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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Much care and attention has gone into preparing the programme of services for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. I hope and trust you will study it carefully and find something that will be of spiritual interest and support.

I am writing to assure you that a warm welcome awaits you in your parish church once described by the Bishop of Brixworth, "as the best house in the parish".

Our church will gleam as a result of the constant and loving attention given to it by those who love this holy place of God. You will find a crib to remind you of the birth of Jesus. You will admire the many beautifully arranged displays of flowers expressing the wonder of it all. All this preparation is for the glory of God in the highest. Our ancient village church will be ready to receive anew the message of Christmas.

Like pilgrims of old, we will flock to the church hoping and praying for peace, affirming our Christian faith, searching for new insights, and determined to make the world a better place for our children and children's children. So bring your friends, relations, and neighbours, and help to spread the eternal message of Christmas. God came into the world two millennium ago in the form of a baby. The teachings of Jesus, if they are followed, constantly change the world for the better. Love overcomes evil and His light disperses darkness. Christmas presents yet another opportunity to accept Jesus into our lives. Let Him become our master and friend.

*Every blessing and joy, Peter Naylor*



**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 1995 AT  
ECTON PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 3rd December**

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Christingle Service

**Sunday 10th December**

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Evensong

**Sunday 17th December**

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols with the Kingsley Singers

**Sunday 24th December**

9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

6.00 pm Family Carol Service and Blessing of the Crib

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Evensong (said)

## RECTOR'S NOTES

There has been much reporting of a debate going on in the Church of England for some time. This matter is to do with the rights and wrongs of parson's freehold.

At a recent meeting, held in Ecton, the Reverend Canon Mostyn Davies spelt out the pros and cons of this ancient practice of freehold. He outlined the advantages and disadvantages with the utmost clarity. Parson's freehold, he told us, provided security of tenure for clergy who would be able to pursue a policy for the parish, without fear, favour or dissent from the bishops or parishoners. When a good and holy man was in place, working well with the parish, only good could come from such an arrangement. The problem arose when there was a serious breakdown of health or relationships. The church unable to remove the parson, without great difficulty and cost, would find itself in a most trying situation.

To rid the church of freehold and replace it with some kind of leasehold, limited to say 10 years, would enable the Church of England to use its clergy in a more sensible manner to meet the needs of those parishes where there is social deprivation. In essence the clergy would lose security of freehold and be available for shifting more easily into areas of need.

A recent definition of freehold was published in the Church Times. It reads as follows:

"The freehold is held by around 60 per cent of incumbents, although that figure is falling. A priest who takes on the freehold of a benefice from a predecessor is given the right to stay in that job, and the house that goes with it, for as long as he or she likes, until retirement age.

"A priest who has the freehold can be removed from the benefice only if he or she suffers incapacity through ill health, if serious misconduct is proven or if there is a serious breakdown in the pastoral relationship between incumbent and parishioners."

Since our meeting with Canon Davies news arrived telling of a change of heart by the church authorities. "The Church of England has dropped any plans to abolish the clergy freehold because of considerable fears that such a change would damage the already fragile morale of priests and lay people". (Church Times, November 10th, 1995)

Clearly those in authority are trying to steady the ship after the traumatic experiences of recent times concerning the ordination of women, and homosexual priests. The real problem, as I see it is that there is too much unfinished and disturbing business concerning sexuality which needs to be resolved. The armed forces, for example, have recently made a decision banning homosexuals, but I expect there will be appeals to higher courts. We live in disturbing times and the church in its wisdom, decided, either rightly or wrongly, not to rock the boat any further with the issue of parson's freehold.

Canon Davies also referred to the proposals in the recently published Turnbull Report which, if accepted, will radically change the Church of England. An outline of this controversial report will be published in the February parish magazine.



Dennis and Sylvia Strange



invite family and friends to celebrate  
their Golden Wedding Anniversary with  
them at the 9.30 am Eucharist on  
Sunday, 10th December.

*He* has given us morning,  
brightness and sun,  
Laughter to share,  
and work to be done.

