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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this we shall be in the season of Advent. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas. At a time when we are daily reminded of how many shopping days are left, the Church calls its people to a period of quieter reckoning, reflecting on the lasting values of their lives and making themselves ready for the time when all things will be summed up in Christ at the final judgement.

What would you like for Christmas? Some lucky people may hear that question frequently in the early days of December. If asked I shall, of course, mention the BMW, the computer, teletext TV. After them, no doubt, I shall return to the realistic - or merely shrug and smile a whimsical smile.

Whatever we may say about it, however we may describe it - Christmas can fulfil our wildest dreams and our simplest needs. If only we will let it.

For unto us a child is born; a son is given. A son: the Son of God. As with all babies, a gift; precious beyond price, and as such to be loved and cherished, his importance in and to the family to be protected and maintained.

Too often, sadly, we find it hard to receive God's gifts, to care for them, to use them sensibly, faithfully. Too often the so-called Christmas spirit is as transitory as the bubbles in our beer; only a short-lived fizz and perhaps the niggle of a headache.

You hear Christmas described as a time for children, a time for families, and so it is. Time for children, for the children of God to renew their trust, place their lives, into the care of their heavenly Father. To put themselves, as Jesus did, into the Father's care and at His disposal. Time for the family, yes, for the family of God, to renew their corporate sense of the abiding presence and love of God and to encourage re-birth in others.

Unto us a Son is given. May we treat this gift as He deserves not only at Christmas but throughout the coming years.

May the Feast of the Incarnation be a blessing to you all.

James Mogridge

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
9.30AM THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER

A SERVICE OF MUSIC AND WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS
6PM SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

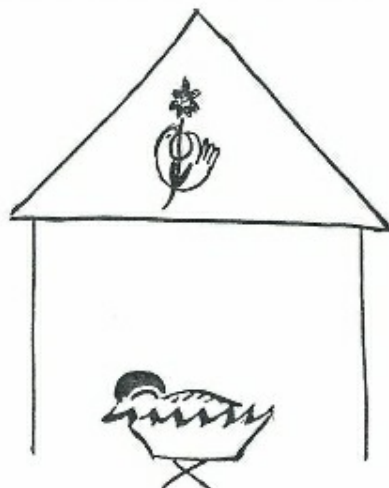
CHRISTMAS EVE

BLESSING OF THE CRIB AND CAROL SERVICE
6PM

MIDNIGHT MASS
11.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

PARISH COMMUNION 9.30AM



Ecton Fellowship

It is Christmas Party time! This will be on Tuesday December 8th at 3.30 pm. If you know anyone, man or woman, who would like to come and join us please bring them along.

The Reverend James Mogridge will help to deepen our understanding of Christmas and we hope also to sing Carols.

Please bring a small gift for the Lucky Dip.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

We begin the New Year with a talk to be given on "Wellingborough - Old and New" by Mr Clarridge.

Mr Clarridge is an authority on the History of Wellingborough, so we shall be off to a good start.

Please note our Luncheon at the College has had to be moved back to Friday February 5th at 12 noon. The College are on half term during the week we had originally booked.

Ecton Fellowship has to date sent £25 to the Bangladesh flood Disaster, £25 to the relief fund for Honduras with the discount we receive from the Traidcraft sale of goods. Please continue to support this excellent Third World Charity which gives help to so many of the World's poor.

Joan Dickins

CLEANING ROTA

December 5	Blue	B
December 12	Green	A
December 19	Orange	B
December 26	Red	A

January 2	Pink	B
January 9	Yellow	A
January 16	Blue	B
January 23	Green	A
January 30	Orange	B

BRASS CLEANING

December 4	Marian/Barbara
January 2	Walter/Gwenda

COFFEE ROTA

December 6	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed
December 13	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
December 20	Nick & Mary Green
December 27	Sue & Les Mitchell

January 3	June Marshman/ Marian Gleave
January 10	Millie Harlott/ Christine Murray
January 17	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
January 24	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
January 31	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

Wednesday 2nd December 1998
Rectory Room - 7.30 pm
CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

A social evening with wine and refreshments to be shared with a neighbouring WI

Mrs Rachel Britton was our speaker in November when we saw and heard of Beautiful Botanical Illustrations, and learned there are 400(!) species of oak in the world.

