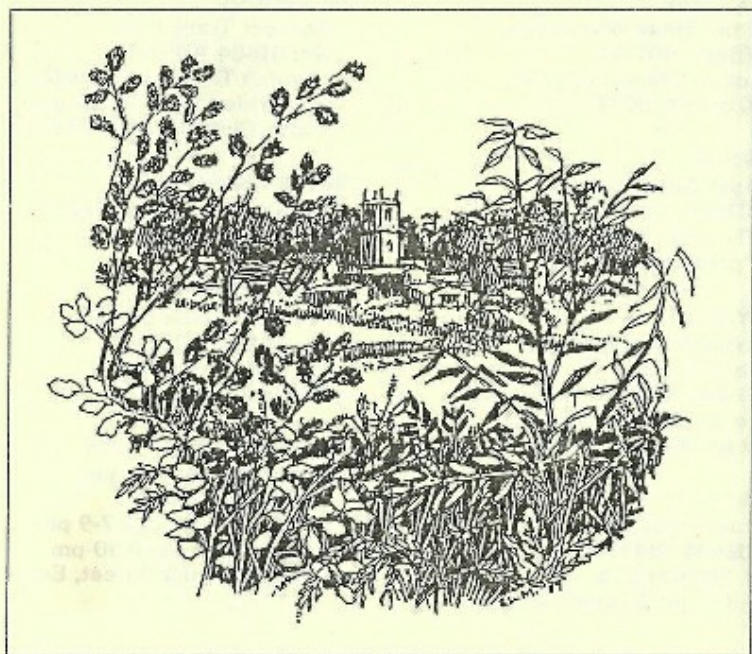


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PARISH MAGAZINE

OCTOBER 1996

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All copy for November magazine
to Ecton House clearly
labelled 'parish magazine'
by 10th October
(schools on holiday)

**COME AND CELEBRATE
GOD'S GOODNESS**
at our
HARVEST SUNDAY PRAISE
10.30 am OCTOBER 6TH

A warm welcome to all



COFFEE/TEA EVENING

in aid of
CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND

VENUE	THE HOME OF TONY & MARLENE GREEN 63 WEST STREET, ECTON
DATE	FRIDAY, 4TH OCTOBER
TIME	7.30 pm
ADMISSION	£1.00

BRING & BUY AND RAFFLE

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE
BRING A FRIEND

FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

When we talk gloomily about these disturbing times, perhaps we ought to remind ourselves of periods in history which were more violent and fragmenting than anything we are experiencing today.

A television programme shown recently on our screens told the story of the first world war from 1914 to 1918. Seventy million men from many countries, including India and Australia, fought each other in the most horrendous circumstances. I think I heard the presenter tell us that of all those who went to war nine million were killed and many more were injured, physically and mentally. Our own small village, not far from the battlefield at Naseby in 1645, would have been deeply disturbed, and many villagers frightened by the conflict dividing the country as it affected the surrounding countryside. In earlier times plagues had devastating effects upon town and rural communities: Ecton's suffering and loss was a common experience throughout the land.

It is so easy these days, with news from all parts of the world being relayed into our living rooms, to become despondent and caught up in a downward spiral. Good news is not the hard news wanted by newspaper editors. They say that hard news meaning bad news, sells papers. They must be right as they would

not be in their chairs if they did not know their job, yet there is another side to the coin. No doubt you could tell me of countless examples of loving care and solid achievement shown by people who will never be in the news. I know, as a parish priest, of the saintly people who do their best to love their neighbour in practical ways and want nothing in return. The churches of our land are showing signs of resilience at a time of debunking and scoffing at any kind of religious faith. Many of these churches are at work day-by-day in deprived highly populated areas. There is great good in the world much of it initiated by the churches. We must not be downcast with the fashion for 'doom and gloom'.

I end my letter by thinking of Jesus who was a total realist. He knew what was in the hearts and minds of people as he walked about Galilee and through the streets of Jerusalem. Nothing could be hid from Him as it can't now. His news of deliverance and salvation for souls is the greatest news of all. The word 'Gospel' means good news. What we have to do is to take His word to heart and lift up our heads, yet at the same time be as realistic as we can remembering that our times are probably no worse than any other.

*Every Blessing,
Peter Naylor*

OCTOBER 1996 DIARY

Wednesday, 2nd October

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room
7.30 pm Prayer & Praise : 48 High Street

Thursday, 3rd October

- 9.20 am Ecton School Assembly
7.30 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, 5th October

- 9am-2pm PARISH GIFT DAY

HARVEST FESTIVAL : Sunday, 6th October

- 9.30 am Holy Communion (said)
Joel 2. 21-27 : John 6. 26-35
10.30 am Sunday Praise
6.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with hymns

Monday, 7th October

- 7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel

Tuesday, 8th October

- 2.30 pm Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room

Wednesday, 9th October

- 9.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday, 10th October

- 7.30 pm Holy Communion

20TH AFTER PENTECOST : Sunday, 13th October

- 9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family
1 Corinthians 9. 19-end : Matthew 7. 13-27
6.00 pm Evensong

