvest is to enter into a covenant with God's creation, and more particularly with the needs of his people. A covenant is a commitment in which exist clear, irrequocable concrete actions to match the rhetoric, without which, the words are empty promises. In outward signs of word and deed, the Church which celebrates Harvest commits itself to the needs of all God's people.

Treasurer W. White

RECTOR

Ecton School

During the coming term we hope we will see many of you visiting school for our performances. But we also hope you will take the opportunity to drop in to see us, if you would like to see what goes on in your village school feel free to come along at anytime. If you would prefer to be invited then come to our Harvest Festival on October 11th at 9.30am or to our Christmas performance of December 15th / 16th at approx 1.30pm.

Hope to see you soon.

Dennis Lennon.

From The Registers

BAPTISMS

Aug	28th	Beverley	Barbara	Gintrip
Sept	17th	Emily	Marina	Crane
	18th	Simon	James	Gilmurray
	25th	David	George & Michael	Stephen Fitchew

BLESSING AFTER CIVIL MARRIAGE

Sept	3rd	Robert	Berry & Carol	Fugh
	24th	Selwyn	Jonathon	Griffiths & Emma Sarah-Jane Tebbutt

Ecton Village Playgroup

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting in the Rectory Room on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to come and join us at the meeting.

We have set the date for our Christmas Fayre, it will be on Saturday 3rd December 2pm to 4pm in the Rectory Room. Please put this date in your diary, as we will be having our usual cake stall, tombola, raffle, white elephant and handicraft stall.

Father Christmas will be in his Grotto, so do bring your children along !
Donations for any of the stalls will be welcomed and can be left at playgroup or with me.

The photographer is coming again on Friday 28th October 10.0am to 11.0 am (which is the Friday of half-term) In previous years he has produced excellent photographs and all who have attended have been delighted.

Please come along old & young alike for group or individual photos.

Margaret Tinston

Flower Rota

October	1st	HARVEST	
	8th	Freda and Edna	(wedding)
	15th	Audrey Treloar	
	22nd	Audrey Treloar	
	29th	Mary Dicks	
November	5th	Jean Leigh	

Up The Garden Path

As Autumn approaches it is time to tidy up the garden ready for Winter. The important planting months of October and November are approaching and trees, shrubs and plants must be ordered so that they can be planted while the soil is warm. Evergreen planting must be completed before the middle of October for this reason.

Hardwood cuttings from shrubs will root readily dipped first in water and then in hormone rooting powder and put in a cold frame or sheltered shrubbery.

Geraniums and fuschias etc. should be lifted with the advent of the first frost. There is still time to take cuttings if you have not already done so. Choose flowerless, short, sturdy shoots, cut under a node with a sharp knife and pinch off leaves off bottom of stem. There is no need to use hormone powder but put in pots of 50/50 peat and grit compost and put in the greenhouse or on a windowsill. If fuschia cuttings, cover pot with a plastic bag until plant has rooted.

A good way to overwinter fuschias is to dig a large hole in the garden and bury fuschias in straw, topping with a good depth of soil and leave until Spring. Do this before the frosts. When it gets to the Spring we will explain how to lift them safely. (so wait & read the details)

Don't delay the planting of spring-flowering bulbs as early planting makes strong roots and produces a successful show of early blooms. Scatter the bulbs by hand and plant them 2 to 3 inches deep for a natural and beautiful appearance in Spring.

Heathers can be planted or divided this month and do thrive with generous top dressings of peat. Some herbaceous plants may need lifting and dividing. As a general rule the subjects in a herbaceous border should be lifted when they have been in position for three years and the whole border replanted after being manured and dug. Take off the outside parts of each clump for the replanting, discarding the centre portion. This may seem somewhat drastic but your future flowers will be all the better for it during the next few seasons.

Plant violas and winter flowering pansies now and the sooner wallflowers and forget-me-nots etc are in place the better. Polyanthus may resent being planted in the same place every year so, if possible, find them a different situation this autumn.



THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th October at 2.30pm in the Benham Room at Ecton House. We are invited to meet with the Billing Ladies on the following Tuesday and we shall meet outside the Rectory Room at 2.15pm.