He has given us rainbows,  
flowers, and song  
And the hands of our dear ones  
to help us along.

He has given us prayer,  
with its wonderful power  
To lighten our hearts  
in a troublesome hour.

He has given us blessings  
to brighten our way,  
And always—the gift  
of another new day.

**ECTON Village Playgroup**  
**10th Anniversary**  
**& parents reunion**

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Three Horseshoes, Ecton  
Friday, 8 December 8 pm

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Ticket Price only **£ 1** includes buffet

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Tickets available from:  
Ecton Playgroup (am)  
or

The School House,  
2 West Street, Ecton

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**Everyone is welcome**

A  
SALUTE  
TO  
CHRISTMAS  
with the  
LAURENCE LLOYD SINGERS  
conducted by Stephen Meakins  
involving a fine blend of Carols and Readings  
of both a formal and informal nature

Thursday  
21 December  
at 8.00 pm

Admission is free and  
proceeds from a retiring  
collection will be  
divided between The  
Church Restoration  
and the R.N.I.B

## CHRISTMAS AT ECTON 1995

Once again the Christmas Season draws near, and it is hoped that on Wednesday, 13th December, we can once again continue the tradition of Carol Singing round the Village.

We would meet at the Church at 6.30 pm. Each year the intention is to visit more parts of the village, but we always find that whilst our intentions are good, our voices simply won't hold out, and inevitably there are sections of the village that have to be missed. If, therefore this year, many more people could come forward to help with the singing, then our voices will be spared much effort, and we could be able to embrace more areas of Ecton. Please do your best to support us.



On Sunday the 17th December, we are to hold our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm, and this year we are being supported by the Kingsley Singers, who will not only lead us in our own carols, but will sing several carols, possibly not know to us, themselves. Please, again, do come and support the venture.

### *About the Kingsley Singers*

The Kingsley Singers were formed in the Autumn of 1994 - a joint venture by Pamela Rawlinson and Jane Humfrey - with the intention of meeting regularly as a group of friends to enjoy singing.

Some members have sung in Northampton Bach Choir, and some sing in Christchurch Choir, and some in St Matthews Church.

During the past year, they have sung in Gardens, Old Peoples' Homes, in Parish Halls, and they will be singing in various Churches.

They sing for charities, and their repertoire ranges from Motets, and Madrigals, to contemporary music, and one of the founder members has written two carols for christmas, which will be sung at Ecton.

**Frank Brown**

## COFFEE ROTA

3rd December	Alice Adams and Wynne Voss
10th December	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
17th December	Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones
24th December	Millier Harlott and Dora Reynolds
31st December	Sue and Les Mitchell
7th January	Nick and Mary Greene
14th January	Ingrid Cartwright
21st January	Alice Adams and Wynne Voss
28th January	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
4th February	Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

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### Programme

Tuesday, 5th December - 7.30 pm Rectory Room

Mrs S Marshall

'Myths and Legends of Christmas'

Competition: Home-made Christmas Card

Teas: Mrs D Langley and Mrs C Orr

### 1995

January - No Meeting

Tuesday, 5th February

Mr R Stafford

'Slide Show with Music'

Competition: Photograph of a Winter Scene

Teas: Mrs J Knight and Mrs J Henson

N.B: Open meeting - friends, husbands, partners invited.

### Report

Mrs Joy Wilson opened the meeting. Apologies and welcome to new members given.

Minutes read and approved.

The Reverend Peter Naylor was our guest speaker. He gave us an 'insight' into his 'outside' interest, which include amongst other things, a life-long association with the theatre, and latterly the world of football. Questions were

invited which led us to the knowledge of how he became committed to the church, following a successful business career. His 'allotted' time flew by - I'm sure we could all have continued listening to his 'reminiscences'!

Vote of thanks proposed by Mrs J Wilson.

Meeting continued with remainder of future events.

December meeting - following the speaker, christmas buffet will be provided by members.

February 22nd (Friday) - Birthday party at Ecton House - details later.

