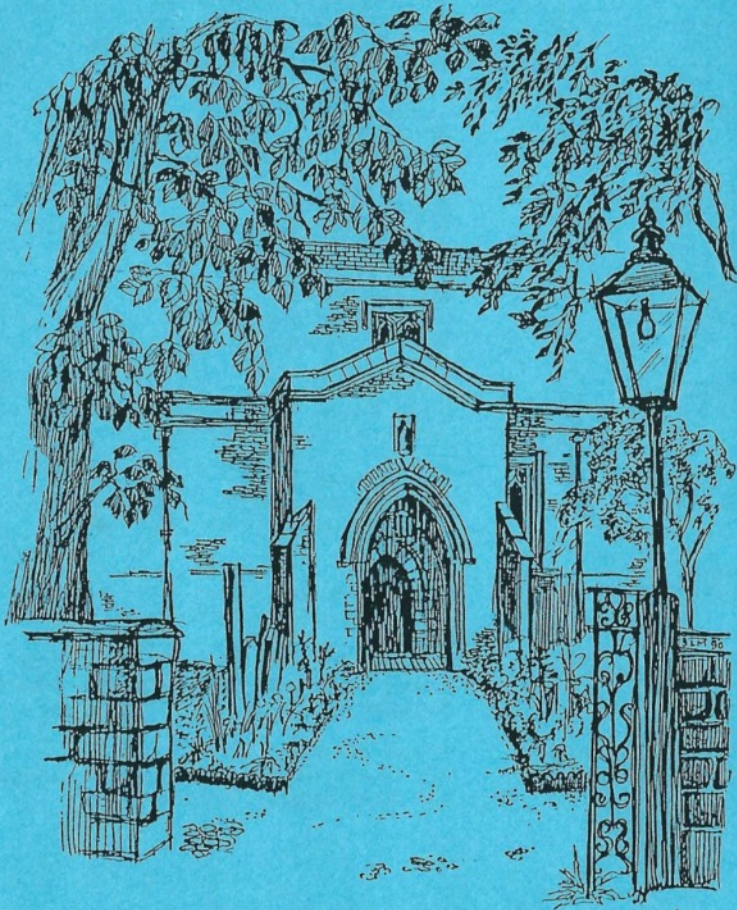


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



June 1992

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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

What effect should church going have upon us? Consider the time many of us have attended church during the years we have spent here on earth. We older ones can log up thousands of hours spent worshipping and praying in church and it seems to me a pertinent question to ask what difference does it make? Are we the "goodies"? Not so. There are many who do not attend church who claim to live a good life and this is no doubt true. I am never quite sure what this means and must also accept that Christians do not have the sole rights in the business of goodness. Very often, we are put to shame, by the example of others who are outside the church. The truth is that there is much goodness shown in this world by those who attend church and those who don't despite the temptation to take a dark view of what goes on. How can we understand goodness as taught in the Gospel (the word Gospel means good news)?

Let me begin by claiming that all goodness comes from God and that it is spread around the world indiscriminately. Christians will acknowledge this to be an eternal truth and claim no goodness for themselves, just as Jesus responded when someone called him good. "Who calls me good, there is no-one good but God." Jesus pointed to goodness coming from God and would not claim it for Himself. When we come to Church we come to worship God our living Father in Heaven whose goodness and love are everlasting. By attending church services we are helped in thinking about eternal values such as the nature of God Himself and the workings of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are led down paths that help us to the question the meaning

of life and death. What does Resurrection mean? Can a corporate and personal faith be enriching? The church should be a house of prayer and when people attend it they become engaged in the great activity of prayer which goes on moment by moment in every corner of the world. Just think, if it were possible, how many times the Lord's Prayer is said during the course of a day. Those who attend church are on a journey; they walk as humble pilgrims, "trying to shed the love of God abroad in their hearts". They are humbled by God's great goodness and, despite their sins and many faults, attempt to follow Jesus in the good life. Churchgoers are learner-pilgrims hoping to grow in goodness helped by their devotions in Church.

