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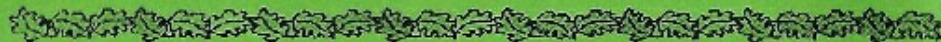
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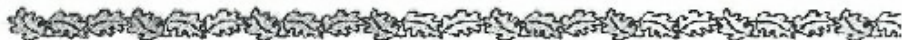
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**THE LORD  
YOUR GOD  
WILL BE  
WITH YOU.**

Joshua 1. 9. (N.I.V.)

## MUD

I like making mud pies Mum.  
Then make sure you wash your hands before  
earing them!!



Copy for October Magazine to  
Anne Henderson – 48 High Street, Ecton  
by September 16<sup>th</sup> please

Dear Friends

It seems impossible that John and I have been in Ecton for six months now. The time has really flown by!

I am grateful for the support and prayers of people in the parish, not only for my ministry here, but also for the other half of my job as Chaplain to Cynthia Spencer Hospice. People often say to me, "It must be very hard working in a place like that".

Yes, sometimes, it is hard, when we see life, especially that of a younger person, come to a premature end; when we share the grief of relatives for the loss of their loved ones. But as a staff we are a team; there is mutual support and the hospice has an atmosphere of caring and love which makes it a good place to work..

The privilege of accompanying someone at the end of their journey, sharing a little of their courage, their faith or their uncertainty, their reluctance to let go of life as we know it. This is what makes hospice work fulfilling. Already I feel that I have received far more than I have given in terms of insight and encouragement. Most of the time, I just try to be there and to listen. My constant prayer is to be given the words that I need and to know when to speak and when to keep silent.

When I asked one man, who was very articulate about his situation, how he felt about dying, he replied, "I don't know, I've never done it before!" That holds for all of us! We none of us know when or how our earthly lives will come to an end. I guess that we all hope for a peaceful ending, one that will not be too painful or prolonged. But it isn't something that we can plan for in advance, except in **living each day in joy and thankfulness.**

**Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full".** We have nothing to fear and everything to hope for with Christ as our Redeemer.

Please keep the hospice staff and patients in your thoughts and prayers.

Jenny



### Don't Dance so fast.....

Have you ever watched kids  
on a merry-go-round?  
Or listened to the rain  
slapping the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic  
flight?  
Or gazed at the sun, into the fading  
light?

You'd better slow down,  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short,  
The music won't last.

Do you run through each day  
'on the fly'  
When you ask 'How are you?'  
do you hear the reply?

When the day is done  
Do you lie in your bed  
With the next hundred chores  
Running through your head?

You'd better slow down,  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short,  
The music won't last.

Ever told your child  
'We'll do it tomorrow'  
And in your haste  
Not seen his sorrow?

Ever lost touch,  
Let a good friendship die  
'Cause you never had time to call  
And say 'Hi'?

You'd better slow down,  
Don't dance so fast.  
Time is short,  
The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get  
somewhere  
You miss half the fun of getting there  
When you worry and hurry  
through your day  
It's like an unopened gift.....  
thrown away.

Life is not a race,  
Do take it slower.  
Hear the music  
Before the song is over

*Written in August 2001 by a twelve-  
year-old girl, terminally ill in a New  
York Hospital.*



**Eceton Church Diary**  
**August/September 2002**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am**

**6.00pm**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**7.30 – 8.30pm**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am**

**6.00pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**9.30am**

**6.00pm**

**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Parish Communion: Genesis 32. 22-31;**

**Psalm 17. 1-7, 16; Romans 9. 1-5;**

**Matthew 14. 13-21.**

**Evensong.**

**Holy Communion.**

**Prayer Group meet in the church.**

**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**Parish Communion: Genesis 37. 1-4, 12-28;**

**Psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10. 5-**

**15; Matthew 14. 22-33.**

**Holy Communion.**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**Parish Communion: Genesis 45. 1-15;**

**Psalm 133; Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32;**

**Matthew 15. 21-28.**

**Evensong.**

**Holy Communion.**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Parish Communion: Exodus 1.8-2.10;**

**Psalm 124; Romans 12. 1-8;**

**Matthew 16. 13-20.**

**Holy Communion.**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Parish Communion: Exodus 3. 1-15;**

**Psalm 105. 1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12.**

**9-end; Matthew 16. 21-end.**

**Evensong.**

Ecton Church Diary  
August/September 2002

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 – 8.30pm

Prayer Group meet in the church.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

2.00 – 4.00pm

Church Fete.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion: Exodus 12. 1-14;

Psalms 149; Romans 13. 8-end;

Matthew 18. 15-20.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion: Exodus 14. 19-end;

Psalms 114; Romans 14. 1-12;

Matthews 18. 21-35.

