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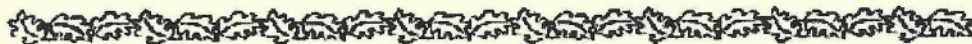
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**To the World you might be one person, but
to one person you might be the world.**



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Dear Friends,

So many people, even though they have drifted away from religion and 'church going', find the occasional need to pray. There is comfort in the words we remember from school or from our childhood prayers, when we encounter difficulties in our lives.

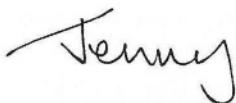
We will ask God for help and healing for ourselves, or a loved one. This is a perfectly natural human response when we find ourselves up against a situation which makes us feel inadequate or out of control.

To turn to God is the right thing to do because prayer is always heard, though it may not always be answered in the way we want it to be. Only God sees the whole picture, whereas our vision is limited. Sometimes it isn't until much later we see how God has blessed us, through what has happened.

But prayer isn't only for the desperate times. Thanksgiving and prayer belong together. We can enrich our lives by giving thanks each day for the good things; for friendship, for loving families, for the food we eat, for our health.

So let's give thanks today for our homes and our community. And let us pray that God will watch over our children and all who are vulnerable.

With love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny".

A prayer for each day

Lord, I do not know what this day may bring, but each moment is in your hands and I offer it to you in advance. Nothing that will happen or be said today can separate me from you. Let me rest assured in that peace.

[Subir Biswas (died c. 1980)]

Church Diary
October 2003

Sunday 5th October
9.30am

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Parish Communion: Genesis 2. 18-24;
Psalm 8; Hebrews 1. 1-4, 2. 5-12;
Mark 10. 2-16.

Tuesday 7th October
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th October
9.30am

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Parish Communion: Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15;
Psalm 90. 13-17; Hebrews 4. 12-16;
Mark 10. 17-31.

Tuesday 14th October
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 19th October
9.30am

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Parish Communion: Isaiah 53. 4-12;
Psalm 91. 9-16; Hebrews 5. 1-10;
Mark 10. 35-45.

6.00pm

Evensong.

Tuesday 21st October
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 26th October
9.30am

Last Sunday after Trinity
Parish Communion: Jeremiah 31. 7-9;
Psalm 126; Hebrews 7. 23-28;
Mark 10. 46b-52.

Tuesday 28th October
9.00am

Holy Communion.

ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

1. The PCC would like to thank everyone who the helped in anyway to make the fete such a success. The £2101.50 raised certainly helps to keep our finances in credit. Thank you everybody. It certainly was a very happy afternoon.
2. The PCC is delighted to sponsor Tony Green's application to train as a Reader. If his application is successful he will start his three- year training in May 2004. It would certainly be very helpful to have our very own "in-house" Reader. Good luck Tony.
3. A new portable lectern is to be donated in memory of Jessie Chadwick The PCC would like to thank her daughter, Janet Hanna and family, for this generous gift.
4. The weather vane on the tower, which was blown down in the gales last autumn, has now been removed for repair. It is hoped that it will be re-erected shortly.
5. As required legally, our Child Protection Policy has recently been updated. If anyone would like to read this there is a copy at the back of the church. If you have any queries, please speak to our Child Protection Co-ordinator, Sandie Simpson who will be happy to help you.
6. On Thursday, 4th December 2003 there will be a Deanery Confirmation Service at Ecton taken by Bishop Frank.

Gwenda Barty
Secretary to the PCC.
September 2003



FAITH.

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for,
To be certain of the things we cannot see.
It is by faith that we understand that the world was created by God's word so that what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen.

Hebrews 11 v 1, 2, 3.

THE RISKS OF LOVE

*To love at all is to be vulnerable.
Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no-one.*

Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries. Avoid all entanglement; lock it safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness.

But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken – it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.

The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.

C S Lewis

CHURCH LOTTERY AUGUST 2003

- 1st Prize: Alice Adams (52)
- 2nd Prize: Rita Ward (202)
- 3rd Prize: E. Smith (87)
- 4th Prize: P.Berrial (174)
- 5th Prize: Nigel Anthony (8)
- 6th Prize: Janet Rallings (144)

The First Prize was £42.25 and subsequent prizes £8.45.
The next draw will be Thursday September 25th 2003

SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2003

Not just a day to remember – the result of many weeks work! The turning out of cupboards, drawers, lofts, garages; the making of jam, marmalade, cakes – all in a good cause – to help support our wonderful church, the focus of the village, to ensure it's survival for future generations.

Thursday and Friday saw frantic comings and goings in and around the church, moving this and that to create as much space as possible – trying to fit a quart into a pint pot!! With table tops across pews, tables in situ, canopies in place – low and behold we had a site for a Fete!

Saturday morning - even more frenetic goings on! Tables heaving with cakes and produce, stalls decked out with prizes, games, bric-a-brac, toys, pews bulging with books, plants at the gate and space made ready for musical entertainment.