**Every Blessing**  
**Peter Naylor**

## **RECTOR'S NOTES**

The Rector would like to hear from anyone who is considering preparation for Confirmation. He has a shrewd suspicion that there are a few adults who would like to be Confirmed but are held back by a sense of modesty, considering that they are not good enough. He wants them to realise that none of us are good enough, including himself, to receive the Blessed Sacrament, but knows from past experiences that preparation for Confirmation can be for the older person an exciting and delightful experience with few regrets. The renewed life of faith that follows is one of many blessings.

## ECTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Only one month to go and things are starting to come together in preparation for next month's special Weekend.

We have one special extra event planned for Saturday evening and that is a visit by the Heaven Bound Youth Choir from Northport Baptist Church, Long Island, New York. If the weather is good we shall ask them to entertain us on the lawn at the back of Ecton House and if not, then in Church.

Several "thank you's" are in order. Firstly, to all of you who handed out, collected in, and mainly to those who completed the forms which requested help for the Festival. We know that many of you will already be fully involved the same as usual on these occasions but the forms allowed us to call on lots of people new to the Community and invite them to help us. Secondly, to everyone who helped to collect and sell Jumble on 11th April.

A real eye-opener, one never ceases to be amazed at how many people come and buy other peoples unwanted items. We were more than blessed with the weather and the whole event turned into a really social occasion. Together with the Youth Club we have a half share of £117.

The weather was once again really splendid on the morning of the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who came both to help and to purchase. We made a splendid profit of £148.73 as well as enjoying the sunshine whilst chatting together and consuming gallons of coffee and trays of cakes!

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH SEAFARERS

It is early morning at the seafarers' centre in Dunkirk. The Missions to Seamen chaplain and his two student assistants are studying the list of ships in port.

The vessels, which are berthed over an area of 16 miles, are registered in many different countries, and the crews are of many nationalities. The chaplain and students decide who is to go to each ship – their aim is to visit every one.

When they go on board they welcome the seafarers to the port, and offer to help with any problems. They ask if any of the crew would like to visit the seafarers' centre that evening. If so, they arrange a time to collect them in the Mission bus.

The two students are in Dunkirk for a year between school and college under the Mission's voluntary service scheme.

On his first ship one student finds help is needed. The crew tell him they haven't been paid for three months and they are worried that their families in the Philippines are suffering. A call to the International Transport Workers' Union in London asking it to take action, and an offer to organise telephone calls home for the crew that evening alleviate the worst of their worries.

Meanwhile the chaplain visits a ship where the crew is looking tired but relieved having arrived in port safely after battling through violent storms. They ask him to say thanksgiving prayers with them.

Other ship visits that day are routine. They are welcomed by the crews nonetheless because they show them they are not forgotten, and gives them a chance to talk to someone other than their shipmates.

That evening the Dunkirk centre is a veritable United Nations with Russian, Filipino, Indian, British, Romanian, Ghanaian, Korean and Greek seafarers all enjoying a change of scene. There is a game of pool in progress in one corner and a group singing round a piano in another.

The Filipinos make their telephone calls and learn their families are still getting money from the company. And for one there is even better news, he's the father of a baby girl. He's sad that he won't be able to see her for five months, but overjoyed that mother and daughter are fine. Everyone in the centre joins in the celebration.

At 10.30pm its time to close and start transporting the seafarers back to their ships. Some of them will be sailing in the morning so there are farewells to be said, others will be back the next evening.

Each day in ports over the world similar activities are taking place. The faces and problems may be different but the aim is the same – to demonstrate God's love to seafarers of all races and creeds through practical caring and sharing faith.

*July 12th is SEA SUNDAY when we are asked to remember and pray for seafarers, their families, and our ministry to them through The Missions to Seamen.*



The Missions to Seamen's flying angel sign is inspired by a verse from the Book of Revelation:

“Then I saw an angel flying in mid-heaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those on earth, to every nation and tribe, language and people.”

## ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish took place on Monday, 18th May followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman welcomed some fifteen residents together with PC Leonard the Rural Police Officer for Ecton and members of the Parish Council. Apologies were accepted from Mr C Sotheby and Mr P Darwin.

The Minutes for the Meeting held on 13th May 1991 were read and accepted, as were the Charity accounts and the Parish Council accounts for the year.

PC Leonard was invited to address the Meeting and he outlined details of the 64 recorded crimes within the Parish. 34 of these actually took place within the Village environs and the main area of crime involved motor vehicles and house burglaries. In response to a letter from a resident to the council requesting help to thwart future attempted thefts, PC Leonard outlined the Community Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Some years ago attempts were made to get a scheme off the ground in the Village with little support from the residents, the Chairman promised to address the matter again during the coming year in conjunction with the Crime Prevention unit. If anyone is interested in helping to set up a scheme in Ecton, breaking the Village down into small areas, each with a named contact providing liaison between the residents and the police then please contact Sheila Ingram on Tel: 406038.

The Chairman then gave a report of the actions of the Parish Council during the last year. Thanks were expressed to all members of the Council for their support during the year outlining the several large projects that have been undertaken and successfully completed in the last twelve months. Mention was made of the new Parish Clerk, Mrs Pauline Hall, who because of her knowledge of the local Government systems has enabled the Parish Council to operate effectively.

The year had been a series of successes and disappointments and these were reported to the meeting: One of the major successes had been the refurbishment of the playground area. After an initial disappointment at not receiving all of the grant applied for, a compromise was reached enabling the Village to have some new equipment, refurbish that which was good enough to be retained and safety surface the whole area. Good publicity was gained from the exercise and the playground is now being used more than it has been for a long time. Two projects which needed the support of the Villagers were undertaken and completed very successfully. Firstly the Traffic Survey. As yet we have received no definite indication from the Northamptonshire Highways Department as to whether we shall be included in the coming year's budget for a traffic calming programme through the Village, but at least we have done the ground work and those who helped will tell you what an eye-opener it was! Secondly, Operation Springclean was again carried out in a spirit of togetherness, thank goodness there are those in the Village who don't mind giving up a few hours of their time to try to make things better for all of us. There really shouldn't be the need for a clean up at all, but there always will be those who leave it to the faw!

Lower Ecton Lane and its environs will continue to be one of the disappointments. Plans to extend the Gipsy site are to go ahead, but several concessions have been made with regard to access and screening. Both Northampton and Wellingborough Councils are being contacted bi-weekly to remove the rubbish that accumulates after the Civic Amenity Tip is closed in the evenings and with the co-operation of Brian Weekley, the Litter Enforcement Officer, the situation is being constantly monitored and every effort is made to keep the levels of waste as low as possible.

In other areas; every effort has been made to upgrade the standard of lighting in the Village with the purchase of two new lamp standards and progress now appears to be in hand to check the problems relating to the pumping station in Franklins Close. The road surface down the High Street has not yet been re-instated but should be before too long. Four new grit bins have been located, although with a mild Winter they were not pressed into service but will be there for us when required.

On one final note, The Sand and Travel Revised Local Plan was discussed at a very poorly attended public meeting but the Parish Council undertook to express to Northamptonshire County Council their strong reservations regarding the proposals. The Chairman said that it had been a year of consolidation and progress.

Several questions were asked from the floor with regard to Highway matters and these were answered where possible and in other cases referred to the Parish Clerk for correspondence to the relevant authority. The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed and Sheila Ingram was elected as Chairman for the coming term. Although pressed to continue in her role as Vice Chairman, Jean Haycox has made the decision to relinquish the job and has been replaced for the coming year by David Dicks. The Chairman thanked Jean for all her hard work over the last 10 years as Vice Chairman and for her personal support during the last year.

