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PARISH MAGAZINE

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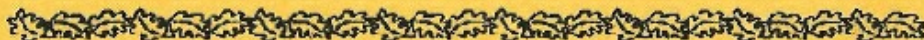
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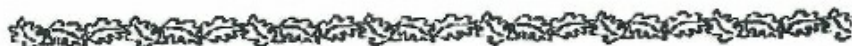
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A Bishop was preaching in a small country church when a small boy began to fidget. After a while his mother stood up to take him out.

"Don't worry ", said the Bishop, "He isn't bothering me."

"I know ", she replied, "but you're bothering him!".



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by **July 14th** please

Dear Friends,

Being an ex-teacher, sometimes my year still seems punctuated by the school terms. We are now well into the Summer Term so I am looking towards the end of July rather longingly! I will have had my holiday by then, but well remember the summer feeling that time was my own, for a while, despite having loads of things to catch up with at home.

As our children move towards the summer break, we pray that they will keep safe and watch out for one another and other people. The long summer holiday can be a trial to parents and neighbours!

Some of our young people will be leaving our village school this year and our good wishes go with them as they move on to various secondary schools.

It would be good to have more articles for the magazine. Would anyone like to write about their years at Ecton Primary School (past or present)?

They say schooldays are the best days of our lives. Do you agree?

Enjoy the summer. Love and prayers

Jenny

For Meditation

*'What a caterpillar calls the end of the
world, the master calls a butterfly!'*

Richard Bach

To pray

*May I always appreciate what others
do for me, and honour them for it.*

Church Diary

July 2003

Tuesday 1st July
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 6th July
9.30am

Third Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion: Ezekiel 2. 1-5;
Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10;
Mark 6. 1-13.

Evensong.

6.00pm

Tuesday 8th July
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 13th July
10.30am

Family Service.

Tuesday 15th July
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Saturday 19th July
10.00am – 4.00pm

Church Open Day

Details to follow.

Sunday 20th July
9.30am
6.00pm

St Mary Magdalene

Parish Communion.

Evensong.

Tuesday 22nd July
9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 27th July
9.30am

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion: 2 Kings 4. 42-44;
Psalm 145. 10-19; Ephesians 3. 14-21;
John 6. 1-21.

Tuesday 29th July
9.00am

Holy Communion.

ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

1. It is hoped that the weather vane on the tower will be replaced shortly. It is likely that scaffolding will have to be erected in order to undertake this work.
2. The Archdeacon, the Venerable Michael Chapman, will be officiating at the 9.30 .am. Service on 20th July, which is our Patronal Festival.
3. During the morning of Saturday, 19th July a visiting team of bell-ringers are to ring a peel of bells.
4. Tony Green has agreed to co-ordinate the Church Fete, which is to be held in and around the church on Saturday, 6th September from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. A list of stall holders will be published shortly.
5. Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 28th September. The Bishop of Brixworth will be preaching at the 9.30 a.m. service. This will be Bishop Frank's first visit to Ecton. Please come to welcome him.
6. As usual there will be a Harvest Supper after the evening service. Details will be announced in due course.
7. We will again be supporting the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough, and have asked them for a list of the type of goods that they need most. Details will be published in the August/September magazine. Please support this worthwhile local cause.

Gwenda Barty
Secretary to the PCC.



DAYLIGHTCENTRE

20A Park Road, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4PG.

Telephone 01933 - 270808

Reg. Charity No. 1043502

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Granulated Sugar
Cooking Oil
Custard Powder
Gravy Granules
Corned Beef/Tinned Ham etc.
Mixed Spice/Cinnamon/Herbs
Long Life S/Skimmed Milk

Tea Bags
Sultanas/ Raisins
Automatic Soap powder
Potatoes : Fresh or Tinned
Frozen Chicken or Tinned
Syrup /Jam/Marmalade
Orange Cordial

Tinned Vegetables: Carrots/Peas/Runner Beans/Mixed Vegetables

Washing up Liquid
Kitchen Rolls
General Purpose Cleaner
Toilet Cleaner
Wire Scourers
Spray Polish

Cream Cleaner
Plastic Bin Sacks
Anti-Bacteria Spray
Toilet Rolls
Rubber Gloves (Med)
Carpet Shampoo (Manual)

All donations, no matter how small, help us to provide a much needed service to those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would find it impossible to continue without your kind and generous gifts.