Monday, 14th October

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

Wednesday, 16th October

- 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Prayer & Praise : 34 West Street

Thursday, 17th October

- 9.20 am Ecton School Assembly
7.30 pm Holy Communion

- ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST : Friday, 18th October**
7.30 pm Holy Communion
- LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : 20th October**
9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family
Revelation 7. 2-4, 9-end : Matthew 25. 1-13
6.00 pm Evensong
- Monday, 21st October**
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
- Tuesday, 22nd October**
7.30 pm Meeting in Rectory Room for Church Cleaners
- Wednesday, 23rd October**
9.30 am Holy Communion
- Thursday, 24th October**
7.30 pm Holy Communion
7.30 pm Monday Club Whist Drive in the Rectory Room
- 9TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS : Sunday, 27th October**
9.30 am Parish Communion and Sunday Family
Colossians 1. 15-20: John 1. 1-14
6.00 pm Evensong
- ST SIMON & ST JUDE APOSTLES :**
Monday, 28th October
7.50 am Holy Communion in the House Chapel
2.30 pm Monday Club meet in the Rectory Room
7.30 pm Holy Communion
- Wednesday, 30th October**
9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Prayer & Praise : 32 West Street
- Thursday, 31st October**
9.20 am Ecton School Assembly
7.30 pm Holy Communion
- ALL SAINTS DAY : Friday, 1st November**
7.30 pm Holy Communion
- ALL SOULS DAY : Saturday, 2nd November**
9.30 am Requiem
- ALL SAINTSTIDE : Sunday, 3rd November**
9.30 am Holy Communion (said)
Hebrews 12. 18-24 : Matthew 5. 1-12
10.30 am Sunday Praise
6.00 pm Holy Communion (1662) with hymns
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COFFEE ROTA

6th October	Help to be arranged
13th October	Mille Harlott & Dora Reynolds
20th October	Sue & Les Mitchell
27th October	Nick & Mary Greene

CLEANING ROTA



5th October	RED	A
12th October	PINK	B
19th October	YELLOW	A
26th October	BLUE	B

BRASS CLEANING

◆ 5th October

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

The Ecton Fellowship next meets on Tuesday October 8th at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Birk will talk to us about the Sikh faith. This time we shall collect her so that she doesn't get lost!

Everyone is very welcome.

Joan Dickins

ROTAS	6th October	13th October	20th October	27th October
SERVER	Patricia Naylor	Pat Baylis	Dorothy Creed	Charlotte Greene
CHALICE	Pat Baylis	Pat Baylis	Alice Adams	Alice Adams
CRUCIFER	Dorothy Creed	Nicolas Buckland	Dorothy Creed	Charlotte Greene

WEEKDAY SERVERS

WEDNESDAY 2ND	Trudie Warner
THURSDAY 3RD	Patricia Naylor
WEDNESDAY 9TH	Dorothy Creed
THURSDAY 10TH	Patricia Naylor
WEDNESDAY 16TH	Trudie Warner
THURSDAY 17TH	Patricia Naylor
FRIDAY 18TH	Pat Baylis
WEDNESDAY 23RD	Dorothy Creed
THURSDAY 24TH	Patricia Naylor
MONDAY 28TH	Pat Baylis
WEDNESDAY 30TH	Trudie Warner
THURSDAY 31ST	Patricia Naylor
FRIDAY 1ST NOV	Patricia Naylor
SATURDAY 2ND NOV	Dorothy Creed

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Grace Elizabeth Roberts : *11th August 1996*

"You are the light of the World"
- Jesus Christ

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION

Leslie Watts, Aged 71 years

16th July 1996

Marjorie Delphine Martin, Aged 81 years

17th July 1996

"Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep"
- St Paul

The Provost of Birmingham Cathedral asked all of us visiting the Cathedral on September 1st - the beginning of Racial Justice Week - to give greetings from the people of Birmingham to those in our own Churches.

Joan and Eric Dickins

RECTOR'S NOTES

HARVEST SUPPER

Do you fancy a pleasant evening out with your chums on the evening of Sunday, 6th October?

In church there will be old-fashioned Evensong with rousing Harvest hymns, followed by a Harvest Supper at Ecton House. The cost of the supper is £3.00 and places can be booked at the Ecton House office or with Dorothy Creed.

This will be an occasion to worship, giving thanks for the harvest, and to engage in good fellowship. Evensong by the way starts at 6.00 pm.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

It is not like me to change the date of meetings, services or events, but because of unforeseen circumstances, the date of the next Parochial Church Council meeting must be changed.

I have decided, therefore, to alter the date from Tuesday, 8th October to Monday, 4th November. This meeting will be

held in the Rectory Room, commencing at 7.45 pm following a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.00 pm in church.

