

# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



**MAY 1993**

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**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES : Saturday, 1 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**THIRD AFTER EASTER : Sunday, 2 May**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service

Preacher : Mr James Giles

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 : John 21: 1-147

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 3 May**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Tuesday, 4 May**

2.00 pm Kneeler Working Party (Rectory Room)

7.30 pm Ecton Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room

**Thursday, 6 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**ST JULIAN OF NORWICH : Friday, 7 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**FOURTH AFTER EASTER : 9 May**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Revelation 3: 14-end : John 21: 15-22

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 10 May**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

**TERCENTENNIAL & SILVER JUBILEE OF ECTON HOUSE**

Thanksgiving Service in Church at 8.15 pm

Preacher : The Bishop of Peterborough

**Wednesday, 12 May**

12 o'clock The Lunch Club meet at the Youth Club

**Thursday, 13 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion

"A Time for Reflection" Quiet Day at Ecton House led by Andrew Nash, a Quaker (*see advert elsewhere in the magazine*)

**ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE : Friday 14 May**

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**FIFTH AFTER EASTER : Sunday, 16 May**

9.30 am Parish Communion

Corinthians 15: 21-28 : John 16: 25-end

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 17 May**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Tuesday, 18 May**

11.00 - 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

7.30 pm Ecton house group meeting

**ASCENSION DAY : Thursday, 20 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.15 pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

7.30 pm Holy Communion, Sung

**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY : Sunday, 23 May**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Ephesians 1: 15-end : Luke 24: 45-end

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 24 May**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

**Thursday, 26 May**

9.30 am Holy Communion

11.30 - 6 pm Monday Club Outing

**PENTECOST : Sunday, 30 May**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Acts 2: 1-11 : John 20: 19-23  
6.00 pm Evensong  
6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People  
7.30 pm Youth Group

**JUNE 1993**

**TRINITY SUNDAY : Sunday, 6 June**

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service  
Ephesians 1: 3-14 : John 14: 8-17  
6.00 pm Evensong  
6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

**CLEANING ROTA**

2nd May	Orange
9th May	Blue
16th May	Pink
23rd May	Yellow
30th May	Red

Brass cleaning is scheduled for 15th May

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES**

2nd May	Family Service in Church
9th May	Rectory Room 9.25 a.m.
16th May	Rectory Room 9.25 a.m.
23rd May	Rectory Room 9.25 a.m.
30th May	Holidays



# ECTON HOUSE

OPEN DAY  
Thursday,  
13 May 1993

We present an opportunity for prayer,  
quiet study and silence.

## “A Time for Reflection” Programme

9.30 am	Holy Communion in the Parish Church opposite Ecton House
11.00 am	Coffee
11.30 am	Address
1.00 pm	Ploughman's Lunch
4.00 pm	Tea
5.30 pm	Address
6.30 pm	Buffet Supper
7.30 pm	Devotions and Address in the Chapel followed by Compline

Coffee or Tea : 60p  
Ploughman's Lunch : £2.00  
Buffet Supper : £3.50

Addresses will be given by Andrew Nash, “a Quaker, who is concerned with prayerful reflection as the basis for service. He combines involvement in spiritual direction and retreat work with freelance work as a writer and editor”.

**Come for the whole or any part of the day.**

R.S.V.P. The Warden, Ecton House, Church Way, Ecton,  
Northampton, NN6 0QE with meal requirements.

## RECTOR'S NOTES

At the Parish Communion on Sunday 2nd May we will welcome Mr James Giles a Diocesan Reader who, although retired, goes on mercy missions with his wife to Rumania taking many of the necessities of life to a people who have nothing. He recently gave a most interesting talk to the Ecton house meeting which I found deeply moving. He will tell us more about his journeys when he visits our Church and I know that you will be there to listen carefully to what he has to say and to welcome him in our usual Ecton manner.



The Over 60's Club is coming to an end after many years of distinguished service to the elderly people of our village. It has now been transformed and has been given a new name and so we welcome "The Monday Club" and wish it every success in the future. Its new leaders deserve all our support and encouragement.

Dora Reynolds and Denise Langley gave so much to the Over 60's. We now offer them our gratitude and best wishes for a well-earned retirement.



After consulting the leaders of groups in the village, I have decided to organise a Parish Garden Fête at Ecton House on Saturday 21st August. It will begin at 2 pm with stalls in the garden and refreshments in the House. Please make a note of this event in your diary and try to bring as many relatives and friends as possible in order to support our Church. Proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund of the Church which is now in its third stage.

## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

How times change!

When most of us older people were young we were given a day off from school on Ascension Day. I am absolutely certain that as a small child I gave little thought to the meaning of the day and was more than pleased to be having a day off school. In a way it seemed very little different from Empire Day when we were also excused from school, except that in my case being a pupil at Simms Cross Council School in Widnes, it was necessary to go to school first where we wrote the name of every country within the Empire on paper petals of a representative daisy, and after that we were allowed home.

You know that you are getting old when you can remember walking home with your paper daisy on Empire Day!

It is however extremely sad that the keeping of Ascension Day has become almost completely neglected. "Ascension Day is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year; it is kept on the 6th Thursday, that is the 40th day, after Easter" [Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church]. On this day we recall the close of the post-resurrection appearances of Christ and of His journey from Earth to God to be fully occupied with the heavenly life. Christ's human nature was taken into heaven and Christians believe that He now exercises all power in heaven and earth.

We give great importance, quite rightly, to Christmas Day and Easter Day but in order to have a proper spiritual balance and appreciation of the life of Jesus, I believe that we need to recover the importance of Ascension Day. When we come to Church to celebrate the Ascension we are reminded of the majesty of Christ. It is my hope that many of you will be with me at one of the two

services on Thursday 20th May in our lovely parish Church. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30 am (said) and at 7.30 pm (when we shall be joined by the choir).

Why not give a thought or two to the meaning of the Ascension of Jesus and ponder on the glorious victory which ended with Him being at the right-hand of his Father in heaven.

Empire Day has now faded into insignificance and only oldies like me can remember it, but as long as there is a Church, Ascension Day will remain of great importance. Let us keep it that way.

*Every Blessing, Peter Naylor*

Magazine copy should be delivered to  
4 Barton Fields, Ecton before 17th May 1993.

Dates for the calendar should go to Ecton  
House marked for the attention of  
Sue Mitchell before 14th May 1993.

#### AFTERNOON TEA INVITATION

Come and take tea in the grounds of the  
Granary, West Street, if the weather be good,  
on Thursday, 17th June. All proceeds will go  
to the Loop System. Hope to see you there.

**The Austins**

#### SIBERIA 93 - MAY UPDATE

Cycle for Baikal went very well in all a distance of 532 miles - fantastic success - raised total of £1800. My total up to end April £2850 (target £3000) - nearly finished now. Plan to complete village visits a.s.a.p. More news before I go in early June. See next Mag.

Thomas Dicks

## ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Last months article was all doom and gloom but will we hope effect a positive response. This month we are well into Spring and with any luck the sun is shining so we will try to be more cheerful!

By the time you read this Operation Springclean will have been completed and next months article will tell you more about our efforts. We have been most fortunate, having told you that no traffic calming would be possible in this years Highways budget, we have been given a small allocation to do one small area. The place selected as you will now know is the section down past the Horseshoes public house. In addition most of the kerbstones have been raised to give a better edge to the road and level out the pavement. We are of course very pleased that this work has been completed. If it proves successful in slowing down the traffic passing through the Village or even deterring larger vehicles from entering the Village on future occasions then we shall have achieved some measure of success. If we can prove our point later in the year by conducting a mini traffic survey and comparing the figures with those obtained last year we may stand a good chance of getting additional work done in another years Highways budget.

Ecton has always been proud of its Shrine and tried to take good care of its upkeep. In particular we have been pleased to see that the grass is regularly cut and the whole area kept neat and tidy. We would like to say a special thank you to Tom Richards who has done this job for a number of years, but he would very much like to relinquish this job now and so the Parish Council are looking for someone to take over. If you feel that you can help then please contact any Council Member.

It has been a joy to walk around the Village during the last few weeks and see the daffodils that Pauline our Post Lady planted last Autumn. If you enjoyed them as well maybe you would like to make a small donation so that we can increase our pleasure next year. I'm sure Pauline will be delighted to receive any contributions.

Just a reminder that this years Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the new classroom at Ecton School on Monday, 17th May at 7.30 p.m. You will be very welcome to attend, remember this is your opportunity to have a say in how the affairs of your Village are handled.

BARN DANCE  
SATURDAY 22ND MAY 1993  
8.00 p.m.  
East Lodge Farm Ecton

The Friends of Ecton School and Mrs K White are holding a Barn Dance at East Lodge Farm, Ecton on Saturday, 22nd May 1993 at 8.00 p.m.

