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ECTON PARISH MAGAZINE

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and January*
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All copy for February
magazine to Ecton House
clearly labelled 'parish
magazine' by 12th
January please

CHURCHWARDENS' NOTES

Since the November magazine was published we have been advised by the Rural Dean that installation of our new Priest-in-Charge will be by the Bishop of Peterborough and also that the Bishop of Brixworth will be in attendance on the 30th January.

Also, following notification of an Associate Non-Stipendiary Priest to assist in the Parish we have received a Profile of the Reverend James Mogridge and this will you find on page 10. For those with good memories they may recall that the Reverend Mogridge took the 9.30 am Parish Communion at Ecton on Sunday 18th May 1997, so he must have had a favourable impression of Ecton at that time.

In all this there are winners and losers and, whilst we have gained an extra Pastor, the Rural Dean, who has been our main support during the interregnum, has lost his Curate! So we must sincerely thank John Westwood for his always cheerful attention to our requests. I hope his staffing level at St Andrew's, Wellingborough will be restored in due course.



ECTON - A Northamptonshire Parish

The Ecton book would make an ideal Christmas present for anyone with village connections. Copies are still available from the village pubs, Jayne's salon and Ecton House for £12. Or if you are prepared to be really extravagant you can buy the hardback copy for £30 - only a few of these are left, available from Rodney Ingram on 406038.

LIST OF CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

December :

7th	9.30 am	The Archdeacon of Northampton
	6.00 pm	<i>Christingle Service:</i> The Reverend Terry Phillips
14th	9.30 am	The Reverend Warren Warnes
21st	9.30 am	The Reverend Warren Warnes
	6.00 pm	<i>Nine Lessons & Carols:</i> The Reverend Stephen Evans
24th	6.00 pm	<i>Family Service & Blessing of the Crib:</i> The Reverend Stephen Evans
	11.30 pm	<i>Midnight Mass:</i> The Reverend Stephen Evans
25th	9.30 am	<i>Holy Communion (said):</i> The Reverend Stephen Evans
28th	9.30 am	To be announced

January

4th	9.30 am	The Reverend Warren Warnes
11th	9.30 am	The Reverend Warren Warnes
18th		To be announced
25th		To be announced

DECEMBER CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE, MONDAY 1 December

TUESDAY 2 December

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 7 December

- 9.30 am Parish Communion - Isaiah 64. 1-7 ; Luke 4. 14-21
6.00 pm Christingle Service

MONDAY 8 December

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

TUESDAY 9 December

- 9.00 am Holy Communion

THURSDAY 11 December

- 7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 14 December

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
9.30 am Parish Communion - Philippians 4. 4-9 ; Matthew 11. 2-15
6.00 pm Evensong

TUESDAY 16 December

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

THURSDAY 18 December

- 6.00 pm Monday Club Christmas Dinner

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 21 December

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
9.30 am Parish Communion - Revelation 21. 1-7 ; Matthew 1. 18-23
6.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

MONDAY 22 December

Laurence Lloyd Singers

8.00 pm An evening of Christmas Music

TUESDAY 23 December

9.00 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 24 December

6.00 pm Family Service and Blessing of the Crib

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 December

9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR

Friday 26 December

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saturday 27 December

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 28 December

9.30 am Holy Communion - Romans 12. 1-8 : Luke 2. 22-40

6.00 pm Evensong

HOLY INNOCENTS Monday 29 December

ECTON HOUSE

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

WAITING STAFF REQUIRED £3.60 per hour
(mainly evenings and weekends)

CLEANER REQUIRED
10 hours per week £3.60 per hour

PART-TIME OFFICE HELP REQUIRED
Please speak to Trudie Warner

JANUARY CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

NAMING OF JESUS Thursday 1 January

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 4 January

- 9.30 am Parish Communion - Isaiah 60. 1-6 : Matthew 2. 1-12, 19-end
6.00 pm Evensong

EPIPHANY Tuesday 6 January

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 11 January

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
9.30 am Parish Communion - Isaiah 42. 1-7 : John 1. 29-34
6.00 pm Evensong

TUESDAY 13 January

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 18 January

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
9.30 am Parish Communion - 1 Samuel 3. 1-10 : John 1. 35-end
6.00 pm Evensong

MONDAY 19 January

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

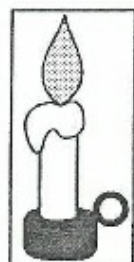
- TUESDAY 20 January**
9.00 am Holy Communion
- THURSDAY 22 January**
7.00 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room
- CONVERSION OF ST PAUL : SUNDAY 25 January**
9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
9.30 am Parish Communion - 1 Kings 19, 15-end ; Matthew 19, 27-end
6.00 pm Evensong
- TUESDAY 27 January**
9.00 am Holy Communion
- FRIDAY 30 January**
7.30 pm Induction of The Reverend Stephen Evans as Priest-in-Charge
and The Reverend James Mogridge as Associate Priest
- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 1 February**
9.30 am Parish Communion - Jeremiah 7, 1-11 ; John 4, 19-26
6.00 pm Evensong

GIFT DAY

The Churchwardens thank all those who made Donations in the Blue Envelopes and joined us for Coffee and Biscuits in the Church that Saturday. The amount raised was £400 and the event also spurred a flurry of buff envelopes from the Stewardship scheme and we were able to bank over £1,000 in the week following.

