

ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



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Rector's Notes

On Thursday, February 13th, the restored gates in the Churchyard were dedicated by me in loving memory of Joyce Orford's grandparents, parents, brother and sister-in-law. I am sure that everyone will want to join me in thanking Joyce for her wonderful generosity. She has a great love for her Church and what she has given is much appreciated.

I want to encourage the use of Bible Reading Fellowship Notes. Those of you who have known of them in the past will know how valuable they can be as a means of spiritual growth. The Bible is brought to life through these profound yet simple studies. If there is anyone who is interested would you please speak to me. I will be looking for somebody to organise the distribution of the notes and the administration of a simple scheme. Already a small number of people have expressed a wish to join.

Last but not least, Sheila Ingram's deep concern for our welfare in the village is to be applauded. I am sympathetic with her desire to improve the quality of life in our village which is so dear to us. Something must be done to stop the crazy motorists who speed through the village in a reckless and stupid manner. The elderly and the young are at great risk. I know that Sheila and the Parish Council are campaigning for the improvement to the road surface spoilt by so much loose gravel. Do the Borough Council of Wellingborough care? We care, and we should give Sheila and our elected representatives all the support we can muster.

From the Rector's Study

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray He taught them the Lord's prayer. It is the best known prayer throughout the world spoken aloud or silently by countless millions of Christians since Jesus first gave it to those men who had come to believe in Him as their Master and friend. One of my first memories is of my mother teaching me the Lord's prayer by the fire in our tiny north of England cottage. I can hear myself repeating the words as she spoke them to me. Can you remember when you first learnt this prayer which speaks of the heart and mind of God? Sometimes I think that we take it for granted and find it easy to recite the words without much thought. I intend to use the Lord's prayer as a basis for my teaching and spiritual output during this coming time of Lent and Holy Week. I will want to dwell upon the nature of the Father, His love for all mankind and the insights the prayer gives to the nature of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It is a journey I face with some trepidation for to draw near to the living God must not be done lightly or without due care and attention. I hope you will come with me down this road, examining with me as well as we are able the meanings and the implications that lie at the heart of the greatest prayer that has ever been uttered.

Lent is not only a time for giving up and self-discipline but also a time for receiving God's grace and renewal. May we move towards Easter as a family of God sharing each other's problems and learning how to become the Body of Christ. Jesus has always been our Master and friend and is so today.

Every Blessing
Peter Naylor

ECTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL

After a long discussion at the PCC meeting on 12th November and a subsequent meeting of interested volunteers on 13th January the decision was reached to modify our plans for next years festival. All the signs are at the present time that there is not the support needed to stage such a large event as previous years. This may be due in some part to the present recession, or indeed to the fact that the village does not feel that the focus is present to raise large sums of money. Many of our organisations are presently looking for support, the village school is hoping to build a new Hall, the Youth Club is endeavouring to keep the roof over its head and maybe we need to give more support to them in their efforts. We have found by asking various people to undertake specific areas of responsibility that several who were involved in previous festivals are otherwise committed for next year and indeed many of the older supporters are four years on from the last big festival and so not wish to take quite such an active part. It is therefore with regret that the evening events for both the Friday and the Saturday will not now take place.

This does however allow us to concentrate our efforts on a really splendid Flower Festival and Art Exhibition which will take place on Saturday, 11th July to Sunday, 12th July, with a Garden Fete on the Saturday.

Events complementary to the weekend will be a Jumble Sale in the Rectory Room on 11th April in conjunction with the Youth Club, and a Plant Sale with coffee and cakes on 16th May at 17 West Street. In the meantime, start looking out items for the Jumble Sale and we will tell you in the April magazine where to deliver it to or who will collect it from you, and remember to take an extra cutting or two for the Plant Sale!

In an effort to include every household in the village, during the next few weeks you will be visited and invited to volunteer to help in some way. You will be asked to read and complete a handout listing all the areas in which help is required and maybe in this way many newcomers to the village can play their part in building up the community and getting to know one another a little better.

