

ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



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From the Rectors Study

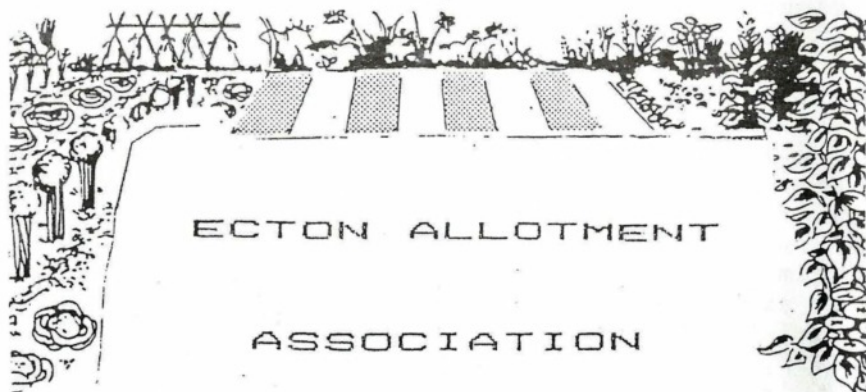
It is abundantly clear that Ecton House is a place of great importance to the Church of England and most of the main stream churches. Sadly, we seem to have very little contact with the Roman Catholic Church. I hope that one day a healthier balance will be achieved.

Ecton House is exceedingly important to many people who have found it a spiritual oasis; a vital stop on their pilgrimage and a source of hope for their future. I am extremely honoured and privileged to be it's Warden and head of a hard working and devoted team. Surely God uses Ecton House as a boiler room from which enormous spiritual energy is generated for the building up of his Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

Atmosphere is critical if visitors are to benefit from their stay in this unique house, and lovely village where prayers have been uttered since beyond Anglo-Saxon times. We want visitors to experience and share in this very special holy tradition. They bring with them their own contribution of holiness and so exciting bondings take place in a wide variety of ways. We also want them to be happy and experience the joy of knowing that God's love flows abundantly here in Ecton. Happy, too, to be sharing for a short while in the lives of brothers and sisters who have been baptized in Christ. We want all who come here to feel at home and to enjoy a fore-taste of heaven. There are many who experience stress and strain in their everyday lives who need the holiness, happiness and homeliness of Ecton.

We as a team aim to please. It is impossible however, to achieve perfection. Yet we go on giving attention to detail in the service of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, because all who come here have been created in the image of God. Regularly prayers are offered for all members of the team and the work that has been given us to do. Please continue to pray for Ecton House and for the continuing and growing unity between the House and the Parish. Pray for me your Rector and Warden that I may be given wisdom, strength of character and vision.

Peter Naylor.



The 1991 seed lists will soon be available for existing members.

If there are any readers who feel that gardening is still a pleasure and worthwhile after this difficult season and would like a seed list, please contact Brian Saunders, telephone 403417.

Ecton Fellowship

TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Our next meeting will be a time to talk to friends old and new!

We are having a Bring and Buy Stall and a tea, to raise money for the Charity we are supporting during the coming year.

It will be from 3.00 p.m. onwards - please note change of time - at:

2 Church Way, Ecton

Everyone welcome!

Flower Rota

OCTOBER

6th	Harvest
13th	
20th	Audrey Treloar
27th	Audrey Treloar

NOVEMBER

3rd	Jean Leigh
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From the Collection Plate

AUGUST

26th	£221.61
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SEPTEMBER

2nd	£186.21
9th	£177.55



TEN GOOD REASONS FOR NEVER WASHING

- 1 I was made to wash as a child.
- 2 People who wash are hypocrites - they reckon they're cleaner than other people.
- 3 There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was best.
- 4 I used to wash, but it got boring, so I stopped.
- 5 I still wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
- 6 None of my friends wash.
- 7 I'm still young. When I'm older and have got a bit dirtier I might start to wash.
- 8 I really don't have time.
- 9 The bathroom is never warm enough.
- 10 People who make soap are only after your money.

COPY FOR NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House by 14th October.

Enquiries Tel: Northampton 407888

Over 60's Club

A Picnic at Rutland Water was enjoyed by members and friends; this was our last outing for this year.

A further reminder, that on 8th October, we have Mrs Frost of Shoosmith and Harrison coming to talk to us, on Making a Will, in the Rectory Room at 2.30 p.m. This will be an open meeting to anyone who is interested. The following meeting will be on 22nd October.

