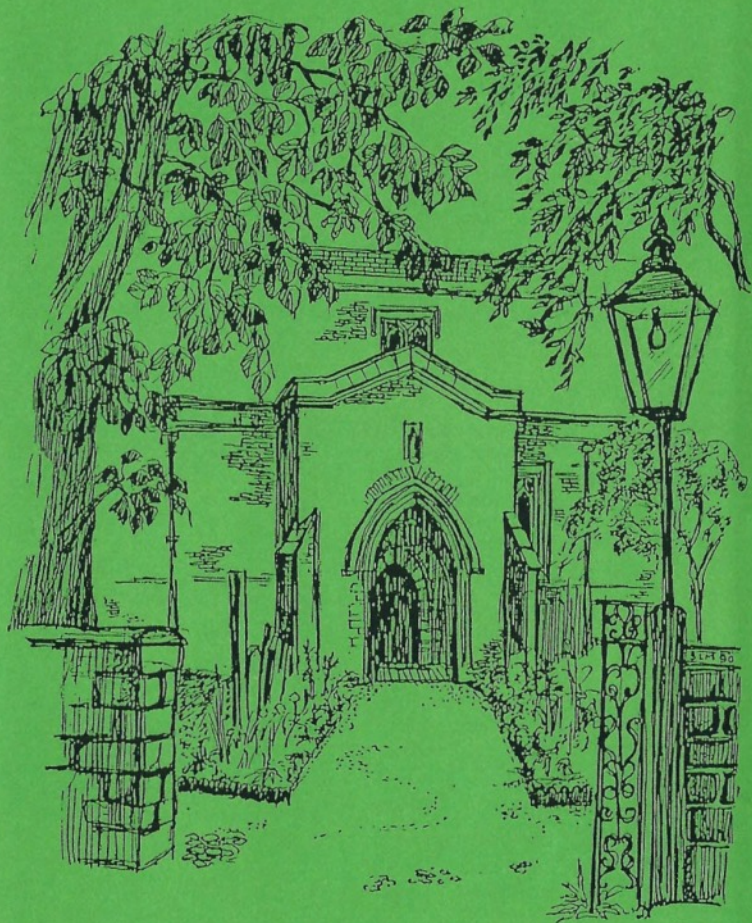


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



SEPTEMBER

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FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

I find harrowing pictures of desperately poor and starving children more upsetting as I get older. Sometimes I feel ashamed, especially when I have before me an enjoyable meal on a tray. Isn't it a most appalling tragedy that there are so many millions of hungry mouths and at the same time there is so much grain and meat which cannot be sold. Farmers are being paid not to produce! Deserts expand year by year, yet we have the technology and the know-how to bring about their recovery. On Sunday, October 6th, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. Thanksgiving will be offered to God for all the good things of this life and more especially for a good harvest. We will sing the harvest hymns in a beautifully decorated church, knowing full well that hunger, thirst and disease is the normal experience for countless people.

How can we effect change? We can give but we are not always sure that what we send gets to those who need it most. I believe that all Christians must take a lively interest in the affairs of the world and we cannot run away from our responsibilities if we follow Christ, who taught that we should reach out to the poor. Surely it is not beyond the wit of man to bring about political and social reform so that this untold suffering may cease. We can influence opinion by placing these issues high upon our agenda. Thank God the major political parties in this country are now taking green issues seriously; but at the heart of the matter is the Love of God and the preservation of the planet Earth. Apparently one of the most beautiful sights in the universe is the view of this planet from a spacecraft. No

longer can any of us sit back and be complacent. The Christian Church must give a strong lead and we can help in a similar way by showing a deeply compassionate concern with the glory of God's creation.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

BASIS AND COMMITMENT

Churches Together in England unites in pilgrimage those churches in England which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures; and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves

to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is His body, and

to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world,

to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since September the Enabling Group of Churches Together in England have met. The early actions that they have discussed have been:

- establishing a Group for Local Unity (GLU) which will continue the work of the

Consultative Committee for Local Ecumenical Projects in England (CCLEPE) and support and encourage local work for Christian unity of all kinds;

- issuing a call to pray for the spread of the Gospel in England during the closing decade of this millennium.
- beginning the established outlines for, and links with, existing ecumenical networks in England, such as those responsible for evangelistic and missionary work and for education work;
- decide how best to establish an effective system of communication with its member churches and ecumenical bodies at every level of church life in England.

They have appointed the Reverend John Nicholson and Mrs Terry Carley as Moderator and Deputy Moderator of the Forum which brings together 300 representatives from all the member churches and county ecumenical bodies in Swanwick in July 1991.

RECTOR'S NOTES

During the summer we said goodbye to Ian Birkin who has been Assistant Warden for the past twelve months. As you are aware his place has been taken by William Perry. Ian brought a

strongly individualist style to the post of Assistant Warden and we are very grateful for all that he has done for the House. I know that he has forged some good relationships in the village. His care for the elderly has been most noticeable.

