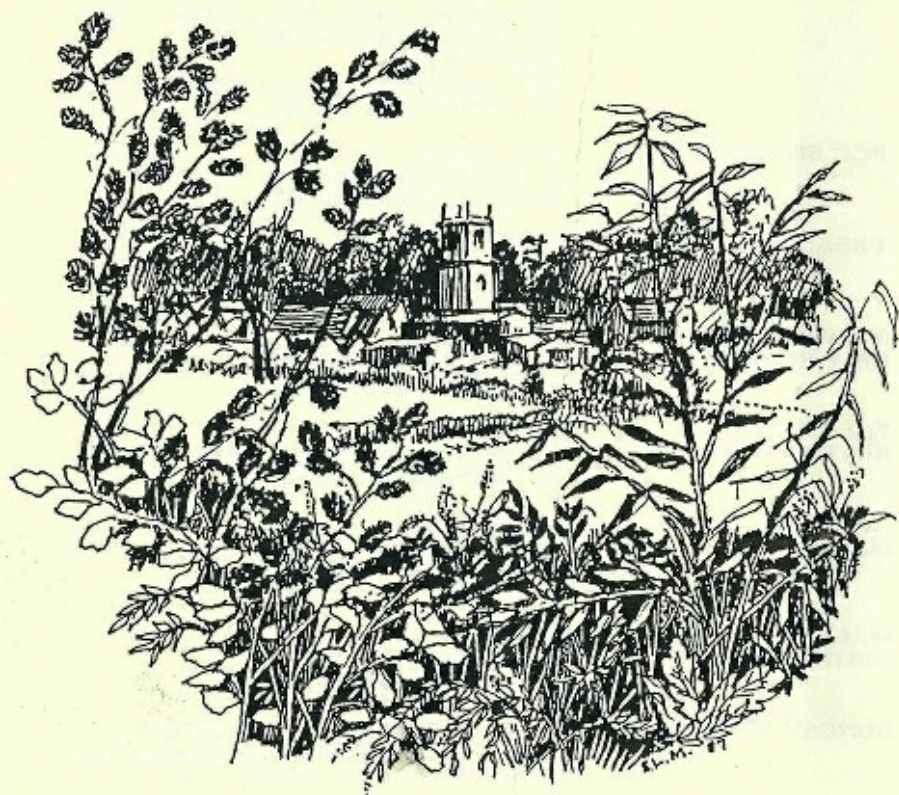


# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



*October 1994*

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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

One of the great privileges in being Warden of Ecton House is that I meet many believers in Christ from nearly every denomination in Christendom. They come and go having spent time in prayer and discussion, debate and decision-making in a house that has contributed much to the Faith not only in our own land but in countries far away.

Mr four years have been a revelation. I am most impressed with what I see and hear as I help, with my team, providing a happy, homely and holy environment for our guests.

On the whole they are a lively kind of people regardless of age, sex or background. There is no doubt that they have faults, just as we have in plenty but I am encouraged, as you can tell, by my experience here in Ecton.

I believe passionately that the Churches of our land, particularly those that are found in the cities, are following the teachings of Jesus in a wonderful and exemplary way. How then do we break through the barriers of cynicism and derision which often obstruct the outreach of the Church today? We have for the most part Bishops who are good, scholarly, pastorally minded and extremely able in their various ways. How often are they given the opportunity to appear in serious television debate? Politicians, industrialists, society workers, doctors, all have their say but where are the representatives of the Church?

Isn't it a tragedy that when so many people are disillusioned with secularism and humanism that very often the Church's message of hope in the Gospel of Jesus is not getting across? The Church is very often like a football team, full of talent and endeavour but cannot score goals and win matches.

It is said that most parents of children in this Country want to have Christian teaching included in the school syllabus. Yet there are many headmasters and teachers who desire to banish it altogether from the life of our schools.

I do not know what would happen to our society if the wonderful example shown by many Christians in their work and in their social life was stripped away and all was left to the unbelievers. I fear there would be a return to the dark ages.

My experience at Ecton has opened my eyes to the vast potential of a Church reborn and also commending the Faith to countless others who are in spiritual need but who cannot find any answer to the great questions of life from those who say there is no God.

We who believe need to discover a new confidence and helping to bring God's Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Every blessing,  
**Peter Naylor**

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Tony and Jean Haycox and Family gratefully thank everyone - relatives, neighbours, friends in the Village, too numerous to mention, for their prayers, enquiries, flowers, cards, practical help and genuine concern shown during the anxious days of Tony's illness.

Very special thanks to the Rector for his unstinting support to Tony at Oxford, Northampton and Home, and the family. God bless you all.