My apologies for the change, however the new arrangement could prove more satisfactory as, we shall have by then, news of the business concerning the restoration of the heating system.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

7.30 pm SATURDAY

9th NOVEMBER

IN ECTON PARISH CHURCH

REQUIEM BY GABRIEL FAURE

SUNG BY THE KINGSLEY SINGERS

UNDER THE CONDUCTORSHIP OF
ANDREW KING, ORGANIST AND
CHOIRMASTER AT ST MATTHEWS,
NORTHAMPTON

PEN PICTURE OF NICOLAS J BUCKLAND ASSISTANT WARDEN, ECTON HOUSE

From an early age I was fascinated with aviation, much encouraged by both grandfathers who had been pilots in the RAF. At 13 years old I joined the Air Training Corps, where I flew in gliders, light aircraft and heavy types such as the Hercules and VC10. Summer camps were spent on active RAF stations where I had a foretaste of life in the RAF in places such as Anglesey, Wiltshire and even Gibraltar.

In 1978 I joined the RAF and trained as a radar mechanic, after which I was posted to RAF Marham in Norfolk. Here I met a young lady who eventually became my wife of 11 years. After Marham, I served in Yorkshire, Morayshire in Scotland and Cambridgeshire where my wife and I bought our home. In early 1991 I went at quite short notice to Cyprus in support of operation Granby where I was responsible for fitting specialist monitoring equipment on Nimrod aircraft. On my return I was awarded the Gulf medal for my efforts.

In January 1993 my wife and I parted company and I found a huge gap in my life. Not long afterwards I began to attend church and became involved in many parish activities and tasks. My gap had started to be filled once again, this time with God's

love and goodness. I felt as I had never done before. It was not long before I started asking questions and began to explore the possibility of professional ministry in the Church. At about the same time I was posted once again to Marham. I worked on a busy Tornado squadron for a while, and then moved onto Canberras. I really enjoyed the team spirit there, but I had already started to make plans to leave through the RAF redundancy scheme. In 1995 I was awarded my long service and good conduct medal at a ceremony held at RAF Marham. In March of this year I left the RAF after 17 years of service. The RAF had provided security and stability for half of my life and now I was on my own.

By May I had been in touch with the Church Pastoral Aid Society and after an interview in June they suggested that I should consider a year at Ecton House. I am pleased that I have come here and I am enjoying the "Ecton experience". Everyone has made me most welcome here, and I am looking forward to my year ahead as I explore a vocation to the ministry. I hope that during my short stay in the village I will get to meet as many of you as possible.

Yours in Christ, Nicolas

NEW DIOCESAN SECRETARY APPOINTED

A former manager with the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) has been appointed Secretary to the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance, and Secretary to the Peterborough Diocesan Synod. He will succeed Mr Philip Haines who is retiring.

50 year old Kenneth Hope-Jones will take over the business management of the Diocese from the Autumn. Following the appointment of the Right Reverend Ian Cundy as the new Bishop of Peterborough designate, the arrival of Mr Hope-Jones means there will be a new management team at Peterborough in charge of both pastoral and business matters for the Church.

Kenneth Hope-Jones studied at Eton College before graduating in Economics at Kings College, Cambridge. He has worked as an adviser to the Malawi Government and in the UK for Shell and TI. He has a Masters degree from the London Business School.

From 1981 to May 1996 he worked for CDC where he was a manager with responsibility for development projects in overseas countries, assisting overseas

development through the provision of long-term capital funding and working with both government and private sector interests.

As a member of Reigate's lively parish church, St Mary's, Kenneth Hope-Jones also has experience as a member both of the Southwark Diocesan Synod and is a member of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance, where he is on the executive committee.

He says:- "I am honoured and delighted to be given the opportunity to serve as Diocesan Secretary. I believe that my business experience and the knowledge I have acquired from my membership of Diocesan bodies in Southwark will equip me, God willing, for the business management of the Diocese of Peterborough".

Mr Hope-Jones is married to Pat and they have three sons, aged 19, 15 and 13. The family is looking forward to moving to the Peterborough area during the Summer before he takes up his post on 1st October.

His interests include playing croquet, bridge and fell-walking.

ECTON VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Time marches on and the deadline for items for the book is getting closer by the day. I know that a number of contributions are well in hand - some have already been delivered - but now is the time to shout if you need any assistance with researching or writing your particular article. If you do please give me a call on 406038.

We have had a wonderful selection of photographs but it is not too late for more, especially if you have any pictures of people at work in the village - for instance the shopkeepers, tradesmen, farm and Estate workers. However it is just as important that we record current activities in the village and Stephen Meakins will photograph your organisation in action if you give him the information.

This is the last chance to have a copy of the book with your name printed in the list of sponsors



Ten pounds is all it costs so let me have your names (and cash) as soon as possible.

Last, but not least, very many thanks to those organisations that have contributed to our fund raising efforts. We are now half way to our target and if you can think of any ways we can increase our fund (and preferably enjoy a social occasion as well) we should be pleased to hear from you.

