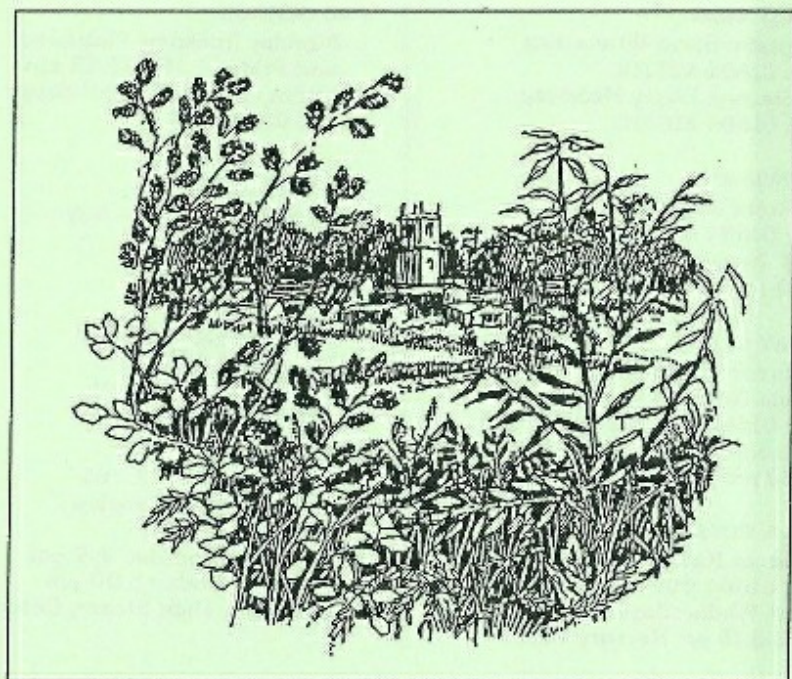


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PARISH MAGAZINE

MARCH 1997

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MAGAZINE**

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**Church Rotas
on pages 8 - 9**

All copy for April magazine
to Ecton House clearly
labelled 'parish magazine'
by 14th March

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT



Wednesday 5th March in the Rectory Room.

Speaker: Miss E Bull "Slides - Rose of the Shires"

Competition: A Decorated Egg

Teas: Mrs J Marshman, Mrs J Henson

Thirteen members attended the February meeting held in the Conference Room. The minutes were read and approved. The President then proceeded with the business for the evening, mentioning in particular the Christmas Party, which was a most enjoyable evening, excellent food and entertainment. We had visitors this year who all expressed the hope that they would be invited again!

Reminders given regarding:

- a) Village map competition - no volunteers as yet....?
- b) London outing - 17th March
- c) Towcester Indoor Bowls Tournament - 25th March
- d) Visit to Littlewoods Store - 12th March
- e) Best wishes sent to Cheryl, who is recovering from a recent spell in hospital.

Our speaker was Paul Bieliauskas.

External Operation Manager at the Local Oxfam distribution centre. He outlined a clear picture of this huge world-wide organisation. Oxfam has been vocal on many important issues, not least of all the Basic Rights Campaign - food, water, a home, education, health care, equal opportunity, and the right to have a say in their future - all these rights which we take for granted.

It is only with the help of the vast army of volunteers that this organisation survives, and with the generous support, financially by the public.

Anyone having two or three hours a week to spare would be welcomed with open arms. Contact Millie or June.

Vote of thanks Mrs Margaret Scott

June Marshman

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

The longer I live the more convinced I am of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

My study of the Gospel message and its meaning for life, however mundane that might be, becomes increasingly fascinating and compelling. During the lengthy years of my priesthood, when I have been privileged and honoured to meet so many different kinds of people in varied circumstances, I have found the truths of the teaching of Jesus to be inescapable. All that He said and did was bound to lead to His crucifixion in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago. The world could not cope with perfect goodness, although He claimed not to be good Himself, saying that only God was good. He aroused opposition and hatred as if He was drawing poison out of a suffering humanity. It all led to the Cross where He hung in great agony. The sky darkened and only His mother and close friends watched helplessly as misunderstanding and wickedness seemed to have its day. It was not, however, the end. Three days later Mary

Magdalene discovered Him alive and transformed in the garden. He had risen from the dead and later appeared in numerous places. Nothing has changed. Wherever the Gospel is preached and practised the consequences are bound to be the same.

Easter Day is one of total victory over the forces of evil. I know you will join me as we go on our pilgrimage, following the Cross of Christ going on before us.

On Good Friday we will contemplate the death of Jesus and His cruel crucifixion. On Easter Eve and Easter Day our beautifully decorated church will resound to hymns of Easter glory as we celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Jesus Christ is King.