March 26th - Shortmat Bowls - Ecton will be represented again - wish us luck!

Report of Annual General Council meeting given by Mrs J Marshman.

The Food and Flowers afternoon at the Castle, Wellingborough was of a high standard and enjoyed by all.

Visits to Great Billing and Weston Favell WI's proved very interesting and we were made very welcome at both venues. A busy month!

Several of our long standing members have resigned for various reasons. A big "thank you" for all your past help and support over the years. We look forward to you 'visiting' us when you feel able. Please ask for a 'lift' anytime, if required.

No more reports till after Christmas.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

- Competition: 1. Millie  
2. Margaret/June  
3. Sylvia/Margaret

**June Marshman**

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## SAFER WINTER DRIVING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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### *Advice for Winter Driving*

#### Check

- That your tyre pressures are at the recommended level and that the tread depth is correct. Don't forget your spare!
- That your vehicle's lights are clean and in working order.
- That the wiper system is working effectively.
- That the washer-bottles are full and contain a suitable additive to prevent freezing.
- That your battery is in good condition, topped up and fully charged.
- Don't forget your anti-freeze. (Your garage will check this for you).

#### Before driving off

- Consider whether your journey is essential.
- Make sure that all your windows and mirrors are completely clear of ice and condensation. Carry a can of de-icer and a scraper in the car. Cars left overnight will benefit from their windscreen being covered over.

#### Remember

- Do not travel too fast or too close to the vehicle in front. When ice and snow are present drive smoothly, avoiding harsh braking and sudden changes in direction. Keep in as high a gear as possible.
- Always use dipped headlights when visibility is poor due to rain or snow and when driving in fog. **SEE AND BE SEEN.**
- Allow yourself more time for a journey and in severe conditions only travel when it is absolutely necessary.
- Please bear in mind that it is better to travel a little further on a main road that has been treated than to use untreated minor roads.
- Finally, even the most carefully organised procedures can suffer setbacks or mechanical breakdowns and as a result some roads may not be gritted.

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The County Council have produced a leaflet giving details of winter gritting routes. Copies can be obtained by telephoning their Departmental helpline on 01604 237075. If you require any further information on winter gritting or any other Departmental Services they will be happy to supply it.

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# DAYLIGHT CENTRE

Daylight Centre  
20a Park Road  
Wellingborough  
Northants  
NN8 4PG

01933 270808

Dear Friends

I would like to extend on behalf of the Clients, Volunteers and myself at the Daylight Centre, our huge gratitude and appreciation for your generous gift donated to us at this time.

All donations no matter how small, helps us to stay open and provide a much needed service to those less fortunate than ourselves.

I would also like to extend an open invitation to you and your friends to come and visit us at anytime, you may be pleasantly surprised at how the Centre works, and of course, to see how your donations are vital to our survival.

Once again many thanks to all concerned.

Richard Rice  
(Manager)

To all clergy - please circulate this within your parish(es)

## SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY - SHARING THE COST

*This newsheet explains how the cost of clergy pensions is to be shared and why parishioners will need to meet more, and in some cases all, of the cost of clergy pay in the future.*

*It reflects consultations between the Church Commissioners, the Central Board of Finance, the Church of England Pensions Board and Diocesan Board of Finance Chairmen and Secretaries.*

*The picture presented here is a national one. It is not a substitute for local consultations within your diocese. Individual dioceses' different circumstances mean that arrangements may vary from diocese to diocese.*

### ***Why has this new situation arisen?***

The Church Commissioners are entrusted with investments which are part of the Church's historic resources. These were worth about £2.4 billion in 1994. The Commissioners' primary responsibility is to manage those investments to provide financial support for the Church's ministry, particularly in areas of need.

An independent report in July 1994 confirmed that the Commissioners were spending more on the support of the clergy - mainly clergy pay and pensions - than they could properly afford. It is well known that the problems caused by this over-expenditure had been accelerated by some unwise investments in the late 1980s. The over-expenditure must cease, so that an investment policy delivering sound and stable support for the ministry can be followed.