**DON'T FORGET -
DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
IS END OF OCTOBER!**

Rodney Ingram

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Notes of the meeting held on 15 July 1996 in Ecton County Primary School.

Present: Mr D C Dicks (Chairman), Mrs J Haycox, Mrs S Ingram, Mrs S Saunders, Messrs J Beesley, T Green, V Lester and T Moffett.

Matters arising from meeting held on 20 May 1996

An estimate for the removal of old play equipment from J M Construction in the sum of £320.00 + VAT was accepted.

It was noted that Mrs Vipond had again kindly tidied the area around the Shrine. A letter of appreciation would be sent.

Wellingborough Borough Council indicated that they are looking at possibility of fixing a light by the steps to 88/94 High Street.

Mrs Ingram reported that the appraisal fund had now reached £1,900.00.

Confirmation received that normal planning procedures would be followed if and when Site P 12 was required for mineral extraction.

Assurance from Wellingborough Borough Council that road sweeping would be improved in the village.

Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting

Problem still exists regarding the parking of cars at the junction of West Street and Northampton Road at school times. Further letter to be sent to the Head-teacher pointing out the danger of parents dropping off children too close to the junction and also of staff parking too close to the corner.

Capital expenditure

Agreed that the following items of capital expenditure be submitted for 1997/98 budget:

Play equipment : £5,000.00
(with safety surfaces)

Street lighting : £2,000.00
(to include phasing out of concrete columns)

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT CONTINUED

Planning

- a) No objections to application for repairs to Game Larder Cottage, Ecton Hall.
- b) Consent for additional work to 96 High Street.
- c) Refusal for a Transport Depot off lower Ecton Lane.

Highway matters

Placing of temporary bollards may be considered at the junction of Church Way and High Street because of the potential danger to pedestrians. When funds available kerb line to be redefined.

The surface of the parking area and entrance to the flats in West Street in need of attention and would be reported to Wellingborough Borough Housing Dept. Also to be reported were the steps to the houses in Northampton Road.

Due to the ongoing problem of fly tipping in Lower Ecton Lane agreed to approach NBC again to ask whether an "out of hours" skip could be made available outside the amenity tip.

Street lighting

Reported that the lamp had still not been replaced in Northampton Road.

Financial matters

Accounts for payment:

E M Electricity :	£258.56
Clerk :	£101.48
Ecton CP School (meetings) :	£30.00

Any other business

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been set up in West Street with a very good response from residents. It was hoped the scheme would be extended to other areas of the village.

David Dicks
August 1996

GRAFFITI

There are now numerous examples of recent GRAFFITI around our village. This has appeared on our street signs, footpath signs, seats and play equipment in the playing field, garden fences, garage doors and elsewhere.

It seems such a pity that our village is being defaced in such a mindless way, by just a few young people who obviously have no respect for other people's property.

What a shame that they are unable to channel their energy into something more positive and worthwhile!

PRAYER & PRAISE

October 2nd	:	48 High Street
October 16th	:	34 West Street
October 30th	:	32 West Street

7.30-9.00 pm

We are hoping to start a course of studies on Spiritual Gifts and would very much like more people to come and join us.

Lord, may I be more like you; please fill me with your love that is patient and kind; that is not envious, boastful or proud; that does not seek its own way, that is not easily angered; that forgives, trusts and preserves.

Amen



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORTS

NB Wednesday 2 October 7.30 pm

AGM followed by 'Recipes and Tastings'

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Our President expressed her sincere thanks to all members, and non-members, who contributed in their various ways to making the Food/Wine Evening such an enjoyable occasion. The support given by villagers and friends is greatly appreciated.

A healthy profit was realised and, as a result, donations were made to the WI County Federation and to the Village Appraisal project. Expenses paid, we have sufficient funds to continue the high standard of speakers, and events for 1997.

Our speaker, Mia Butler, gave a slide show and commentary, mainly on the area around the Nene Valley Way. We were told many and varied facts which led to fascinating listening.

A vote of thanks was given, and hopefully, Mia will return at a later date with more stories of our local area.

Competition: Photograph of Northampton:

1. Millie, 2. Sue, 3. Margaret.

Sue's photograph was of the 'Gazebo' in Ecton Hall grounds, in all its early glory.

M Scott

Tuesday 5 November 7.30 pm

Open Meeting: All Visitors Welcome

Speaker: Mr Safford - Slides with Music

Teas: Mrs M Scott and Mrs B Jones

Competition: Photograph 'Winter Scene'

The minutes were read and approved. Our President welcomed all members and proceeded with the evenings business. This included:

- a) An acknowledgment from Rodney/Sheila Ingram expressing their appreciation for the donation received for the Village Appraisal Project.
 - b) WI Promotional Fortnight - 11-24 October. WI 'open house' 10-30-1.00 pm, 1.30-4.00 pm daily. Visitors Welcome.
 - c) 'Design a Patio Garden'. Any budding gardeners willing to 'have a go'? Further details - contact Stella.
 - d) Annual Subscription - slight increase to £13.00.
- 3) 1997 Birthday Party - Friday, 24 January - details later.

