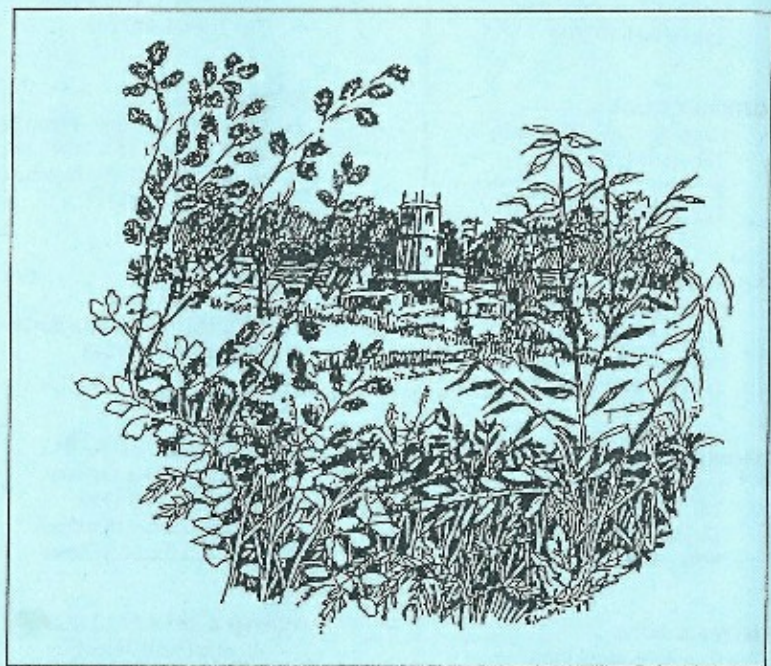


# ST MARY MAGDALENE ECTON



**PARISH MAGAZINE**

**FEBRUARY 1998**

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Tel: 01604 407864

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### PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Dicks  
Tel: 01604 407145

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**ECTON PARISH  
MAGAZINE**

**You will find**

*Churchwardens Notes  
on pages 2*

*Church and Village Diary  
on pages 4 and 5*

*Church Rotas  
on page 6*

*From the Registers  
on page 12*

**All copy for March magazine  
to Ecton House clearly  
labelled 'Parish Magazine'  
by 16th February please**

## CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

On December 22nd we welcomed the Lawrence Lloyd Singers for an evening of Christmas music. This was a delightful occasion with some new carols and many old favourites. Audience participation was actively encouraged! A collection was taken and the sum of £100 raised was given to the Church Restoration Fund. Our thanks are due to Stephen Meakins and his choir.

Thanks also go to the ladies who decorated the Church so beautifully for Christmas and also to Geoff Harlott and David Wilson who were responsible for the splendid Christmas tree. The Church would be a much poorer place without such people who willingly given of their time for the Glory of God.

By the time this magazine is published the new clergy for the parish will have taken up their positions. Stephen Evans moved into the Rectory just before Christmas in anticipation of institution on 30th January as Priest-in-Charge and Warden of Ecton House. His Assistant, James Mogridge, will continue to reside at Little Harrowden, whilst undertaking priestly duties at Ecton as non-stipendiary minister from 30th January.

At this time the Churchwardens would like to put on record their appreciation of the co-operation from the congregation, and staff at Ecton House, during the interregnum following retirement of Peter Naylor as Rector.

We feel sure the Parish will give a friendly Ecton welcome to the new clergy in what should be a very challenging period for the development of House and Church.

*Walter Barty and Dorothy Creed*

**ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

We are having our annual luncheon at Northampton College on Friday, February 13th.

Please meet outside Ecton House at 11.40 am - the lunch is booked for 12.15 pm.

Everyone is welcome to bring friends, husbands and others!

The cost is £4.95.

If you can help with transport please let me know.

I need the final list of numbers going at the beginning of the week February 9th.

