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PARISH MAGAZINE



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FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Christianity has roots deep down in the soil of Judaism. Jesus was a young Jew who took the world around Him by storm. His teachings and miracles of healing reached out to the people of His day who had found themselves cut off from true religion by the hardened and self-righteous attitudes of the Jewish leaders. When Jesus pointed to God, those around Him were astonished with the inner authority that lit up His life. What Jesus had to say about God is as true today as it was 2000 years ago.

In the western world, we seem to be drifting increasingly towards a society governed by humanistic thinking, and yet, discontent and unhappiness seem to be the order of the day.

During Lent, Holy week and Easter we are reminded, once again, of the great price that Jesus had to pay in order to bring home the heart of His message. When we look at Jesus through the stories in the Bible; when we see Him hanging upon a cross; or imagine Him walking in the Easter garden, we are reminded of the love of God in action. Jesus reaches out to the hearts and minds of those who are in need of a greater comfort than that provided in this barren world. Where is God? Look hard and long at Jesus and in Him we find the answer.

Every blessing and joy, Peter Naylor

RECTOR'S NOTES

The Annual Parochial Meeting will be held on Sunday, 24th March in Ecton House, beginning at approximately 7.00 pm following evensong.

You are invited to attend this important meeting when the election of Churchwardens, Church Deanery Synod Representatives and Parochial Church Council members will take place. We will hear from our Church Treasurer, Les Mitchell, Secretary, Annette Tuck, and from others as to how the church has managed its affairs during the last twelve months. Progress has been good and steady, and we will be looking at the important matter of providing an 'Area for Cremated Remains' within the churchyard for the interment of ashes.

Only those on the Electoral Roll of the church will be allowed to stand for election or vote. Nevertheless, anybody in the parish is welcome to attend.

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Please note that the programme for the act of devotion during Lent is as follows; Thursday 7th, Thursday 14th and Wednesday 20th March, as printed elsewhere in the magazine; and not the three Thursdays in March noted on the leaflet which was available in church.

**Magazine Copy for April
to Ecton House (clearly labelled)
by March 20th please.**

LENT AND EASTER 1996

Here are three spiritual and devotional activities that members of the congregation might like to take up as Lenten disciplines. The choice is yours and it is my hope that most of us will take the opportunity to prepare in a serious manner for Good Friday and the great festival of Easter.

1. A course at the Salvation Army Citadel, Tower Street (adjacent to Brigade House) Northampton on the following Wednesdays at 7.30 pm:

28th February : Benedictine Spirituality
6th March : Franciscan Spirituality
13th March : Ignation Spirituality
20th March : Charismatic Spirituality

2. A course presented by Churches Together in Earls Barton entitled "We have a Story to Tell".

Meetings take place at 7.30 pm at 9 Barker Road, Earls Barton on the following Mondays:

26th February, 4th March, 11th March,
18th March and 25th March

Meetings also take place at 1.45 pm at 4 Wilson Way, Earls Barton on the following Tuesdays:

27th February, 5th March, 12th March,
19th March and 26th March

3. There will be an act of devotion in the Rectory Room, commencing at approximately 8.00 pm and finishing at 9.15 prompt. It follows the regularly held Thursday evening Communion service (7.30 pm) on 7th and 14th March but will be held on Wednesday evening the following week (20th March).

We will focus upon a well-known Lenten hymn as a centrepiece for prayers, discussion and praise. Compline will conclude the devotion.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 1996

PALM SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH

9.30 am : *Parish Communion with distribution of palms, Family Sunday in the Rectory Room before coming to Church*

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.50 am : *Holy Communion in Ecton House Chapel*

7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with an address) in Church*

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with an address) in Church*

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

9.30 am : *Holy Communion in Church*

7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with an address) in Church*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with hymns and an address) in Church followed by a Silent Vigil until midnight*

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00 am : *Matins, Litany and Contemplation*

10.30 am : *"Being with Jesus" a service with Good Friday hymns, readings and prayers. The children from Family Sunday will join the congregation as the service comes to a conclusion, for hot cross buns and soft drinks.*

2-3.00 pm : *"Christ's Victory on the Cross" - Jesus' journey to the Cross will be recalled in an act of devotion, presented by members of the congregation.*

