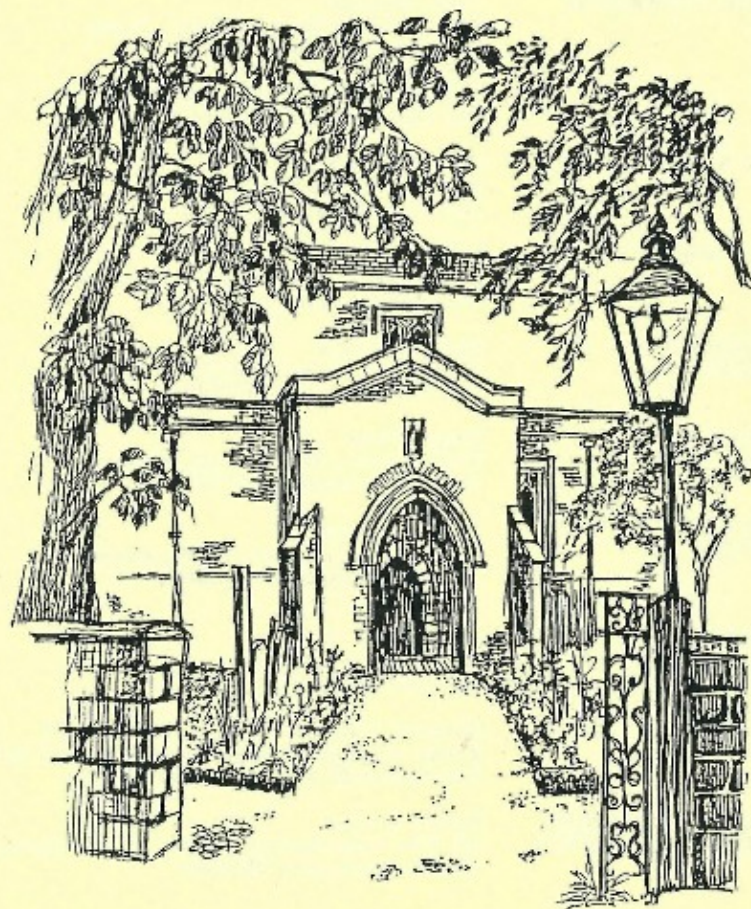


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



MAY 1994

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RECTOR'S NOTES

The article entitled "Reflections on the Passion" published in last month's magazine was written by Shena Bell who occasionally attends worship in our Church but more frequently is seen at Ecton House where she acts as the Warden's aid in the promotion and supervision of Ecton House retreats.

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Friday, 22nd July is the day of our Patronal Festival when we give honour to St Mary Magdalene, our Patron Saint. For generations the villagers of Ecton participated in what was known as the Ecton Feast, when there was much celebration alongside the worship in the Church. I would be most grateful if you would pencil in your diary the date of the revived Ecton Feast this year.

On the day itself there will be a Parish Eucharist at 7.00 p.m. when the preacher will be Canon Frank Pickard of Northampton; we will then proceed to the Three Horseshoes for a great party.

Throughout the weekend the Church will be a blaze of colour with flowers telling of the life of St Mary Magdalene. A coffee morning has been arranged at the Austins in West Street and a tea party at the Needhams. It is hoped that there will be an opportunity to view gardens in the Village. A programme will be printed very soon.

PLEASE LET THE RECTOR KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO WELCOME VISITORS TO SEE YOUR GARDEN. IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A VILLAGE WALK.

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

There is no doubt that the good old Church of England is facing a time of crisis. In last month's magazine I expressed my reluctance to write about the need for extra giving and yet I remain unapologetic for having done so.

The Church will never be the same again and if it is to survive playing an important part in the building up of the Kingdom of God, it will need to realise that its loss of privilege could be the opportunity for new life.

At the Conference for Clergy held in Ripon last week, I met a number of Church of Ireland clergy (the same as us but from a different province). They told me how their Churches have always had to be self-supporting which meant that they paid the stipend of their clergymen together with providing a house, his expenses of office and the cost of running the Church. Father Eric Richards told the same story of the Anglican Church in Belize.