# ECTON HOUSE

**OPEN RETREAT**

**31 Oct - 2 Nov 1994**

**£55 Deposit £20**

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## "FOLLOWING CHRIST"

Jesus calls us to follow Him. That was the challenge He gave His first disciples and it hasn't changed for us! What does it mean to Follow Christ? We shall look at the Christ we seek to imitate and see the resources that enable us to follow the Spirit's leading. It is not easy, so we shall examine the problems and pitfalls and how we, as pilgrims, might make good progress.

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### P R O G R A M M E

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#### MONDAY, 31ST OCTOBER

- 6.30 pm Welcome and Introductions  
7.00 pm Supper  
8.15 pm I. The Call of Christ - *'Follow me'* - followed by Meditation

#### TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

- 7.50 am Holy Communion  
8.30 am Breakfast  
10.00 am II. The Christ we are to follow  
    1. *The Character of Christ*  
11.00 am Coffee  
11.30 am 2. *The Life of Christ*  
1.00 pm Lunch  
4.00 pm Tea  
5.00 pm III. In Step with the Spirit  
7.00 pm Supper  
8.15 pm Peter the Disciple - followed by Meditation

#### WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER

- 7.50 am Holy Communion  
8.30 am Breakfast  
9.30 am IV. The Pilgrim's Progress  
    1. *The problems and pitfalls to be faced*  
11.00 am Coffee  
11.30 am 2. *Equipment for the journey*  
1.00 pm Lunch and depart

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**CONDUCTED BY THE VERY REVEREND MICHAEL BUNKER  
DEAN OF PETERBOROUGH**

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Enquiries to The Warden, Ecton House, Church Way, Ecton,  
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## RECTOR'S NOTES

At long last I have received the Faculty permitting the installation of a loop system in the Church to aid those who are hard of hearing.

We are deeply indebted to Dennis Strange who has used his extensive business knowledge and administrative skill to pioneer the project.

We are also grateful to those who have anonymously given donations to add to that which has been already raised in order to make the purchase of this most important equipment possible.

The Contractor will be completing the installation during this month.

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On Sunday, 6th November, Sheila Addison will be visiting our Church with the Evangelism Road Show.

The Very Reverend Michael Bunker, Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, will be preaching at the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Sheila Addison at Evensong.

They will be present at the Agape lunch to be held in the Rectory Room at 1.00 p.m.

Just let me remind you just what kind of luncheon this is. "Agape" means Love Feast in which all share. So you bring what you can and share it with others! It is all very exciting because you do not know what you are going to eat but past experience shows that the culinary skills of the Parish really come in to play and an exciting time is had by all.

It certainly saves Mum slaving over a stove preparing the customary Sunday roast.

The Programme for Christmas will appear in the next month's edition.

### PRAISE PRAYER GROUP

This Group meets on the first Wednesday each month at 7.45 p.m. for coffee or tea followed by praise and prayer for an hour from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. It is open to everybody and if you come, (we hope you will) you will find a warm, friendly welcome.

In September the theme was "joy". We began with a very happy modern hymn from the Edinburgh Festival on video, followed by a reading on "happiness" by Richard Harnes. Because the word happiness tends to be used superficially or short lived Christians look for the more permanent inner joy which comes from their Faith and spiritual life.

Hence our hour of prayer and readings to which members of the Group contribute, if they wish, and build up the fellowship together.

The next meeting is at 32 West Street, Ecton on Wednesday, 5th October at 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. The theme will be "peace".

Why not come along and join us.

### CHRISTIAN VIDEOS

There is a catalogue in Ecton House of videos suitable for all ages obtainable on loan from Peterborough House, Northampton.



**DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH**

**CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

**SATURDAY, 22nd OCTOBER 1994**

**ALL SAINTS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BOUGHTON GREEN ROAD  
NORTHAMPTON**

**10.00 am to 5.30 pm**

Fifteen hundred people came to a similar event held in May 1992. The events this time are more "home-spun" with presentations from many Diocesan organisations and groups as well as by talented individuals living in the Diocese of Peterborough. The theme of the 1994 "Celebration" is:

**"SETTING MY PEOPLE FREE"**

The day is intended as one which may attract interested people not already committed to the Church as well as a day for the Christian Family to gather together.