The following people have already offered to run various stalls and be responsible for certain areas of the entertainment and they will be glad of any help that you can give either by making or collecting items for the stalls or providing labour on the day:

Pauline Charles and Freda Richards - Flower Festival

Peter Naylor - Art Exhibition

Milly Harlott - Teas

Dorothy Cross and Dorothy Austin - Cake Stall

Pay Baylis - Tombola

Brian Saunders - Garden Produce

Helen Tite (School) - Country Dancing

Joyce Orford (Ecton Fellowship) - Jewellery

Maurice and Brenda Jones - Books

Mrs Collip and Mrs Renolds (Over 60's) -
 Groceries
 Cricket Club - Skittles and Games
 Frank Brown - Model Trains
 Henry Pinney - Collection and Erection of
 Stalls, Distribution of Posters.
 John Strange - Raffle
 Audrey Saunders - Village Handout
 Distribution and Collection
 Stephen Meakins - Poster and Complementary
 Literature Design
 Graham Jordan (Pathfinders) - The Bar

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 10th March at 2.30 p.m.

At this meeting Mr Navin Pandya from Kettering will tell us about Hindu Marriage customs.

Everyone is very welcome to come and hear and learn about a different but equally valuable life-style.

Joan Dickins

FLOWER ROTA

1st March	Jean Leigh, Brenda Jones
8th March	Johan Pinney, Audrey Treloar
15th March	Lent No Flowers
22nd March	Lent No Flowers
29th March	Lent No Flowers

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Thank you, Millie and Sylvia, for the delightful journey you took us on at February's meeting, over the Channel to Dunkirk, amongst the gaily decked-out "little boats", with their memories of wartime bravery; on to the spectacular Passion Play at Oberammergau, and beyond - through the lovely cities of Munich and Salzburg, and meadows of Austria

Yes, we enjoyed the slide show which turned a Winter evening into Summer, and it was a shame to put on the lights again.

WE shall need the lights on for the next meeting, on Tuesday, 3rd March, when Mrs Kidby speaks about "Palmistry". Sounds a fascinating subject! The competition is for the "Prettiest Pincushion", which should make a nice display.

J. Knight

MY BED-TIME PRAYER

Dear Lord,
Help us to do what is right, teach us to love the World. Thank you for the night so I can rest. Thank you for taking care of my family and friends and all the people of the World. Let me rest this night and be kind and work hard tomorrow. Help me to remember those who are poor and helpless and let my help try and sooth them. Let me help those who are lonely in the playground and help me keep control of my temper. Help me play properly and please help me cheer up any people who are sad and make me not show-off. Help me love and car for animals and pets. Thank you God for being there when I need you. Amen.

Pippa Leaver

ECTON SURPRISE

"The Ecton Surprise" is a peal of bells devised and rung by your very own Village Bell-ringers.

If you are lucky enough to live within ear-shot of the Tower you may already have heard it. If not, you don't know what you are missing.

The Ecton Ringers now feel ready to be seen as well as heard, so if you would like a free evening's entertainment, why not come along to the Belfry any Wednesday evening between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m.

We may surprise you, and possibly, ourselves.

Coffee Provided
No Appointment Necessary
Poetic Licence Applied For

FLOWER FESTIVAL, JULY 11TH

A meeting is being held in the Church Room on Thursday, 5th March at 7.30 p.m. for anyone wishing to help. As well as arrangers we hope some people could grow flowers for us, also anybody willing to be general dogsbody on the Friday and sitting in the Church over the Weekend.

Freda and Pauline

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The winners of the December Draw Pool were

£50 B Beck	No 32
£25 J Denton	No 118

If anyone would like to join this monthly draw they can do so for £5 which will take them to the end of 1992. Tickets obtainable from Steve Wheatman.

The Annual General Meeting will be on Monday, 9th March in the Church Room at 8.00 p.m. Anyone interested will be welcome.

Brian Saunders

THE PSYCHIATRIST'S SONG

Learn to know the mind-behind-
Mind that sees when you are blind.
Learn to trust the mind-below-
Mind that's wiser than you know.

Learn to meet the fear you fear,
Hate you hate, and see them clear.
Enter the forbidden place.
Face at last your other face.

Learn to be alone; then only
Reach out hand no longer lonely.
Grow, be tall yet reconciled
To yourself the weeping child.

Love; be easy, and be warm.
Find the fire behind the form.
Laugh. Forgive yourself; forgive
Sins long dead, and learn to live.