*Every Blessing
this Eastertide,
Peter Naylor*

MARCH 1997 DIARY

Sunday, 2nd March : THIRD IN LENT

- 9.30 am Holy Communion (said)
Colossians 1. 24-end : Luke 9. 18-27
- 10.30 am Sunday Praise
- 6.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with hymns

Monday, 3rd March

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

Wednesday, 5th March

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Prayer & Praise at 34 West Street
- 7.30 pm Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 6th March

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion followed by Compline

Sunday, 9th March : MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family
2 Timothy 1. 3-10 : John 19. 23-27
- 12.00 pm Baptism
- 6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 10th March

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Tuesday, 11th March

- 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

Wednesday, 12th March

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday, 13th March

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion followed by Compline

Sunday, 16th March : PASSION SUNDAY

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family
Colossians 2. 8-15 : John 12. 20-32
- 6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 17th March

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

**Wednesday, 19th March : ST JOSEPH,
HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Prayer & Praise at 48 High Street
7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 20th March

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion followed by Compline

23rd March : PALM SUNDAY

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family
Isalah 50. 4-9a : Matthew 21. 1-13
6.00 pm Evensong

Monday in Holy Week, 24th March

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
7.30 pm Holy Communion (with an address) followed by Compline

Tuesday in Holy Week, 25th March

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Holy Communion (with an address) followed by Compline

Wednesday in Holy Week, 26th March

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Holy Communion (with an address) followed by Compline

27th March : Maundy Thursday

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion (with hymns and an address) followed
by a Silent Vigil until midnight
7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room
9.00 pm Compline

Good Friday, 28th March

- 9.00 am Matins, Litany and Contemplation
10.30 am "Being with Jesus" - a service for the family
T2-3.30 pm "The Cross of Jesus Going on Before"

MARCH 1997 DIARY Continued

Saturday, 29th March

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

Sunday, 30th March : EASTER DAY

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family

Isalah 12 : Mark 16. 1-8

6.00 pm Evensong

Monday in Easter Week, 31st March

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Tuesday in Easter Week, 1st April

7.30 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday in Easter Week, 2nd April

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday in Easter Week, 3rd April

7.30 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, 5th April : FIRST AFTER EASTER

9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

Exodus 15. 1-11 : John 20. 19-29

10.30 am Sunday Praise

6.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with hymns

"THE CROSS OF JESUS GOING ON BEFORE"

An Ecton House Holy Week Retreat

Conducted by the Rector

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th March

RECTOR'S NOTES

MOTHERING SUNDAY

As usual flowers will be distributed on Mothering Sunday to all ladies in the congregation. On this day we will give thanks for Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her special devotion to our Lord; Mother Church; and last but not least, our own mothers wherever they are. The services will provide memorable moments, particularly for the children.

GOOD FRIDAY

At the 10.30 am service on Good Friday the theme will be "Being with Jesus". The children from the Sunday Family join the congregation as the service comes to a conclusion. Hot cross buns and soft drinks will then be served. A simple family service of devotion is being planned with suitable hymns, readings and prayers.

WELLINGBOROUGH DEANERY EVENSONG

ALL SAINTS, WELLINGBOROUGH

6.00 pm SUNDAY, 9th MARCH, 1997

PREACHER : BISHOP IAN

Everyone is invited to this special Evensong to welcome Bishop Ian during his visit to our deanery



COFFEE ROTA

2 March	Ingrid Cartwright
9 March	Wynne Voss and Alice Adams
16 March	Pat Peacock & Dorothy Creed
23 March	Jean Leigh & Brenda Jones
30 March	Nick and Mary Greene



CLEANING ROTA

1 March	BLUE A
8 March	ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN
15 March	GREEN B
22 March	ORANGE A
29 March	RED B

BRASS CLEANING ◆ Saturday, 8 March

ROTAS	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March	30 March
SERVER	Patricia Naylor Dorothy Creed	Charlotte Greene	Pat Baylis	Graham Jordan	Marcus Alcock
CHALICE	Pat Baylis	Alice Adams	Pat Baylis	Graham Jordan	James Morrison
CRUCIFER	Marcus Alcock	Charlotte Greene	Pat Baylis	Graham Jordan	Marcus Alcock

WEEKDAY SERVERS

WEDNESDAY 5	Dorothy Creed
THURSDAY 6	Patricia Naylor
WEDNESDAY 12	Trudie Warner
THURSDAY 13	Patricia Naylor
WEDNESDAY 19	Dorothy Creed
THURSDAY 20	Patricia Naylor
MONDAY 24	Patricia Naylor
TUESDAY 25	Marcus Alcock / Patricia Naylor
WEDNESDAY 26	Dorothy Creed / Patricia Naylor
THURSDAY 27	Patricia Naylor

**NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20 JAN 1997**

PRESENT: Mr D Dicks (Chairman), Mrs J Haycox, Mrs S Ingram, Mrs S Saunders, Messrs T Green and V Lester plus Mr John Murray - NCC.