Our Whist Drive season is with us once again so if you enjoy a game of Whist why not come along and enjoy a Whist Drive in The Rectory Room on 25th October at 7.30 p.m.

Dora Renolds

Over 60's Club

I have been asked to compile a scrapbook of the history of the Club.

If anyone has photos, press cuttings or anything relating to the Club I should be pleased to have them.

Edna Welch

Women's Institute

"Glass - no matter how often re-used - never loses its properties." So said one of the directors of E Barnes and Co Ltd, Mr Colin Johnson, when he described through the use of slides some of the recycling processes they undertake. In the main this involves separating and recovering metals both ferrous and non-ferrous from unwanted or obsolete items for turning into new items. The sight of a huge crane "kneeling" on the boot of a car while its grab wrenched out the engine was memorable!

It was disappointing to hear that newspapers are of no value to the scrapman. Worse was to come. Despite public concern about CFCs in the atmosphere, we learned there are no official recommendations for the disposal of old refrigerators and that this site employs no special equipment or safeguards for dismantling them.

Competition winners for the "Prettiest Picture Post Card" were Millie Harlott, Sue Rands and Maud Dicks.

It was good to see so many members and new faces at our first meeting after the Summer break. We hope you'll all come back on 2nd October when the AGM will be followed by a Social Evening. Please note now that we are visiting Moulton WI on Monday 5th November and there will be no meeting at Ecton on the 6th.

CAROL JONES

Coffee Rota

OCTOBER

7th	
14th	Millie Harlott and Dora
21st	Celia and Howard Carter
28th	Alice and Wynne

NOVEMBER

4th	Nick and Mary Green
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Readers Diary

OCTOBER

7th	Joan Dickins
14th	Paddy
21st	
28th	Ruth Jordan

NOVEMBER

4th	Denis Strange
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Readers please check readings with the magazine, as some are different from the list in Church.

ECTON CHURCH GUILD ROTA

OCTOBER

6th	Red Team	Shine
13th	Green Team	Polish
20th	Orange Team	Shine
27th	Blue Team	Polish

NOVEMBER

3rd	Pink Team	Shine
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Rector's Notes

Stan Kidney

It is a wise practice to review one's work in the Church, particularly if personal circumstances change. Stan Kidney has retired as organist and Choirmaster after eight years. We are profoundly grateful to all he has contributed during the interregnum. Stan is a sound Churchman and his experience and liturgical awareness will be greatly missed.

We wish him well in his retirement.

Toni Main

Toni Main has ended her stint as leader of the Childrens Church. She has served the Church wonderfully for several years, hers has been a pioneering enterprise which has laid the foundation for developments in the future.

We wish her well, knowing that the Lord will use her in other ways.

It is hoped to use a Diocesan Training Course for Sunday School Teachers next year and until there are trained leaders, Patricia Naylor will temporarily look after the children's needs with the help of Trudi Wright and, it is hoped, other confirmed members of the congregation.

Books

It seems silly to have another book stall in Church, when there is a really good selection of Christian Books for sale at Ecton House.

Anyone wishing to purchase books, please feel free to come to Ecton House. All money to go in box provided next to the books.

All Souls Day

Friday, 2nd November, Service in Church at
7.30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to have loved ones that are departed, remembered at this Service, please put their names on list at the back of the Church.

Remembrance Day - Sunday, 11th November

Following the 9.30 a.m. Service, a procession will form up outside the Church and proceed to the Shrine, where there will be a two minute silence followed by a short Act of Remembrance.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr John Beesley will lay the wreath.

We must now turn our attention to Christmas. Here are some dates for the great festival to put in your diary.

Sunday, 9th December

Christingle at 6.00 p.m.

Sunday, 16th December

Carol Service at 6.00 p.m. We will be joined by the Lawrence Lloyd Singers.

Friday, 21st December

Carol singing at 6.30 p.m. around the village. Meet outside Ecton House.

