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CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

A date to remember for us at Ecton, with a congregation stated by the Stewards to be 309, for the service of Installation for Stephen and James by Bishop Ian and the Archdeacon of Northampton and in the presence of the Bishop of Brixworth.

Due to the crush in Ecton House it was not possible for the dignitaries to make their usual speeches.

However, as Churchwardens, we have received many favourable comments about the event and which we now pass on to all involved. It was a truly team effort with no less than 40 Parishioners being involved, during, or in preparation for the Service, including music and choir. All this without mentioning two Bishops, one Archdeacon, and one Rural Dean, plus the Mayor and Mayoress of Wellingborough (with Mace Bearer), and the Lay Chair of the Deanery.

To cope with the extra numbers temporary seating was arranged by Henry Pinney with a team of 'volunteers'. They collected over 100 chairs from sources around the village and then returned them the next day.

Other unseen people are the cleaning teams and flower arrangers, who work diligently week by week to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and fragrance - regardless of events - prestigious or otherwise.

With the new Clergy in place we look forward to closer co-operation between Ecton House and the Church to ensure a viable and smooth running facility for Stephen Evans as Warden of Ecton House and Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary Magdalene, assisted by James Mogridge.

*Walter Barty and Dorothy Creed
Churchwardens.*

*Ecton Village Club
Annual General Meeting
7.30 pm Wednesday 25th March
(Youth Club Building) High Street
All Welcome*

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

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

The Reverend Nigel Dent
is coming to help us
prepare for Easter.

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickins

Tea Helpers:

Audrey Treloar and

Jean Morrison

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Meeting
will be held on Sunday, 26th April
in Ecton House, beginning at
approximately 7.00 p.m. 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,
Gwendy Barty; 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.

MARCH CHURCH & VILLAGE DIARY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, 1 March

- 9.30 am Parish Communion : Deuteronomy 26.1-11;
Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13.
- 6.00 pm Evensong : Psalm 119.73-88; Jonah 3; Luke 18.9-14.

MONDAY, 2 March

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

TUESDAY, 3 March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH

Church Spring Clean

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, 8 March

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
- 9.30 am Parish Communion : Genesis 15.1-12,17-18;
Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35.
- 6.00 pm Evensong : Psalm 135; Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17; Luke 14.27-33.

TUESDAY, 10 March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, 15 March

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
- 9.30 am Parish Communion : Isaiah 55.1-9;
Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9.
- 6.00 pm Evensong : Psalms 12, 13; Genesis 28.10-19a; John 1.35-51.

MONDAY, 16 March

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

MARCH DIARY CONTINUED

TUESDAY, 17 March (St Patrick's Day)

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
 7.00 pm P.C.C. meeting beginning with Communion in Church

MOTHERING SUNDAY, 22 March

- 9.30 am Special Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday with the presentation of flowers, etc. and when we hope the Sunday School children and parents will join us.
 Exodus 2.1-10; Psalms 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7; Luke 2.33-35
 6.00 pm 'Songs of Praise' for Mothering Sunday, followed by light refreshments

TUESDAY, 24 March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
 12 noon Special Communion service using new experimental material from *Common Worship* - all welcome.

THURSDAY, 26 March

- 7.00 am Monday Club Whist Drive

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, 29 March

- 9.15 am Sunday School in the Rectory Room
 9.30 am Parish Communion : Isaiah 43.16-21;
 Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8
 6.00 pm Evensong : Psalm 35; 2 Chronicles 35.1-6,10-16; Luke 22.1-13

MONDAY, 30 March

- 2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

TUESDAY, 31 March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion

PALM SUNDAY, 5 April

- 9.30 am Parish Communion : Isaiah 50.4-9a;
 Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 23.1-49.
 6.00 pm Evensong : Psalm 69.1-18; Isaiah 5.1-7; Luke 20.9-19.

parish news march 1998

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



COFFEE ROTA

1-Mar	Pat Peacock & Dorothy Creed
08-Mar	Jean Leigh & Brenda Jones
15-Mar	Nick & Mary Greene
22-Mar	Sue & Les Mitchell
29-Mar	Marian Gleave & June Marshman

CLEANING ROTA

7 Mar	ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN	
14 Mar	PINK	A
21 Mar	YELLOW	B
28 Mar	BLUE	A
4 April	GREEN	B



WANTED IN ECTON



Do you think people want to see a reduction in crime and the fear of crime? Do you think people want to see traditional social bonds and values coming back into our communities?