*Joan Dickins (415576)*

**BIBLE READING  
FELLOWSHIP NOTES**

I shall be re-ordering copies of New Daylight or Guidelines at the beginning of February for the coming year (May 1998 to April 1999).

The annual subscription is £8.10 for the three copies covering the year (£2.70 per copy).

If anyone else would like to order these useful booklets to help with their individual Bible reading, or see specimen copies, please let me know as soon as possible.

*Marian Gleave (407889)*

## FEBRUARY CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

### **FOURTH AFTER EPIPHANY, 1 February**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
1 Corinthians 13. 1-13  
6.00 pm Evensong

### **MONDAY, 2 February**

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

### **TUESDAY, 5 February**

- 9.00 am Holy Communion

### **3RD BEFORE LENT, 8 February**

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
1 Corinthians 15. 1-11  
6.00 pm Evensong

### **TUESDAY, 10 February**

- 9.00 am Holy Communion  
7.30 pm Parochial Church Council Meeting in the Conference Room at Ecton House

### **2ND BEFORE LENT, 15 February**

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
Revelation 4  
6.00 pm Evensong

### **MONDAY, 16 February**

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

### **TUESDAY, 17 February**

- 9.00 am Holy Communion

**1ST BEFORE LENT, 22 February**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
2 Corinthians 3. 12-4.2  
6.00 pm Evensong

**TUESDAY, 24 February**

- 9.00 am Holy Communion

**THURSDAY, 26 February**

- 7.00 am Monday Club Whist Drive

**1ST IN LENT, 1 March**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
Romans 10. 8b-13  
6.00 pm Evensong

**BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OF WELLINGBOROUGH**



**YOU MUST  
CLEAN IT UP!**

**DOG FOULING IS A HEALTH HAZARD**

ROTA	SERVER	CHALICE	CRUCIFER
1-Feb	Pat Baylis	Alice Adams	Pat Baylis
8-Feb	Graham Jordan	Graham Jordan	Graham Jordan
15-Feb	Charlotte Greene	Graham Jordan	Charlotte Greene
22-Feb	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis

## COFFEE ROTA



1-Feb	June Marshman & Marion Creed
08-Feb	Millie Harlott & Christine Murray
15-Feb	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
22-Feb	Alice Adams & Wynne Voss
1-Mar	Pat Peacock & Dorothy Creed

## CLEANING ROTA

7-Feb	BLUE	A
14-Feb	GREEN	B
21-Feb	ORANGE	A
28-Feb	RED	B
7-Mar	ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN	





## The Children's Society

I am pleased to be able to report that during 1997 I have been able to send to this Charity the total sum of £1,127.55 raised in the village in various ways:-

Boxes	£321.00
Christingle	£118.15
Donations	£83.90
Safari Supper	£604.50

This splendid sum was raised by the sterling efforts of a small number of people and the generous response of a large number of people in and around the village.

Home collection boxes are, perhaps, the simplest way of making a regular gift to help children all over the country. An increasing number of people now have boxes at home but I have more available if you would like one. Just let me know.

Many thanks to everyone involved in raising these funds.

*Mike Baylis (407707)*

## W.I. REPORT

Thursday, 5th February at Ecton House  
**BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
(please bring a gift)

7.30 pm Tuesday, 3rd March, Rectory Room  
'The Work of a Magistrate'  
Competition: Unusual Egg Cup  
Teas: Mrs C Gyte and Mrs J Marshman

Minutes read and approved.

Business:

Denise Langley has had her operation and is now making good progress. She welcomes and appreciates visitors, so if you have some spare time - please pop in - Allibone Ward.

Various outings discussed:

- a) Flowers and Food - 30th March - The Castle, Wellingborough - £6.00.
- b) County Lunch - 26th February - Pytchley Village Hall - £12.00
- c) London Outing - Thursday 19th March

Two visitors joined our small group to hear member Betty Shearing give a most interesting talk on 'The Church in Tudor Times'. No comfy pews and central heating - and fines if you didn't go to church - **everyone** had to contribute to its upkeep!

