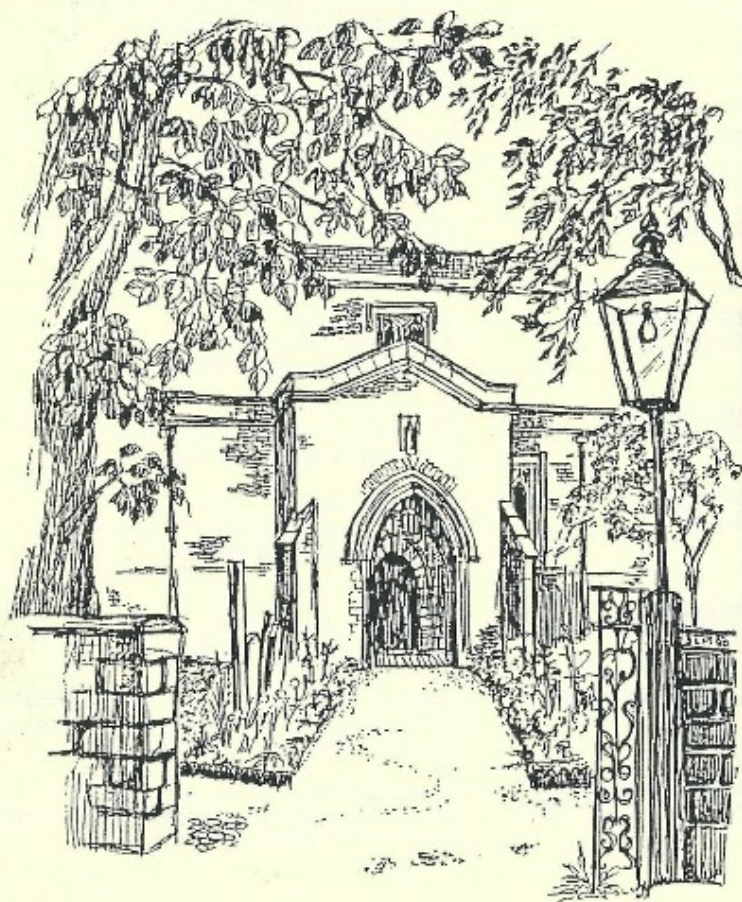


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



**OCTOBER 1993**

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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

Once again I return to the theme of the countless words we have to take in through the everyday experiences of life.

We are bombarded with words in literature and national press and through those spoken on television and radio. There are the words of conversation, business and social, and now modern technology enables us to use the sophisticated desk-top publisher and fax machine. No wonder that we sometimes need to switch off refusing to take in this barrage coming at us from all directions. The poor old 'brain box' cannot cope! Yet it is important to be able to distinguish between bad and good words.

Many words are fairly innocuous but unfortunately there are many that are harmful and destructive. Consider the harm done by character assassination or by wounding gossip. Some people are harmed for life by the damage done by wicked words. Ponder on the influence of the depressive who can see no good in anything or anybody.

However, there are the good words that more than make up for the bad, words of encouragement and compassion and words that are full of loving kindness. Those of you who know your Dickens will be aware of that wonderful character Joe Gargery in *Great Expectations*. He was a constant friend of the troubled Pip, always there in the background when needed. Joe is one of the kindest and most loving persons in English literature. His words to the repentant Pip strike home today to those who need consolation and reassurance: "...we arrived at unrestricted conversation. I was slow to gain strength, but I did slowly and surely become less weak, and Joe stayed with me, and I fancied I was little Pip again. For the tenderness of Joe was so beautifully proportioned to my need, that I was like a child in his hands. He would sit and talk to me in the old confidence, and with the old simplicity, and in the old unassertive protecting way ....".

God knows too that nothing but good came out of the mouth of Jesus. The words He spoke were written down by the Gospel writers and are as true today as they were when He taught around the Sea of Galilee and beyond. His words are always full of love and healing. We can do no better than to open our Bibles at the Gospels and take to heart the words of Jesus, the Son of God.