If you feel able to help us at this time, please would you bear in mind, that our supplies of Baked Beans/Tinned Fish/Soup/ Tinned Peaches/and Pasta are so great, that we struggle to use them within recommended dates. If you could consider tinned carrots, peas, green beans, mixed vegetables etc. that are used daily, we would be truly grateful. These are always in short supply, and our storage space is precious!

Thank you

Ecton Village Youth Club

Summer Play Scheme

Dates

Tuesday 22nd July, 29th July, 5th August, 12th
August, 19th August, 26th August.

10am to 3.3.pm

Cost per day £4

Prior booking and deposit essential.

Activities include:

Short tennis, football and cricket coaching.

Table tennis, crafts, sports

Contact M.Tinston tel 412233

Grand Quiz Nite

At the Three Horseshoes

Ecton Village

Thursday 10th. July
8.30 pm

Teams of four.

Prizes for winning team

Seperate snowball cash prizes

Entry £1 per person

**Quiz will take place every two
weeks starting on the 10th July**

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

The last meeting of this programme on Tuesday 8th July 2003, is a cream tea at Dorothy Austin's House, 61 West Street.

There will be a 'Bring and Buy' stall for charity.

This begins at 3.00pm
£1. for the tea

We hope that we shall have a 'house-full of visitors' - everyone is very welcome.

Come for a short or long time and bring some friends.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September at 2.30pm.

Joan Dickins

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We collected £411.42 for Christian Aid this year.

House to House Collection	£237.92
Bread and Soup Lunch	£ 123.50
Marmalade	£ 50.00

Very many thanks to all those who collected and to all those who supported the week.

Joan Dickins

HOUSEWIFE'S HYMN

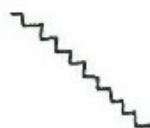
(With a respectful nod to Henry Vaughan, the Silurist)



My soul there is a house, where
No housework need be done:
Where, without a stab of conscience,
I can sit out in the sun.



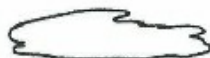
A house where children do not spill:
Where pets do not shed hairs:
No greyish fluff accumulate
In corners, up the stairs.



Nobody wants an early lunch,
Or button on a shirt:
The ironing does not pile up,
Nor carpets show the dirt.



A house where no-one rings the bell
Just as I've poured the tea:
No bathroom floor reminds me
Of an un-named inland sea.



When I am finished here on earth,
Dear Lord, I hope to see
Among Thy many mansions
A house like that - for me.



GOD MADE TIME
MAN MADE HASTE!!

MAGAZINE EXPENSES.

In this edition of the magazine you will find an envelope in which to place a donation to defray the costs of publication. Please hand your contribution to your magazine distributor or either of the churchwardens.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Blessing of Silence

(a prayer where the silences are as important as the words)

Listening God, we thank you for the blessing of silence.

Silence of sunrise.

Silence of mist on the hills.

Silence of listening.

Silence at the end of the story

Silence between notes of music.

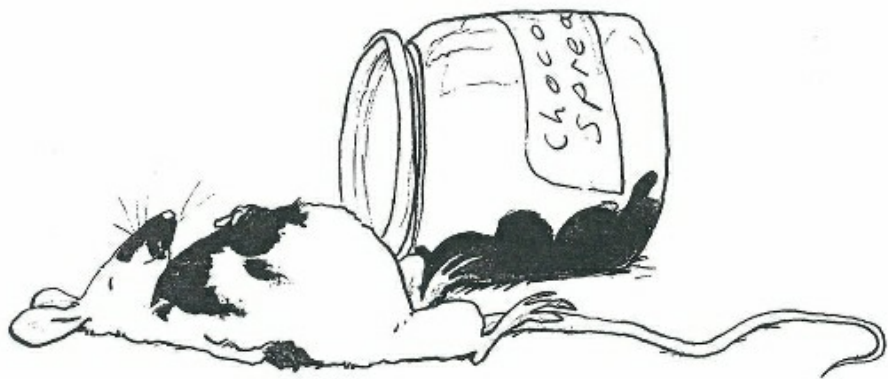
Silence between friends.

Amen.