6.00pm

Evensong.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

9.30am

Seventeenth Sunday after Sunday

Parish Communion: Exodus 16. 2-15;

Psalms 105. 1-6, 37-end; Philippians 1.

21-end; Matthew 20. 1-16.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion: Exodus 17. 1-7;

Psalms 78. 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2. 1-13;

Matthew 21. 23-32.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2002.**  
Services that day will be as follows: -

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.      6.00 p.m. Harvest Songs of Praise.

Offers of help to decorate the church on the Saturday would be appreciated.

The Harvest Supper will take place in the church following Songs of Praise. There will be 40 tickets available at £6.00 each to include wine and fruit juice as well as a hot two-course meal. For further information please speak to Dorothy Creed.

Proceeds and Harvest goods will be given to the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. They particularly appreciate tinned and dry goods as these are easier to store.

### OTHER ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

- 1) Our Children Protect Policy has recently been updated in accordance with new legislation. If any body would like to read this, a copy is on the table at the back of the church. If there are any queries please speak to Sandie Simpson, our Child Protection Co-ordinator.
- 2) Bishop Frank has given permission for Alice Adams and Pat Baylis, two of our Eucharistic Assistants to help Jenny by taking Communion to the housebound in alternate months. All those concerned are quite happy about this arrangement.
- 3) The PCC is considering replacing the present hymnbooks with a new up to date book – Hymns Old and New. Further information will be available in due course.

Gwenda Barty  
Secretary to the PCC

## One Sentence Sermons

Be Fishers of Men.... You catch 'em, He'll Clean 'em.

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A family altar can alter a family.

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A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

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Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

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Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord!

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Forbidden fruits create many jams.

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Give God what's right, not what's left!

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Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

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God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

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God grades on the cross, not the curve.

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God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts"!

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God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible!

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He who angers you, controls you!

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He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

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He who kneels before God can stand before anyone!

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*Out of the mouths of babes.....1.*

A nursery teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

**PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

**A LEAVE-TAKING MESSAGE**

If I should go before the rest of you

Break not a flower

nor inscribe a stone,

Nor when I'm gone

speak in a Sunday voice

But be the usual selves

that I have known.

Weep if you must,

Parting is hell,

But life goes on, - So sing as well.

*Joyce Grenfell (1910-79)*

*Out of the mouths of  
babes.....2*

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honour thy Father and thy mother," she asked,

"Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

**ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY...JUNE 2002.**

95	J.Mogridge	£49.25
142	P.Darwin	£9.85
158	S.Spick	£9.85
185	R.Turnock	£9.85
129	F.Richards	£9.85
137	K.Pulford	£9.85

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

## The Bake a Cake, Eat a Cake Appeal

Raise money for some of the world's poorest communities with a partnership of cake bakers and cake buyers in your own community.



Lacy D'Souza

## Bakers

### ***The offer:***

Do you like to bake? Are you able to make a cake a month for another family? If so, this is an opportunity to use your baking talent to support some of the world's poorest communities.

### ***The deal:***

Offer to make one cake a month for a year, and you will be paired up with someone in your community who would like to receive a cake once a month. In return, that person will set up a standing order to Christian Aid for £4\* a month.

## Eaters

### ***The offer:***

Receive freshly baked cakes throughout the year, knowing that you are supporting some of the world's poorest communities.

### ***The deal:***

Christian Aid needs people who will give regular amounts each month so it can plan its work ahead. In return for receiving a cake every month for a year from someone in your community, we ask you to give £4\* a month to Christian Aid. This is done by completion of a standing order form which is sent to Christian Aid.

\* Suggested amount

## How does the scheme work?

The first stage is for someone in a parish, church or local community to be enthused by the idea and agree to be the point of contact.

Bakers and eaters are paired up. The pairs then arrange mutually convenient dates for delivery of the cake each month – and discuss any favourite flavours! We will give you a prayer card to go up in your kitchen, which will also serve as a reminder of the arrangements you have made.

By taking part, you are building your own local community, as bakers and eaters get to know each other. You are also standing alongside the many women in shanty towns or rural villages worldwide who make money for their families by cooking fried pasties, tortillas or soup at home to sell on the streets.