Margaret Willmott.

Women's Institute

DID YOU KNOW, you arthritis sufferers, that if you wrap a COMFREY leaf around that painful part the relief from pain in a few hours is amazing ? DID YOU KNOW that chewing parsley daily gives you lots of iron and vitamins ? DID YOU KNOW that a sprig of lemon balm in the bath water does wonders for the skin ?

The Romans first brought herbs to Britain; the monks in the Middle Ages made their uses more popular; and to our September meeting came Mrs Bond of Lamport, bringing trays full of all sorts of herbs, and telling us of their culinary, medicinal and cosmetic uses nowadays.

What an interesting evening, and what a pity more Ecton gardeners didn't pop along to join us for a couple of hours.

The Competition table looked like a herb garden and winners of the best herb posy were Mrs Shearing; Mrs Dicks; Miss Macquire and Mrs Harlott.

October 4th is FUN NIGHT. Hoping all members will be there, their friends and any enquiring visitors, at 7.30pm.

Finally to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Committee who organized the most successful fashion show, and the delicious refreshments. Happily £61.60p was raised for funds.

Jean Knight.

Mums & Tots

We welcome all mothers and children under school-age to join us Thursday afternoons from 2.30-4.0pm in the Rectory Room opposite the Church.

ROTA FOR OCTOBER

Oct	6th	Gerry Collins
	13th	Jan Scriven
	20th	Linda Richards
	27th	Janet Stock
Nov	3rd	Margaret Tinston

FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thanks to everyone who ordered photographs. Total raised was £44.20p, although orders are still welcome !

(Proceeds to Tower Restoration)

Kati and Charlie Ward.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Please would mothers help me out by a little assistance at the end of the service.

If one mother a week took communion as soon as possible and then came to the Rectory Room to help the younger ones with their activities this would be a big help.

Please let me know if you will help so we can have a rota.

Toni Main.

Coffee Rota

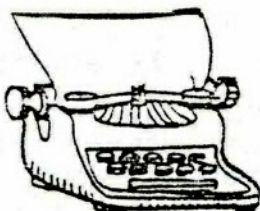
Oct 2nd Audrey Treloar & Ingrid
Cartwright
9th Millie Harlott & Dora
16th Alice & Wynne
23rd Marian Gleave & Sylvia Johnson
30th Celia & Howard Carter
Nov 5th Nick & Mary Green

Over 60's Club

Our outing to Olney and Bedford was very successful, the last one this year. The meetings in October will be on the 10th and 24th.

There will be a Whist Drive in the Rectory Room on Friday 7th October at 7.30pm, good refreshments.

Dora Reynolds.



COPY FOR THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House
by 16th October.

Enquiries :- Tel Northampton 407888

FRIENDS OF ECTON SCHOOL

The Friends of Ecton School would like to invite everyone to join them in raising funds to buy extra equipment for the school and pay for the pupils to enjoy outside activities such as the "Derngate" pantomime. Anyone who is interested in making the pupil's schooldays the start of the "best years of their life" is most welcome at our meetings and events.

DIARY

Children's Disco

Friday 18th November, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the school. Tickets 75p including food and drink.

Adults Disco

Saturday 3rd December, 8.0pm until late at the school. Tickets £2.50p including food. Bar available.

Christmas Fayre

Following Christmas performance by children at the school on Thursday 15th December. Sale of Handicrafts, toys & books, cakes, raffle, tombola and refreshments.

All are very welcome to one or more of these events. For further information please come to our next meeting on 7th December at 7.0pm in the school or contact Barbara Wheeler 44 High Street, Ecton, tel; 403049.

Thankyou for your support.