A social evening followed. Guess the objects on a tray (covered by a tea towel) caused much amusement! Likes/dislikes was also very revealing!

Competition: Favourite Tea Towel

1. Sue, 2. Dorothy, 3. Millie.

June Marshman

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!



NURSERY EDUCATION

Nursery vouchers are not restricted to Nursery Schools as such. They are a means of partly funding the education of every four year old child, at school or elsewhere. So if a child of 4 is attending school, from next April, he or she must have a nursery voucher to take to the school, so that the school can claim its £1,100 per year for the child. That amount will not be in the school's budget for any child who is eligible for a voucher. So, in Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Leicestershire, where thousands of 4 year olds have

a school place, each parent of a 4 year old child must fill in the form to claim the vouchers to send their child to school. The forms will be distributed by post in January or February.

If you need to know the details you contact your local school or education office.

The Reverend John Smith, Diocesan Director of Education (Schools) would be happy to discuss the matter if you telephone him on 01604 751907.

MARY BANE

Now almost fully recovered from my recent illness, I take this opportunity to thank all those whose kind thoughts helped along the way with flowers, messages, fruits, home baked goodies and prayers.

Received from Mary Bane, 1 Ecton Hall, on 17th July - too late for the August/September magazine.



LINNET SMITH HAS WRITTEN AS FOLLOWS

"Dear Friends at Ecton

Thank you very much for the warm welcome you gave me when I came to preach last month.

You may be interested in some facts and figures about Readers in the Diocese.

Did you know that there are 101 Readers?
that during 1995 they conducted 1523 services in full,
they assisted at 3157
and preached 2070 sermons?

Did you know also that Readers conduct funerals
administer the Sacrament in homes
lead confirmation and baptism classes
and help with home groups?

Do pray that within your fellowship at Ecton there may be someone who will respond to our Lord's call to be a witness to His death and resurrection as did your patron saint, Mary of Magdala, and who will be willing to train as a Reader.

With all good wishes.
Yours in Christ Jesus."

**'GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN'
ON OCTOBER 5th 1996**

**with
Peterborough Diocesan Missionary Council
and USPG**

**come and reflect on mission today
at Hunsbury Hill Centre,
Northampton
10am - 4pm**

**Children's Activities
Displays
Workshops
Videos**

**Closing Worship to be led by
Rt Rev Paul Barber, Bishop of
Brixworth**

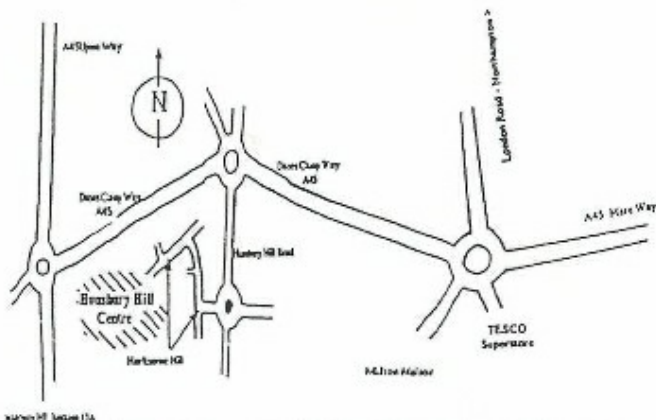
**Admission is free, but there will be
opportunities to donate to the missionary
work of the church during the day**

workshops

- 'Building a Missionary Congregation' : CPAS
- 'Do We Still Need Missionaries?' : USPG/CMS
- 'Where God Waits for Us?' : Christian Aid
- 'Schools and the Mission of the Church'
: John Smith, Diocesan Education Officer
- 'Thinking Globally - Acting Locally - Promoting
World Mission in the Parish' : SAMS
- 'World Praise' a chance to share in a selection
of music from the World Church

Suffolk Learning Centre

How to find us



Refreshments available throughout the day
from 'Choices Coffee Shop', part of the Nene
Centre for Adults with Learning Difficulties.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS AT



Since 1942 Oxfam has been working towards creating a fairer world by helping people to help themselves and escape from poverty. Oxfam is one of the largest overseas development agencies in the UK and Ireland and has more shops than any other charity.

The need for volunteers has become more important due to Oxfam's new work in their anti-poverty programme for the UK and Ireland.

DEPOTS

Oxfam Shops rely heavily on a complex network of strategically placed distribution centres called Depots for their stock.

Depots provide a support service for the shops by collecting donated goods, sorting, grading and storing stock until such a time as the shops require them to be delivered.

For the volunteer Depots provide many areas they can choose to work in.

EXPENSES

Oxfam will reimburse volunteers for all out of pocket expenses as well as provide a daily lunch allowance for those working 4 hours or longer.

REFERENCES

Oxfam will provide with pleasure, a reference for volunteers who seek paid employment.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

The Administration assistant provides a useful support role to the depot. This varied position involves basic office skills and using computer packages to produce reports.