There are also the words of those who, although sinners like the rest of us, are at heart good people and whose constant intention is to pursue the good in all things. Our problem is the constant babble of words and very often our uncritical attitude to what we are hearing.

St James the Apostle, wrote a grave warning against the tongue. He saw it as the rudder of a ship and wrote, "Think of a ship; big as it is and driven by such small winds, it can be steered by a very small rudder, and it goes wherever the pilot wants it to go. So it is with the tongue; small as it is, it can boast about great things." He also saw the tongue as a flame that sets the forest on fire and causes great destruction. St James wrote, "No one has been able to tame the tongue. It is evil and uncontrollable and full of deadly poison. We use it to give thanks to our Lord and Father and also to curse our fellow men, created in the likeness of God. Words of thanksgiving and cursing fall out from the same mouth. My brothers this should not happen!"

I believe that all Christians, indeed all who are sympathetic to the Faith, should pray for discernment; a gift which enables us to distinguish between what is good and what is bad. We need for the health of our souls to be able to distinguish between what is unhealthy and what is healing. We also ought to pray for the ability to hear the Word of God through the words of Jesus and to hear words of love and truth from the lips of those around us. O Lord, give us a right judgement in all things. Come to us, Holy Spirit, and teach us what to say.

*Every Blessing,  
Peter Naylor*

## RECTOR'S NOTES

This year it is planned to resume the Harvest Festival celebration to be held after Evensong on Sunday 3rd October. All the details are published on the special notice in the magazine and do not need to be repeated here. All I hope is that there will be a good response and that we will be able to give generously to those who experience great need, both abroad and in our home town of Northampton. Evensong for once will be held at 5.30 pm in order to allow the helpers at the Supper and those who take part in the service to finish what they have to do and to be at the Agape Supper on time.



The response to the modest summer fête was remarkable. £800 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund but more important, everybody seemed to have a happy time in the usual Ecton manner. The sight of people contentedly chatting with one another on the main lawn at Ecton House on a lovely summer day filled one with contentment. There are good things that happen in a world which only seems to be concerned with hard news. Thank you once again for your generosity.



The Lawrence Lloyd Singers who entertained us so beautifully at their Concert during the summer are to return on Thursday 6th January for an Epiphany Carol Concert at 8.00 pm. In previous years they have helped with the devotions before Christmas, but Stephen Meakins and I decided that now was the time to experiment and to give value to the great festival of Epiphany. We also want to thank them for donating the proceeds of their last concert, which came to £50, towards the work of the Church.



Our Confirmation candidates will be presented to the Bishop of Brixworth in Earls Barton Church on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30 pm. It would be good if some of you could support them on this auspicious occasion, particularly as they have been extremely dedicated during the long period of preparation. Their first communion will be at the 9.30 service on the following Sunday, that is Remembrance Sunday, 14th November. This occasion is of great importance and I hope you will be able to make a special attempt to be with us when we will welcome them into the Church as full members. Please pray for them during these final stages of preparation.



Another event to look forward to is the pantomime outing to the Derngate Theatre on Thursday 20th January to see Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood. The cost per ticket will be £9.50 which includes a seat in the stalls and the expenses for the coach. Dorothy Creed has kindly offered to help me with the administration and tickets can be bought through her. The Parochial Church Council has provided financial backing for this project for which we are profoundly grateful as outings such as this are frequently financially beyond small groups in the village.



Last, but not least, I received a pleasant surprise on behalf of our Church some time ago. It was discovered that a vase that had been given by the late Mrs Wetherall was of some value but it was thought right to tell her son of our discovery. Mr John Wetherall decided to receive the vase back into his family and in July sent a cheque for £250 expressing a wish that its value should be split equally between the funds for the restoration of the brasses and the church clock. I have written to Mr Wetherall expressing our appreciation of his generosity.



## PARISH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE, ECTON

# HARVEST CELEBRATIONS AND AGAPE SUPPER

We celebrate Harvest Home with joy and thanksgiving to God for peace and the produce of the land.

All the gifts of tinned and dried goods, with the fruit and vegetable decorations that will beautify the Church, will be given to feed the homeless cared for at the Night Shelter in Northampton.