As befits one who has an honours degree in business studies, and some considerable experience in industry, he has been able to amaze us with the speed with which he has been able to work out the VAT at 17.5%. Mostly he seemed to do it in his head! He has proved himself to be a remarkable chess player and I know that one villager was astonished by his ability, having taken Ian on at his peril. Ian is a man with a deep personal faith and we wish him well as he takes up his studies in Derbyshire in preparation for a career in teaching.

I am volunteering to be the first Ecton Litter Picker, having put my proposal to the Parish Council. My suggestion is that the village and its environs is divided up so that a team of litter pickers has responsibility for keeping our lovely village tidy.

It ought not to be too difficult a task to allocate sections of the village so that the task would not prove too arduous.

The Church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival on the morning of Saturday, 5th October, from 9 o'clock onwards, and the Harvest Festival Evensong will be followed with the usual supper party at Ecton House - details soon. The Dean of Peterborough has accepted my invitation to preach at the Parish Communion.

PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER

"God is present in every situation, a guarantee of continuing hope, an eventual end to darkness - all will finally be well."

SUN	1	For the Rector and family and and those working on the magazine
Mon	2	For the Church Wardens
Tue	3	St Gregory the Great - 604 Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith
Wed	4	For the Parochial Church Council Secretary and Treasurer
Thu	5	For the Stewardship and Electoral Roll Officers
Fri	6	Albert Schweitzers - 1965 Pastor, Missionary, Theologian
Sat	7	The Children's Society
SUN	8	The Diocese of Peterborough
Mon	9	Ecton Guild
Tue	10	Readers
Wed	11	Coffee Servers
Thu	12	Flower Arrangers
Fri	13	St Cyprian - 258 Bishop of Carthage, Martyr
Sat	14	Those with special needs
SUN	15	Franklin Close
Mon	16	Edward Pussey 1882
Tue	17	West Street
Wed	18	Church View
Thu	19	Church Way
Fri	20	Saints and Martyrs of Australia and the Pacific - New Guinea Martyrs - 1942 - James Chalmers, Oliver Tomkins and their companion Martyrs - 1901 - Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia - 1871 Martyr
Sat	21	St Matthew the Apostle
SUN	22	High Street and Caravan Site

Mon 23	Barton Fields
Tue 24	Northampton Road
Wed 25	Lancelot Andrewes Bishop of Winchester - 1626
Thu 26	Ecton House
Fri 27	St Vincent de Paul - 1660 Founder of the Vincentian Order
Sat 28	Ecton Hall and Cottages
SUN 29	Those on holiday
Mon 30	St Jerome c.420 Monk, Translator Social Reformer 1833

ECTON C.P. SCHOOL

An apology to Melissa Guy, whose name was inadvertently left off the poster which was in the June magazine.

We shall be holding a meeting at school on Monday, 16th September, at 7.30 pm for everyone interested in helping the school and the children. One or two events have already been organised but we need your help. Please come along.

Helen Tite - Headteacher

Frontier Camp, Ecton School

When went to Frontier Camp on Monday, June 17th we joined up with Wilby School. We did lots of things like abseiling, rafting, ice skating, orienteering, assault course, rounders and football. We also went on a night walk and had a bonfire, they were great fun. All those activities were stretched out over a great three days.

Christopher Peacock

Frontier Camp, Ecton School

We went out for activities, we went in the mini bus, we went to Irchester country park and Peterborough for ice skating. The dinners were lovely and we had hot chocolate before bedtime which was about 11 o'clock and lights out at 11.15 which was nice. The staff at the Frontier Lodge were great they were very friendly. We were very sad to go home.

Kristoffer Vail

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

"I'm fine thank you" with its repeated message "I,m awfully fit for the state I'm in" was the lighthearted start to a scenic tour of New Zealand ably and humorously conducted by Mr J Brooks. He left his audience in no doubt about his own enthusiasm for the beauty of the country and serenity of life there.

Not content with the slide show, Mr Brooks had brought along a musical quiz, the winners of which were 1st Stella Gibson, joint 2nd Marian Gleave, Carol Jones, Betty Shearing and 3rd Millie Harlott.

On 3 September, Mr P Chubb will talk about British Cookery, and the competition is for "An interesting or pretty tea towel".

Carol Jones

READER'S DIARY

1st September	Pathfinders
8th September	Pat Baylis
15th September	
22nd September	
29th September	
6th October	Guides

YOUTH CLUB NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE!!

Until further notice the Youth Club will now be closed on Wednesday evenings - due to the lack of support. This is not to say that in the future with enthusiastic organisers it could not be rekindled, at the moment the members we started with have out-grown this sort of supervised evening.