A S J Tessimond

ADVANCE NOTICE

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust holds a sponsored walk/bike ride every September. This is an enjoyable day which provides money for our beautiful Churches including Ecton.

Start exercising now and lose that extra Winter weight.

Watch this space for more details nearer the time.

Janet Hanna

OVER 60'S CLUB

The Monday meetings will be on March 2nd, 16th and 30th.

The March Whist Drive will be held on Thursday, 26th in the Rectory Room 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Come along and have a good evening. Many prizes and refreshments.

We are having a Fish and Chip Supper on Wednesday, 11th march in the Rectory Room 5.45 p.m. for members, followed by entertainment. Names please by 2nd March.

Over 60's would be pleased to have help at the Monday meetings, transporting less able members and making the tea. Any offers of help would be appreciated.

Denise Langley

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

At last I am able to thank you all for another year of marvellous support. Unfortunately, this article is rather late as I missed the deadline for the February magazine.

The contributions received this year break down as follows:

Money Boxes	£294.03
Christingle Service	£ 91.50
Carol Singing	£123.84
Grand Total	£509.37
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Heartfelt thanks to all who helped in so many ways to raise the above money - the box holders, the carol singers and all who helped with the Christingle Service. Special thanks go to Tricia Fuller, who once again assembled the Christingle oranges, and to Millie Harlott for her willing help with counting the piles of money.

Once again, thanks to one and all for your generous contributions, and I trust the Children's Society can count on your continued support during 1992.

Ingrid Cartwright

THE HISTORY OF YEW TREES

I am endeavouring to determine the age of the Yew Trees in the Churchyard, which could very well be several hundred years old. I have been in touch with the Conservation Foundation who carried out a yew tree campaign in 1988 which was inspired by Mr Allen Meredith. His research discovered many yew trees which were more than 1000 years old.

I would appreciate help in this project in particular as follows:

- a) The grid reference of the yew trees in the Churchyard if someone is in possession of an Ordinance Survey Map,
- b) a coloured photograph of each tree together with its location in the Churchyard,
- c) local knowledge, e.g. legends, local folk stories and historical facts relating to the trees.

H Pinney
Church Warden

WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS?

By request we compiled a monthly Prayer Guide for the Parish Magazine, based on a number of the Saints recognised by the church and incorporating as extensively as possible the life of Ecton Village and certain national and World issues.

This has now run for a year and it is time to review its worth, need and usefulness.

WE would welcome your comments however brief and anonymously if wished.

Here are some possible "starter questions".

Do you read this list?

Do names and Saints mean anything to you, or help you. How do you feel about praying to Saints?

How do you think a Parish magazine can enrich your prayer life?perhaps you don't!

Jesus said pray in secret and don't use many words - something the Church forgets and of which it is guilty! We have received one helpful and positive comment "I don't read the list and I feel personal prayer is a very private commitment!"

We should be very grateful to hear what you think, so please let us know.

Joan and Eric Dickins
2 Church Way, Ecton

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

First of all, the Parish Council wishes you to know that everything possible is being done to improve the state of the roads and paths in the village. We were aware that the surface coating applied last year was only a temporary measure pending the completion of the undergrounding in the village, what we weren't aware of was how temporary it would prove to be. Extensive telephone enquiries and letters have passed between the Council and the Northamptonshire Highways Department and they are more than aware of the problems both here in Ecton and in other surrounding villages. At present strong representation is being made to the suppliers and contractors and we have been promised remedial work shortly.

Many of the items mentioned in last months magazine are well underway or indeed actually completed.

We have received acknowledgments from our MP. Mr Peter Fry and Northamptonshire County Council with regard to our correspondence concerning the proposed Local Sand and Gravel Plan, and expect to be informed of any amendments to the plan later in the year. As soon as the revised plan is issued a further Public Meeting will be held in the village, hopefully with better support than the last one.

Coming to the end of the current financial year we have established that we have funds available to purchase an additional lamp standard to the one proposed for the Northampton Road and this will be ordered straight away and placed halfway down Franklins Close.

Hopefully we shall be in a position to buy more next year. What we have to remember is that we not only have to purchase the standard but also supply power and maintain it.

The problems experienced by residents in Franklins Close from the inefficient operation of the pumping station are slowly being solved. A survey is being undertaken by the Environmental Health Officer with the promise that once its findings are completed the pumping station will be upgraded to cope with the capacity of effluent currently overloading the system.