The question is; can the Church of England rise above the difficulties, not only of the lack of money but also those caused by the Ordination of women?

I am absolutely certain that our beloved Church, which has given so much to our Nation and the World, will find new life because God is with us. All we have to do is to respond willingly and faithfully to the challenge, because our Country needs us.

Anglican spirituality is a special and precious quality that has helped to shape the souls and minds of countless people. It has enriched the lives of people, especially in dark days.

I am writing to ask all members of the congregation, and indeed all who live in the Village and those from elsewhere who have the interest of this Church at heart, to seek means of increasing the congregations at our regular services.

Dynamic worshipping congregations find that there are few problems concerning money because they are made up of people who have the right priorities. God is being put first and we know from the Bible that he wants his Church and his Kingdom to grow.

I have a passionate belief in the validity of the sacraments, particularly in Holy Communion, and also in the authoritative voice of God to be found in the Holy Bible. A Church where the word of God is preached and taught with inspired enthusiasm, where sacraments are celebrated with devotion and meticulous care, where there is a fellowship based upon the love of God and the desire to find Jesus in everyone, is the way forward. It is the means whereby darkness is overcome with light and emptiness filled with power.

We will need to give more money if we want our Church to continue at the centre of our Village life, but Church growth is the most important task that each one of us has to undertake from this moment on.

Every Blessing
Peter Naylor

"HENRY PINNEY REMEMBERS"

I apologise for an error in my booklet. In paragraph four of page two I referred to Mr and Mrs Gibbins running a Christmas Club, this is incorrect, the Club was in fact run by Mrs Copnall who lived next door to Mr and Mrs Gibbins.

Henry Pinney

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♪ ♪ **BARN DANCE** ♪ ♪

Saturday, 21st May 1994

8.00 p.m. till late

EAST LODGE FARM, ECTON

£7.50 including Supper

*Proceeds to Imperial Cancer Research
and Ecton C P School*

Tickets available from School

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LAY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DEANERY EVENINGS: AUTUMN/WINTER 1994

An evening for all who are interested in developments in Christian Education and Training for Adults is to be held in each of the fourteen deaneries of the Diocese between September 1994 and January 1995.

If you would:

- like to know more about what is available at all levels;
- be interested in knowing of the resources that can be used with groups within your parish;
- like to learn more about what is available outside of the Diocesan provision;

then please come, bring interested friends and find out more.

Each session will start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm. The dates are fixed but the venues are still to be decided. Please make a note of the dates and a more detailed note with a reply slip will be sent to all parishes in the summer.

Brackley	Thursday 8th September
Towcester	Monday 12th September
Daventry	Tuesday 13th September
Wootton	Tuesday 27th September
Brixworth	Monday 3rd October
Northampton	Wednesday 5th October
Wellingborough	Tuesday 18th October
Higham	Tuesday 1st November
Kettering	Wednesday 2nd November
Oundle	Tuesday 15th November
Corby	Tuesday 22nd November
Rutland	Tuesday 29th November
Barnack	Wednesday 18th January 1995
Peterborough	Thursday 19th January 1995

It would be good if there were to be two people from each parish. If the date does not fit and people are prepared to travel to an evening held in a nearby Deanery this will, of course, be possible.

Please encourage people to book one of the dates in their diaries now and then look out for further details later.

Sheila Addison Lay Training Officer

WORLD FACT SHEET

In 1980, Europe remained the continent with the largest proportion of Christians per head of population in the World. It could still claim to be the leading Christian Continent.

By 1990, Central and South America had become the part of the world in which the largest number of Christians were to be found. Latin America is also now the area of the world in which there are the largest proportion of Christians per head of population.

The number of Christians being added to the Church World-wide is outstripping the world population growth.

In 1990, 90,000 Baptisms were recorded for each day of the year.

In 1994, the estimate is that 102,000 Baptisms will take place.

The rate of growth in the number of Christians World-wide is expected to continue rising to the year 2000.