DONATED GOODS SORTER

This is a key role within the depot. A sorter is responsible for checking and grading all the goods which are donated to Oxfam to ensure they meet with both Oxfam standards and all legal requirements.

WAREHOUSE PERSONNEL

From order picking to stock control, this involves hanging garments, sorting books and records and many more general warehouse duties.

DISTRIBUTION

DRIVERS

Drivers are responsible for delivering goods to shops emptying textile and book banks. Another key area for drivers is house to

house collections, this involves distributing leaflets and bags on one day and returning on another day to collect them.

DRIVERS MATE

A drivers mate is someone who can assist the driver in all their duties and provide back up when the driver is sick or on holiday.

ELECTRICIAN

The law requires Oxfam to check the safety of all electrical items before they can be sold in the shops by a qualified electrician.

TRANSPORT

Costs of travel to and from the Depot will be reimbursed. Lifts may be available in some exceptions.

TIME

Whether you have two hours a week or eight hours a day to spare, Oxfam will give you the chance to discover your true capabilities.

TRAINING

All volunteers receive in house training as well as health and safety instruction.

NVQ's

After a short probationary period Oxfam offers volunteers the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification in wholesale warehousing and distribution or customer service.

Volunteering your time to help Oxfam achieve its objectives will not only create a better world for people to live in but you too could gain immensely.

By becoming a volunteer you can gain valuable work experience, show potential employers how effective you have been with your time, and that you have retained the disciplines required for a working environment, such as:

TIME KEEPING
TEAM WORK
DECISION MAKING
COMMUNICATION
PLANNING

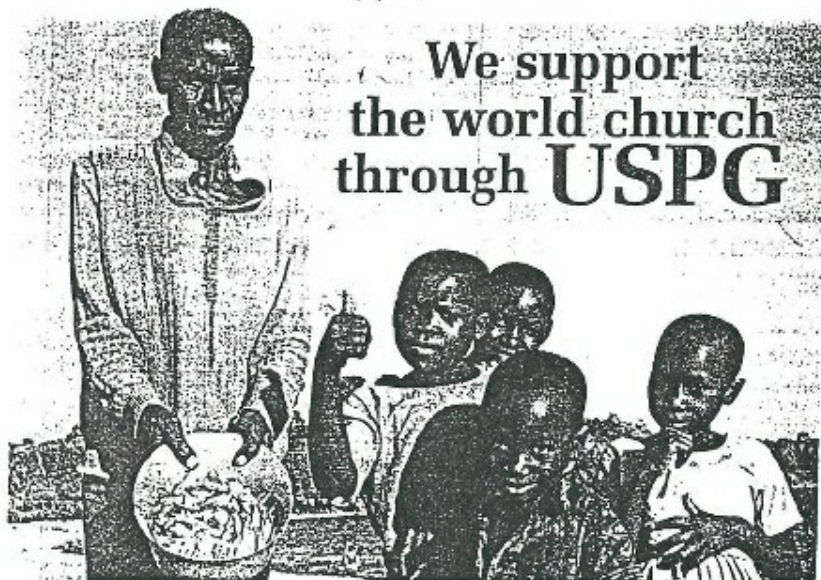
Everyone can benefit from volunteering, whether you are unemployed, retired or you need to fit in with the children's school times.

For more information on vacancies at Oxfam Depots contact the Depot Manager at the address below:

Oxfam Distribution Depot, Unit 4,
Crow Lane Ind Est, Northampton
NN3 9UE

Telephone 01604 403333
Charity No 303918

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opportunities policy



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The Children's Society

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Mrs M Banc

1 Ecton Hall

Church Way

Ecton

Northants. NN6 0QE

THANK YOU

St Mary Magdalene Ecton Village

£ 958.90

Various fundraising events



Thank you for your very kind gift. We are delighted to receive your support and are pleased to send this special "Thank You" card.

Play is a serious business.

Children enjoy playing; it's part of growing up. It is vital to healthy children because they learn important life skills like creativity and communication. Play therapy can help children with disabilities and children who have been traumatized through early violent experiences to begin to communicate.

Thank you for helping us to help children grow through play.

Yours sincerely

The Children's Society



L'ARCHE

could be a place for
YOU

to share the joys and challenges
of living, working and building community
with people who have learning disabilities

L'Arche Communities are places where people are valued not for what they have or can do but for who they are as a person - because L'Arche believes everyone has a unique value and the same dignity and rights, whatever their gifts and limitations.

Within an ecumenical Christian environment, L'Arche enables people with learning disabilities and their assistants to live and work very much as family and friends rather than clients and staff.

Through the relationships formed within L'Arche houses and workshops and the wider community, people with learning disabilities are helped to grow in confidence towards greater independence, and assistants brought to a deeper understanding of the unique gift of each person.