Church and Village Diary

OCTOBER

- Saturday, 6th Decoration of Church for Harvest
10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
& 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- Blessing of a Civil Marriage
12 Noon
- Sunday, 7th Harvest Thanksgiving
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Parade Service
Galatians 6:6-10
Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Harvest Supper and Auction in Ecton House
- Monday, 8th Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 9th Ecton Fellowship 3.00 p.m.
- Thursday, 11th Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
- Sunday, 14th 19th Sunday after Pentecost
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
Daniel 6:10-23
Luke 19:1-10
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
- Thursday, 18th St Luke the Evangelist
- Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
- Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, 21st	<u>Last Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Isaiah 33:17-22 Matthew 25:1-13 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
Monday, 22nd	Over 60's 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 24th	Lunch Club
Thursday, 25th	Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Over 60's Whist Drive 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 28th	<u>9th Sunday before Christmas</u> 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14 6.00 p.m. Evensong 7.00 p.m. Pathfinders
Monday, 29th	<u>St Simon and St Jude</u> Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
Thursday, 1st	<u>All Saints Day</u> Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 7.00 p.m. in Church followed by Supper in Ecton House
Friday, 2nd	<u>All Souls Day</u> Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, 4th

8th Sunday before Christmas

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
Genesis 4:1-10
Mark 7:14-23

6.00 p.m. Evensong
7.00 p.m. Pathfinders

Monday, 5th

Over 60's 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6th

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SEARCHWORD

'WELL-KNOWN SAINTS'

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Agnes
Andrew
Anne
Augustine
Barbara
Bridget
Cecilia

Christopher
Francis
Joan of Arc
John
Jude
Luke
Matthew

Monica
Patrick
Paul
Stephen
Teresa
Valentine

Pages from the past



I have been going through some old papers and thought that you might like to hear different voices this month.

There has been a great deal said about the relationship of religion and politics and whether the clergy should be involved. Well, way back in 1894 my predecessor Bishop Mandell Creighton gave a Charge dealing with the social problems of Leicester, which was at that time in the diocese. He said: "The clergy are, as a rule, from the nature of their vocations, little suited as a body to decide economic questions... I believe that what men of all kinds of opinion would all join in advising them to aim at is benevolent neutrality in trade disputes, constant helpfulness in alleviating inevitable distress, outspoken criticism of all unfairness and unswerving maintenance of the great principle of justice.

"I would urge my brethren to learn all that they can of the actual facts of the occupations of those amongst whom they labour, to discover their aims, and to apply to all impartially the tests of Christian morality. The great need of our day is that all human relationships should be first moralised and then spiritualised".

Mandell Creighton was preceded by Bishop William Connor Magee, the great Irish orator who was Bishop here for 22 years.

The Archdeacon of Northampton discovered for me a Peterborough Diocesan magazine of August 1891 in which there is a tribute to the Bishop.

Bishop Magee was here during a time of enormous national and international ferment, but what I found most interesting was the information about the diocese. The towns had got larger as had those villages which were industrial in character but the truly rural villages had declined and in fact the great agricultural depression had set in about 1879.

This had a very serious effect upon the

income of the clergy, who were dependant on the profitability of farming. Twelve years after the onset of the depression the income of the country parson had gone down by no less than one third and the author writes of "the impoverishment of the clergy and their families". Thank Heaven for the Church Commissioners and the D.B.F.!

He wrote, also, of the "days of intense political and social feeling, when opinion is sharply divided on questions of national policy and social reform", and of the internal division of the church "which manifests itself in Acts of Parliament for regulating the trial of ritual or doctrinal cases, in elaborate trials and judgments, in the imprisonment of a few of the clergy, in the war of leading articles, correspondence pamphlets and more weighty writings".

When I am tempted to grumble at the present times I think I will take seriously his final sentences. "Take one feature with another and try to leave none out; the impression left must surely be, that, short of days of revolution or conquest or persecution, no time could have brought a severer test to the life of the Church than these two-and-twenty years".

He rightly pays tribute to Bishop Magee who, facing this, showed "perseverance, resource, courage, and versatility".

May we all be granted the same.

T. Wilkin.

David Staples takes up the challenge

Question: What does it take to be a willing secretary of the Church Urban Fund committee in a largely rural and wealthy diocese like Peterborough?

Answer: Considerable experience of ministry in both a deprived area of decaying traditional industry and in a rurally wealthy one - so that you can explain the problems of the one in such a way that will reach the hearts of the other.