After Evensong there will be an 'Agape Supper' in Ecton House. This is a supper of mutual sharing of food and of loving identification with those celebrating harvest in India and Africa. A simple Third-World meal of potatoes and plain and savoury rice, with tea and coffee to follow, will be provided.

Everyone attending is invited to increase the feast by bringing one dish to be shared - either sweet or savoury; drinks will be on sale at the bar, also raffle tickets. Prizes for the Raffle would be welcomed.

After supper there will be an opportunity to view a Tear Fund video entitled 'A Time to Sow', about the lives and work of farmers in Nepal. This will be shown in the Conference Room.

Tickets for the evening will be £2.00, to be used as a donation to Tear Fund. Proceeds from the bar and raffle will go to parish funds to off-set the evening's expenses.

I think this could be a very enjoyable evening but I do need lots of help to make it happen. Volunteers please contact me (Tel: 416322).

Thank you  
Patricia

## SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

5.30 pm Evensong

7.15 pm Supper in Ecton House

## WOMENS INSTITUTE

**Tuesday, 5th October**

Annual General Meeting. Competition to be announced.

**Tuesday, 2nd November**

Subject: Photographs of Old Northampton by Roland  
Holloway

Speaker from the Chronicle and Echo

Competition: A Postcard or photograph of Northampton

At our October meeting the election of Committee Members for the year 1993/94 will take place. Volunteers to serve and nominations would be appreciated. Please bring your favourite dish (with recipe) for tastings to this meeting.

Many thanks to all our members who provided such a delicious array of food and to those who set up tables and served tea and soft drinks in the cool of the Rectory Room at the Garden Fete on 21st August. A sum of over £70 was raised towards the final grand total of approximately £800.

The 75th WI Anniversary Celebrations held at Pitsford Grammar School was a great success. Our Members provided food and helping hands in the food area. We were delighted to see a photograph of a view from Ecton Village submitted by June Marshman take first place among many entries from the whole County. Congratulations June.

On Tuesday, 10th August on a lovely Summer evening a number of members walked from Ecton to Earls Barton to attend a fashion show organised by the Earls Barton WI.

**Mary Bane**

## MAGAZINES

I would like someone to take over the distribution and partial delivery of the magazines, beginning 1994.

Will anyone who is willing to undertake this monthly task please give me a call on (0604) 407707, when I will explain what is involved.

**Pat Baylis**

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next Ecton Fellowship meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th October at 2.30 p.m. We hope to have a Speaker on Herbs and Herbalism. Everyone is very welcome.

Ecton Fellowship has now collected £100 for the Church Loop System. This has been largely due to the tremendous amount of hard work Joyce has done selling Jewellery. We are all extremely grateful to her.

**Joan Dickins**

## THE GARDEN FETE CAKE STALL

The two Dorothys and Marian wish to thank all those ladies who so kindly supported us with cakes, etc., for us to sell on our stall.

We were very pleased with the result and the amount we raised was £110.

## DOMESTIC HELP REQUIRED

Does anyone know of a cleaner who could do some housework on one or two half-days per week?

Busy household requires help – good rates of pay!

Please contact Mrs Anthony, 16 High Street, Ecton, Northampton (0604) 402008).

## DESCENT OF MR GREEN'S BALLOON AT ECTON

"On Tuesday, 30th July 1822, about four o'clock in the afternoon, Mr Green, accompanied by Mr S V Griffith, proprietor of the Cheltenham Chronicle, ascended from Cheltenham; the balloon went up in a most beautiful style, to the admiration of an immense assemblage of persons; it was visible for 25 minutes, and took a south east direction. The balloon descended near North Leach, but on touching the ground the aeronauts could not immediately extricate themselves; the balloon reascended, and the netting, being partly cut, gave way, when about 30 feet from the earth, and Messrs Green and Griffith were precipitated with great violence to the ground. Mr Green received a serious contusion on the left side of the chest and Mr Griffith a severe injury of the spine.

The balloon was secured about six o'clock the same evening, having fallen in a wheat field of Mr Wright, at Ecton Lodge, apparently without the least injury."