By Jan Sutch Pickard
From A Book of Blessings compiled by Ruth Burgess

There will be a
Family Service
on
Sunday, 13th July
at 10.30 a.m.
Young and old,
everybody welcome.

I said a prayer for you today, and know God must
have heard,
I felt the answer in my heart though he spoke no
word,
I did not ask for wealth or fame, I know you would not
mind.
I asked him to send treasures of a far more lasting
kind,
I asked that he will be near you at the start of each
new day,
To give you health and blessings and friends to
share the way,
I asked for happiness for you in all things great and
small.
But it was for his loving care I prayed for most of all.



Chocoholic

Mrs Betty Cunningham and family would like to thank all those who sent cards, visited, attended the Thanksgiving Service and donated £644.00 to Arthritis Research Campaign in memory of Jock Cunningham.

"Thank you"

CHURCH LOTTERY

MAY 2003

1st Prize: M.Robinson (194)

2nd Prize: D.Ward (81)

3rd Prize: P.Charles (104)

4th Prize: D.Joll (167)

5th Prize: R.Berril (175)

6th Prize: S.Cart (132)

There were 166 people who bought shares for the May lottery.

The First Prize was £41.50 and subsequent prizes £8.30.

There are still shares available for the rest of this year and the more people who buy a share the higher the prize money.

Please support the Church Development Fund.

Shares £1 per share per month

June 2003 - April 2004 £11.

Contact any of the collectors: Sylvia Saunders, Millie Harlott, Ken Jones, Gary Wheatman, Jennifer Harrison, Trudie Warder, Jim Crabtree or the Church Treasurer, if you would like to take part.

The next Draw will be on Thursday 26th June at the Short Mat Bowls in the Village Club.

ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

5 July	Red	A
12 July	Purple	B
19 July	Pink	A
26 July	Yellow	B
2 August	Blue	A

BRASS CLEANING

5 July Walter/Gwenda

COFFEE ROTA

6 July	Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson
13 July	Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major
20 July	Nick & Mary Greene
27 July	Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott
3 August	Rita Ward/Angela Allen

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THE SENILITY PRAYER

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,
The good fortune to run into the ones I do, and
The eyesight to tell the difference.

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BRITISH RED CROSS

2003 APPEAL

The total raised in the village this year was £247.64.

Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously and also to the collectors, who were:

Mike Baylis, Dorothy Creed, Julie Dalton, Barbara and Ken Jones, Margaret and Tony Weddle and Joy Wilson. Also thanks go the Three Horse Shoes and the Worlds End.

Sylvia Saunders

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A prayer of St Benedict



CLEAN Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now

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Progress Report Number 1 24th May 2003

Back Ground.

Following some discussions between residents of Ecton early in March 2003, a decision was taken to set up a pressure group to take action to get Lower Ecton Lane cleaned up and stop the fly tipping which had plagued the area for several years. The fly tipping had become much worse following restrictions of the use of the Household Waste Recycling Centers introduced on 1st July 2003.

Committee.

Jim Crabtree - Chairman
Brian Beck - Treasurer
Alastair Bantock
Moiria Clark
Frances Kavener
Adrian Pulford
Doug Shearing

Major Actions & Achievements to date.

1. It was decided to call the pressure group CLEAN - Campaign for Lower Ecton Action Now.
2. A committee of seven people had been formed who had donated sufficient funds for instructing a solicitor and issuing a letter to Northampton Borough Council (NBC).
3. A briefing paper on Lower Ecton Lane was prepared.
4. A solicitor (Hossacks - of Kettering) who specializes in actions against local councils had been identified and a meeting held with them. Following this Hossacks had been instructed by CLEAN.
5. A Solicitors letter had been sent to NBC. They had responded and agreed a round table meeting with CLEAN & Hossacks as we had suggested.
6. In order to fund the next phase, which included the round table meeting a major fund raising effort was launched.
7. A flyer was produced and issued round the village and to other interested parties as part of the fund raising.
8. A constitution for CLEAN was drawn up and approved.
9. An application for a bank account was submitted to a bank. Final details are awaited.
10. At a meeting with Paul Stinchcombe at the end of April approximately 30 villagers turned up at the village hall to lobby him on Lower Ecton Lane. As a result he has been writing to various parties with renewed vigor.