Thanks to all concerned for this effort.

Walter Barty and Dorothy Creed



CHRISTMAS 1997 AT ECTON PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Christingle Service

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

(followed by coffee and mince pies)

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

6.00 pm Family Carols & Blessing of the Crib

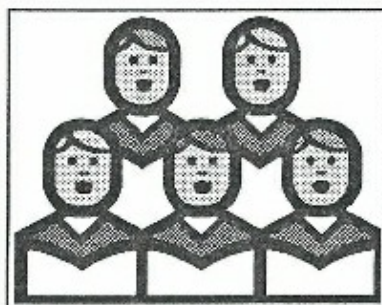
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

9.30 am Parish Communion

The Last Four Services will be taken by The Reverend
Stephen Evans Priest-in-Charge Designate

**THE CHURCHWARDENS AND
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL WISH
EVERYONE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



THE LAURENCE LLOYD SINGERS

conducted by Stephen Meakins will present

**An Evening of Christmas Music
including Audience participation
in Ecton Church**

Monday 22nd December at 8.00 pm

**Admission will be free and there
will be a retiring collection in aid
of the Church Restoration Fund**

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

24.10.97 - May Doris Stears, aged 82 years

17.11.97 - Gordon Stanley Austin, aged 82 years

20.11.97 - Jean Labrum, aged 62 years

Profile of the Reverend James Mogridge

Educated at St John's School, Leatherhead and, after two years' National Service as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, at Culham College of Education, my teaching career included headships in both independent (in Buckinghamshire) and state schools - in Northamptonshire at Walgrave, Moulton and in Corby.

Anne and I married in 1961 and moved to Little Harrowden twenty-six years ago. Anne teaches music and breeds Burmese cats as well as dashing round the country supporting our two daughters' activities. Both of them are professional musicians and one trained also as a graphic designer and illustrator. Between us we enjoy going to concerts, the theatre, art exhibitions, reading and gardening. In addition I am passionately Francophile and am therefore sometimes to be found on the other side of the Channel. More seriously, I am a Bishop's Visitor and a governor of both an independent and a maintained school.

I retired from teaching in 1991, spent a year at St Stephen's House, Oxford, training for the ordained ministry having been a Reader for some years. I was made a Deacon in 1994 and priested the following year while at St Andrew's Wellingborough. I maintain an interest in education by a programme of part-time teaching.

Oh! An just before Christmas 1996 appeared our first grand-child, Lydia-Grace, who has given us a new lease a life - as perhaps Ecton will, too!

We look forward to meeting you all.

MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN



Many thanks to all those who contributed to the door-to-door collection for the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

The collection raised £44.93. All money collected enables the mission to continue the work of Christian caring to Fishermen and their families in times of disaster and tragedy.

Trudie Warner

DAYLIGHT CENTRE

The Daylight Centre have written to Dorothy Creed to convey their heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone who helped to make the Harvest Supper in aid of the Daylight Centre such a huge success.

They would be unable to continue their work without the support of friends and to raise £150 was magnificent and much appreciated by them all.

The Daylight Centre will be pleased to show anyone around and show what progress they have made.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

Tuesday 2nd December 1997 : 7.30 pm Rectory Room

Convivial evening with a Christmas flavour - and a glass of wine too!

Competition - Decorated Candle.

Teas - Joy Wilson and Barbara Jones.

Tuesday 6th January 1998 : 7.30 pm Rectory Room

Speaker - Mrs Betty Shearing *'The Church in Tudor Times'*

Open Meeting - husbands, friends, partners welcome.

Competition - New Year Poem (6 lines only)

Teas - Marlene Green and Denise Langley

Apologies given and noted. Flu seems to be rife at the moment and to all those suffering we wish a speedy recovery.

New member, Mrs Sue Woodward, introduced to the group and welcomed.

News

Denise Langley is still in hospital and would welcome a visit to break the monotony. We send best wishes and also to Joy Wilson who has been very poorly with the flu.

Reminder

December meeting - The Committee will be providing a buffet and some entertainment - suggestions for games welcomed. We hope that Little Billing WI will be joining us.

Colour Theme - Red and Green!

Annual Council Meeting

Attended by June, Margaret, Marian and Millie.