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Mother's Union Contact Mrs M Willmott
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2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in
Rectory Room

Ecton W.I Contact Mrs G Harlott
Tel: Northampton 405938
1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in
Rectory Room

Over 60's Contact Mrs E Welch
Tel: Northampton 406163
Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in
Rectory Room

Youth Club & Senior Club Contact Mrs D Bray
Tel: Northampton 408509
Y.C Monday 7.00-9.30 p.m S.C Tuesday
8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton

Mums & Tots Contact Mrs J Lennon
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Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in
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Playgroup Contact Mrs M Tinston
Tel: Northampton 412233
Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at
Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton

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Tel: Northampton 405688

Brownies Contact Mrs T Fuller
Tel: Northampton 403137

Bell Ringers Contact Mrs M Strange
Tel: Northampton 409306
Tuesday & Wednesday in Bell Tower at
8.00 p.m

HELP WANTED

I hope to start a simple Junior Sunday School for the 2-5 year olds to be run by a group of volunteers on a rota basis. I envisage it lasting from 9.30am to approx 10.10 with the children returning to Church at the offertory.

Please would anyone willing to take a turn in helping out please speak to me as soon as possible, I will then arrange a meeting when we can get together and sort out the details.

Margaret Willmott.

Ecton Youth Club

The new season's events began on September 12th and we welcome anyone who would care to join us.

The next Lunch Club will be on October 19th.

On November 12th we are planning to hold an Autumn Fair; more details in next months magazine.

From The Collection Plate

Aug	21st		£125.90
	28th		£139.65
Sept	4th		£188.97
	11th		£136.60

MORE HERBAL HINTS

A BAYLEAF in a cup of milk at bedtime helps you to sleep well.

CORRIANDER in rhubarb and gooseberry crumbles removes the acidity of the fruit.

Use WINTER SAVORY in cooking as a substitute for salt- ideal for those on a salt free diet.

Put COMFREY leaves beneath growing tomatoes and the taste will be improved.

Ants do not like TANSEY leaves, so

Burnt your arm on that oven again? Find another COMFREY leaf quick.

Time now to take cuttings of LAVENDER and ROSEMARY. A sprig of Rosemary in the Apple Jelly just gives it that extra something...

Chain Vicars



If you are unhappy with your vicar, simply have your churchwardens send a copy of this letter to six other churches who are also tired of their vicar.

Then bundle up your vicar and send him to the church at the top of the list in the letter. Within a week you will receive 16,435 vicars and one of them should be all right!

Have faith in this chain letter for vicars. Do not break the chain. One church did and got their old vicar back! (From a Salisbury Theological College leaflet).



Everybody thinks forgiveness is such a lovely idea until they have someone to forgive.

D. Bingham

RECTOR'S NOTES

On August the 22nd, the P.C.C. met to discuss the report on the Church Fabric prepared by our architects. The Rector opened the discussion by looking at the past ten years of our life with regard to the Fabric. In 1978, the P.C.C. agreed to proceed with the restoration of the tower stonework, but the outbreak of dry rot in the Lady Chapel, and the need to completely re-wire the Church, forced us to delay the work. Since 1983, we have completed the restoration of the South Clerestory Windows; the treatment of an outbreak of death watch beetle in the nave roof and the re-decoration of the inside of the Church. It should be a matter of some pride to know that all the major recommendations contained in the last quinquennial report (1985) have now been carried out.

The tower is one of the most distinctive features of the Church, but by its very position and visibility, suffers the best and worse of the prevailing weather conditions. The top third of the tower was restored a number of years ago, but we are now faced with the need to carry out necessary work on the remaining two thirds of the stonework. The total cost will be about £42,000 for which we would hope to receive Grant Aid of approx 40% or £16-17,000 from English Heritage. This together with the proceeds of this years Festival, and some existing monies, will leave us with some £20,000 still to find.

The P.C.C. were unanimous in deciding that we should undertake the whole of the work, and, if possible, commission the work for 1989-90. The challenge is great, but not, I think, impossible. A small sub-committee of the P.C.C. has been set up to plan the Fund Raising, and details will be published as soon as possible.

I'm glad that the P.C.C. saw this question not as something divorced from the work and purpose of the Church, but rather as an integral part of that work. The purpose of the Church is to be a body of people who work out in their own lives the gospel of Jesus Christ. That gospel speaks of the needs of God's world, and the role of the Church as being like light, or salt, or leaven, to bring about God's will. We are called to proclaim that Kingdom of God, with a call to repentance, and the message of God's forgiveness for his people. The Church is the people, but we are also stewards of the buildings of the Church, many of which, like us at Ecton, have been, and continue to be, valuable tools in the Church's proclamation. The stones of Ecton Church have been made holy by the prayers of every generation, many of whom rest in the peace of the churchyard. The Church does not belong solely to the worshipping congregation but to the whole village, and those outside who have come to love and value its presence in our midst.