You have probably booked the date already. The detailed programme will be available and sent out in September. The outline programme for the day is:

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| <i>10.00 am</i>       | <i>Gates / doors open</i>  |
| <i>10.15–11.45 am</i> | <i>Workshops / seminars / activities for all ages.<br/>Session 1</i>         |
| <i>12 noon</i>        | <i>Celebration of Holy Communion</i>   |
| <i>1.00 pm</i>        | <i>Lunch: Caterers will be available.<br/>Exhibitions / Book Shop open</i>   |
| <i>2.00–3.30 pm</i>   | <i>Workshops, etc : Session 2</i>  |
| <i>3.45–5.15 pm</i>   | <i>Workshops, etc : Section 3</i>  |
| <i>5.15–5.30 pm</i>   | <i>Browse among exhibitions that you may have<br/>missed during the day.</i> |

This "Celebration" is not directly funded through the Diocesan Budget. The Steering Group has been grateful for some donations received, from Parishes and individuals, towards the cost. There will be an opportunity on the day to make an offering to help to defray the modest costs of the event. There is still time if YOU would like to contribute an exhibition, a workshop, a seminar..... If this is so, please contact:

Sheila Addison 0604 751907 or 0933 224081 for further details.

## MONDAY CLUB EXTRA

On 7th September we had our last trip of the year when forty of us went to Bourton-on-the-Water for a short visit, getting back to the coach as the rain came down. We then went onto Bloxham for tea. Unfortunately, the driver thought he would take a short cut which turned out to be longer – thank goodness the tea was excellent and very welcome, but half-an-hour late.

Our October meetings are 10th and 24th  
Whist Drive 27th

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BURIAL

20.7.94 Thomas Ferdinand Underwood – 82 years  
May his soul rest in peace

### BAPTISMS

17.7.94 Bethan Jane Davidson  
7.8.94 Megan Marie Gallagher

### MARRIAGES

6.8.94 Mark Dickins to Susan Mary Clack  
20.8.94 Matthew David Peck to Adele Sellers  
27.8.94 Matthew Piers Naylor to  
Celia Bernadette Coyne

## NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL NHS TRUST

### OPEN DAY - Saturday, 29th October 1994

Come along to this years Hospital Open Day and visit over 20 different departments where you can find out more about the services and treatments we offer. Adults and children alike will find something of interest - see the inside of a real operating theatre, have a go at the latest in "Keyhole Surgery" (on a model of course), see how stitches are put in and broken bones are set. Everyone welcome, special "treasure trail" for children with face painting, badge making and a lucky dip at the Day Nursery. Come to any of the Main Entrances on the day 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. - we look forward to seeing you.

### TIME FOR EVANGELISM SUNDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 1994

9.30 am Eucharist  
Preacher: The Dean of Peterborough  
The Very Rev'd Michael Bunker  
Theme: "GO OUT INTO ALL THE WORLD"

An exhibition of resources for evangelism will be available in the Church throughout the day. Sheila Addison will be present to answer questions after the morning service.

1.00 pm Agape Lunch in the Rectory Room  
Michael Bunker and Sheila Addison will be present and will talk informally to people about evangelism.

6.00 pm Evensong  
Preacher: Sheila Addison - Lay Training Officer  
Theme: "GROW AND GO"

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Having taken over from Sheila Ingram as your newly elected Chairman, I would like to pay tribute to all the work and dedication given by Sheila during the past few years. I will find it difficult to equal her example.

Lower Ecton Road has finally been reinstated and grass verges have now replaced the mud.

Operation Spring Clean was unfortunately rained off on its original day but, thanks to the kind help of our usual small band of willing helpers, it was rearranged later at short notice. A big improvement was made to the upper part of the Village but it will need a few more volunteers next time to enable us to complete the entire High Street. Offers for next year will be most welcome – **WATCH THIS SPACE.**

The most common subject of complaint within the Village is the continuing problem of dogs fouling the pavements – **Or Owners Allowing Their Dogs To Do So!** Whilst some dog owners are very caring and some even carry "poop-scoops", there are unfortunately some who are **NOT** as considerate. It is not only a health hazard but also an offence which carries a fine of up to £500. The Borough Council of Wellingborough takes a very strict view on this problem, and will prosecute if necessary – as per the leaflet recently distributed to every house in the Village. Please help to keep our street paths and alleys clean and clear of filth.

The middle of High Street is under change at present, with the row of three cottages being renovated next to the Three Horseshoes. Next door to this, Ecton Estates have made a planning application for one house and one bungalow. At present the site is used for garages and an old redundant garden. This will unfortunately mean the loss of

valuable "off street" parking, unless any other becomes available. The "throttle" appears to be reducing the speed of traffic in the middle of the Village, but it would be helpful if residents could avoid parking too close to the "throttle" as this reduces the width of access through. Regardless of any preferences, this was the only form of traffic calming available from the Highway Authority.