The influence of Christianity World-wide will continue to increase, particularly in Latin America and in Africa. It will also come into increasing tension with the Muslim faith, where that is expressed in fundamentalist political terms. (E.g. The Sudan, Egypt, Turkey, The Lebanon, Ethiopia, Nigeria).

In 1980, 11% of Christians belonged to Pentecostal Churches worldwide.

By 1990, 20% of Christians belonged to Pentecostal Churches worldwide.

The figure is estimated to be 25% by the year 2000 AD.

That represents 1 in 4 Christians World-wide belonging to a Pentecostal or Charismatic Church.

ECTON SAFARI SUPPER
SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE AT 7.30 P.M.
Tickets: £9 each including all food and wine
Raffle
Proceeds to Christian Aid

£3-00

*Anything
anything*

The format for the evening will be as in previous years.

All meet for drinks when your hosts and hostesses will be allocated for each course of the supper. Cheese and biscuits will be served at one venue for all to meet up again at the end of the evening.

Tickets will be on sale in early May and are very limited. Please buy to secure your place ASAP. Very great interest has been shown but we still need one or two more offers for hosts/hostesses for the "Pud" course.

Tickets available from:

Dorothy Austin	415993
Mary Dicks	407145

Donations for the raffle will be gratefully received.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This takes place during the middle of May.
If you feel you can help collect for this very important Third World Charity. Please contact me - Tel: 415576.
We only collect in Ecton.

Joan Dickins

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

We approach a new season which is likely to be our last playing in the lovely setting by the beech trees.

The early fixtures are as follows:-

April

24th	Old Bradwell	Home
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May

1st	Mears Ashby	Away
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8th	Harlestone	Home
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15th	Pitsford	Home
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22nd	St Michaels 74	Home
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29th	Collingtree	Away
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June

1st	Technical	Home
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5th	Heyford	Away
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8th	Moulton	Home
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Brian Saunders

WOMENS INSTITUTE REPORT

Programme:

Tuesday, 3rd May - 7.30 p.m.

VCO Resolutions

Competition: Photo of myself when young

Teas: Mrs B Shearing

Mrs V Haycox

Tuesday, 7th June - 7.30 p.m.

Mr J Elliott - "Owls"

Competition: A Rose from my garden

Teas: Mrs E Ashton

Mrs D Cross

April

We were all sorry to hear that our speaker, Mrs Barrett, was unable to be with us - this being due to "Dr's Orders to rest". We all wish her well and hope to see her at a future date.

All was not lost - Alan Bennett, Local Design Consultant, and experienced traveller, stepped in at short notice, and provided us with both a cultural and entertaining evening.

The slides of his 15 day overland trip from Katmandu to Lhaoa were delightful. This was not a journey for the faint-hearted, or those with a weak constitution, as the transport and travel was both uncomfortable and precarious, and the "hotel" and food less than "one star" to say the least.

However, it was a memorable journey providing us with an insight into this remote and mysterious country. The monasteries, of which

many are being restored, are spectacular in design and colour and some of the building techniques are amazing, it all seems to be held together with mud and brushwood!

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Margaret Scott.

Competition: Small Basket of Fruit

1. June Marshman
2. June Henson
3. Margo Bare

Stop Press

The "Quiz" Team are through to the final round being held on Monday, 25th April at Kingsthorpe Bowling Club. Good luck – Betty, Millie, Jean and June!

June Marshman

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, 10th May we are having an outing to Bedford Museum followed by a picnic tea by the river.

We leave at 2.00 p.m. and arrive back approximately 5.30 p.m. Cost approximately £4.

Everyone is welcome providing coach seats are still available.

If you need more information please contact me.

Joan Dickins Tel: 415576

"SUMMER AT ECTON HOUSE"

This is a new venture for the House and provides a holiday opportunity with a difference at a reasonable price.

The House Party will be led by Geoffrey Baguley and John Cooke, Members of St Barnabas Church, Wellingborough and Blue Badge Tourist Guides for Northamptonshire.

A range of activities will be offered including Led Walks in the locality, visits to nearby places of interest, a whole day tour by coach with social activities available each evening according to Guests' wishes.

For those who wish there will be the opportunity to take part in a short daily act of worship in the House Chapel with a Sung Eucharist in the Church of St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 7th August.