We shall all be looking at Ecton Church in a different light now - I'm sure all the records make fascinating reading. I think Betty has whetted our appetite.

Vote of thanks - J Marshman

Competition: Poem - Marlene, Barbara, Sue

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 17.11.97

Present: David Dicks (Chairman), Sheila Ingram, Kate Kirton, Sylvia Saunders, Tony Green, Vic Lester, Ty Moffett and Ted Needham.

Apologies: The Police

Kate Kirton was welcomed to her first meeting.

Matters arising: A new kissing gate had been received from N.C.C. for Barton Fields and would be installed during the winter. The width restriction signs had finally been fixed to face the correct way in Lower Ecton Lane.

Casual Vacancy: There were two applicants following the resignation of John Beesley. These were Maurice Creed and Bill Wilson, and after a secret ballot Bill Wilson was elected. Letters of thanks would be sent to all concerned.

Planning: Aerials and equipment housing at the Water Tower, Sywell Lane - Approved. Rear extension to 4 Church View - No comments.

Street Lighting: An order had been placed for replacement column at corner of Wellingborough Road and A4500. Original lamp was knocked down as a result of a motor accident. Emergency repairs would cost approx. £150 and new lamp approx. £400, most of which should be recovered by insurance claim. This had delayed the replacement of the last concrete column on Northampton Road.

Highway Matters: Concern was expressed over vehicles speeding through the village, particularly the lower end of High Street. Agreed to make a formal request for speed control measures in the near future. Attention was also required to the footpath in Sywell Lane and on the A4500 towards Earls Barton, as both are becoming overgrown with grass.

Once again "dog fouling" was a problem on several areas of the village pavements etc. Agreed that a separate notice be put in Parish Magazine. It was reported that there were problems in Barton Fields regarding poor drainage and lack of road sweeping. Agreed to write to Wellingborough Council yet again.

Financial Matters: An estimate of £3,537 was approved and submitted for Revenue Funding for 1998/9.

The following were approved for payment:

East Midlands Electricity	£247.27
Mrs P Hall - Salary and Expenses	£109.69
N.C.C. - Hire of room	£15.00
N.A.L.C. - 2 new Councillor's Packs	£17.45

Any Other Business: Sheila Ingram reported that she had been asked for information on village footpaths. Agreed that other Councillors would assist in walking all of the paths in the Parish.

The Chairman thanked Vic Lester and Tony Green for their work in replanting around The Shrine in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

Sylvia Saunders reported that there had been a minor change to the bus timetable. This affected two services on Sundays only which were:

The old 4.30 pm to Raunds and the old 6.26 pm to Northampton would now be 15 minutes earlier.

David Dicks

November 97

### ECTON CHARITIES

Just a reminder for those living in the village, there are two charities available to apply to.

One is an Educational Charity and the other is Relief in Need. The latter, unfortunately, only realises about £100 p a.

If anyone wishes to apply please write to the clerk,  
Sylvia Saunders, 18 Church View, Ecton.

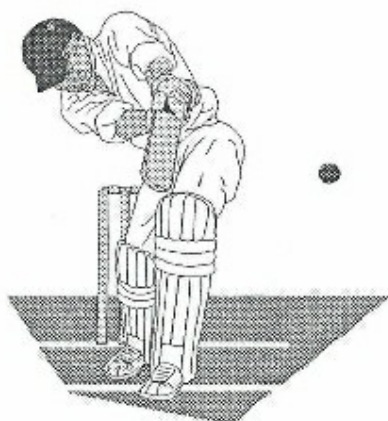
All applications are treated confidentially.

## ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

Thank you to all the people who regularly support the club through the draw-pool. The winners for 1997 are given below.

The 1998 pool begins on February 22nd. Tickets are still available from The Captain, Steve Wheatman - telephone 401714.