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL  
PARISH CHURCH MEETING**  
**Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Ecton**

A Special Parish Church meeting will be held in the Rectory Room, Ecton House, on Monday, 11th October at 8.00 p.m. in order to discuss the proposal to install a loop system and/or sound re-enforcement system in the Parish Church.

Should the meeting give its support to either or both of these systems, a resolution will be required for the Rector and Churchwardens to apply to the Chancellor of the Diocese for a Faculty.

All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll of this Parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the meeting.

**BETHEL, Christian Rest Home**

I would like to thank the Rector and the people of Ecton for all their kindness during Sandy's illness. A special thank you to Mrs Joy Wilson.

Thank you all, and hope that we may meet again in happier circumstances.

**Charlotte Lowe**

## COFFEE ROTA

### October

3rd	Youth Group
10th	Alice Adams and Wynn Voss
17th	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
24th	Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones
31st	Millie Harlott and Dora Reynolds

### November

7th	Youth Group
14th	Celia and Howard Carter
21st	Sue and Les Mitchell
28th	Alice Adams and Wynn Voss

## GARDEN FETE PROCEEDS

	£
Cakes	110.00
Provisions	52.56
Handicrafts	223.08
Tombola	182.05
Books	25.39
Skittles	6.31
Raffle	84.00
Garden Produce	33.70
Refreshments	71.30
Donation	11.61
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## ECTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

This is the old dole for the pool, along with three other similar charities, rolled into one by the Charities commissioner. Now the Trustees have a problem. We need to give away the income and to find deserving cases, in the Village, to give it to. This is a minefield!

To we approach people to ask about their circumstances?  
Will people be too proud to ask?

Please: We are not talking vast sums but we do need to give the cash away! The Charities were set up by donors who wanted to help and the Trustees have the job of continuing the work. So if you know of anyone who needs help please contact either John Strange or David Dicks. (In confidence of course.)

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A note to thank all of the people involved in the Garden Fete. Those who worked so hard and those who came and spent their money.

You will see elsewhere a list of the stalls and the monies raised. A total of £800 to the Fabric Fund was an excellent achievement. Well done and thank you once again.

**John Strange**

Alzheimer's Disease renders a sufferer confused and induces abnormal behaviour. This can have a devastating effect on those who care for them – frequently Wives, Husbands or children whose lives become totally restricted due to the necessity for 24 hour, 7 days a week supervision.

The Northampton Branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society runs a day centre (Mondays) at Eleonore House off Grange Road, where sufferers are cared for, giving the carers an opportunity to attend to their own needs for a brief time.

There must be many carers who are not aware of the Society's activities and need help.

If you are caring for a sufferer from this disease and would like advice or just to share your problem with others in the same predicament why not call in or phone the Helpline (0604) 870220. The Society also requires volunteers at its day centre – if you feel you could help please phone the same number.

On behalf of the Northampton and District Branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society.

## ESCAPE FROM SALT MINES AND FROSTBITE

I'm safely back from my Operation Raleigh Expedition to SE Siberia (11th June - 27th August).

Based around the Lake Baikal area it was a fascinating experience. What a Country Russia is! Projects proved worthwhile and successful.

I would like to put on a small slide show in Village to say thank you to everybody who helped me get there with my fund raising. Should be fun - hope you can come. Dates and venue to decide by next issue.

Thanks again,  
**Thomas Dicks**

## ECTON MONDAY CLUB

On 4th August we had a lovely trip around Bedfordshire Villages ending with a drink at Carlton. Once again we were blessed with a sunny evening. On 1st September we had another fine afternoon for our last trip of the year. We went to Bedford, stopping for an icecream along the river, the flower beds were worth seeing. Then onto Olney where High Tea was arranged for 4.15 p.m. Then home via Stoke Goldington.

Our next meetings are 11th and 25th October.

On 6th December we will be having an open meeting when slides of old Northampton will be shown.