SATURDAY - EASTER EVE

8.00 pm : *The lighting of the Easter candle and renewal of Baptismal Vows*

EASTER DAY

9.30 am : *Sung Eucharist*

6.00 pm : *Sung Evensong*

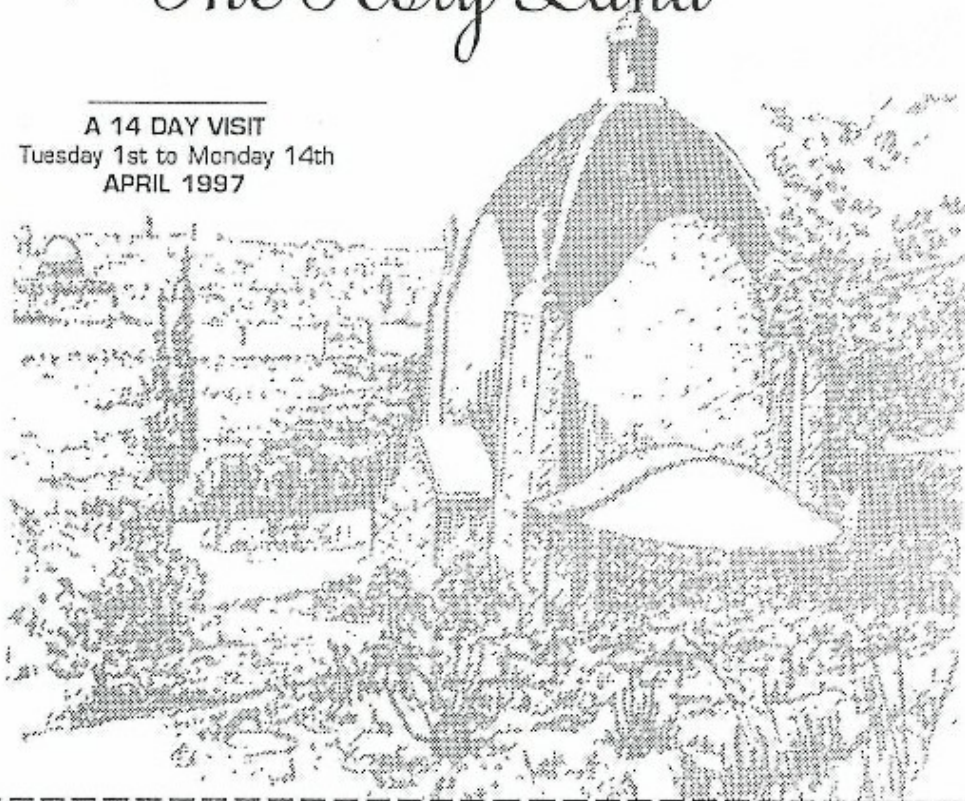
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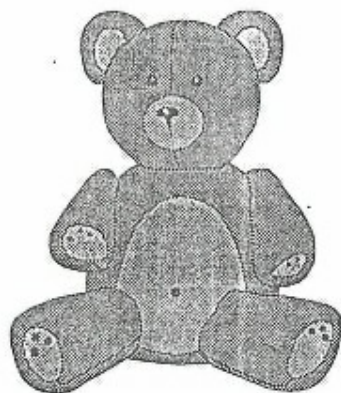
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Ecton Village Mums & Tots

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!