CLEAN

11. CLEAN addressed the Environment & Transport Scrutiny Committee of Northampton County Council (NCC) on 19th May 2003.
12. CLEAN participated in Five Live on BBC Radio Northampton on 19th May 2003. This involved being interviewed by Mark Whall regarding Lower Ecton Lane and fly tipping.
13. Contacts had been made with The Ecton Brook Resident's association and Friends of Ecton Brook Pocket Park. These organisations had similar objectives to CLEAN.
14. Letters introducing CLEAN had been sent to the new leaders of the Council in Northampton and Wellingborough West. A letter had also been sent to the new Chief Constable of Northampton.

Major Actions for the next period.

1. Receive confirmation that the bank account is now operable.
2. Issue a cheque to Hossacks for the next phase.
3. Hold round table meeting with NBC.
4. Continue with fund raising.
5. Continue with making contacts with organisations in the area that have the same objectives.
6. Continue to promote CLEAN and raise the awareness of the public of our campaign.
7. Hold a Charity Auction to raise funds on 27th June 2003.

GOLDEN RULES FOR LIFE

1. IF YOU OPEN IT, CLOSE IT
2. IF YOU TURN IT ON, TURN IT OFF.
3. IF YOU UNLOCK IT, LOCK IT UP.
4. IF YOU BREAK IT, ADMIT IT.
5. IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT, CALL IN SOMEONE WHO CAN.
6. IF YOU BORROW IT, RETURN IT.
7. IF YOU VALUE IT, TAKE CARE OF IT.
8. IF YOU MAKE A MESS, CLEAN IT UP.
9. IF IT BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE, GET PERMISSION TO USE IT.
10. IF YOU MOVE IT, PUT IT BACK.
11. IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE IT, LEAVE IT ALONE.
12. IF IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, DON'T ASK QUESTIONS

PARISH SHARE

In answer to queries made at the Church AGM I asked the Deanery Treasurer if she could help clarify the Parish Share. She has kindly send us the following. Should anyone in the Parish have further questions or queries please do not hesitate to let me know as the Deanery Treasurer is very happy to clarify them.

Angela Crabtree, Church Treasurer.

A GUIDE TO THE PARISH SHARE in the DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

Introduction

Each year the Diocesan Synod agrees the Diocesan Budget for the following year. The main source of income is the Parish Share and the purpose of this article is to explain how it is then calculated for each of the three hundred and sixty-five parishes in the diocese.

The Diocesan Budget for 2003 totals just under £7.5 million pounds. Of this £5 million is expected to come from church members through the Parish Share. It is important to recognise that each year it is the Diocesan Synod members, that is representatives from the deaneries and the parishes, who take the decision on the size of both the budget and the parish share.

The Parish Share Formula The present formula is far simpler than the previous one. There are two main factors which now determine each parish's share. They are the **Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)** and the **Parish Category (PC)**.

The average of the last three years adult **Average Sunday Attendance** is taken from the 'Statistics for Mission' return. For example *Ecton* submitted returns of 46 for 1999, 60 for 2000 and 50 for 2001 would result in an ASA of 52.00 as the number used in 2002 for calculating parish shares for 2003.

The Deanery Synod, often through its Standing Committee, determines the **Parish Category**. This will be one of five categories, A, B1, B2, C or D, according to the relative affluence of a parish. In coming to their decisions on categories the Deaneries are given criteria to apply and guidance on the numbers in each category by the Diocesan Office, based on available socio-economic data and other factors. Associated with each category is a figure based on 5% of a weekly income. For Category A this is £20.33 and equates to an annual income of £21,100 and for D it is £12.38 equating to an income of £12,900. The middle category B1 is based on the clergy stipend of £17,500 (for 2002/3) and all are then adjusted each year in line with the stipend. [*Ecton is assigned to second category B1 with factor £18.56*].

The Parish Share Calculation The ASA and the PC figures are then multiplied together and by 52, for the weeks in the year. So for *Ecton*, a Category B1 parish with an ASA of 52.00 this would result as follows:

$$52.00 \times £18.56 \times 52 = £50,186.24 \text{ assessment}$$

(Note: For parishes in multi-parish benefices where weekly service are not held this figure may be reduced by 25 or 50%, so that members are not counted twice.)