A most enjoyable evening following the business side, which will be reported in the Newsletter. We were entertained most admirably by Bill Giles the Weather Expert from the BBC. The weather news will never be quite the same again as he revealed 'inside information' and also, very disturbing facts regarding 'Global Warming' giving us much food for thought!

Village Map

There was a delightful display of all the entries for the above competition. The different mediums used reflected the work and dedication which had produced such excellent results and attracted much attention.

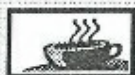
Rachael Watson, the County Archivist, and one of the judges, announced that all the entries will be on view at the Local Records Office at Wootton Hall for two months.

We have taken names and will be arranging a visit in the next week or two. We 'overheard' quite a few comments about the Ecton entry (complimentary ones). I hope you will think they were justified!

Our guest was Mr Safford, no stranger to our midst. Once again he entertained us with a 'double bill', an excellent range of slides with delightful accompanying music. We saw Constable Country, Windsor Park Gardens, Sea Scapes, Hatfield House and its extensive craft fair, proving that Britain has so much to offer - as Mrs Margaret Scott emphasised in her vote of thanks.

N.B. February meeting is our Birthday Dinner and will be on Thursday, 5th February, at Ecton House.

June Marshman



COFFEE ROTA

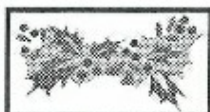
7th December	June Marshman and Marian Gleave
14th December	Millie Harlott and Christine Murray
21st December	Ingrid and Keith Cartwright
28th December	Alice Adams and Wynne Voss
4th January	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
11th January	Jean Leigh and Barbara Jones
18th January	Nick and Mary Greene
25th January	Sue and Les Mitchell



CLEANING ROTA

6th December	RED	A
13th December	PINK	B
20th December	YELLOW	A
27th December	BLUE	B
3rd January	GREEN	A
10th January	ORANGE	B
17th January	RED	A
24th January	PINK	B
31st January	YELLOW	A

ROTA	SERVER	CHALICE	CRUCIFER
December 7th	Pat Baylis	Alice Adams	Pat Baylis
December 14th	Graham Jordan	Graham Jordan	Graham Jordan
December 21st	Charlotte Greene	Graham Jordan	Charlotte Greene
December 28th	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis
January 4th	Pat Baylis	Alice Adams	Pat Baylis
January 11th	Graham Jordan	Graham Jordan	Graham Jordan
January 18th	Charlotte Greene	Graham Jordan	Charlotte Greene
January 25th	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis



MONDAY CLUB

Unfortunately we were unable to have our second meeting of November owing to double booking, the same will apply to our first meeting in January. So our dates are as follows:

Club 8th December

Dinner 18th December (6 for 6.15 pm)

Club 19th January

The Whist Drives are still enjoyed. The Christmas one is on the 11th December and 22nd January.

Happy Christmas to All.

Freda



HAVE YOU TWO SPARE HOURS?

It would be a great help and blessing if a few people could find two hours occasionally to keep Dora Reynolds' husband company so that Dora could go out on: Monday afternoon for two hours to the Monday Club. Tuesday morning for two hours to go shopping. Please contact Dora if you can help in this way so that she can discuss forming a rota of companions.

The British Legion Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

The total collected in Ecton was £340.40.

Thanks also go to the collectors:

Mike Baylis, Tony Haycox, James Morrison, Andree Walker, Fred Wallis, The Three Horseshoes and The Worlds End.

Sylvia Saunders

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our Christmas Party is on Tuesday, 16th December - 3.30 to 5.00 pm - please note change of date and time. We are having a Christmas Medley of readings, music and carols organised by Margaret Brooking of Weston Favell. This will enrich our Christmas Party.

Please bring a friend along who you feel may be lonely or anyone who would like to join in our celebrations.

A small gift for the 'lucky dip' would be appreciated.



**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE FROM THE
ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

Our first meeting in 1998 is on Tuesday, 13th January, at 2.30 pm. Joy Dhage is coming to talk to us and show slides of National Trust Gardens.

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickens



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Questioning God

HOLY WEDNESDAY THROUGH TO EASTER DAY

8-12th APRIL 1998

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BEFORE PALM SUNDAY

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Contact: Ecton House for further details
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Ecton Village Mums & Tots

**What do you do with your
pre-school child on a
Wednesday afternoon ?**



Why not come along to the Mother and Toddler group in Ecton Village. It is open to non-village children and their mums.

Going to Mums & Tots is great for younger pre-playgroup toddlers, as they get to know each other before starting at the Ecton Village playgroup. This makes the transition to playgroup easier and less daunting for many of them.

The session runs from 2.00 - 3.15
Wednesday at the Rectory Room,
Ecton House, Church Way, Ecton



Costs only 50p, tea or coffee included!

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retreats and conferences: may they know
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love, and have grace in their hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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