1.00pm – already a queue at the gate. 1.57pm - Calamity! The electric fuse tripped out - no hot water for tea!! Flick the switch and, hey presto, urn working; our WI ladies need panic no more. 2.00pm – The Fete declared open to all – the fun began!! 4.00pm - After two very busy hours, the raffle was drawn and the proceeds counted.

By 6.00pm, after a grand clearing up operation, the Church is returned to it's normal beautiful self and weary stall holders troop home – all, that is, except our hard working Vicar, Jenny, and husband John, who accompanied some late visitors on a tour of the church.

Was it all worth it? The figures speak for themselves:-

Books	:	£180.30
Bric a Brac	:	£402.68
Childrens stalls	:	£158.41
Cakes & Produce	:	£238.00
Plants	:	£146.60
Teas	:	£177.88
Tombola	:	£278.72
Raffle	:	£484.40
Donation Jar	:	<u>£ 33.01</u>
Grand Total	:	<u>£2100.00</u>

Many thanks to you all - helpers, stall holders and those who so generously contributed in any way to make our 2003 Fete a huge success.

TONY GREEN
Fete Coordinator

IS YOUR LUCKY NUMBER HERE?

6 10 12 14 15 17 24 25 26 27 32 45 77 82 93

116 127 128 151 152 154 156 159 161 163 164 170

173 179 186 189

All these numbers are available in the Church Lottery

If you feel your lucky number is here contact:

Angela Crabtree, 1 Barton Fields to buy your favourite number and join in the lottery.

Shares £1 each per month.

Lottery drawn on last Thursday of the Month.

A first prize winner and six runners up each month.

The more numbers sold the higher the prize money!!

Money from the lottery goes back into Ecton Church, at the moment it is being used towards the new Vestry/Meeting room planned to replace existing small area.



Mother and Toddler Group

Re-opens

**Wednesday 24th
September**

2-3.15pm

At The Village Hall

Just turn up and join us for a tea or
coffee and a chat.



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Progress Report Number 2

Covering the period 25th May 2003 to the end of July 2003

General Situation

Following meetings with the various agencies, Northampton Borough Council is now cleaning their end of Lower Ecton Lane three times a week and Wellingborough Borough Council is cleaning their end twice a week. This has made a significant improvement in the cleanliness of the Lane although the situation remains very volatile with the situation changing on a daily basis.

The biggest problem now seems to be changing a lot of people's mindset, so that fly tipping is seen as unacceptable behavior. However, there have been two local cases where prosecution of fly tippers have resulted in £500 fines which should help to do this.

With this in mind all members of the public are requested to report any incidents of fly tipping seen taking place, with the details to 01604 838281 or 0800 807060.

It would also be helpful if all members of the public would report any fly tipped material to 01604 838381 (in Northampton's area, i.e. - from Crow Lane end, up to the petrol filling station over the fence on the A45) or 01933 231965 (from the end of Northampton's area up to the village of Ecton), even if it may have been reported by others.

Major Actions & Achievements to date.

1. Meetings have taken place on 9th June and 11th July 2003, with the various agencies i.e. Northampton County Council (NCC), Northampton Borough Council (NBC), Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC), the Environment Agency, Paul Stinchcombe, the Police, our Local Councillor, CLEAN and our Solicitors. As noted above these meetings have had some effect on the cleaning effort being made in the Lane.





CLEAN Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now

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2. The fund raising effort throughout this period has been very well supported and **CLEAN would like to thank all those who have contributed so generously.**
3. CLEAN made a submission to Councillor Jonathan Nunn of NCC who is carrying out a review of the operation of the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Lower Ecton Lane. Our submission stressed the unfavorable situation and the safety aspects in the Lane.
4. CLEAN participated in BBC Radio Northampton's mid day - Richard Oliff program on 30th June and again on 21st July 2003. Both programs included interviews, on air, with a number of Ecton residents who were able to express their frustrations with Lower Ecton Lane and fly tipping.
5. Contacts continue to be forged with other organisations in the area that have similar objectives to CLEAN.
6. The CLEAN bank account is now open and under the control of the Treasurer.

Major Actions for the next period.

1. CLEAN to carry out a survey of Lower Ecton Lane with NCC, NBC, WBC and the Police, so that CLEAN can point out where improvements can be made by the Councils which would improve the situation in the Lane and inhibit future fly tippers.
2. Hold follow up meeting(s) with the various agencies involved to ensure agreed actions are acted on.
3. Continue with fund raising so that we have the resources to continue to keep the pressure on the responsible agencies.
4. Hold a Charity Auction also to raise funds.
5. Continue with making contacts with organisations in the area that have the same objectives.
6. Continue to promote CLEAN and raise the awareness of our campaign.



ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

4 October	Orange	B
11 October	Red	A
18 October	Purple	B
25 October	Pink	A
1 November	Yellow	B

BRASS CLEANING

4 October	Sylvia Fraiel/Joy Wilson
1 November	Ingrid/Barbara

COFFEE ROTA

5 October	Marion Gleave/Joyce Orford
12 October	Pat Baylis/Christine Murray
19 October	Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson
26 October	Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson
2 November	Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major

LADIES IN THE WAY

'ROBIN Smith has asked me to draw your attention to the raffle tickets on sale in aid of the Unmarried Mothers Society, for whom he is directly responsible.'