The charge to include all meals (including a packed lunch on days out) and accommodation (all in single study bedrooms), walks and local activities will be

£185.00

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For Guests wishing to join the day tours or other activities for which charges are made, confirmation of interest can be given at registration.

The enclosed Application Form should be sent with a deposit of £25.00 (Cheques made payable to Ecton House) not later than 25th April 1994. A detailed programme and other information will be sent in confirmation.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ecton House

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PRESS RELEASE

**COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS 1994
SUCCESS AFTER SUCCESS**

We are participating in the Tesco 'Computers for Schools' 1994 scheme which will run in all Tesco stores from 18 April to 12 June 1994.

During the promotion, Tesco customers will receive a computer voucher for every £25 spent in a Tesco store.

This year, our school is aiming to collect 5,000 vouchers and we are hoping to obtain an ACORN A4000 MULTISCAN SYSTEM and an ACORN JP 150 PRINTER

Please send your vouchers to ECTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

We would welcome your support in publicising this to as many people as possible and hope that together we can reach our target.

For further information please contact:

MRS. KATHY STEARS

Tel:- NORTHAMPTON 409213

FLOODLIGHTING IN THE CHURCH

There appears to be general disappointment in the Village that the opportunity to have the Church floodlit has been turned down, even though the original vote at the first PCC Meeting, at which the proposition was discussed, was 11-1 in favour.

One can understand the concerns of the opponents of the scheme, even though their fears may be unfounded and not eventually have materialised.

Would it not have been sensible to have at least tried the system for a year, in order to determine its success or otherwise?

The final decision of the PCC to reject the floodlighting of the Church does not seem to be reasonable or democratic, as the wishes of the majority appear to have been thwarted.

Brian T Beck

MIDWEEK READERS

May

2nd	9.30 a.m.	Patrica Naylor
5th	9.30 a.m.	James Fraser
12th	9.30 a.m.	Patricia Naylor
	7.30 p.m.	Joan Dickins
14th	9.30 a.m.	
19th	9.30 a.m.	
26th	9.30 a.m.	

A FEW GLIMPSES OF AUSTRALIA

We used to say British is best – now the Australians say Australian is best and continually say so. They do believe in their future and say so unlike us in Britain. We were even told they have black coal!!

The cheerful good day has been replaced in most shops by hello how are you. Everything is served ice cold even red wine!! Water is plentiful and no where did we find a hose pipe ban. No class distinction and everybody is hospitable (or we were lucky?)

All denominations are involved in the Australia Awakening Campaign from Easter to Pentecost – Evangelism ending with services and hands being linked to encircle the whole Country.

We shared their joy and cheerful worship – rite a preceded by 15 minutes of hymn singing led by a group and band – not happy clappy but a cheerful start to the day which apparently is much enjoyed by the elderly.

British roots still matter and it will be a long time before Australia becomes a republic, The Royal Family still matter don't believe the media.

Finally, Sydney Harbour Bridge is much smaller than expected, Bondi Beach was also a disappointment, the Barrier Reef was marvellous and steaks are all king size!

Sylvia and Dennis Strange

A PENNY FOR THE GUY

Years ago this familiar cry on Buy Fawkes Day, 5th November, usually resulted in the gift of a copper or two if the children had dressed a really good Guy for their bonfire.

Today inflation and metrication have led to a minimum gift of 10p – ten new pennies – about 25 times the old penny.

What on earth has this to do with the Church and the crisis which we now face as a result of the Church Commissioners Investment Debacle?

Quite simply the investment income which used to pay most of the clergy stipends will no longer be available and within three years Parishes will have to find most of their clergy's stipend. If they want a Priest.

To meet the crisis the Bishops, Archdeacons and Rural Deans in this Diocese have pledged to give 5% of their take home pay to the Church through their local Parish Church Stewardship Scheme. *In the hope you will follow their example.*

Five pennies for every pound we have in our pay packet or pension does not seem to be very much but if we all gave at this level there would be sufficient money not only for clergy stipends but also to help maintain our beautiful old Churches.