So, in agreement with dioceses, the Commissioners are already reducing their contribution towards clergy pay. But if they are to continue to provide worthwhile help for needier dioceses and parishes, they cannot continue to meet all of the growing clergy pension bill. New arrangements to share the cost of pensions are therefore being discussed.

### ***Who has been consulted?***

National and regional consultations were held with representatives from all the Diocesan Boards of Finance. By April 1995, agreement was reached on the main principles of the change in the way clergy pensions will be funded in the future. These principles were supported by General Synod in July.

### ***How is the cost of pensions to be shared?***

There will be different arrangements for past and future pensions.

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The Commissioners will meet the cost of pensions already being paid and pensions rights earned by serving clergy up to the date of change (probably 1 January 1998). They will also meet the cost of annual increases on both these on an agreed basis.

Dioceses will be asked to meet the cost (from funds provided by parishes) of all pensions rights which will be earned by clergy from future service.

### *Why should parishioners contribute towards pensions?*

These arrangements reflect the important principle that pensions are deferred pay. They are part of what the clergy have earned in the stipendiary ministry.

Pension rights being earned by today's serving clergy should thus be recognised and financed by the whole of today's Church as part of the total cost of the ministry.

The cost of the ministry also includes: training; stipend; Employer's National Insurance contributions and housing.

### *What will it cost?*

The details of the proposals have yet to be worked out. However, estimates show that contributions would build up to about £2,500 a year, per serving minister at current levels.

The impact of the new arrangements will be phased in over a number of years so that the effect on the Church is manageable.

The contributions will be collected by dioceses through the apportionment system (quota; parish share; family purse; common fund etc.) and paid into a separate pension fund.

### *What is the proposed timetable?*

Work on the details of the proposals and on the new legal arrangements required is now under way. General Synod will need to promote the necessary legislation, which will then require Parliament's endorsement. We hope to have the new arrangements in place by 1 January 1998.

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*This newsheet has been prepared by the Church Commissioners (0171 - 222 7010), the Central Board of Finance (0171 - 222 9011) and the Church of England Pensions Board (0171 - 222 2091). Further copies are available from any of these bodies or from your Diocesan Office.*

September 1995



JUNE BOYCE-TILLMAN

*Presents a Quiet Day*

*'Feathers on the Breath of God'*

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*Inspired by the visions of Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)*

10.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday  
9TH DECEMBER 1995

At the Daughters of the Holy Spirit Convent  
103 Harlestone Road, Northampton

Please bring food to share at a Christmas  
Lunch and a Donation of £5.00

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For further details please contact:  
Bill Neeson on 01604 492378

**DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH**  
**PARISH SHARE REQUIREMENTS**

Every £1 of Parish Share contributes towards Diocesan Costs as follows:

	1994 ACTUAL	1995 BUDGET	1996 BUDGET	1997 FORECAST	1998 FORECAST
MINISTRY	76p	80p	81p	81p	83p
CHURCHES	2p	-	-	-	-
EDUCATION	5p	5p	5p	5p	4p
COMMUNICATION	1p	-	-	-	-
FAMILY & SOCIAL WELFARE )					
) MISSION TO THE DEAF	3p	3p	3p	3p	2p
GENERAL DIOCESAN EXPENSES	2p	2p	2p	2p	2p
DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION	6p	6p	5p	5p	5p
CENTRAL CHURCH EXPENSES	5p	4p	4p	4p	4p
	<u>£1.00</u>	<u>£1.00</u>	<u>£1.00</u>	<u>£1.00</u>	<u>£1.00</u>

(Rounded to nearest p)

(NB: The above are based on Budgets and Forecasts to be submitted to Diocesan Synod in June 1995)



# ECTON HOUSE

RETREATS AND  
WORKSHOPS 1996

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## **MYERS-BRIGGS BASIC WORKSHOP • £55**

**Monday, 5th to Tuesday, 6th February**

Workshop conducted by Gillean Russell a registered Myers Briggs practitioner, psychotherapist, retreat giver and, until recently, deputy warden of Launde Abbey. The workshop is based on Jung's Theory of Typology. Our different ways of perceiving and processing information sometimes lead to misunderstandings if we assume that we all start from the same viewpoint! Understanding our own preferences enables us to enjoy our own strengths and to value complementary gifts in others. A useful tool in all kinds of relationships - marriage, team building, education, pastoral settings.