Tickets are £6.50 which includes supper.  
Dancing to The Occasional Few

Proceeds to be divided between Imperial Cancer Research and Ecton School. Why not come along and have an enjoyable evening out among friends with the added bonus of supporting two worthy causes.

Tickets from 6 Church View, 14 Church View or East Lodge Farm.

## WOMENS INSTITUTE

5th May: Subject: VCO Resolutions  
Speaker: Mrs D Benarr  
Competition: Best household hint

1st June: Subject: Flower Arranging  
Speaker: Mrs J Kidey

At our April meeting Members enjoyed an interesting lecture with slides on Denham College given by Mrs A Keech.

A collection was taken from members who were not able to attend the funeral service for Mrs Janet Robinson.

The proceeds to be given to the Church towards the cost of installing a "Loop System" to help those with hearing problems which Janet had found so frustrating.

She will be sadly missed.

Seasonal competition was for a "Decorated Easter Egg" and points were awarded to:

1st	Paddy Macguire
2nd	Carl Jones
3rd	Joan Haycock

## ECTON MONDAY CLUB

Over 60's new look is open to anyone on every other Monday in the Rectory Room at 2.30 p.m. There will not only be games but talks and demonstrations.

With outings to look forward to and a tea in June at South Lodge. The Committee are pleased to hear any other ideas you would like to have.

Mary Beesley

We have been invited to join Earls Barton Parish in their Parish Retreat to be held on 16th-18th July 1993 at Ecton House.

Following their successful 24 hour retreat last year a longer period for the weekend of Friday, 16th July to Sunday, 18th July has been arranged.

The retreat will be led by the Rev. George Watson the Rector of Wittering and Wansford, Peterborough who is an experienced retreat conductor.

#### Features of the Weekend

- Own comfortable room
- Use of large garden and library
- Good home cooking

#### Format of the Weekend

- Addresses
  - Quiet time for reflection and/or reading
- Last year we found the time passed so quickly that it was agreed a longer retreat would be beneficial.

#### Note

- 20 places available
- Cost - from Friday supper time to Sunday afternoon - £38.00.

If you are interested or need further details sign your name on a form at the back of the Church or contact Rev. Michael Webber of Mrs Valerie Gardiner. (Wellingborough 278359)

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#### SERVERS ROTA FOR MAY

2nd May	Victoria Green
9th May	John Strange
16th May	Leslie Murdin
23rd May	Charles Jordan
30th May	Victoria Green

## THE QUEST FOR JESUS

There seem to be more of them each year. Theories about Jesus, that is. Theorising theologians, batty bishops, even nitpicking novelists - they all have to have their go at writing the story of Jesus a bit differently from everyone else.

Even in the past year or so there have been several, Barbara Thiering, Bishop John Spong and A N Wilson among them.

How good are they at the subject, really? And do their ideas seriously add up? One person who is better placed than most to work that out is N T (Tom) Wright, a lecturer in theology at Oxford University and chaplain of Worcester College there. He's written *Who Was Jesus?* (SPCK) a simplified look at a very complex subject (he's also written some much longer, learned books on the subject) which gets to grips with the latest ideas, though it looks a lot wider, too.

You'll find he has a lot that is positive to say, as well as showing the silliness in some of the recent writing which easily grabs headlines.

And that positive content, although expressed in his own style and from his own viewpoint, is in fact the Jesus of the Bible.

As he points out, the real Jesus was a person in history, was of his time and his people, and said things that were quite revolutionary. They were things about Israel and the "Kingdom of God" - and they were very much bound up with Jesus himself, so much so that he knew his own death ... and resurrection beyond it ... were going to achieve what God had planned. And that was just the beginning.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

MARION TROUGHTON is a freelance journalist and former women's page editor. She says, "I've no professional qualifications but I like cooking."

### SOMETHING NEW INSIDE

I saw a cartoon recently it showed a small boy with a beseeching expression and the words "But I am doing my best" in the balloon above his head.

Isn't that how we all feel at times? This is especially so when we read of great Saints. We may feel, "I'm not a bit of good in the World - even though I'm doing my best."

A friend once pointed out to me, when I made a remark like that, "It's time you stopped trying so hard."

He reminded me that Christians should not strive to be "good" - because we are sure to fail, often again and again. We can't achieve it on our own at all.

We need to ask God to forgive us for our mistakes and sins and give us his guidance and power. Then there can be a fresh start in our lives and a renewal of faith and strength. God's mercies are "new every morning".