Ecton Village Pre-School

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22 March 8 pm onwards at the
Three Horseshoes, Ecton

~~~~~  
Ticket Price £ 3 (includes ploughmans)

All proceeds to go towards  
the Pre-School

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Everyone is welcome

Tickets available from:
Ecton Pre-School (am)

or

The School House
2 West Street, Ecton

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting on Monday 15/01/96

PRESENT: D C Dicks (Chairman), Mrs J Haycox, Mrs S Ingram,
Mrs S Johnson, Messrs T Green, V Lester and
T Moffett

APOLOGIES: Mr E Needham

Also attending this meeting were Mrs S Sayers, Mrs Stevens and Mr Jim Thompson representing Ecton School and the Governing Body. They outlined their proposals of applying to the National Lottery for a grant towards a new hall, which would be available for both School and community use. Some concern was raised as to adequate parking facilities, but in principle the Parish Council agreed to give their support to this proposal. A further meeting would be held with the Parish Council once detailed plans had been prepared.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting were then discussed which included:

Play equipment: estimate had been received for the provision of safety surfacing under 2 pieces of existing equipment in the sum of £4173. Decided not to proceed in view of the age of the equipment, and to approach Wellingborough Borough Council for advice as to their removal before considering any possible replacements.

Village appraisal: this matter would be included in the February Parish Magazine in the hope that it would attract interest from the village. Mrs Ingram advised that her husband is very interested in this subject and willing to help if sufficient support forthcoming.

Planning:

Applications received:

Mr Brophy, 2 Wellingborough Road - single storey extension at rear.
- No objections provided that it does not interfere with the amenities of the adjoining owner.

Approvals received:

The World's End - illuminated signage.
Ecton Hall Cricket Club - pavillion to rear of Youth Club building.

Refusals:

Premier House (Overstone Manor) - double sided sign at bottom of Sywell Lane.

Street lighting

New light installed and working in West Street and further lamp to be installed shortly at junction of Wellingborough Road and A4500. A schedule of existing lamps and their numbers had been checked by Mr Needham and Mr Lester and would be used to obtain an alternative quotation for our routine maintenance.

Highways

It was agreed to send another letter to Mr Murray NCC regarding the new signs on A4500 and the footpath in Sywell Lane as a reply had not been received to our earlier letter. Also agreed to write to the County Council expressing our concern and disgust at the amount of tree loppings which have been dumped for a considerable time on the sides of Lower Ecton lane. Several complaints had also been received regarding the muddy state of the road at Barton Fields. Agreed to send another letter to Fisher Hoggarth requesting some attention to this problem before next winter especially in view of the amount of wheeled traffic through this gateway. Mr Moffett reported that a stile on footpath TE5 just north of the restaurant next to the A45 was in need of attention. A letter would be sent to the Rights of Way Officer at NCC.

Accounts

The following were approved for payment:

East Midlands Electricity	£242.11
Mrs P Hall (Clerk)	£101.51
NCC - Hire of room	£17.00

Other meetings

A further meeting to discuss County Council budgets to be held on 13 February at County Hall. Messrs Green and Moffett agreed to attend.

Also another joint meeting of parishes to be held at Wellingborough Borough offices on 22 February. Agreed that Messrs Dicks, Green and Moffett would attend.

Operation Springclean: Saturday 20 April - 9 am start

We hope to see as many helpers as possible - *new volunteers particularly welcome* - to help tidy as much of the village as possible. The more help we have the more we can do to maintain the beauty of our village. So why not join us around 9 am near the Shrine at the top of High Street.

David Dicks
January 1996

EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Church Flowers will be done on 6th April at 10.30 am. If you can spare an hour we would love to see you. Also, we would appreciate flowers or money.

Pauline and Freda

ECTON VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Following an appeal in the last newsletter a small steering group has been formed to co-ordinate an 'Ecton Village Appraisal' which will be published in book form in 12 to 18 months time.

Northamptonshire is leading the way in village appraisals and many villages have already published their own, so it is important that Ecton does not get left behind.

Each household will soon be receiving a questionnaire which will provide the basis for an important section of the book and your co-operation in completing this will be invaluable.

In addition perhaps you could consider how your special interests could provide information for articles on subjects such as:

- the history of our village or aspects of it.
- wildlife and the environment.