David Dicks

#### CLEANING ROTA

1st October	Orange A
8th October	Red B
15th October	Pink A
22nd October	Yellow B
29th October	Blue A

Brass cleaning is schedule for 8th October

#### SERVERS ROTA

2nd October	Charlotte Green
9th October	John Strange
16th October	Victoria Greene
23rd October	Charles Jordan
30th October	Charlotte Green

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is to the Synagogue at Milton Keynes. We meet at Ecton House on Saturday, 8th October at 9.30 a.m.

The Service begins at 10.30 a.m. We are especially privileged to attend this particular one as it is their Bar Mitz Vah and is very joyful.

**Joan Dickins**

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If you would like to spend some time in prayer in reflection and in re-charging batteries contact Margaret Brooking:

3 Meadway  
Weston Favell  
Tel: 405464

This house is available as a House of Prayer.

## COFFEE ROTA

2nd October	Alice Adams and Wynne Voss
9th October	Pat Peacock and Dorothy Creed
16th October	Jean Leigh and Brenda Jones
23rd October	Millie Harlott and Dora Reynolds
30th October	Nick and Mary Greene

Volunteers for both the Coffee Rota and the Ecton Guild are always welcome.

## THE LOOP SYSTEM

As no objections were received to the proposed installation the faculty has been issued and work will be carried out by Messrs B & J Stevenson of Cambridge late in October.

Full instructions will be given to all Parishioners with hearing aids which must have a "T" facility to receive the sound. Hopefully all will be complete and dedicated on Sunday, 30th October.

In order to give complete freedom of movement to the Celebrant, and where appropriate, a separate Preacher, a radio microphone (lapel type) will be worn by the Celebrant and a neck-tie microphone worn by the Preacher. A stand microphone at the lectern will ensure all readings are heard clearly.

We are grateful for all who have given and worked so hard to make this possible.

**Dennis Strange**

## LIKE HOT CAKES

So said Bob Hearman when books are received from Ecton Parish Church for Seamen, "they go like hot cakes!!"

Recently several boxes were sent and a further load is to be despatched on 11th October when Bob calls on his way back to Grantham.

If you have any books or paperbacks do fill the box at the rear of the Church and give a few more hot cakes.

**Dennis Strange**

## DIARY - OCTOBER 1994

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: 2nd October

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
Romans 5.1-11 : Luke 19.1-10
- 6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 3rd October

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Tuesday, 4th October

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

Wednesday, 5th October

- 8.00 pm Prayer and Praise Group
- 9.00 pm 34 West Street, Ecton

Thursday, 6th October

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: 9th October

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Preacher: David Bryan, Leprosy Mission  
1 Corinthians 9.19-end : Matthew 7.13-27
- 6.00 pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion

Monday, 10th October

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

Tuesday, 11th October

- 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

Wednesday, 12th October

- 6.45 pm Monday Club visit to Derngate Theatre  
Leaving Village at 6.45 pm

Thursday, 13th October  
9.30 am Holy Communion

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: 16th October  
9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday School  
Revelations 7.2-4, 9-end : Matthew 25.1-13  
6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 17th October  
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST: Tuesday, 18th October  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 20th October  
9.30 am Holy Communion

Saturday, 22nd October  
10.00 am Celebration of the Christian Faith  
5.00 pm All Saints Middle School, Northampton

NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS: 23rd October  
9.30 am Parish Communion  
Colossians 1.15-20 : John 1.1-14  
6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 24th October  
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel  
2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room

Thursday, 27th October  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room

ST SIMON AND ST JUDGE, APOSTLES: Friday, 28th October  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS: 30th October

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
1 John 3.9-18 : Mark 7.14-23  
6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 31st October

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

ALL SAINTS' DAY: Tuesday, 1st November

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion (Sung)

ALL SOULS' DAY: COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED: Wednesday, 2nd November

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday, 3rd November

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS: 6th November

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
Preacher: The Dean of Peterborough  
Genesis 12.1-9 : John 8.51-end  
1.00 pm Agape lunch in the Rectory Room  
6.00 pm Evensong  
Preacher: Sheila Addison  
Visit of the Evangelism Road Show

## PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL	<b>Chairman</b>	Sheila Ingram Tel: Northampton 406038
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ECTON W.I.	<b>Contact</b>	Stella Gibson Tel: Northampton 405350 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m. in Rectory Room
OVER 60's	<b>Contact</b>	Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Mondays 2.30 pm in Rectory Room
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
MUMS & TOTS	<b>Contact</b>	Katl Ward Tel: Northampton 812622 Every Thursday 2.00 - 3.30 pm in Rectory Room
PLAYGROUP	<b>Contact</b>	Debbie Norwood Tel: Northampton 414330 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30-12 noon Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
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