Our Borough Councillor, Bob Fairhurst, joined the meeting at this point and the meeting continued with the appointment of Public Lighting and Planning Committees, and the selected dates for the Meetings for the coming twelve months. In addition discussions took place on a number of items such as missing road signs, weedkiller application and planning applications. Considerable correspondence had been received and details will be passed on in the next Parish Magazine.

### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN



Christian Aid 

**ECTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEW CLASSROOM**

Many of you will recall that in 1983 the School Roll reduced to just eleven pupils and the School was in danger of closing. A number of interested members of the community, together with parents worked together to form the Friends of Ecton School. Their efforts in finding new pupils from Berrydale, Ecton Brook and Rectory Farm saved the School from certain closure.

Today our problems are very different. In September the Roll will increase to 65. Therefore, we urgently need extra facilities within the School.

Staff and Governors strongly supported by the LEA have successfully applied for planning permission for a new classroom. However, the LEA is unable to provide the capital costs of the new building. It is however, able to furnish and equip it.

We are currently seeking the support of both the Parish and District Councils. From our own resources we are able to fund approximately 25% of the estimated £21000 cost. With £16000 to find the task is considerable. Part of this sum is likely to be provided by a local source and discussions are at an advanced stage. The balance will have to be raised locally if we are to succeed.

Can you help?

Donations, however big or small, will help to bring this much needed addition to fruition. Support for this project will:

- \*help to secure the long term future of the Village school.
- \*maintain educational choice for the local community.
- \*assist with future development of the excellent teaching standards already established.

Please be assured that our need is only for the capital investment. All the ongoing costs of maintenance and equipment will be met by LEA funding.

A Project Steering Committee has formed comprising of:

- Reverend Peter Naylor
- Councillor Colin Sotheby
- Mr Martin Stears
- Mr Ivan Stock
- Mr John Strange
- Mr Chris Tite (Architect and Building adviser)
- Mrs Helen Tite (Headteacher)

For further information please contact Mrs Helen Tite: (0604) 409213

Please help by making a donation today. Please accept my gift of:

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I enclose a cheque/Postal Order payable to Ecton Classroom Project.

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## WOMENS INSTITUTE

Make your own Pot Pourri was the subject for our May Meeting, when the speaker, Mrs I Fox, held our members and friends fascinated as she gave recipes for many different types.

She also judged this months competition "A Bouquet of Leaves"; first prize to Shiela, second to Milly and third to Marion; congratulations.

Mr Brian Higgs entertained a well attended audience with stories of his antique collections. He was most knowledgeable on all of the items produced by the audience even though they came from many other Countries including the Orient. A most enjoyable evenings entertainment.

The Speaker at our next Meeting, on 2nd June at 7.30 p.m., will be Mr W Jeffcoat and his subject "Upstairs Downstairs". Members and friends are warmly invited to attend and bring "Their Favourite Cup and Saucer" for the competition.

**Mary Bane**

**ECTON SCHOOL**  
**Ecton County Primary School**

Invite you  
to visit the School for an

**OPEN DAY**

on Tuesday, 23rd June  
from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Come and talk to the children and see them working. The Junior Class will be swimming from 2.15 p.m.

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next Meeting is on Tuesday, 9th June at 2.30 p.m. The Methodist Minister from Earls Barton is coming to talk to us on his own choice of subject, we are sure this will be a lively and worthwhile afternoon.

Our last Meeting for this session is on Tuesday, 14th July when Alice and Wynn are going to talk about their hobby of wood carving. They have produced some lovely models and this afternoon should be an excellent way to finish for the Summer break. We do not meet in August.

The Ecton Fellowship are going on an outing by coach to Peterborough on Saturday, 19th September. We shall have some spare seats if anyone would like to take advantage of this - Village folk and friends - all are welcome. We leave Ecton House at 10.45 a.m. and return from Peterborough at 5.30 p.m. The day is free for visitors to use as they wish. The cost will be approximately £3.50. Please contact me on 415576 if you wish to join us.