Ecton Fellowship and friends had an enriching experience when we visited the Hindu Temple in Wellingborough on 29th March. We were warmly and genuinely welcomed and then told about the Temple and its worship. We sat and listened to their prayers in Sanskrit and then had the opportunity to ask questions. This was followed by an excellent Indian meal, lovingly prepared and served by the Temple helpers. Women and men are equal in Hinduism.

To share insights into other faiths and their spirituality and to realise that we are all seeking to know more about God is a source of strength and encouragement.

#### ECTON YOUTH CLUB

A very successful AGM was held at the end of March. Mr C Marden retired as Trustee and Mrs D Bray from the Committee which both will be missed for all the advise and hard work they have done for the building.

We welcome Mr M Baylis and Mr B Beck as Trustees and Mrs J Carr as Secretary, Mrs G Collins and Mrs J Beesley on the Committee. We look forward to new ideas in the Club. Lunch Club will be on Wednesday, 19th May, do come along.

**Mary Beesley**

#### GOOD NEWS ALL KNEELER MAKERS

Our work will begin on Tuesday, 4th May when the packs will be distributed in the Rectory Room at 2.00 p.m. Phyllis Summers will be with us for the afternoon to help us begin.

### COFFEE ROTA

9th May	Celia and Howard Carter
16th May	Sue and Les Mitchell
23rd May	Nick and Mary Greene
30th May	Alice Adams and Wynne Voss
6th June	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
13th June	Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones
20th June	Johann Pinney and Audrey Treloar
27th June	Millie Harlott and Dora Reynolds
4th July	Youth Group
11th July	Celia and Howard Carter
18th July	Sue and Les Mitchell
25th July	Nick and Mary Greene

### BOOKS FOR SEAMEN

Our grateful thanks to all who responded to this appeal, there must be many empty shelves because five large boxes of books are now being sent in response to this appeal.

We will still keep a box in Church for future gifts as there is a continuing need for your support.

Dennis Strange

### THE LOOP SYSTEM

It was very appropriate for the family of Janet Robinson, who herself was hard of hearing, to generously give donations from relatives and friends to the Loop Appeal. A total of £209.30 was received.

The Treasurer has now received a total of £596 (excluding tax refund). Elsewhere you will read of Mr and Mrs Austin's afternoon tea in aid of the appeal. Do please come along.

Dennis Strange

T.V.A.D.

by Stewart

ROUGH JUSTICE SPECIAL

JESUS OF NAZARETH HAS BEEN EXECUTED. WE ASK IS THIS A CASE OF ROUGH JUSTICE?

HIS ARREST, TRIAL AND SUBSEQUENT EXECUTION GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

CRUCIFIED ALONGSIDE TWO KNOWN CRIMINALS.

WE ASK, WAS HE A THIEF, MURDERER, SWINDLER, AN URBAN GUERRILLA OR WHAT? THIS IS WHAT OUR INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED.

HE WAS LOVING AND CARING

HE WORKED MIRACLES

HE REVEALED GOD TO MAN

A NUMBER OF US TOOK OUR KIDS TO SEE JESUS, THE DISCIPLES SAID HE HE'D HAD A LONG DAY, TOLD US TO GO. JESUS HEARD US, TIRED OR NOT, HE HAD TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

HE GAVE THE WORD AND MY SICK SLAVE WAS WELL AGAIN.

JESUS PREACHED WITH AUTHORITY. THOUSANDS CAME TO HEAR. HIS PREACHING WENT AGAINST THE HOLIER THAN THOU ATTITUDE AND STRICT LEGALISM OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

HE BROUGHT MY BERNIE BACK TO LIFE.

I WAS A LEPER HE CURED ME!

NOT ALL RELIGIOUS LEADERS WERE AGAINST HIM.

HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE CRUCIFIED.

I BELIEVE HE IS THE MESSIAH, THOUGH HE WASN'T WHAT I EXPECTED.

IN THIS WORLD OF SIN WE FOUND JESUS SINLESS.

I SAW HIM IN SECRET, WHAT HE SAID AMAZED ME. I'M IN THE MINORITY THOUGH, MUST DASH, TAKING SOME SPICES TO A FRIEND.

SO WHEN HE DIED ON THAT CROSS WHOSE SINS DID HE DIE FOR?

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YOUTH CLUB & SENIOR CLUB	<b>Contact</b>	Mary Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C. Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm S.C. Tuesday 8.00 pm, Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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