If you answer "YES" then you could help by taking the lead in setting up a Registered Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your immediate area.

Many residents of Ecton are already Members of a Registered Scheme and are fully aware of the benefits. But what is Neighbourhood Watch? It is a Community based organisation with residents and police working in partnership against crime.

The main aims are:

- to reduce local opportunities for crime, thereby reducing the fear of crime;
- to establish and rebuild that community spirit which many of us seem to have misplaced so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property and each other.
- to help our police by informing them of any and all incidents which we believe to be suspicious and so create

an environment in which our families and children can feel safe.

The Eastern Policy Area, one of four in Northamptonshire, with its headquarters in Wellingborough, stretches from Orlingbury, Isham and the Addingtons in the north, to Easton Maudit, Bozeat and Newton Bromswold in the south. Its westerly area includes Sywell and Ecton to Raunds and Hargrave in the east.

Ecton currently enjoys one of the lowest reported crime rates in the Eastern Police Area. I and my colleagues would like to see that continue. We are looking to see Registered Schemes in the top part of High Street, Church View and a third in Franklins Close. Once these areas are covered, Ecton would be a totalling Neighbourhood Watch village.

If anyone in the above area thinks they would be interested in starting a Scheme please ring P.C. Eric Lane, Community Affairs Office, in the first instance on 01933-680552.

Tony Hunt
Assistant Civilian Manager
Eastern Police Area Neighbourhood Watch

W.I. REPORT

Tuesday, 3rd March 1998

7.30 p.m. In the Rectory Room

Speaker Mrs Deidre Newham

'The Work of a Magistrate'

Competition: Unusual Egg Cup

Teas: Mrs C Gyte and Mrs J Marshman

Tuesday, 7th April 1998

7.30 p.m. In the Rectory Room

Speaker Mrs Gaggini

'Hanging Baskets'

Competition: Spring Buttonhole

Teas: Mrs D Creed & Mrs J Henson

Our Annual Dinner was held on
Thursday, 5th February, at Ecton House.

Fourteen W.I. members from Little Billing joined us and a very pleasant evening was had by all. The company and food was excellent and the evening was rounded off with David and Jo providing us yet again, with a most entertaining and varied programme - laughter and even a few tears being the order of the day!

A presentation was made to Marion Gleaves in appreciation of her sterling work as Treasurer for the past ten years - always managing to keep us in 'the black'! Thank you Marion. Betty Shearing has now taken over the position.
June Marshman

MONDAY CLUB

We hope to have a Fish and Chip Supper on Wednesday, April 1st and will need names.

Club dates are 2nd and 16th March, AGM 30th, and Whist Drive 26th.

Our first April club date is on the 27th because of Easter.

The Whist Drive is on the 23rd - St. George's Day.

LENT GROUP

A group will meet on Wednesdays throughout Lent for prayer and study.

If you would like to come along please contact one of the parish clergy.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 19.1.98

Present: David Dicks (Chairman), Sheila Ingram, Kate Kirton, Sylvia Saunders, Tony Green, Vic Lester, and Bill Wilson.

Apologies: Ty Moffet, Ted Needham and Cllr. David Bletsoe-Brown.

P.C. Peter Hooper also attended.

Bill Wilson was welcomed to his first meeting.

Matters arising: Letter from Wellingborough Council confirmed that Church View and Barton Fields were included in road sweeping programme, and frequent checks would be carried out in future.

Police Matters: P.C. Hooper advised the crime figures for December and Ecton had one of the lowest for local villages. The problem of speeding vehicles through the village was also discussed at length and the various means that might be available to reduce the problem.

Planning - Applications:

Illuminated signage - Little Chef Restaurants on A45 - *No objections*
Reinstatement of chimney stack - 30 High Street - *No objections*

Approval:

Rear extension - 4 Church View

Street Lighting: Concern was expressed that lamp No. 22 (High Street) had not been repaired despite two requests to E.M.E. To be taken up again.

Highway Matters: It was noted that footpath TE.5 was closed at the point where it crossed Ecton brook next to the A45, due to the bridge having been vandalised. Also reported that, following rain, water stands on Wellingborough Road due to a blocked drain. This would be reported, together with a similar problem on the A.4500 about 150 m. West of Ecton.

The continuing problem of fly tipping in Lower Ecton Lane was again discussed and as a large quantity was in the area controlled by Wellingborough Council it was decided to write expressing our concern.