- facilities & services.
- concerns about the future.
- memories of people & events.

Further information about how you can help will accompany the questionnaire.

Rodney Ingram

***NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND CHURCHYARD COMPETITION
1995***

RESULTS

	<u>Villages</u>		<u>Churchyards</u>	
	Prelim.	Semi	Prelim.	Semi
<u>CUP WINNERS CUP SECTION</u>				
Chacombe	96	91	98	77
Wicken	89			
Flore	91	88	United Chapel 89	
			All Saints 94	
Cold Ashby	93	90	98	83
Abthorpe	80		95	
Chapel Brampton	84		89	
Middleton Cheney	86		All Saints 89	
			Baptist 88	
Roads	84			
Byfield	87		88	
Wollaston	80		92	
Geddington	81			

CLASS IV (There is no Semi Final Round in this section)

Bugbrooke	83		89	
Hardingstone	81			
Irchester	74		92	82
Kings Sutton	81		91	
Moulton	82		88	

WELLINGBOROUGH AREA

Class I				
Castle Ashby	74		92	78
Ecton	Not entered		91	
Little Houghton	90	93	84	
Mears Ashby	72		88	
Quinton	82			
Class II				
Great Houghton	82			
Overstone	75		93	
Sywell	75		94	81
Yardley Hastings	87	86	86	

NAME OF VILLAGE ECTON CLASS: _____NAME OF CHURCHYARD ST. MARY MAGDALENE Date: 27.6.95NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE
BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION

1995

	Max. Marks	Marks Awarded	Remarks
Absence of litter	20	19 +1	Handily any litter Village of the Year poster in porch.
Care of grass around gravestones	30	28	Very good.
Care of paths, verges, walls lych gates	35	30	Good overall. Front flowerbed looks promising. by setting on some boundary walls & tombs. Areas previously weed-killed are being replanted but still time one bare patches.
Overall general impression	15	13	A peaceful cared-for churchyard.

TOTAL MARKS AWARDED OUT OF 100

91

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 2nd April at 7.30 pm in the Rectory Room

Mrs D Lang

'World of Carpets', 'World of Rings'

Competition: An Advert for Carpets

Teas: Mrs B Jones and Mrs M Green

Due to inclement weather our February meeting was cancelled, much to everyone's disappointment. We hope that Mr Safford may visit us at a later date.

February 2nd was the date for our Birthday Dinner - and once again we celebrated at Ecton House. We had a most enjoyable meal, the staff providing excellent service. 'Three plus One' - entertained us in their inimitable manner, both with song and verse. There was much humming and tapping of feet to some of the old familiar songs.

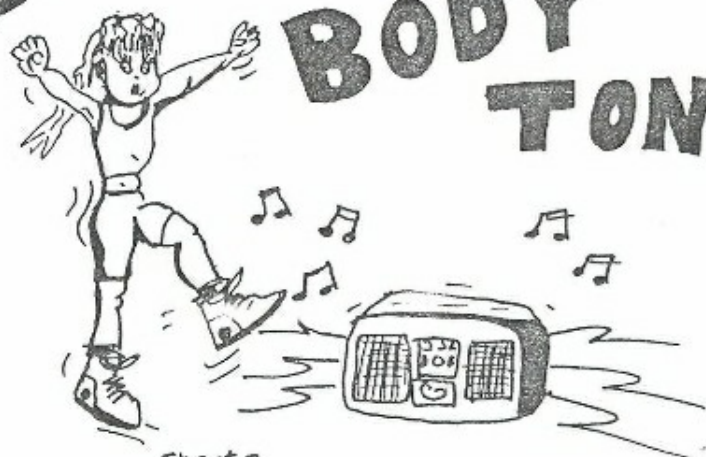
We concluded the evening by exchanging gifts and good wishes.

I hope you are all keeping warm - spring is on the way, snowdrops already in abundance, so keep happy!

June Marshman

AEROBICS

BODY + TONE



starts

Tuesday 10-00 - 11-00 A.M. $\frac{5}{3}$ 3-00 p.sess.

BAPTIST CHURCH HALL - EARLS BARTON

starts

WEDNESDAY 10-00 - 11-00 A.M. $\frac{6}{3}$ 3-00 p.sess.

METHODIST CHURCH HALL - EARLS BARTON

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Please wear soft shoes (trainers/aerobic boots) + bring along a mat/towel for floor work, + soft drink/water.

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with Grand Raffle

at

ECTON HOUSE

on

THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH

from 7.30 pm

Cost £2.50 per person

All proceeds towards church cushions and kneelers

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, March 12th, at 2.30 pm Mary Strange, now the Curate at St Peter's Weston Favell, will be coming to the Fellowship to tell us about her work as a Priest and also to help us to prepare for Easter.

Everyone is very welcome.

Joan Dickins

SUNDAY PRIASE

In the February magazine, I highlighted the new programme of services to be held in the parish church on the first Sunday in the month, beginning on 3rd March. In my haste I overlooked Easter Day, which falls on April 7th, and therefore I must make an exception to the new rule. On Easter Day the parish Eucharist will commence at 9.30 am with Sung Evensong at 6.00 pm.

The Allen singers

Musical Director
Alan Cross

Business Manager
Sylvia Cross

29 Hillcrest Avenue
Spinney Hill
Northampton NN3 2AB
Tel: 0604 642867

May we introduce ourselves.

We are a mixed group of twelve who have been singing together for several years and are available for concerts, charity and fund-raising events, entertainment at private functions etc. Our fees are reasonable and negotiable and for charity and fund-raising events no charge is normally made.

Our entertainment mainly consists of songs by Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and other well known composers of light music, and can also include piano or instrumental solos and popular monologues. Programmes can be tailored both in length and content to suit your requirements.

Where necessary, we can supply our own electronic piano, lighting and a small amount of staging which can be useful if no other form of platform is available.

Please contact us if you would like to know more.

ROTAS : MARCH

	3rd	10th	17th	24th
SERVER	Pat Naylor	Pat Baylis	Charlotte Greene	Graham Jordan
CHALICE	James Wilkinson (6.00 pm)	Pat Baylis	Graham Jordan	Pat Baylis
CRUCIFER	James Wilkinson (6.00 pm)	John Strange or Trudi Warnes	Charlotte Greene	Graham Jordan

WEEKDAY SERVERS : MARCH

	Dorothy Creed	Trudi Warnes	Pat Naylor