## **MOTHERS' UNION RETREAT • £50**

**Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th April**

Conducted by the Reverend Dr David Rake, and OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS.

## **FRANCISCAN RETREAT • £60**

**Friday, 26th to Sunday, 28th July**

A Silent Retreat for Tertiaries and Companions of the Society of St Francis and anyone who is inspired by him. The Reverend Bill Simons will be leading contemplative meditations, including corporate silent prayer. Bursaries are available from the Society of St Francis and the Conductor.

## **LIVE FOR A CHANGE - WORKSHOP • £72.50**

**Friday, 30th August to Sunday, 1st September**

A weekend about vocation and the calling of God. Conducted by the Reverend Francis Dewar who resigned his Anglican parish in 1981 to start a project for helping people to link what they are with what they do. He has written two books on vocation:- *Live for a Change: discovering and using your gifts* and *Called or Collared? An alternative approach to vocation.*

## **MYERS-BRIGGS SHADOW WORKSHOP • £55**

**Monday, 9th to Tuesday, 10th September**

Workshop conducted by Gillean Russell. This is a workshop for those who have already done a Basic Myers Briggs Workshop and concerns the exploration of our less developed functions and attitudes. The Shadow, that part of ourselves which is hidden from us, contains much that could enhance our lives. Knowing our strengths is only the first half of the story, finding ways to attend to those parts of ourselves which we cannot know so well holds the key to the second half of life as 'being' assumes importance over achieving.

## **MOTHERS' UNION OPEN RETREAT • £50**

**Friday, 13th to Sunday, 15th September**

Conducted by The Right Reverend Paul Barber, and OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS.

## **LISTENING TO GOD IN SCRIPTURE & LIFE • £95**

**Monday, 14th to Thursday, 17th October**

A Silent Group Retreat led the the Reverend Raymond Avent with guidance for prayer and opportunity for spiritual direction. Raymond Avent has recently retired, having spent most of his ministry in the London diocese. Latterly he set up the Centre for Spiritual Direction in that diocese and is now involved with spiritual direction and retreat-giving.

## **ADVENT AWARENESS • £115**

**Monday, 9th to Friday, 13th December**

A Silent Retreat during the most neglected season of the Christian year with opportunity for individual guidance and exploration led by the Reverend Canon Peter Garlick a retired priest and chairman of SPIDIR East Midlands. He has spent his ministry working in differing parishes, including Team Rector of Duston for fifteen years and Rural Dean of Wootton for almost nine. He leads Quiet Days and Retreats and acts as a Spiritual Director; at one time organising the Fellowship of Vocations. Requests for non-residential places should be made to the Conductor (Tel: 01604 416511).

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As the winter months are now upon us, I think that few would deny our church in Ecton continues to be a bright, warm and welcoming place for worship. But how much does it cost for the heat and light? It will cost us in excess of £1,000 for gas and over £300 for electricity alone this year, for the relatively few hours per week that services are held in church.

We are deeply grateful for the gifts, donations, legacies and fund-raising income; however, we do depend on a regular income from the weekly plate collections to meet expenses such as the gas and electricity. The collections have continued to be buoyant in recent weeks, demonstrating the generosity of our congregation:-

Sept	17	£147.69	Oct	22	£166.41
	24	£199.99		29	£169.70
Oct	1	£392.67	Nov	5	£291.40
	8	£161.55		12	£182.10
	15	£252.97			

I'll close this month with an apology. In the October issue, I understated the net receipts of the catering for the Summer Fete by £59. These should have been general expenses. My apologies to Millie and her team, whose efforts contributed a revised net total of £116 to the event.