The Rev David Staples, vicar of West Haddon with Winwick and Ravensthorpe, is therefore superbly qualified for his new role as secretary of the CUF committee under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Brixworth. For 20 years he ministered in the coal mining and steel industrial areas of south Yorkshire. His parishes included one of 18,000 in a mining town rife with high unemployment and its attendant evils: alcoholism, depression, marriage breakdown, despair. In 1982 he hit the front page of Church Times when Sheffield Diocesan Synod voted to set up as a pilot scheme an idea of his: the appointment of a diocesan unemployment officer. (Now sponsored by the national Church Urban Fund).

Nowadays he is in a rural and prosperous part of Northamptonshire (and has also served as a rural dean in the diocese), but he can't



David Staples

forget the misery and desperate needs of the urban areas. And he believes that he is not meant to forget: "I believe that we in the richer areas are being challenged by the CUF to think about exactly what the Gospel really means in terms of areas of need and our proper responses to them".

His committee's plans for the future therefore include more than just further fund raising exercises - vital though they are. He wants the diocese to begin to think about "the more basic question of social responsibility". For this reason a sub-committee is being formed, to be chaired by the Rev John Westwood, vicar of Wellingborough.





Give the birds a 'take-away'

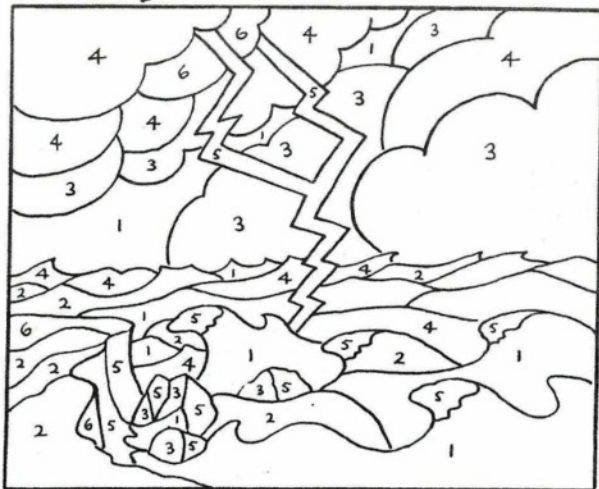
It's all change in October. Summer visiting willow warblers and their almost identical cousins, the chiffchaffs begin their journeys south to a winter in Africa. Redstarts, blackcaps, whitethroats and flycatchers follow suit. A constant movement of birds leaving our woods and copses, scrublands, parks and gardens. Overhead, a trickle of skylarks and meadow pipits pushing steadily towards the continent. There's an end of term feeling in the air with the leaving of so many of our most familiar birds.

Yet, from the north come new arrivals. The dark October nights bring drifts of unseen but noisy Scandinavian thrushes: redwings and fieldfares. With the first frosts come pink footed geese, Bewick's and whooper swans and thousands upon thousands of waders to our coasts: dunlin, redshank, turnstones and godwits amongst them. In favoured fields golden plover and lapwing gather. Even the lowly wood pigeon and starling flocks are boosted by arrivals of their Scandinavian and Russian counterparts.

Help migrant birds by putting out fat rich foods (peanuts, lard, coconut) in the Autumn. Though we might regret the passing of summer and the drawing in of long winter nights, there is much to see in October. If we have an eye for it.

David Carstairs

STORM PAINTING by NUMBERS



- 1 = BLUE
- 2 = GREEN
- 3 = GREY
- 4 = PURPLE
- 5 = WHITE
- 6 = BLACK

'Lightning flashes from the clouds, as they move at God's will.'

'The storm makes my heart beat wildly.'

(Job 37:1-20)



All Saints Supper

following Eucharist at 7.00 p.m.

November 1st. 7.45 p.m.

at
Ecton House

Mulled Wine - Halloween Food

£3.00

Raffle

Funds for Ecton Church Guild

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	<u>Chairman</u>	Mr John E Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577
Ecton Primary School	<u>Headteacher</u>	Mr Dennis Lennon Tel: Northampton 409213
Ecton Fellowship	<u>Contact</u>	Miss Joyce Orford Tel: Northampton 414245 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in Rectory Room
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 Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	<u>Captain</u>	Mr Steve Wheatman Tel: 401714
	<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs H Kearsley Tel: 810922
Brownies	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Tricia Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Mary Strange Tel: Northampton 409306
Pathfinders	<u>Contact</u>	Mr Graham Jordan Tel: Northampton 410255