APOLOGIES: Messrs J Beesley, Moffett and Needham. Apologies also from the Police.

HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Mr J Murray from NCC Planning & Transportation outlined the proposed cuts in services and personnel due to the £28m deficit in CC funding for 97/98. There will be no money for minor traffic works and traffic calming.

Fly tipping in Lower Ecton Lane. Mr Murray is to set up a meeting with Wellingborough Council and the Waste Authority.

Some concern was expressed over the lack of gritting in the village during the recent snow. Members suggested that in future years it may be necessary for residents to grit the roads and paths from the bins.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Village appraisal update - 2 articles are awaited. Sherry and Mince pie morning raised a further £173 for the fund. Current balance £2695.47. 88 advance copies sold.

It was noted that Anglian Water had blocked off access to their land in Lower Ecton Land and may be destroying the bridge to prevent further fly tipping.

The Clerk reported that the Local Minerals Plan had been formally adopted.

PLANNING

Roadchef Motorways Ltd - erection of Travel Lodge - eastbound. No objections provided that there is a positive condition in any consent that access to the site, both vehicular and pedestrian, shall be only from the A45 road.

Ecton Hall Cricket Club - storage rooms/verandah/pavilion to rear of youth club building - no objections.

MAM Transport - proposed transport depot. Objections to this application were submitted by letter dated 31/12/96.

Roadchef Motorways Ltd - Travel Lodge - westbound. The Parish Council would prefer to see a single storey building on this site.

Mr L Hunt - extension to dining room - 96 High Street - approved.

STREET LIGHTING

An estimate for £1922 + VAT had been received from East Midlands Electricity for replacement of 5 concrete columns. It was agreed to proceed with this work which would be paid for from Capital Grant moneys. One more column No 4 in Northampton Road also needs replacing.

A reply was still awaited regarding the corrosion of the ornamental columns.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts for payment:	EM Electricity	£250.86
	Ecton CP School Room	£15.00
	Clerk's salary & exp.	£114.18
	Donation to Northants	
	Victoria County History Trust	£25.00

The Clerk reported 1995/6 Audit currently being undertaken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Wellingborough Council asking that any changes in refuse collection days should be advised to the Clerk or Chairman so that residents can be informed. Also that notices should be published in the Chronicle & Echo (not the Evening Telegraph). Problems had arisen over the Christmas period because of the collection being brought forward one day and then the bad weather the following week.

DAVID DICKS

31/01/97



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 1997 AT ST MARY MAGDALENE, ECTON

PALM SUNDAY, 23RD MARCH

9.30 am : *Parish Communion with distribution of palms. Sunday Family for children in the Rectory Room before coming in to Church*
6.00 pm : *Evensong*

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.50 am : *Holy Communion in Ecton House Chapel*
7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with address) followed by Compline*

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with address) followed by Compline*

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

9.30 am : *Holy Communion*
7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with address) followed by Compline*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 pm : *Holy Communion (with hymns and address) followed by a Silent Vigil until midnight*
9.00 pm : *Compline*

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 Sunday Family join the congregation as the service comes to a conclusion. Hot cross buns and soft drinks will then be served.*
2-3.30 pm : *"The Cross of Jesus Going on Before"*

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 : *Evensong*

A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT HAS GONE INTO PLANNING THE EVENTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER. I HOPE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR EVERYBODY IN THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS. YOU ARE INVITED TO CHOOSE THOSE SERVICES THAT WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOU. DON'T BE SHY. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

PETER NAYLOR, RECTOR

14 church view
Edon
16.2.97

Dear all

Thank you for helping me to raise money for the Blue Peter Leprosy appeal. We raised £104
Thank you for all your support and donations.

Yours sincerely

Noad Cook
and
Aidan

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

The Annual Parochial Meeting will be held on Sunday, 20th April 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.

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.

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 11th at 2.30 pm.

The Reverend Chris Goodly, Chaplain at St Crispins will help us prepare for Easter.

We hope as many people as possible will come to this Lenten talk.

Tea Duty - Patricia Naylor and Jean Morrison

Joan Dickins Tel: 415576

PRAYER & PRAISE

7.30 - 9.00 pm : March 5th at 34 West Street

7.30 - 9.00 pm : March 19th at 48 High Street

WHAT DO THE LETTERS 'INRI' MEAN ON CRUCIFIXES?