GIVE IT A REST

Doctor: 'All you need is a rest'.

Minister: 'But Doctor, look at my tongue'.

Doctor: 'Yes, that needs a rest too'.

ECTON WI

After an August break the WI members began September with a walk across the fields to have tea with Earl's Barton WI. These walks started some years ago in an effort to keep the footpaths open and to make sure they were used regularly. We discovered that the stile at the foot of the hill up to Earl's Barton was broken, being a healthy vibrant team, we all climbed the fence. We had an excellent tea courtesy of the Earl's Barton ladies and returned to Ecton, again climbing the fence. The weather was beautiful and the walk delightful. Upon reaching Ecton, Betty Shearing reported the broken stile to the Council and has subsequently been contacted by them to say the Landowner will have the stile altered to a kissing-gate within the next four to five weeks. A walk to check this will take place in October.

On September 2nd we held our Monthly meeting at the Village Club and were delighted to welcome visitors from Harpole W.I. and ladies from Ecton as guests. Our evening was entitled "Fun with Science" and it was certainly an interesting and very lively evening culminating with a science quiz and an engineering problem - build a tower to hold a large Easter egg - using spaghetti and very small marshmallows. No one achieved this - so the challenge is open!

On 23rd September there will be a combined Ecton/Earl's Barton outing to see the film "Calendar Girls". On the 25th our intrepid President will represent Ecton at an Archery and Fencing Evening. Hopefully she will return unblemished in time for the AGM and supper on October 7th. (It is well known she has never lifted a fencing sword or twanged a bow in her life - join the W.I you do things you never thought you would!!)
The next Committee meeting will be at 10am October 1st at Angela's

One of the things we in Ecton W.I. have decided to do, as part of a nationwide Community Challenge, is to deliver "fridge boxes". Our aim is to give one box to each resident of Ecton. The small cylindrical boxes are provided by the Round Table. Inside each box are a yellow form and two green stickers. The form is for the recipient to complete with various personal details then put in the box in the fridge. One of the green stickers goes inside the front door of the house or in the hall and one on the fridge. Should there be any need to call the paramedics at any time, particularly if the person is on their own, the paramedics will be able to see there is a "fridge box" and will know where to look for details. It will also have details of who to contact and whether there are children to be collected from school or a pet to be taken care of. Plus details of medication taken and anything else relevant. The Round Table is hoping to extend this scheme to Northampton, Wellingborough and surrounding Villages. They pay for all the boxes and have talked with the paramedics so they are aware of and encouraging about the scheme.

I asked God to take away my habit.
God said, No.
It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.>
God said, No.
His spirit is whole. His body is only temporary>

I asked God to grant me patience.>
God said, No.
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;
it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.>

I asked God to spare me pain.>
God said, No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares
and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No.
You must grow on your own! ,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

Prayer for the week

Lord you have called us to love and serve you; and we will.
Give us the wisdom to know what we should do,
The courage to keep on loving, and the faith to see us through.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who died that we might truly live. Amen.
(Written by Christine Odell)

Ecton Village Youth Club

We meet each Wednesday
6.30-8.00pm
Age range 8-13years

Come along and give us your
ideas about what we can do.

Also if you feel you can help in any
way, we are looking for more helpers
on a regular or one off basis.
Contact M Tinston 412233



ECTON FELLOWSHIP.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October
at 2.30 p.m. when a talk will be given by a
policeman from Wootton especially about
Police Dogs.
Everyone is very welcome.

STELLA POWNALL.

I would like to thank all my friends in the Village who came to support the family at my Mum's funeral, and for the lovely cards which we received: they were indeed a great comfort.

As we are such a small family and mum had moved away from her home, it was such a blessing to see friends in the Church.

Thank you, Jenny, for the beautiful Service and for your care throughout her illness. It was very much appreciated.

Pat Baylis.

CHURCH LOTTERY

JULY 2003

1st Prize: Mrs.S.Meenaghan (169)

2nd Prize: G.Wheatman (65)

3rd Prize: Mr.Labrum (60)

4th Prize: Will Wilson (117)

5th Prize: Pat Bayliss (150)

6th Prize: Eric Dickins (23)

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The next draw will be Thursday August 28th 2003**

PRAYING TOGETHER.

Please join us, this is open to all. Do not worry if you do not want to pray aloud.

God hears all our prayers even if we cannot find the words.

We will be meeting in our homes during the winter from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Wed 8th Oct at Dennis and Sylvia's

76 Ecton Lane

Wed 12th Nov at Anne's

48 High Street.

Lifts can be arranged. Please ring 405942.



What do you mean, 'they need 30 more copies of the parish magazine this month'?

Little Boy Lost

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." so he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.'

Little Boy Found

'But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands'." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.'

Luke 15: 11-20 (NRSV)