Wednesday 6th	✓		
Thursday 7th			✓
Wednesday 13th		✓	
Thursday 14th			✓
Tuesday 19th			✓
Wednesday 20th	✓		
Thursday 21st			✓
Monday 25th			✓
Wednesday 27th		✓	
Thursday 28th			✓

SAFARI SUPPER

RECIPE:

Ingredients.

1. A village with very helpful people.
2. Good weather (comparative).
3. Good food.
4. Mix well in various homes.

And a big 'Thank You' to David and Mary Dicks who organised so successful an evening.

MONDAY CLUB

On a cold January night we had 8 tables for whist, proving that it is still a good attraction and an enjoyable evening.

On the 22nd we had a very interesting talk by Jenny Richardson about help for the visually imparied, which several people found very helpful.

Monday March Dates: 4th and 18th

Whist Drive: 28th

Freda and Eileen

COFFEE ROTA

3rd March	Millie Harlott and Dora Reynolds
10th March	Sue and Les Mitchell
17th March	Nick and Mary Greene
24th March	Ingrid Cartwright
31st March	Alice Adams and Wynne Voss
7th April	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

2nd March	ORANGE	A
9th March	RED	B
16th March	PINK	A
23rd March	YELLOW	B
30th March	BLUE	A

BRASS CLEANING, March 30th

DIARY - MARCH 1996

SECOND IN LENT : Sunday, 3rd March

9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

9.30 am Sunday Praise

6.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with hymns

Monday, 4th March

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

Tuesday, 5th March

7.30 pm Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

Wednesday, 6th March

9.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday, 7th March

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm Devotions for Lent in the Rectory Room

THIRD IN LENT : Sunday, 10th March

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family

1 Peter 2. 19-end : Matthew 16. 13-end

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 11th March

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Tuesday, 12th March

2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

Wednesday, 13th March

9.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday, 14th March

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm Devotions for Lent in the Rectory Room

MOTHERING SUNDAY : 17th March

9.30 am Parish Communion and Family Sunday

2 Timothy 1 3-10 : Luke 2. 41-end

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 18th March

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH : Tuesday, 19th March

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday, 20th March

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 8.00 pm Devotions for Lent in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 21st March

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion

PASSION SUNDAY : 24th March

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Family Sunday
2 Corinthians 6. 3-10 : Mark 10. 32-45
- 6.00 pm Evensong followed by the Annual Parochial Meeting at
Ecton House (commencing as near to 7.00 pm as possible)

ANNUCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BV MARY :

Monday, 25th March

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
- 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday, 27th March

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

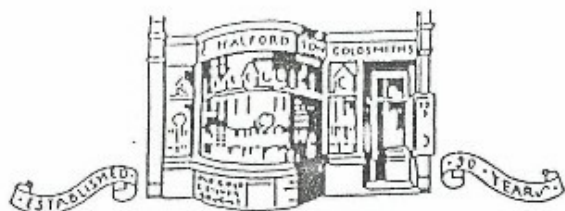
Thursday, 28th March

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

PALM SUNDAY : 31st March

- 9.30 am Parish Communion with a distribution of palms,
and Family Sunday
1 Corinthians 1. 18-25 : Matthew 21. 1-13
- 6.00 pm Evensong

For Holy Week and Easter see the special programme of services and devotions printed elsewhere in this magazine and on the leaflet distributed to each house in the village.



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ECTON W.I.	Contact	Stella Gibson Tel: Northampton 405350 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room
THE MONDAY CLUB	Contact	Eileen Collip or Freda Richards Tel: Northampton 405688 or 405928 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
YOUTH CLUB & SENIOR CLUB	Contact	Mary Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm, Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
MUMS & TOTS	Contact	Maha Hillier Tel: Northampton 784379 Every Wednesday 2.00 - 3.15 pm in Rectory Room
PLAYGROUP	Contact	Mrs L Jones Tel: Northampton 411285 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30-12 noon Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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ECTON HOUSE

HAPPINESS, HOMELINESS AND HOLINESS

Peterborough Diocesan Retreat and Conference Centre

The Reverend Peter Naylor

WARDEN

Church Way, Ecton, Northampton NN6 0QE

Telephone: 01604 406442

Fax: 01604 787052



A Prayer for Ecton House

Bless, O Lord, the work of Ecton House.
Bless its staff and all who use it for
retreats and conferences: may they know
your presence and the power of your
love, and have grace in their hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SUMMER GARDEN FETE and FLOWER FESTIVAL

Time: 2pm till 5pm

3RD AUGUST 1996

FIRST PLANNING MEETING AT
7.30pm ON **MONDAY 15th**
APRIL IN THE RECTORY ROOM
- all welcome

*Coffee mornings in support of the fete
will be organised during the Spring*