Great concern was rightly shown by our Treasurer and Parishioners at the recent Annual Parochial Meeting. Despite a welcome increase in income there will not be enough cash to meet our Parish Share of the

Rectors stipend next year, let alone the urgent need to meet restoration costs of the Church building.

44 families or individuals give weekly £152 (last year 47, £159). An average of £3.45 per week. Fortunately we also have generous support from a few faithful people who give monthly or annually to swell the Stewardship collections.

Clearly five pennies for every pound ought to be the aim for every person who wishes the Church to remain in Ecton Village. To this end the Annual Meeting has called for urgent help and advice from the newly appointed Diocesan Development Officer. The Rector will announce shortly the date and time of a public meeting for everybody in the Village to attend together with the many faithful parishioners who live in the surrounding areas.

A penny for the Guy or five pennies in the pound to save our Church.

Dennis Strange

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

May

1st	In Church
8th	Rectory Room as usual
15th	Holiday - Children welcome in Church
22nd	Holiday - Children welcome in Church
29th	Trinity Sunday - Children welcome in Church

I Know That I Will Go to Heaven
(a telephone conversation – Well one side anyway!)

Question: How do you know?

Answer: I was born in England

Well, I was Baptised as well!

Yes of course I went to Sunday School... and have I learnt all about Jesus and God too!!

What do you mean something more?

Oh, I see. I got confirmed at School when I was 14. Then Mum and Dad said well that's it, now I could make up my own mind. I had a good foundation. So I did.

Well I did what they did. Nothing. Precisely!
What do you mean something more?

Look. I let the Wife go on Sunday occasionally – not in the week mind, and I might go Christmas. I like the Carol Service.

Read the what? Pray? No – Don't need to. Never have done. God knows who I am and where I am if he needs me. Never really saw the need.

Like I say of course I'll go to Heaven, I'm a Christian.

DIARY - MAY 1994

Fourth Sunday after Easter : 1st May

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service
2 Corinthians 4.13-5.5 : John 14. 1-11
6.00 pm Evensong
7.30 pm Youth Group

St Philip and St James, Apostles : Monday, 2nd May

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

Tuesday, 3rd May

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

Thursday, 5th May

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

Friday, 6th May

- WI Outing to Cambridge leaving Ecton at 10.00 am

Fifth Sunday after Easter : 8th May

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School
Romans 8. 28-end : John 16. 12-24
4.00 pm Holy Baptism
6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion
7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 9th May

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

Tuesday, 10th May

- Ecton Fellowship Outing leaving Ecton at 2.00 pm
8.00 pm Parochial Church Council Meeting
Franklin Room, Ecton House

Ascension Day : Thursday, 12th May

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Holy Communion (sung)

Sunday after Ascension Day : 15th May

- 9.30 am Parish Communion
Ephesians 4. 1-13 : Luke 24. 45-end
6.00 pm Evensong
7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 16th May

- Christian Aid Week : 16-21 May 1994
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Thursday, 19th May

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

Pentecost, Whit Sunday : 22nd May

- 9.30 am Parish Communion
Exodus 19. 16-end : John 20. 19-23
6.00 pm Evensong
7.30 pm Youth Group

Monday, 23rd May

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 26th May

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

Trinity Sunday : 29th May

9.30 am Parish Communion

Ephesians 1. 3-14 : John 14. 8-17

6.00 pm Evensong

7.30 am Youth Group

Monday, 30th May

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion

Thursday, 2nd June

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Holy Communion (Sung)

Second Sunday after Pentecost : 5th June

9.30 am Parish Communion and Parade Service

Acts 2. 37-end : Luke 14. 15-24

6.00 pm Evensong

7.30 pm Youth Group

PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL	Chairman	Sheila Ingram Tel: Northampton 406038
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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 - 3.30 pm in Rectory Room
PLAYGROUP	Contact	Debbie Norwood Tel: Northampton 414330 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30-12 noon Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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BROWNIES	Contact	Olwyn Kell Tel: Northampton 412194
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YOUTH GROUP	Contact	James Fraser at Ecton House Tel: Northampton 406442

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