Your work means that Christian Aid can count on a regular source of income which supports community projects such as that on the back of this leaflet.

On their behalf, thank you.

For a complete pack with introductory leaflets for participants, prayer cards and committed giving forms, please contact the office at the address overleaf.

## **RILADEP - Rural Integrated Literacy and Development Programme, Ghana**

In Ghana, baking is one of the ways groups of women support themselves and their community. In Saboba village, two women's groups make bread once a week to sell in their local market. They buy wheat flour together in bulk. It takes four of them 30 minutes to pound the dough in a large trough, before they roll it out, put it in tins and bake it in an outdoor oven for a whole night. With the profits from the bread, they buy grain which they store for the dry season, giving them food security throughout the year.

The women enjoy working in a group - they have learnt the skill of bread making and they also share ideas together, learning from one another in many ways. They give each other moral and financial support when sickness strikes a family.

Christian Aid supports this group and others like it through a partner in Ghana, RILADEP. RILADEP runs loan schemes so that small groups like this may have access to the capital to start up income-generating schemes. Through these programmes, RILADEP aims to increase not only the skills and knowledge of its members but also their confidence, status and awareness of their role in society.

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Please contact:

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Lady Lodge Arts Centre  
Goldhay Way  
Orton Goldhay  
Peterborough  
PE2 5JQ

**Tel: 01733 230 847**

for a free Bake a Cake pack

## THE MONKEY'S VIEWPOINT ON EVOLUTION

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,  
Discussing things as they are said to be;  
Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two,  
There is a certain rumour that cannot be true  
That man descended from our noble race,  
The very idea! ... It is a dire disgrace;  
No monkey ever deserted his wife,  
Starved her baby and ruined her life.  
And you have never known a mother monk  
To leave her babies with others to bunk,  
Or pass them on from one to another,  
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.  
And another thing! you will never see  
A monk build a fence round a coconut tree,  
And let the coconuts go to waste,  
Forbidding all other monks a taste.  
Why, if I put a fence around this tree,  
Starvation would force you to steal from me.  
Here is another thing a monk will not do;  
Go out at night and get in a stew;  
Or use a gun, or club, or knife  
To take some other monkey's life.  
Yes, man descended, the honorary cuss,  
But, Brother, he did not descend from us".

What do you call parrot food?

Polyfilla!

# SAFARI SUPPER

## 2002

The next Safari Supper will be held on  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

To find out how you can take part  
please ring Mary Dicks  
on 01604 407145

There are 64 places available and  
already some of these have been  
reserved.

Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Relief  
Northamptonshire Appeal



*"God  
has raised  
this Jesus  
to life ..."*

*Acts 2:32*

## **CAN WE HELP YOU?**

Even if you do not believe in God, He believes and loves you.

A small Prayer Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm to pray for the Parish and its needs, the sick and especially for people who need our prayers.

If any person is troubled, uncertain, stressed or in need of comfort, just put the name [with if possible, a christian name] in an envelope, with any details you may wish to add, and leave the envelope, marked "Prayer Group" at The Rectory/or with Pat, 34 West street, or in the prayer box [under the votif candle corner] or just give it to any parishoner

With Jesus' promise we will do the rest.

## **THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP**

The Fellowship meets again on Tuesday 10th September: We shall have a short AGM at 2.15pm

This will be followed by a talk and demonstration by  
Jane Wilson  
on  
Indian Head Massage  
at 2.25pm

Everyone is very welcome.

Joan Dickins  
01 604 415576

## **COME TO THE CELEBRATION**

Jesus loved a party and on Sunday 1st September Denis Strange celebrates his 80th Birthday with cake and sherry after the 9.30am Service.

Even if you have not been to Church for many years and especially if you have never been, do come, a warm and friendly welcome awaits you

### **W.I. REPORT**

The monthly meeting was held on July 2nd at the Village Club Room with all Members present. A very interesting talk was given by Mr I. Franklin on the Boot and Shoe Industry in Northampton both past and present with many amusing anecdotes about life in a shoe factory.

The next meeting will be on September 3rd at 7.30pm when Margaret Lay is coming for a second time by popular request to give us another 'Keep Fit' evening. How about joining us!

Competition is 'A colourful scarf'

Teas: Mrs D. Creed and Mrs B. Shearing

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE/WALK

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2002

This yearly event is organised in order to raise funds to help pay for the repairing and restoring of historic churches and chapels in the county, whatever their denomination.