Les Mitchell

## READERS ROTA

9.30 am Wednesday Mornings, 7.30 pm Thursday Evenings  
7.30 pm Other Holy Days (unless stated otherwise)

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### DECEMBER 1995

Wednesday 6	Isalah 25. 6-10a	Dorothy Creed
Thursday 7	Isalah 26. 1-6	
Wednesday 13	Isalah 40. 25-end	Joan Dickens
Thursday 14	Isalah 41. 13-20	Pat Baylls
Wednesday 20	Isaiah 7. 10-14	
Thursday 21	Song of Sol. 2. 8-14	David Tuck

### ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR

Tuesday 26	Acts 7. 54-end	Dorothy Creed
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### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Wednesday 27	1 John 2. 1-11	Joan Dickens
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### HOLY INNOCENTS

Thursday 28	1 Corinthians 1. 26-29	Patricia Naylor
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### JANUARY 1996

Wednesday 3	1 John 2.29 - 3.6	Marian Gleave
Thursday 4	1 John 3. 7-10	David Tuck
Wednesday 10	1 Samuel 3. 1-10, 19-20	Joan Dickens
Thursday 11	1 Samuel 4. 1-11	Pat Baylls
Wednesday 17	1 Sam 17. 32-33, 37, 40-51	James Wilkinson
Thursday 18	1 Sam 18. 6-9; 19. 1-7	Patricia Naylor
Wednesday 24	2 Samuel 7. 4-17	Dorothy Creed

### CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Thursday 25	Acts 9. 1-22	David Tuck
Wednesday 31	2 Samuel 24. 2, 9-17	Marian Gleave

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our Christmas Party is on Friday, December 8th at 3.30 pm.

We are being entertained by Pam's People again which will enhance our Christmas Festivities.

Please bring a small gift for the 'Lucky Dip'!

A very happy Christmas to everyone!



Ecton Fellowship

We begin the New Year with a Quiet Afternoon led by Mrs Elizabeth Sheppard.

This meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th at 2.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome.

## SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday, 17 February, 1996

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING PART

If so, for further information  
please contact:-

Mary Dicks - Telephone 407145

Mary Bane - Telephone 784932

## **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

A voluntary Society of the Church of England founded in 1881 and caring continuously for children from all walks of life in many different ways.

Many of our village people have "Money Boxes" in which spare coins are donated throughout the year and the boxes will be collected in February 1996, counted and the proceeds sent to Edward Rudoph House, the Society's headquarters in London.

The Christingle service will be held on 3rd December at 6 pm in our church.

Christingle means "Christ Light" and the candles lit in our churches tell us that JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Last year we and 5,399 others celebrated this service and a total of £660,000 was raised for the work of the Society. Thank you to all who so generously contributed and we look forward to seeing you at the service on 3rd December.

Mary Bane  
Tel: 784932

## **KNEELER WORKERS MEETING**

3.30 pm Tuesday, 10th December

at The Rectory, West Street

A cup of tea meeting about future fund raising for kneelers or pew cushions. Please contact me if the date is inconvenient.

Thank you, Patricia

## SERVERS ROTA

### DECEMBER

3rd	Charlotte Greene
10th	Graham Jordan
17th	Pat Baylis
24th	Patricia Naylor
25th	Graham Jordan
31st	Graham Jordan

### JANUARY

7th	Patricia Naylor
14th	Pay Baylis
21st	Charlotte Greene
28th	Graham Jordan

## ECTON MONDAY CLUB

The 16th October was the 25th Anniversary of the Club starting, and to mark the occasion we had a 'guess the photo' competition which was won by Millie. Afternoon tea was served to 25 new and old members, including Mrs Allinson who helped start the club.

Then Miss White and Dora Reynolds cut the cake, which was served with a glass of sherry. In his absence we wished our retiring chairman, Mr C Marden, many happy years in Mears Ashby.