Brian Saunders



**Draw Pool 1997 Winners**

February	97	J Humphries	£20	10	M Kearsley	£10
March	55	E Johnson	£20	84	M Wallis	£10
April	98	A Patching	£20	71	J Williams	£10
May	153	G Day	£20	60	S Wheatman	£10
June	5	M Kearsley	£20	42	C Ellis	£10
July	1	M Kearsley	£20	49	J Richards	£10
August	18	M Kearsley	£20	138	J Hagger	£10
September	96	D Humphries	£20	132	D Allison	£10
October	69	G Marden	£20	125	M Denton	£10
November	96	D Humphries	£20	80	M Savage	£10
December	94	E Collip	£20	178	A Birnie	£10

## TO ALL DOG OWNERS

In the continuing effort to keep our village pathways clean and free from the revolting effects of dog fouling, PLEASE kindly ensure that YOU do not allow YOUR dog to be an offender.

There are four public footpaths accessible from within the village - i.e. Barton Fields, Franklins Close and two in West Street. Please remember that it is an offence to allow your dog to foul in a public place, which carries a maximum penalty of £500.

Why not carry a "Poop-Scoop" or even an old polythene bag?

We would ALL benefit and be very grateful as well.

Ecton Parish Council

### **FUNERALS**

We extend our love and sympathy  
to the family and friends of:

9.1.98 : *Donald Crowson*, Age 68

16.1.98 : *Moya Edwards*, Age 53

'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first  
fruits of those who have fallen asleep'  
- St Paul

### **FOUND**

A ladies cardigan was left  
at the Old Chapel in West  
Street after the Safari  
Supper.

No-one has so far claimed  
it but if you think it might  
be yours please drop in or  
give us a ring on 406038.

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The magazine is delivered free throughout the village but contributions towards the cost of the 10 issues per year would be appreciated.

An envelope is enclosed with this issue and the Church Council would appreciate donations to defray expenses of printing.

Donations can be handed to your distributor or the church office.

Thank you.

Anne Henderson, *Editor*

### CHURCHYARD GARDENERS

Although 1997 was a busy time for Churchyard maintenance our efforts did not produce an award. Let us hope for a more favourable assessment in 1998.

There was some difficulty in containing the increase in litter around the Church and in the porches. This may well be reflected in the village itself. Meantime thanks to all those involved in the weekly duties.

A copy of the assessment sheet is set out below.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE			
BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 1997			
	<i>Max</i>	<i>Marks</i>	
	<i>Marks</i>	<i>Awarded</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Absence of litter	20	18	A certain amount of litter
Care of grass around gravestones	30	27	Mown throughout - generally tidy
Care of paths, verges, walls lych gates	35	32	Well maintained overall. Some weed growth. Boundary walls in good repair.
Overall general impression	15	14	A peaceful cared-for churchyard.

## CHILDREN

We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak biscuits before dinner who erase holes in maths workbooks, who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who can't run down the street in a new pair of trainers, who never 'counted potatoes', who are born in places into which we wouldn't go, who never go to the fair, who live in an X-certificate world.

We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fists-full of dandelions, who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who cover themselves with Band-aids and sing off key, who squeeze toothpaste all over the wash basin, who slurp their soup.

We pray for the children who never get sweets, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who

watch their parents die, who can't find any bread to steal and don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's mantelpiece, whose monsters are real.

We pray for children who spend all their pocket money before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the supermarket and pick their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the bath, who don't like to be kissed in front of the school bus, who squirm in church, synagogue or temple and scream on the phone.

And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, who live and move and have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who will grab the hand of anyone kind enough to offer it.

## 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!**

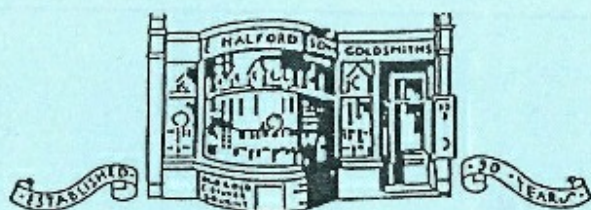
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through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

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