## OCTOBER 1993

### SUNDAY - 18TH AFTER PENTECOST : 3 October

9.30 am Harvest Festival Communion and Parade Service  
Genesis 1:24-end : Matthew 21:12-16

5.30 pm Festival Evensong

7.15 pm Agape Supper in Ecton House

### FRANCIS OF ASSISI : Monday, 4 October

7.30 pm Holy Communion

### Tuesday, 5 October

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

### Wednesday, 6 October

Monday Club Outing to the Derngate Theatre to see 'Oliver'

### Thursday, 7 October

9.30 am Holy Communion

### Saturday, 9 October

3.00 pm Holy Matrimony

### SUNDAY : 19 AFTER PENTECOST : 10 October

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-16 : Matthew 6:24-end

6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

### Monday, 11 October

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

8.00pm Special Parish Church Meeting in Rectory Room to discuss the proposal to install a loop system and/or sound re-inforcement system in the parish church.

**Tuesday, 12 October**

2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

**Thursday, 14 October**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**Saturday, 16 October**

9.30 am 'Going Forward Together' - Holy Communion in Church and coffee at 10.15 in the Rectory Room

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : 17 October**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Philippians 3:7-end : John 17.1-10

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST : Monday, 18 October**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

7.30 pm Holy Communion

**Tuesday, 19 October**

8.00 pm Ecton Parochial Church Council meet in the Rectory Room

**Wednesday, 20 October**

12 o'clock Lunch Club meet in the Youth Club

**Thursday, 21 October**

9.30 am Holy Communion

**SUNDAY - 9 BEFORE CHRISTMAS : 24 October**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Genesis 2:4b-9,15-end : John 3:1-8

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

7.30 pm Youth Group

**Monday, 25 October**

7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

2.30pm The Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

**ST SIMON & ST JUDE : Thursday, 28 October**

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Holy Communion

8.00 pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

**SUNDAY : 8 BEFORE CHRISTMAS : 31 October**

9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School

Genesis 3:1-15 : John 3.13-21

6.00 pm Evensong

6.15 pm Confirmation Class for Young People

**ALL SAINTS DAY : Monday, 1 November**

7.30 pm Holy Communion, Sung

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS : Tuesday, 2 November**

7.30 pm Holy Communion, Sung

**Wednesday, 3 November**

7.30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal at Earls Barton Church

**Thursday, 4 November**

9.30 am Holy Communion



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## OPEN RETREATS FOR 1994

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### **A CITY SET UPON A HILL**

Conducted by the Warden, the Reverend Peter Naylor.

March  
Mon 28 to Wed 30

**£55**

### **ROOTS, STRUGGLE AND CELEBRATION**

Conducted by the Reverend Canon Dr Sehon Goodridge,  
Principal, Simon of Cyrene Theological Institute, Wandsworth.

April  
Fri 8 to Sun 10

**£55**

### **ME AND MY SHADOW**

#### **Myers Briggs Shadow Workshop**

Conducted by Sister Christine Warrington and  
Sister Kathleen Hopkins of The Cenacle, Grayshott.  
Participants must have attended a Basic Workshop.

June  
Mon 27 to Wed 29

**£65**

### **FRANCISCAN RETREAT**

Conducted by Father Bill Simons, a retired  
priest in the Diocese of Peterborough.  
He is a counsellor and member of the Third Order.

July  
Fri 22 to Sun 24

**£55**

### **ECCENTRIC MINISTRY - Clergy Retreat**

Conducted by the Reverend Christopher Moody,  
Vicar of St Anne and All Saints, South Lambeth.

September  
Mon 19 to Wed 21

**£55**

### **FOLLOWING CHRIST**

Conducted by the Very Reverend Michael Bunker,  
Dean of Peterborough.

Oct-Nov  
Mon 31 to Wed 2

**£55**

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**All Retreats VAT Exempt  
Deposit £5 per person**

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For further details and a booking form  
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## ECTON SCHOOL

You may remember that W H Smiths were offering vouchers which could be exchanged by Schools for Books. The offer has now closed and so could you please let Kathy Stears have any vouchers which you have saved.

Thank you.

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## MAGAZINE COPY

for November should be delivered to:

4 Barton Fields  
by 18th October

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Well done to all who took part in  
The Three Horse Shoes Fun Day

Over £15000 was raised - a great effort

## PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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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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