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

2nd December	BLUE	B
9th December	GREEN	A
16th December	ORANGE	B
23rd December	RED	A
30th December	PINK	B
6th January	YELLOW	A
and	BLUE	B
13th January	GREEN	A
20th January	ORANGE	B
27th January	RED	A

## FIRST WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Meetings 8 - 9 am

December 6th

Unfortunately this meeting has had to be cancelled.

January 3rd at 34 West Street, Ecton

Currently we are listening to talks by Jean Vanier called "From brokenness to Wholeness"; sharing our responses to his words and a short time of silent prayer. We would welcome anyone wishing to share with us this experience of deepening their faith.

Patricia

## DIARY - DECEMBER 1995/JANUARY 1996

### **ADVENT SUNDAY : 3rd December**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
Isaiah 5. 4-11 : Matthew 25. 31-end
- 6.00 pm Christingle Service

### **Monday, 4th December**

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

### **Tuesday, 5th December**

- 7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

### **Wednesday, 6th December**

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

### **Thursday, 7th December**

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

### **Friday, 8th December**

- 3.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

### **SECOND IN ADVENT : Sunday, 10th December**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family  
Isaiah 64. 1-7 : Luke 4. 14-21
- 6.00 pm Evensong

### **Monday, 11th December**

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room
- 8.00 pm Cricket Club meet in the Rectory Room

**Wednesday, 13th December**

9.30 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Carol Singing - leaving from the Church

**Thursday, 14th December**

6.00 pm Monday Club Christmas Dinner at Ecton House

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**THIRD IN ADVENT : Sunday, 17th December**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family

Preacher: Jennie Loasby a field worker for the United  
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel  
Malachi 3. 1-5 : Matthew 11. 2-15

6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols with the Kingsley Singers

**Monday, 18th December**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Wednesday, 20th December**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 21st December**

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm Concert in Church by the Laurence Lloyd Singers

**FOURTH IN ADVENT : Sunday, 24th December**

9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

Zechariah 2. 10-end : Matthew 1. 18-23

6.00 pm Family Carol Service and Blessing of the Crib

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY : Monday, 25th December**

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Evensong (said)

**ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR : Tuesday, 26th December**  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST : Wednesday, 27th December**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**HOLY INNOCENTS : Thursday, 28th December**  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS : 31st December**  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
Romans 12. 1-8 : Luke 2. 22-40  
6.00 pm Evensong

**NAMING OF CHRIST : Monday, 1st January**  
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

**Wednesday, 3rd January**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 4th January**  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

**FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY : Sunday, 7th January**  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
Ephesians 2. 1-10 : John 1. 29-34  
6.00 pm Evensong

**Monday, 8th January**  
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel  
2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

**Wednesday, 10th January**  
9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 11th January**

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**SECOND AFTER EPHIPHANY : Sunday, 14th January**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family

Galatians 1. 11-end : John 1. 35-end

6.00 pm Evensong

**Monday, 15th January**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Wednesday, 17th January**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 18th January**

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY : Sunday, 21st January**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family

Philippians 4. 10-20 : John 6. 1-14

6.00 pm Evensong

**Monday, 22nd January**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

**Wednesday, 24th January**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 25th January**

7.00 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**FOURTH AFTER EPIPHANY : Sunday, 28th January**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family

Hebrews 12. 18-end : John 4. 19-26

6.00 pm Evensong

**Monday, 29th January**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Wednesday, 31st January**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday, 1st February**

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE :**

**Friday, 2nd February**

9.30 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Women's Institute Party at Ecton House

**NINTH BEFORE EASTER : Sunday, 4th February**

9.30 am Parish Communion

1 Corinthians 2. 1-10 : Luke 8. 4-15

6.00 pm Evensong

## **THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

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**Sylvia Johnson**

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Casie Georgina Wright  
*22nd October 1995*

"You are the light of the World"  
- Jesus Christ

### **FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION**

Joseph Barker Fountain, Age 72 years  
*18th October 1995*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY INTERMENT**

Pansy Violet Rose Jeakings, Age 80 years  
*19th October 1995*

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