Mrs B Shearing gave a vote of thanks. Joint competition winners were Millie and Margaret.

Tuesday 5th January 1999
Speaker - Mr Tony Roche - "Bards of Barton"
Competition - Four line poem on "Winter"

Please note the Date of our Birthday Dinner is THURSDAY 4th February

Remember to bring a small gift please.

A peaceful Christmas Greeting to all.

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## **CHRISTINGLE**

**The annual Christingle Service in aid of the Children's society will take place here in Church on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am**

**Please come and join with the school children in this celebration of Christ's light.**

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### From the Registers

**BAPTISMS - Sunday, 18 October 1998**

**We welcome into the family of the Church**

**Corran Ashley Barnes  
Gary John Wheatman  
Hannah Elizabeth Wheatman**

**Jesus said "Let the little children come to me"  
Matthew - 19:14**

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#### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The time has come, once again, for me to empty the savings boxes and remit the funds to the Society. It would be of great assistance to me if the boxes could be brought either to the Church, or to me at 34, West Street.

**Mike Bayliss**

#### WINTER GRITTING 1998/99 AND HINTS FOR SAFER DRIVING

Overleaf you will find part of a pamphlet produced by Northamptonshire County Council. Complete copies of the leaflet and detailed maps of gritting routes can be obtained by telephoning

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## WHY WE GRIT

To make the County's roads as safe as possible and to reduce delays caused by bad weather.

We grit key routes when there is a risk of ice by providing **24 hour** cover to respond to weather conditions, using a large fleet of gritters. This means that just under half of the road network in the county is treated; a total length of approximately **1,750 km**.

## WHEN WE GRIT

Decisions are based on **road** temperatures rather than air temperatures, and gritting is **likely** whenever **road** temperatures are **1°C** or below. Gritting is normally carried out after the evening peak traffic period or before the morning rush, because frost does not usually affect the road surface until late evening or early morning.

### CLARENCE

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Northamptonshire



## 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.
- Your anti-freeze. (Your garage can do 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 outside 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.
- 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 gritting routes may not be treated.

## Advice for pedestrians

Many pavements are not routinely gritted. In times of prolonged icy weather, or when snow remains on the ground, the treatment of some major pavements, i.e. main shopping areas, near hospitals, etc., is undertaken, but this still leaves many pavements in residential areas untreated.

**The following points may therefore help when you have to use the pavements in wintry conditions.**

- Consider whether your journey is essential
- Always wear appropriate footwear. Smooth leather soles make walking treacherous in icy weather
- If possible, delay your journey so that temperatures have had a chance to rise and the frost has melted
- Avoid using pavements that are in the shade. Even a weak winter sun soon thaws out frost and ice

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## MONDAY CLUB

It is time for our Christmas Whist Drive and Dinner. How quickly this year has gone!

Everyone enjoyed the fish and Chip supper, many thanks for the lovely sweets and everyone who helped.

Dates for your diary

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Club                    |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> | Whist Drive             |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> | Dinner - 6pm for 6.30pm |
| January 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Club                    |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Club                    |
| January 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Whist Drive             |

Happy Christmas to one and all.

Freda

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## BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this worth cause, raising the magnificent total for Ecton of £404.25.

Special thanks for the £95 donated from a private party at the home of Aidy Stone.

Thanks also go to the Collectors:

Mike Baylis, Tony Haycox, Barbara & Ken Jones, Fred Wallis, Joy Wilson,  
The Three Horse Shoes and The World's End  
Sylvia Saunders

### Notes from the PCC

The newly appointed Church Treasurer, Will Wilson, reviewed the financial situation and indicated the need to reduce expenditure and improve income. Reserves were down to a low level and are insufficient to meet repair bills which might come about at any time with such an historical building.

The Harvest Festival goods were donated to the Daylight Centre at Wellingborough and we had received a letter of appreciation. £130 from the Supper had been donated to Christian Aid.

The Church was host to a recent Bellringing marathon and many favourable comments have been received about this activity.