The trust receives half the amount raised by each participant, the other half going to the church or chapel of the cyclist, walker or recorder's choice. The Trust makes grants where major repairs and restorations are needed, the cost of which are often beyond the resources of the local community, thus helping with the preservation of our wonderful and rich heritage.

Please come and take part – whether on bicycle or on foot – for an enjoyable day out. Why not bring the whole family????

Help in church with the recording of those participants who visit Ecton Church, would also be much appreciated, an hour or two would be great! Please note that the Recorders can also be sponsored.

The monies raised for the last three years were respectively £320, £80 and last year £100. Sincere thanks to all who gave time and money to support this Trust. Last year they gave Ecton Church a grant of £500 towards the kitchen and toilet project!

Sponsorship forms and a list of participating churches can be obtained from myself. Have a fun day, keep fit and help raise money for a very worthy cause! Looking forward to hearing from you.

Ingrid Cartwright  
Tel: 415806

LAUGHTER FROM THE PEW

The red light glowed in the Sanctuary denoting a reserved Sacrement.

During a very long sermon a small boys voice was clearly heard "Mummy. can we go when the light turns green?"

## ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

August 3	Purple	A
August 10	Pink	B
August 17	Yellow	A
August 23	Blue	B
August 30	Green	A
September 7	Orange	B
September 14	Red	A
September 21	Pruple	B
September 28	Pink	A
October 5	Yellow	B

## BRASS CLEANING

August 3	Dorothy/Pat
September 7	Sylvia Fraiel/Joy Wilson
October 5	Colin/Sandie/Serena/William

## COFFEE ROTA

August 4	Pat Baylis/Christine Murray
August 11	Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson
August 18	Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson
August 25	Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major
September 1	Nick & Mary Greene
September 8	Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott
September 15	Rita Ward/Angela Allen
September 22	Marion Gleave/Joyce Orford
September 29	Pat Baylis/Christine Murray
October 6	Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson

## SIDESPERSIONS

August 4	Tony Weddle Margaret Weddle	Sylvia Saunders Marian Gleave
August 11	Marlene Green Tony Green	
August 18	Sylvia Saunders Brian Saunders	Geoff Harlott Joy Wilson
August 25	Angela Crabtree Jim Crabtree	
September 1	John Parkin Walter Barty	Sylvia Saunders Marian Gleave
September 8	Ken Jones Nick Greene	
September 15	Margaret Weddle Tony Weddle	
September 22	Marlene Green Tony Green	
September 29	Sylvia Saunders Brian Saunders	Harvest Supper
October 6	Angela Crabtree Jim Crabtree	

## ECTON WHIST DRIVES

We have come to the end of another season of Whist Drives - usually a pleasant evening for all concerned.

The next Drive will be on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Village Club Room.

## HOUSE KEY FOUND

on Lower High Street on 4.7.02  
Ring 405938

### Christian Aid Week 2002

What the money raised by your committee could achieve:

#### In the Philippines

- £100 - pays for a new banca (a one-person fishing boat)
- £200 - pays for second hand engines for 8 boats
- £1200 - pays a years salary for a community organiser
- £4,000 - pays for small nets for 50 fishermen

#### Kaleo Baptist Women's Development Project

- Training for 18 people as traditional birth attendants - £3000 (18 people x 7 days)
- Donkey Traction Training for 18 people - £1400 (9 days for 18 people)
- Maintenance drugs for fifteen donkeys - £420
- Salary for an agricultural technical officer for one year - £1217
- Motorbike - £2097

#### In Honduras

- Every £10 raised trains a farmer how to process organic sugar
- Every £100 provides instruction manuals for 23 peasant leaders to learn basic accountancy and administration

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!  
The heavens declare Your glory,  
the arch of sky displays Your handiwork.  
In Your love You have given us the power  
to behold the beauty of Your world  
robed in all its splendor.  
The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills,  
the rivers and lakes all disclose Your presence.  
The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might,  
the beasts of the field and the birds of the air  
bespeak Your wondrous will.  
In Your goodness You have made us able to hear  
the music of the world. The voices of loved ones  
reveal to us that You are in our midst.  
A divine voice sings through all creation.

#### JEWISH PRAYER

Sam, scrape some of that mud off your shoes  
before you come indoors!

What shoes?

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

*Romans 13:8-12 (NRSV)*