On average these figures are close to a parish's average total income. If the figure for your parish is well below that calculated in this way it is likely to reflect that the

average giving within your parish is on the low side, in comparison with other comparable parishes.

The next stage is that all these figures are added together for the diocese. For 2003 this figure totalled £12,600,000. The final share required for the diocese for 2003 was 48.00 % of this sum.

Before the final shares are calculated two other features come into play. The first is **Insurance** whereby the costs of insuring churches are shared across all parishes. *[For Ecton this was £1,343.77 for 2002.]* The second is the **cap and floor** which limit the change in share from year to year as agreed each year by the Diocesan Synod. For 2003, when the total share requested was increased by 8.3%, the cap was set at 12.3% and the floor at 0%. *[For Ecton the 'uncapped' 2003 share would have been £22,731 until the cap based on the 2002 share reduced it by £7,800.]*

Each year the detailed calculation of each parish's share is sent to the PCC Treasurer. For our parish of *Ecton*, a Category B1 Parish with an ASA of 52 the final result was a share of £14,931 requested for 2003.

Frequently Asked Questions?Where does the Parish Share money go?It is sent to the Diocesan Office and used to meet the costs of ministry and mission within the diocese as agreed by the Diocesan Synod each year when it fixes the Diocesan Budget. Details of the proposed Diocesan Budget are sent to PCC Treasurers annually, to allow for discussion before decisions are taken.

How much does it cost to provide a vicar?About £32,000 per year made up as follows:

Stipend	£18K	
National Insurance and Pension	£ 6K	
House, including Council Charge and Water		£ 5K
Removal Grants and other	£ 1K	
Training	£ 2K	

What has happened to our historic income from the 'Glebe'?This provides £900,000 income per year to diocesan funds, thus reducing the share requested from all parishes. Many years ago when 'Glebe' income was kept by those parishes that had it, its value bore no relation to the needs of parishes.

What happens if we don't pay 100% of our Parish share?Other parishes pay more, often in later years.

Ann Toms, Deanery Treasurer. 2003

Q: What did the dog say when he sat on the sand paper.

A: "Ruff-Ruff."

Man: "Waiter, what's this fly doing in my soup?"

Waiter: "The crawl, I think, sir."

Mother: "What did your father say when he fell off the ladder?"

Son: "Shall I leave out the swear words?"

Mother: "Yes."

Son: "Nothing"

ECTON W.I.

At our June meeting we welcomed friends from Harpole W.I. and with them we enjoyed a talk by Shirley Smith entitled 'Glamour After Sixty'. Mrs. Smith was a very humorous and interesting speaker who soon set the tone of the evening with a Pam Ayres poem called 'Will I Have To Be Sexy When I'm Sixty?' We then learned of the dangers of constipation and of not having our false teeth firmly glued into place. We were told that a smile is our greatest asset, (first having fixed the teeth) as smiling gives up-lines on the face and does away with the dreaded down-lines. We also had advice on cleansing, plucking, colouring and creaming and I think that the local chemist may have wondered why they had a sudden rush on cleansing wipes and bronzing pearls! Mrs. Smith reminded us that Northampton operates a free Chiropody service for the elderly although you may have to wait 8 months for an appointment. On a more serious note, we said 'Goodbye' to Moira Devlin who is leaving Ecton to join her family in Mexico. We send her our very good wishes. Our July meeting is a Members Evening when the Committee can sit back and be entertained by the Members.



Did you hear about the man
who went around asking
people if they were
superstitious?
And then asked to borrow £13?

SUMMER

High sun endows
Shortly shadows.
Languid fellows,
Rolling meadows.
Leisures captives,
Snoozing raptures.
Thirsty people,
Energies feeble.
Browning in't sun,
Declining a run.
Salad days,
Mem'rys haze.
Shirts and trousers,
Skirts and blousers.
Midrifts vacant,
Gaze impatient?
Sunsets beauty,
Barmaids duty -
Calls for time,
Retorts "sublime".
Homeward strolling,
Others rolling.
Fitful sleeping,
Dawn is creeping.
Chorus of birds,
Calling herds.
Stirring populace,
Lacking solace.
Toil becons,
Cursing heavens.
Day is spent
Rest content.

Godfrey Philcox.

Power to heal

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1:29-34 (NRSV)