We wish any forthcoming "YOUTH CLUB ORGANISERS" great success in the future.

Howard Carter, Sue Darwin and myself Sandy Robinson are retiring this year, after a two-year stint. We thank you for all your support in past events.

FLOWER ROTA

7th September	D Cross
14th September	D Cross
21st September	M Harlott
28th September	M Harlott
3rd October	Harvest Festival

CLEANING ROTA

7th September	Red
14th September	Green
21st Setpember	Orange
28th Setpember	Blue

ECTON CHURCH GUILD

All members are invited to a meting on Thursday, September 5th at 7.30 pm at the Rectory. See you there.

Pat Naylor

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

SUN	1	15 AFTER PENTECOST
		9.30 am Parish Communion
		Matthew 22.15-22
		Romans 13.1-7
		6.00 pm Evensong
Mon	2	7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel
		2.30 pm Over 60's - Rectory Room
		8.00 pm Cricket Club
Tue	3	7.30 pm Women's Institute
Thu	5	9.30 am Holy Communion
SUN	8	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
		9.30 am Parish Communion and
		Sunday School
		Michael 5.2-4
		Luke 1.39-49
		6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy
		Communion
		7.00 pm Pathfinders
Mon	9	7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel
Tue	10	2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship
Thu	12	9.30 am Holy Communion

SUN 15 17 AFTER PENTECOST
 9.30 am Parish Communion and
 Sunday School
 James 1.16-end
 Luke 17.11-19
 6.00 pm Evensong
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 16 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel
 2.30 pm Over 60's - Rectory Room

Thu 19 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sat 21 ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
 9.30 am Holy Communion

SUN 22 18 AFTER PENTECOST
 9.30 am Parish Communion and
 Sunday School
 2 Corinthians 8.1-9
 Matthew 5.17-36
 6.00 pm Evensong
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 23 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel

Thu 26 9.30 am Holy Communion
 7.30 pm Bible Study/Prayer Group meet
 at the Rectory

SUN 29 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
 9.30 am Parish Communion and
 Sunday School
 Revelation 12.7-12
 Matthew 18.1-6,10
 6.00 pm Evensong
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 30 7.50 am Holy Communion, House Chapel
 2.30 pm Over 60's - Rectory Room 5

OCTOBER

Tue 1 7.30 pm Women's Institute

Thu 3 9.30 am Holy Communion

SUN 6 20 AFTER PENTECOST
 9.30 am Parish Communion and
 Parade Service
 John 4.31-36
 Matthew 21.12-16
 6.00 pm Evensong
 7.00 pm Pathfinders

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I hope everyone has had a nice holiday and would welcome you all back to Sunday School on 8th September.

Children from 4 years until 10, rising 11, are very welcome to join us for singing, bible stories, puzzles and activities such as painting, printing or model making. We all go into Church for the final five to six minutes to receive a blessing.

Every Sunday in the Rectory Room from 9.30 till 10.30 (except the first in the month when there is a Parade Service).

Pat Naylor

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Ecton Fellowship next meet on Tuesday September 10th at 2.30 p.m. There will be a short A.G.M. followed by the second half of Paddy's video on Heirlooms.

We hope we shall welcome new members in September. If you are free please come and join us.

Joan Dickins

PRAYER GROUP

The Bible Study/Prayer Group will meet on a regular basis on the third Thursday of each month, but venues will change. The next meeting will be at the Rectory at 7.30 on 26th September.

OVER 60'S CLUB

Looking forward to September.

We have an afternoon tour to East Carlton Country Park on the 4th at 1.30 p.m. Anyone welcome to join us. Our first Whist Drive of the season will be on September 26th, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Meetings will be on 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Dora Reynolds

FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

9th June	£216.76
15th June	£133.90
23rd June	£194.86
30th June	£229.63

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Parish Council	Chairman	Mrs Sheila Ingram Tel: Northampton 406038
Ecton Primary School	Headteacher	Mrs Helen Tite Tel: Northampton 409213
Ecton Fellowship	Contact	Miss Joyce Orford Tel: Northampton 414245 2nd Tuesday in month 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I.	Contact	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room
Over 60's	Contact	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	Contact	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	Contact	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Every Thursday 2.30 - 4.00 pm in Rectory Room
Playgroup	Contact	Mrs Julie Meakins Tel: Northampton 411140 Tuesday and Friday 9.15 - 11.45 am at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Cricket Club	Captain Secretary	Mr Steve Wheatman Tel: Northampton 401714 Mrs H Kearsley Tel: Northampton 810922
Brownies	Contact	Mrs Tricia Fuller Tel: Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	Contact	Mrs Mary Strange Tel: Northampton 409306
Pathfinders	Contact	Mr Graham Jordan Tel: Northampton 410255