Joan Dickins

## A REFLECTION

If, after Church, you wait awhile,  
Someone may greet you with a smile.  
But if you quickly rise and flee,  
We'll all seem cold and stiff maybe  
The one beside you in the pew  
Is, perhaps, a stranger too.  
All here, like you, have fears and cares  
All of us need each other's prayers.  
In fellowship we bid you meet  
With us around God's mercy seat.

### OVER 60'S CLUB

Our Meetings in June are on the 8th and 22nd. On the 8th members are to be entertained at South Lodge by Mr and Mrs Beesley. On the 22nd we meet in the Rectory Room. Looking ahead we have an Evening Mystery Tour on Wednesday, 1st July leaving the Village at 6.00 p.m. returning at 9.00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

The first proper Meeting in July is on Monday 6th.

There are 12 vacant seats to go and see "Blitz" at the Derngate Theatre on Tuesday, 29th September. Anyone wishing to come please let me know.

Denise Langley.

### THE BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

The Rector has asked me to be the Secretary for the ordering and distribution of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes.

At present there are five people taking either "Guidelines" or "New Daylight" notes. The notes cover four months in each booklet, and are published in January, May and September at £2.00 for each booklet - the Group rate.

If you would like to join this scheme for your own regular Bible reading, or to find out more about it, please ask me, as additional booklets can be ordered at any time.

Marian Gleave

## A CHRISTIAN IS -

A Mind through which Christ thinks;  
A Heart through which Christ loves;  
A Voice through which Christ Speaks;  
A Hand through which Christ helps.

## BELL-RINGERS

On the evening of 9th May, Ecton was visited by a team of bell-ringers from Cheltenham. They were on a day tour of Northamptonshire and having heard of the interesting wall-paintings in our Church Tower, were most anxious to pay us a visit. I do hope that some of you heard their beautiful ringing, but as it was a cold evening most doors and windows were probably closed.

The invitation to visit the Church Tower on Wednesday evenings still stands but as the holiday season is approaching it might be advisable to ring 407864 beforehand to make sure that the Tower will be open.

As you are no doubt aware, most of the regular ringers in the Village are beginners who have relied entirely on the expertise and unfailing good nature of Colin Tinston. Recently, however, we have been joined by Geoff Harlott whose help and experience is very much appreciated.

Dorothy Creed

### FLOWER ROTA

6th June	Jean Haycox
13th June	
20th June	Frances Brown
27th June	Johann Pinney
4th July	

### SERVERS ROTA

6th June	Victoria Green
13th June	John Strange
20th June	Leslie Murdin
27th June	Charles Jordan

### COLLECTIONS

19th April	222.43
26th April	251.14
3rd May	174.25
10th May	131.50
17th May	166.45

### FROM THE REGISTERS

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26th April	Sharon Finney
26th April	Anne Marie Finney

#### Marriage

9th May	Daivd Michael Heagren Fiona Jane Smith
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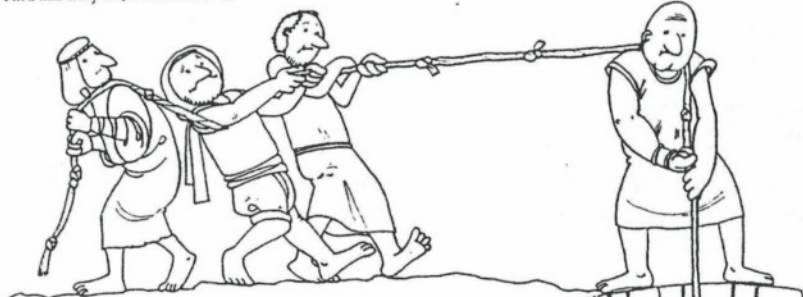
## COFFEE ROTA

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so I hope you know who you are!

### Jeremiah in the Well

### Palm Tree Worksheet 26

Find this story in Jeremiah 38:1-13



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show their love.