The four new salt bins are in place and ready should we have any really bad weather.

Although we didn't received all of the grant that we had requested for the refurbishment of the playground we were fortunate to get a considerable sum. Enough to refurbish the slide and one of the sets of swings, in addition we shall be purchasing a new Cradle Swing and an Adventure Playground system. All of the other equipment has been deemed unsafe and this will be demolished with the exception of the parallel bars and roll over bars which will be given a coat of paint. All of the equipment will then be placed on rubber crumb safety surfacing. Work on the new area will being as soon as the weather is suitable.

Operation Spring Clean will take place in Ecton on the morning of Saturday, 4th April. All those interested in helping to keep our village beautiful please meet at 9.30 a.m. in front of Ecton House. Gloves and black sacks provided, but bring your own shovel or brush!

ROTAS

CLEANING

7 March	Orange Team	Shine
14 March	Blue Team	Polish
21 March	Pink Team	Shine
28 March	Yellow Team	Polish
4 April	Red Team	Shine

COFFEE

8 March	Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones
8 March	Johann Pinney and Audrey Treloar
15 March	Mary and Nick Greene
22 March	
29 March	Millie Harlot and Dora Reynolds
5 April	Sue and Les Mitchell

READERS

8 March	Sheila Ingram
15 March	Ian or Anne Henderson
22 March	Richard Riley
29 March	Frank Brown

SERVERS

1 March	Charles Jordan
8 March	John Strange
15 March	Victoria Greene
22 March	Leslie Murdin
29 March	Charles Jordan
5 April	Victoria Greene

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SUN 1 Mar	SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER
	9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service Numbers 15. 32-36 : John 8. 2-11
	6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion
	7.00 pm Pathfinders
Mon 2 Mar	7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
	2.30 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room
Wed 4 Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY
	9.30 am Holy Communion
	7.00 pm Fashion Show in the Rectory Room Ecton Play Group
Thu 5 Mar	9.30 am Holy Communion
SUN 8 Mar	FIRST IN LENT
	9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School Genesis 4. 1-end : Luke 4. 1-13
	6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion
	7.00 pm Pathfinders
Mon 9 Mar	7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
	8.00 pm Cricket Club
Tue 10 Mar	2.45 pm Ecton Fellowship
	8.00 pm Parochial Church Council
Wed 11 Mar	5.00 pm Over Sixties - Fish & Chip Supper in the Rectory Room
Thu 12 Mar	9.30 am Holy Communion
SUN 15 Mar	SECOND IN LENT
	9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School Genesis 7. 17-3rd : Matthew 12. 22-32
	6.00 pm Evensong
	7.00 pm Pathfinders

Mon 16 Mar	7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel 2.30 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room
Thu 19 Mar	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.30 am Holy Communion
SUN 22 Mar	THIRD IN LENT 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School Genesis 12. 1-9 : Matthew 16. 13-end 6.00 pm Evensong 7.00 pm Pathfinders
Mon 23 Mar	7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
Wed 25 Mar	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.30 am Holy Communion
Thu 26 Mar	9.30 am Holy Communion 7.15 pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room
SUN 29 Mar	MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service Exodus 3. 1-6 : Matthew 17. 1-12 6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion 7.00 pm Pathfinders
Mon 30 Mar	7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel 2.30 pm Over Sixties meet in the Rectory Room
Wed 1 Apr	4-6 pm Ecton School Exhibition in the Rectory Room
Thu 2 Apr	9.30 am Holy Communion 7.15 pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room
SUN 5 Apr	PASSION SUNDAY 9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service Jeremiah 31. 31-34 : Mark 10. 32-45 6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion 7.00 pm Pathfinders



ECTON HOUSE

OPEN RETREATS FOR 1992

"Send my Roots Rain"

March 20th to 22nd

Conducted by Penelope Eckersley

£40.00

"Scenes from the Passion"

Holy Week - April 13th to 16th

Conducted by Canon Jim Richardson

£50.00

A General Retreat

October 20th to 22nd

Conducted by the Venerable Bernard Fernyhough

£40.00

**Deposit £5 per person
All prices inclusive of VAT**

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OVER 60's	Contact	Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
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