Following an accident which had occurred on the steps at 88-94 High Street in the dark, a copy letter had been received. It was agreed to follow this up with a letter to Wellingborough Council repeating our previous requests for lighting to the area by the steps.

Financial Matters: The following accounts were approved for payment:

N.C.C.	£15.00
East Midlands Electricity (Quarterly Account)	£247.27
East Midland Electricity (Emergency repairs)	£150.11
Mrs P Hall (Salary and Expenses)	£112.19

£466.48 had been paid earlier to East Midlands Electricity for replacement column on A.4500.

The audit of accounts would take place in February.

A.O.B: The date for our Operation Springclean was fixed for Saturday 25th April.

David Dicks

January 1998

PROPOSED ARTICLE FOR 'VILLAGE VIEWPOINT'

What is The Prince's Youth Business Trust you may ask? Also, why am I writing an article for 'Village Viewpoint'. A very good question and I will try and answer both of these.

The Prince's Youth Business Trust is a registered charity which was set up some 11 years ago by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to help unemployed young people to start up their own business by providing financial assistance, business advice and marketing opportunities. The Trust has been established in Northamptonshire for some 8 years and operates out of the offices of The Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, Training and Enterprise at Moulton Park in Northampton.

Since our establishment in the county in 1989, almost 140 businesses have been set up. These businesses supported by the Trust have a very good survival rate being somewhere in the region of 60% still being in existence after three years compared with non-trust businesses being 30%.

How does the Trust help these young people? We give loans of up to £5,000 (average £2,500) and these are on easy repayment terms over three years, being no repayments for the first 6 months, and capital and interest over the remaining three years at the rate of 3%.

If the business is doing well and further funds are needed, they are able to apply to the trust for an expansion loan (at

4%). We also offer grants of up to £1,500 in appropriate cases.

If an individual thinks there is a market for his/her business but are not too sure they can apply for a test marketing grant of up to £250 and this is taken up by a number of individuals.

Many young people say that without the funding available from the Trust they would not have been able to set up in business, but the most valuable thing that the Trust provides is a business mentor. These are people, both men and women, either in business, commerce or one of the professions, or recently retired and with time on their hands who are prepared to work with and support these young people. They are all volunteers and without their work the Trust's job would be very much more difficult.

What sort of people do we help? The criteria is that they must have been unemployed for at least six weeks and aged between 18 and 30 (this means up until the day before an individual's 31st birthday). We are a source of last resort finance (i.e. if they are unable to borrow the money from their family, friends or banks they then apply to the Trust and I have already stated the form in which help is given).

We are here to help disadvantaged young people. We have three target groups (in no particular order), the disabled, members of the ethnic

communities and offenders and ex-offenders.

In addition we also have special agreements with a local firm of solicitors who give up to an hour's free legal advice and three chartered surveyors who give their services free of charge in connection with initial inspections of potential premises. The Trust nationally has also negotiated with a firm of insurance brokers, substantial discounts on insurance premiums and in certain circumstances can supply a year's free membership of the RAC.

I have told you what the Trust can do for young people and now I will tell you what the trust wants from them - it is quite simple.

We are looking for young people with energy and enthusiasm who are prepared to work hard and take advice to enable them to earn sufficient money to support themselves and their families, where appropriate, rather than continuing to exist on state benefits.

I am more than willing to talk to anybody at any time who is prepared to listen to me - parish councils, Women's Institutes, youth groups, sports clubs, churches etc., the list is endless. Just telephone the office on 01604 671200 and ask for either myself or my colleague Val Grace.

Brian Mutlow
Area Manager for Northamptonshire

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We are able to accept one child per session aged 2yrs 6mths. - 2yrs 9mths accompanied by their parent/carer.

For more information or to arrange a visit please telephone

the Pre-School on Northampton 784711

during sessions only

Thank you to all those who have responded to our appeal for contributions towards the cost of the magazine.

If you would still like to make a donation please give it to your distributor or any member of the P.C.C.

Thank you, Anne Henderson



The biggest petition in the history of the world

That's what we need, if children are to start the new millennium in a world that is a fairer and more hopeful place.

A billion people in the world's poorest countries are enslaved by debt – debt from money lent to their governments in the 1970s by rich nations, which they will never be able to repay.

There can be no defence for a situation in which children die of poverty-related problems, whilst their governments give back many times more to the rich in debt repayments than they can spend on health care, or receive in aid.