Archbishop William Temple, back in the early 1940's, reminded the Church that "it was the only organisation which existed for the good of those who did'nt belong to it", and I believe that still to be true.

It is your Church, and I now seek, and ask, for your support in its maintenance.

The P.C.C. also discussed the need for some introductory papers which could be given to anyone who joined the Church. Details of the Stewardship Scheme, and an outline of our current programme would be included in the pack which will form the basis for the Stewardship Renewal this Autumn.

St.Thomas, Seaforth

9 members of the congregation, including the Rector, set off on August 20th for our first meeting with the congregation of St.Thomas'. For everyone the all too short 24 hour visit, was both memorable and beyond our expectations. The Church building of St.Thomas was demolished some ten years ago, leaving the parish and small congregation with a hall which has now perforce become Church and hall. We each stayed with members of their congregation, and through their generosity soon became members of the community. On a very wet Saturday afternoon we saw some of the glories of Liverpool, as well as some of its needs; for me, at least, the visit to the Anglican Cathedral will long remain in my memory. In the evening we joined the parish for a splendid social evening, with much food, and drink, and entertainment. Sunday was given to the worship of the parish, in which we all joined.

So what did we learn? Firstly that we don't have everything to give, with nothing to learn or receive in return. Secondly that faith in Christ unites us and therefore we are called to hear one another's burden. Thirdly, that to classify people in a group and in this case, an Urban Priority Area is almost to de-humanise the individuals who make up the community. Finally, that we should not be ashamed of what we possess, but rather use it in the service of God.

I hope that the 'return match' on Ecton soil will take place in the early Spring of next year. In the meantime, please continue to remember the people of St. Thomas' in your prayers.

September 26th was Walter Saunders 90th birthday- we assure him of our prayers and good wishes.

The Rev'd Canon Arthur W JEPHSON

It has been suggested that we might place a memorial plaque in the Church, in thanksgiving for Canon Jephson's long ministry in Ecton 1908 - 1936. If you would be interested in sharing the cost, please speak to Henry Pinney. Any decision by the P.C.C. will require Diocesan approval.

Sacristans Rota

Oct	1st	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(B)
	8th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(A)
	15th	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott	(B)
	22nd	-----do-----	(A)
	29th	Mr & Mrs Murdin	(B)
Nov	5th	-----do-----	(A)

D & D STORES

We are at the bottom end of
FRANKLINS CLOSE.

For the benefit of any newcomers to
the village, we would like to remind
you of our opening times.

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-1 2-5.30

Wed & Sat 9-12.30

Post Office times are the same.
At our village store you will find
general provisions, greeting cards,
frozen foods. Fresh meat can be
ordered on Thursday for collection
on Friday. We have fresh fruit and
vegetables every Thursday.

Bread is available on Tues, Thurs &
Sat, but should be ordered on the
day previous.

If you haven't tried the village
store yet, we look forward to seeing
you in the near future.

Note

Fresh Fish

Thursday mornings delivered by van, by
fish-monger from Flore. Delivers in
West Street at approx 12.15 pm, then
parks on the corner of Church Way until
approx 12.45p.

Mobile Library

Alternate Thursdays.
Barton Fields at approx 11.30 am.
School at approx 12.00 noon.