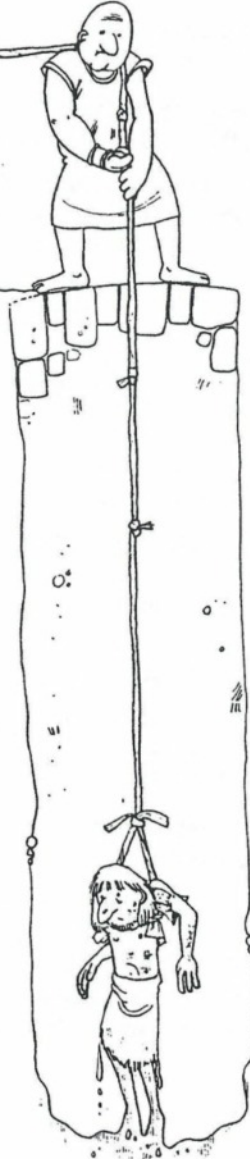
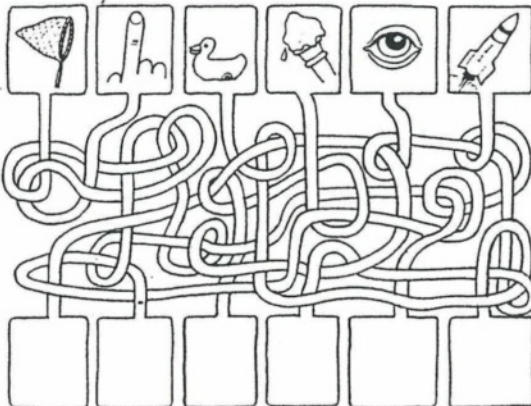
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## CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

### Monday, 1 June

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

### Thursday, 4 June

9.30 am Holy Communion

### Saturday, 6 June

11.00 am Holy Matrimony

### PENTECOST [WHIT SUNDAY], 7 June

9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service  
Acts 2. 1-11 : John 20. 19-23

6.00 pm Evensong

7.00 pm Pathfinders

### Monday, 8 June

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.00 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room

### Tuesday, 9 June

2.45 pm Ecton Fellowship

### ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE: Thursday, 11 June

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Holy Communion

### TRINITY SUNDAY: 14 June

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
1 Ephesians 1. 3-14 : John 14. 8-17

6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion

7.00 pm Pathfinders

### Monday, 15 June

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

### CORPUS CHRISTI : Thursday, 18 June

Day of Thanksgiving for the Rite of Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm House Meeting in the Franklin Room at Ecton House

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : 21 June**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
2 Samuel 7. 4-16 : Luke 14. 15-24

6.00 pm Evenson

7.00 pm Pathfinders

**Monday, 22 June**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.00 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room

8.00 pm Cricket Club Meeting in the Rectory Room

**Thursday, 25 June**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : 28 June**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Deuteronomy 8. 11-end : Luke 8. 41-end

6.00 pm Evensong

7.00 pm Pathfinders

**ST PETER THE APOSTLE : Monday, 29 June**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**Wednesday, 1 July**

6.00 pm Over Sixties Mystery Tour

**Thursday 2 July**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE : Friday, 3 July**

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY, 5 July**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service  
Isaiah 63. 7-14 : Luke 10. 1-12

6.00 pm Evensong

7.00 pm Pathfinders

## A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone dear Lord,  
Stay by my side.  
In all my daily needs  
Be Thou my guide.

Grant me good health  
For that indeed I pray,  
To help me carry on  
From day today.

Keep pure my mind,  
My thoughts, my every deed,  
Let me be kind, unselfish  
In my neighbour's need.

If sickness  
Or an accident befall,  
Then humbly Lord I pray  
Hear Thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low,  
Or in deep despair,  
Lift up my heart,  
And help me in my prayer.

I live alone dear Lord,  
Yet have no fear,  
Because I feel your presence,  
Ever near.

Amen

## ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

One word won't tell folk who you are - you've  
got to keep on talking  
One step won't take you very far - you've got  
to keep on walking.  
One inch won't make you very tall - you've  
got to keep on growing.  
One trip to Church won't tell you all -  
you've got to keep on going.

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