We need to show the leaders of the world's richest countries (including our own government)

that millions of people think this is a scandal.

Let's make it clear that we hold them responsible, and insist that something is done about it.

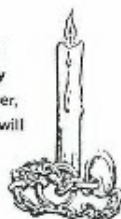
Christian Aid, and other organisations in the Jubilee 2000 Coalition, are calling on the world's wealthiest governments to celebrate the new millennium by getting rid of this injustice. Once and for all. The devastating backlog of unpayable debt owed by the world's poorest countries should be cancelled.

A wonderful thought. But it can

only happen if enough people around the world decide "Yes, I'll help." If you're reading this, we hope you might be one of them.

Absolutely everyone who might be prepared to sign the petition needs to be asked to do so... and offered a copy with pen in hand.

Can you help cover your local community? Any help you can offer, however small, will make a big difference.



I hope to have a display with more information in the back of the Church soon, as well as a further article in next month's magazine and plenty of petition forms so that all those who would like to sign and encourage others to sign may do so.

Anne Henderson

The debt crisis

Debt is a fundamental cause of poverty and hardship for a billion people in the Third World. Yet it came about through no fault of those who now suffer under its burden.

1. It's the 70s. The oil-producing countries form a cartel to push up oil prices.

2. They make a bundle – and stick it in Western banks.

3. Deluged with cash, the banks set out to use it to make more by pushing loans on any country (and any leader) they can persuade to take one. Even they admit it was irresponsible.

4. Not surprisingly, the money is often spent on under-researched, unrealistic projects – or wasted by dictators. The poor rarely benefit from the loans.

5. Then... disaster! New economic policies in the West send world interest rates sky high.

6. Even more disaster! The prices of things poor countries buy (eg oil) rise... a lot. And the prices of things they sell (eg crops) fall... a lot.

7. So there we have it – the poorest countries falling deeper and deeper into debt. Paying and paying – but, because of the high interest, owing more at the end than they did at the start. Taking out new loans to service old ones.

8. It's the 90s. UNICEF estimates that 500,000 children a week die as a result of the debt crisis. Today's children are paying for the folly of a world that went mad 20 years before they were born – paying with their health and education.

9. Debts have been bought, sold, traded around... Now almost all are controlled by the more powerful governments and big international financial institutions like the IMF and World Bank (which are largely controlled by the more powerful governments).

10. The Millennium is approaching. It is the world's richest governments (including our own) who are responsible for the debt situation. History will hold them accountable – because they have the power to end it. Christian Aid, and the many other organisations in the Jubilee 2000 Coalition, believe the debt can and must be cancelled. And it will be – when enough ordinary people shout loud enough.



To meet debt payments, Tanzania's government has to charge high prices for many essential services that it used to provide for free.

The price of debt in Tanzania

– for Agnesa Chanhua is £1 every time she visits the local health clinic. It used to be free. The average salary is only £1.61 per week.

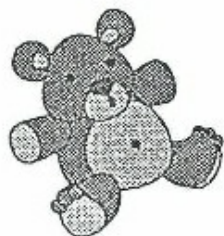
– for Francis, a farmer from Bungu village, is the £20 registration fee to send his child to secondary school.

Again, this used to be free. He doesn't know whether or not he'll be able to afford it.

Every man, woman and child in Tanzania owes £8.73 in debt repayments.

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!

READINGS IN CHURCH

On 1st February we began using the new Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year pattern of Sunday readings which replaces those given in the *Alternative Service Book 1980*. The new Lectionary paves the way for *Common Worship*, the service book which will replace the *ASB* in the early years of the next millennium.

The readings follow a three-year cycle in which one of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) takes the lead for a whole year, with John being read at the special festivals and during the year of Mark.

In addition to the New Testament and Gospel readings there is a Psalm and a reading from the Old Testament. This year (Year C) the Gospel readings are taken from Luke.

About 70% of Anglican parishes have now adopted the new Lectionary, which came into force

on Advent Sunday 1997. Not only does it make a refreshing change from the two-year ASB cycle but also the readings are ecumenical and are already being used by many Christian denominations throughout the world.

At last, we can read the same passages of Scripture on a Sunday as our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, our fellow Anglicans around the world, as well as members of the Church of Scotland, the United Reformed and Methodist churches.

The version of the Bible used in Church is the New Revised Standard Version and readings will continue to be given elsewhere in the magazine so that you may prepare for worship by reading them through at home.



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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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