LETTERS TO THE RECTOR

ACTION AID

G.B.Pyke writes..... Can I once again thank you and the members of your Parochial Church Council for the donation of £250 to the Action Aid Charity. I think you all understand how much we appreciate the gesture and this will help to complete our project to provide a deep water well in a village in Southern Bangladesh.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL APPEAL

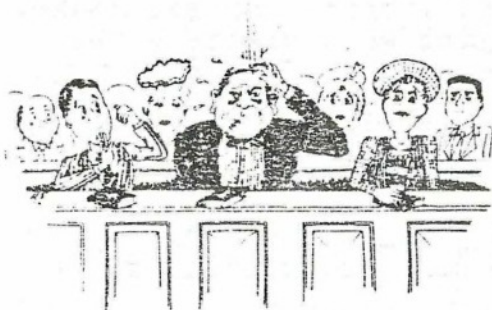
Randolph Wise, The Dean of Peterborough writes.....Thank you very much indeed for the cheque for £175 which has come to us from the Parish of Ecton. This is a great encouragement to us here. As you know, we are delighted to have achieved £600,000 but we must now push ahead to achieve our target and we need all the help and encouragement going.

Seen on a Church Notice Board

UNLIKE THE POST OFFICE WE HAVE TWO COLLECTIONS
EVERY SUNDAY.

Direct Hit

The church members were meeting to discuss raising money to repair the roof. A wealthy member stood up and said he would donate £5. As he sat down a bit of ceiling fell on his head. He rose again and said he would make it £50. Another member was heard to say "Hit him again Lord".



KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Rate yourself on your knowledge of Scripture. Match the first column with the second.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Christian footgear — | A. Apollos |
| 2. Believed Satan's lie — | B. sleep |
| 3. Teaches thanksgiving — | C. Jeremiah |
| 4. Prophetised Judah's exile — | D. readiness for peace |
| 5. Resurrected by Peter — | E. Book of Psalms |
| 6. Biblical term for death — | F. Bethel |
| 7. Will be cast from God — | G. name of the Lord |
| 8. Wards off the evil one — | H. Book of Ezekiel |
| 9. Penalty for David's census — | I. Satan |
| 10. Eloquent Christian orator — | J. Luke |
| 11. Had large handwriting — | K. Elizabeth |
| 12. A physician — | L. Paul |
| 13. Was sterile — | M. shield of faith |
| 14. Healed Tobit's eyes — | N. Tabitha |
| 15. In Joseph's dream — | O. Eve |
| 16. Took Mary into his care — | P. John |
| 17. God spoke to Jacob here — | Q. bowing sheaves |
| 18. Tells of wheels with eyes — | R. fish gail |
| 19. The god of present age — | S. pestilence |
| 20. Is a strong tower — | T. all who practice deceit |

CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

OCT

- Sunday 2 HARVEST THANKSGIVING
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Family Communion, Parade
Service & Presentation of Harvest
Gifts
Galatians 6.6-10
John 4.31-36 (D.Strange)
6.00pm Evensong
7.30pm Harvest Supper
- Monday 3 2.30pm Over 60's Club
8.00pm Sale of Harvest Produce in
Church
- Tuesday 4 7.30pm W.I.
- Wednesday 5 7.30pm Ecton Playgroup A.G.M
- Thursday 6 9.00am Holy Communion
- Friday 7 7.30pm Over 60's Whist Drive in
Rectory Room
- Saturday 8 1.00pm Holy Matrimony
- Sunday 9 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church
1 Cor 9.19-end
(Mary Strange)
Matthew 7.13-27
6.00pm Evensong
- Monday 10 8.00pm P.C.C.
- Tuesday 11 2.30pm Mother's Union
- Thursday 13 9.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 16 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church

Revelation 7.2-4;9- end
(Brenda Jones)

Matthew 25.1-13

6.00pm Evensong

Monday 17 7.30pm Ecton School Govenors
Meeting

Thursday 20 10.0am Holy Communion - St.Luke

Saturday 22 12noon Holy Matrimony

Sunday 23 9TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS (End of
Summer Time)

9.30am Parish Communion and
Children's Church

Genesis 1.1-3;24-31a

(Alice Adams)

John 1.1-14

6.00pm Evensong

Monday 24 2.30pm Over 60's Club

Thursday 27 9.00am Holy Coummunion

Sunday 30 8TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

9.30am Parish Communion

Genesis 4.1-10

Mark 7.14-23

6.00pm Evensong

Cleaning Rota

Oct	1st Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(R)
	8th Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(L)
	15th Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
	22nd Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)
	29th Mrs.W.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.A.Johnson	(R)
Nov	5th Alice & Wynne	(L)