The letters 'INRI' are found on crucifixes, and are the initials of the Latin inscription that Pilate placed on the Cross of Christ: "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" ("Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"). We read of Pilate's decision to place this title upon the Cross in St John's Gospel ch19 v19-22. As always with the Gospels, even the small details are of enormous significance, as is the case here. I have to confess that I find Pilate's encounter with Christ extremely moving, and find it hard to condemn the provincial governor. Here we have the philosopher king, the man of intellect and sincerity who is really forced into handing Jesus over to be crucified so as to maintain order in such a volatile province of the Roman Empire. "What is Truth?" asked Pilate, but would not stay for an answer" is how Francis Bacon naughtily deals with the issue in his essay 'On Truth', but it seems to me that Pilate has little choice- not only does the political situation force his hand, his own sceptical nature will not allow instantaneous answers. Yes, Pilate hands Christ over to be crucified, but what follows suggests that he really recognises the true

importance of the extraordinary man who has stood before him. Despite protestations from many of the Jews, Pilate places the title "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" on the Cross. Why did he do this? There was no real need; it meant him going out of his way, and most importantly by doing so he risked inflaming the Jewish authorities. In this one act Pilate signals to the world the uniqueness of Christ, and recognises that this is no summary execution of a common criminal, but an event of a magnitude which is beyond his intellectual comprehension. Pilate knew about secular Kingship, about political authority, but what Christ demonstrates to him is the true nature of majesty, that which comes from God. Next time you read the initials "INRI" on a crucifix, reflect on the man who placed them there, and consider, in the light of the Johannine chapter, why he was moved to accord Christ this title. Is your response the same?

Marcus Alcock, Lent 1997

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The winners of the Cricket Club Draw Pool for 1996 were as follows:

February	£20	No 58	B Wheatman
	£10	No 176	L Robinson
March	£20	No 62	A Stones
	£10	No 27	B Beck
April	£20	No 132	D Allison
	£10	No 4	M Kearsley
May	£20	No 139	A Haggar
	£10	No 177	C Ellis
June	£20	No 115	M Rigby
	£10	No 42	C Ellis
July	£20	No 105	C Saunders
	£10	No 59	T Warren
August	£20	No 91	J Beesley
	£10	No 160	D Cross
September	20	No 20	M Kearsley
	£10	No 41	C Ellis
October	£20	No 138	J Haggar
	£10	No 2	M Kearsley
November	£20	No 121	D Purvey
	£10	No 64	R Swain
December	£50	No 97	J Humphries
	£25	No 43	J Draper

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank everyone who participated. The support given to the Club by each £5 entrance fee is much appreciated and is still very much needed.

The extensions to the Youth Club building will, hopefully, be completed in the next few weeks. Whilst this gives the Club much needed storage facilities it will leave the "kitty" empty!

Brian Saunders

PARISH SHARE

THE RURAL DEAN OF WELLINGBOROUGH, THE REVEREND
JOHN WESTWOOD, WRITES AS FOLLOWS:

Dear Friends at Ecton

Once again I can send my congratulations and sincere thanks.

Once again you have paid the Parish Share in full - and Wellingborough Deanery continues to have a good record in this respect.

Well done, everyone. The parishes have faced considerable increases in the Parish Share and I am well aware of all that effort and generosity that has been necessary to meet them.

Please display this letter on your notice-board. May I commend the resources available from the Diocese in the shape of the Parish Resource Group? As we face the challenges ahead we shall need the help of Tony Armitage, the Parish Development Director and others to maintain our momentum - and pay our full Parish Share in 1997 and succeeding years.

Every blessing.

A PLEA FROM THE SCHOOL

A plea to anyone in the village who can spare us a few moments of their time to share in their memories. This next term sees us studying Britain since 1930 and we would love to listen to your memories of the village over those decades.

We would be especially grateful for your war memories including those war efforts, how it affected you and your family, stories of evacuees you may have.

If you would like us to visit you instead please let us know.

Please ring Sheila Sayers on 409213. Thank you.



Ecton County Primary School

West Street, Ecton, Northampton NN6 0QF Telephone/Fax (01604) 409213

Head Teacher: Mrs S Sayers

SS/dcm

11th February 1997

Clerk to Ecton Charitable Trust,
c/o Ecton House,
Church Way,
Ecton,
Northamptonshire

Dear Dorothy,

I am writing to you as Clerk to the Ecton Charitable Trust on behalf of all the children, staff and parents of Ecton County Primary School to convey a big thank you to the members for all the equipment they have bought us over the past few years. We are indeed a very fortunate school and thanks to them, a very well resourced school with up-to-date equipment at our finger tips.

We are indeed very grateful for their generosity in considering us for their sponsorship.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Sayers
Headteacher

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
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Costs only 50p, tea or coffee included!



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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

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