Part of a world-wide federation founded by Jean Vanier, L'Arche UK Communities are centred in Bognor Regis, Bracon, Canterbury, Edinburgh, Inverness, Liverpool and London. A new project is now being developed in Preston.

For further details of opportunities and an application form, please write to:

John Peet, L'Arche 96/RTH, 10 Briggate, Silsden,
Keighley, West Yorkshire BD20 9JT

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MONDAY CLUB

We had our last outing of the year in September along the river at Bedford, then a lovely tea at Kempston.

The summer seems to have gone so quick, bringing us again to the Whist Drives which started 26th September. We shall miss Doris White at the Club, and Whist Drives, which she loved being a founder member in 1971 and helped cut the anniversary cake in October 1995.

Dates for the year are Mondays: October 14th & 28th, November 11th and 25th, and December 9th.

Whist Drives: October 24th, November 28th, and December 12th.



LUNCH CLUB

16th October, 13th
November and 11th
December.

EVERYONE WELCOME

BUS TOKENS

9.30 - 11.00 AM

MONDAY, 21ST OCTOBER

YOUTH CLUB BUILDING





FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

As the autumn is now upon us, and the summer fades into our memories there are two events which should not go without mention this month.

Firstly, the Summer Fete which again was a resounding success, both social and financial. The net proceeds amounted to £1,744, of which ten per cent, £175 has been donated to the Ecton Village Appraisal Fund, leaving a contribution of £1,569 to the Church Fabric Fund. This means we are now in a position to carry out the urgent maintenance work to the church central heating system. A big thank you to all those who attended the fete and made it a success, and also to David Tuck and his team for organising the event.

Secondly, the forthcoming Gift Day on October 5th. The purpose of this appeal is to raise funds for the general upkeep of the church. We have a village church of which we can be proud. It is always warm, well maintained and spotlessly clean, offering a friendly welcome to anyone entering through its doors. Maintaining these standards and meeting our Parish Share is not easy, because we do not have any cash reserves to fall back on. Please help us to provide the funds required by generously supporting the Gift Day.

To provide an insight into our current financial position, I have included an unaudited set of abbreviated accounts as part of this month's report. We have now paid £7,000 of our total Parish Share of £9,132 for this year.

Les Mitchell

ECTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

1 January 1996 to 11 September 1996

	£	£
BALANCE - 1 January 1996		4,020
RECEIPTS:		
Collections and Stewardship	9,233	
Income Tax Refund	3,177	
Baptisms and Weddings	199	
Fees	347	
Magazine	69	
Lent Boxes	36	
Donations	149	
		13,210
		17,230
PAYMENTS:		
Parish Share	7,000	
Church Expenses:		
Heat/Light/Water	1,376	
Insurance	1,178	
Repairs/Maintenance	419	
Other	509	
Organist + Music	1,155	
Magazine	403	
Sunday School	221	
Rector's Expenses	794	
Visiting Clergy Expenses	77	
Churchyard	745	
New Storage Shed	572	
		14,449
BALANCE - 11 September 1996		2,781

ECTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

SPECIFIC FUNDS - MOVEMENTS

1 January 1996 to 11 September 1996

	£	£	£
BRASS RESTORATION FUND			
Balance - 1 January 1996		502	
Proceeds from Monday Club Whist Drive		270	
Balance - 11 September 1996			772
KNEELER FUND			
Balance - 1 January 1996		79	
Proceeds from Cheese and Wine Evening		165	
Balance - 11 September 1996			244
FABRIC/RESTORATION FUND			
Balance - 1 January 1996		2,162	
Summer Fete	1,744		
Less: 10% Donation to Ecton Village Appraisal	175		
		1,569	
Church Coffee Proceeds		60	
Bank Interest		65	
Sale of Books and Notelets		29	
Wall Safe		83	
		3,968	
Less:			
Church Roof Repairs	198		
Quinquennial Survey Expenses	449		
		647	
Balance - 11 September 1996			3,321

ECTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

As at 11 September 1996

	£
FUND BALANCES:	
General	2,781
Fabric/Restoration	3,321
Kneeler	244
Brass	772
	<u>7,118</u>
 REPRESENTED BY:	
Deposits with CBF	3,370
TSB Bank Account	3,923
	7,293
Less: Accrual	175
	<u>7,118</u>

FRIENDS OF NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

The aims and objectives of the Friends of Northampton General Hospital are to raise funds for the hospital and recruit and support a team of volunteers within the hospital.

Our volunteers act as Hospital Guides and escort patients and visitors around the hospital and staff our Enquiry point/shop in the main corridor.

The shop sells various items which have been donated by the public and local business. We sell many knitted baby clothes which help to raise our funds for the hospital - so if you are keen knitters and could spare some time to produce baby items for us we would be extremely grateful. We can supply the wool if required.

If anyone is interested in joining our organisation you can contact me on:

Northampton 37600
extension 5802
mainly between
10 am and 2 pm.

We are involved in various fund raising activities which are not only helping various Wards and Departments but are enjoyable as well!!

WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED
TO HEAR FROM ANYONE
WHO IS INTEREST IN
HELPING US ...

More details in the
back of Church.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

PEOPLE and WORK PROGRAMME

New Programme Director

Thanks to the generosity of the Church Army in partnership with the Guild of Centurions we now have a full-time Programme Director. This initiative was approved by the Diocesan Synod in 1995 and after a lot of work by the Programme Co-ordinating Committee

Capt Hugh Boorman CA

has arrived from his work in the Parish Team of St James Birkenhead to take up his post with us from 1st September.

He is responsible to the Board for the Development of Ministry through the Chairman of the People and Work Co-ordinating Committee and is available to help individuals, groups, parishes, deaneries in the following ways:

- by in setting up groups concerned with Faith and Work issues.
- by running workshops, study days etc on Faith and Work issues.
- by talking to PCCs and other groups about the Programme.
- by preaching on Faith and Work issues at Sunday worship.

Hugh can be contacted at:

47 Bank View
East Hunsbury
Northampton
NN4 0RS
Tel: 01604 769097

CRUSE - bereavement care

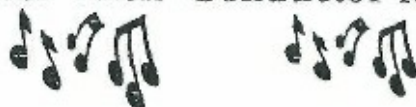
PROUDLY PRESENT



THE NORTHAMPTON
MALE VOICE CHOIR

In Concert.

Under Their Conductor Mr. D. Bosse.



With Guest Soloist

Kim Bennett



Saturday 26th October. At 7-30 p.m.

St. Michael's and All Saints

with St Edmund Parish Church.

St. Michael's Mount.

Northampton.

Programme £4-00

Concessions £3-00

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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|---------------|---|
| Nov 12th 1996 | The Revd Prof Keith Ward
<i>(Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford)</i>
Religion and Creation |
| Jan 14th 1997 | The Revd Canon John Atherton
<i>(Residentiary Canon, Manchester Cathedral)</i>
Christianity into the New Millenium:
Facing up to Globalisation & Tribalism |
| Mar 11th 1997 | The Revd Dr Arnold Browne
<i>(Dean of Chapel, Trinity College, Cambridge)</i>
Old and New Testaments |
| May 13th 1997 | Professor Douglas Davies
<i>(Dept of Theology, University of Nottingham)</i>
Life and Death |
| Sept 9th 1997 | The Revd Canon Peter Fisher
<i>(Principal, The Queen's Theological College)</i> |
| Nov 11th 1997 | Dr Mary Tanner
<i>(General Secretary, Council for Christian Unity)</i> |
| Jan 13th 1998 | Dr Alistair McFadyen
<i>(Dept of Theology, University of Leeds)</i> |

WE MEET IN THE ABBEY CENTRE CHAPEL, EAST HUNSBURY.
MEETINGS START AT 7.30 PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION
PHONE THE REVEREND RICHARD PRATT : 01604 768624

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 1st December
10.30 am : Sunday Praise and Toy Service

Sunday 8th December
6.00 pm : Christingle in support of the Church of England Children's
Society

Wednesday, 18th December
6.30 pm : Carol Singing in the Village

Sunday 22nd December
6.00 pm : Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24 December: Christmas Eve
6.00 pm : Carol Service for the family and the Blessing of the Crib
11.30 pm : Midnight Mass

PRAYER FOR PEACE

There was a time, Lord,
when an eye for an eye
and a tooth for a tooth,
though brutal,
limited the damage.
Now nations can maim or kill
those they do not see;
technology has made war so impersonal
and people so cheap.
In the face of this,
I sense my inestimable weakness
and rely on your inestimable strength.

From 'Pray Now', Church of Scotland Panel on Worship



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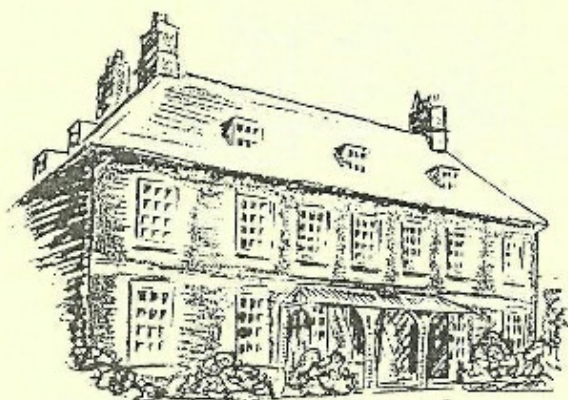
All types of jewellery repairs are undertaken within our own workshop on the premises. Watch and clock, silver, and silver plating, restoration and jewellery commissions are also undertaken and valuations given for probate and insurance by our own Registered Valuer on the Premises.

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Bless, O Lord, the work of Ecton House.
Bless its staff and all who use it for
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

VISIT THE LIBRARY - OPEN TO ALL

WARDEN: THE REVEREND PETER NAYLOR, ECTON HOUSE
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE
CHURCH WAY, ECTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN6 0QE
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