Gwenda Barty  
PCC Secretary

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ecton Fete - Saturday 24 July 1999

Harvest - Sunday 3 October 1999

### ***GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW***

***IN AID OF ECTON VILLAGE CLUB***

Tickets now on sale

Draw to take place at

### ***"Nibble and Slurp Night"***

on Friday 11 December at 7.30pm

Further information from: Tony Green 01604 407141

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Wednesday 2nd December

7.30pm

Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

Thursday 3rd December

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 6th December

9.30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion - Isaiah 11. 1-10;

Psalm 72. 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15. 4-13;

Matthew 3. 1-12.

6.00pm

Evensong

Monday 7th December

2.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room

Tuesday 8th December

9.00am

Holy Communion

3.30pm

Ecton Fellowship Christmas Party - to be held at the back of the Church.

Thursday 10th December

7pm

Whist Drive to be held in the Rectory Room

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 13th December

9.30am

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion - Isaiah 35. 1-10;

Psalm 146 4-9; James 5. 7-10; Matthew

11. 2-11.

6.00pm

Evensong

## *VILLAGE DIARY CONTINUED*

Tuesday 15th December

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Thursday 17th December

9.30am

Christingle Service

6.00pm

Monday Club Christmas Dinner

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 20th December

9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion - Isaiah 7. 10-16;

Psalms 80. 1-7, 16-18; Romans 1. 1-7;

Matthew 1. 18-25.

6.00pm

A Service of music and words for Christmas

Tuesday 22nd December

9.00am

Holy Communion

Thursday 24th December

6.00pm

Christmas Eve

Blessing of the Crib and Carol Service

11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December

9.30am

Christmas Day

Parish Communion

Sunday 27th December

9.30am

St John the Evangelist

Parish Communion - Exodus 33. 7-11a;

Psalms 117; 1 John 1; John 21. 19b-25.

6.00pm

Evensong

## *VILLAGE DIARY CONTINUED*

Tuesday 29th December

9.00am

Holy Communion

Thursday 31st December

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd January

9.30am

Epiphany

Parish Communion - Isaiah 60. 1-6;

Psalm 72. 10-15; Ephesians 3. 1-12;

Matthew 2. 1-12.

6.00pm

Evensong

Monday 4th January

2.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room

Tuesday 5th January

9.00am

Holy Communion

7.30pm

Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday 7th January

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 10th January

9.30am

The Baptism of Christ

Parish Communion - Isaiah 42. 1-9; Psalm 29;

Acts 10. 34-43; Matthew 3. 13-17.

6.00pm

Evensong

## *VILLAGE DIARY CONTINUED*

Tuesday 12th January

9.00am

Holy Communion

2.30pm

Ecton Fellowship meets in the Rectory Room

Thursday 14th January

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 17th January

9.30am

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Communion - Isaiah 49. 1-7; Psalm 40.  
1-11; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9; John 1. 29-42.

6.00pm

Evensong

Monday 18th January

2.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room

Tuesday 19th January

9.00am

Holy Communion

Thursday 21st January

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 24th January

9.30am

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Communion - Isaiah 9. 1-4;  
Psalm 27. 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18;  
Matthew 4. 12-23.

6.00pm

Evensong

Tuesday 26th January

9.00am

Holy Communion

7.30pm

PCC Meeting in Rectory Room

### *VILLAGE DIARY CONTINUED*

Thursday 28th January

7.30pm

Holy Communion

7.30pm

Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

Sunday 31st January

9.30am

Candlemas

Parish Communion - Malachi 3. 1-5;

Psalm 24. 7-10; Hebrews 2. 14-18;

Luke 2. 22-40.

6.00pm

Evensong

Monday 1st February

2.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room

Tuesday 2nd February

9.00am

Holy Communion

Thursday 4th February

6.30pm

Women's Institute Christmas Meal

7.30pm

Holy Communion

Sunday 7th February

9.30am

The Second Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion - Genesis 1. 1-2.3;

Psalm 136 1-9, 23-26; Romans 8. 18-25;

Matthew 6. 25-34.

6.00pm

Evensong



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through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

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