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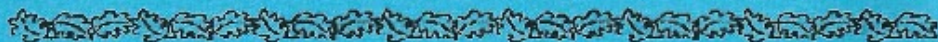
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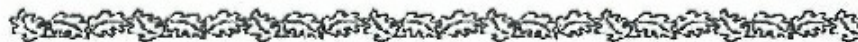
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**FEAR THE LORD
AND SERVE HIM
FAITHFULLY.**

1 Samuel 12. 24. (N.I.V.)

**DO NOT BE
DISCOURAGED.**

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



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PRAYING TOGETHER

We will be in church for a quiet hour on 11th June,
7.30pm-8.30pm.

Everyone is welcome

The Flawed Water Pot

author unknown, submitted by Margaret Oliver, Coventry

A water bearer in India had two large pots, hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfections and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of perceived, bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day.

"I'm ashamed of myself and want to apologise to you. Over these last two years I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot and in his compassion said, "As we return to the house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

When reaching the house, the bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice there were flowers only on your side and not on the other pot's side. That's because I've always known about your flaw and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day as we've walked back from the stream you've watered them. For two years I've been able to pick lovely flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he wouldn't have been able to enjoy the beauty and have flowers to grace his house."

Each of us has unique flaws, we're all cracked pots, but don't be afraid of them, acknowledge them and you too can be a source of beauty.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever felt frustrated when trying to get through to the right person in a large organisation? I came across this article recently where someone is trying to get through to God.

We have learned to live with "voice mail" as a necessary part of modern life. But have you wondered what would happen if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing this: "Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

*Press 1 for Requests
Press 2 for Thanksgiving
Press 3 for Complaints
Press 4 for All Other Inquiries"*

What if God used the familiar excuse, "I'm sorry, all our angels are busy helping other saints right now; however, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line." This might be followed by —

*If you would like to speak to:
Gabriel, Press 1
Michael, Press 2
For a directory of other angels, Press 3
If you'd like to hear King David sing a psalm while you are holding, press 4
To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven, Press 5, enter his or her social security number, then press the pound key.
(If you get a negative response, try area code 777)
For reservations at "My Father's House" please enter J-O-H-N, followed by 3-1-6. For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.*

Alternatively:

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow so that others may have a chance to get through.

This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.

Please pray again Monday after 9:30 am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local pastor.

Thank God (today) that He doesn't have voice mail, and that He listens whenever we pray and that will never change!

(A Bucketful of Surprises compiled by J. John & Mark Stibbe)

Amen to that! Love and prayers

Jenny

ECTON VILLAGE HALL

NEWS UPDATE MAY 2003

Despite the fact that we now have £43,000 in the kitty, we are very disappointed to report that we are still unable to set a date for the start of our refurbishment programme. We had hoped to make a start by the Spring; at least with the replacement of the roof. Several problems are still holding us back – particularly the difficulties of obtaining a realistic quote from a builder. We now have the extra planning consent needed and building regulations should follow soon.

It would, of course, be great if we could complete the whole project in one go (and this would be more economical) but we need in excess of £100,000 to do this. We are expecting results from further applications to various Trust Funds in the near future and, if we were to be successful with just one of them, we could finish the basic work.

No one would believe the amount of effort that has been put in by the Sub-Committee behind the scenes! There is so much hard work with plans and grant applications etc. but we are slowly getting there and with a bit more perseverance we shall succeed.

In the meantime, we plan to hold another **SUMMER BARBECUE ON SAT. 9TH AUGUST.** Tickets have as usual to be limited to 100 so book yours early.

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CHURCH LOTTERY.

We are pleased to announce that Angela Crabtree has agreed to take over as Lottery Co-ordinator for the next twelve months and we are very grateful to her for undertaking this task.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to act as a collector in part of the village. If you able to help please contact Angela or either of the churchwardens who will be able to give you more details.

If you would like to join in the lottery please contact Angela who will be able to put you in touch with your "local" collector. The subscription is £1 per month. Six numbers are drawn each month and at present there is one prize of £50 and five of £10. The more people who participate the greater this would be.

Thank you to everyone who already contributes. We also thank Maurice Creed who has acted as Co-ordinator until now. We are grateful to him for his hard work.

Gwenda Barty
Secretary to the PCC.
15th May 2003

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Daniel Iverson (1890-1972)

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A SMILE

SMILING IS INFECTIOUS
YOU CATCH IT LIKE THE FLU
WHEN SOMEONE SMILED AT ME
TODAY

I STARTED SMILING TOO
I PASSED IT AROUND THE CORNER
AND SOMEONE SAW ME GRIN
WHEN HE SMILED AT ME I REALISED
I'D PASSED IT ON TO HIM

I THOUGHT ABOUT THE SMILE A LOT
AND REALISED IT'S WORTH
A SINGLE SMILE LIKE MINE OR YOURS
COULD TRAVEL ROUND THE EARTH
SO IF YOU FEEL A SMILE BEGIN
DON'T LEAVE IT UNDETECTED
LET'S START AN EPIDEMIC QUICK
AND GET THE WORLD INFECTED

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

The Ship of Fools website ran a competition inviting people to re-write the Lord's Prayer in the form of a mobile phone text message. One of the shortest entries went like this:

God@heaven.org

You rule, up and down.

We need grub and a break.

Will pass it on.

Keep us focused.

You totally rule, long term. Amen.

Quoted by John Pritchard in 'How to Pray' (SPCK, £9.99)



THE WESLEY BROTHERS

There can be few brothers who have made as much difference to people's lives as John and Charles Wesley.

On an evening in May 1738 John Wesley went to a meeting that he didn't really want to attend, in his diary he put 'I went very unwillingly' but during it something life-changing happened. John wrote 'I felt my heart strangely warmed' and this changed his whole life. He turned away from the organised church and started to travel all over Britain to preach God's word. He was refused the use of churches and because such crowds came to hear him preach, he preached in the open air, travelling over 8,000 miles each year on horseback.

Charles preached using words and music. He wrote hymns that we still sing today; 'Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go', 'Christ whose glory fills the skies' and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' among many more.

What should you do if you find a rhino sleeping in your bed?
Sleep somewhere else.

If cheese comes after dinner, what comes after cheese?

A mouse.

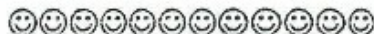
Where does a goose come from?
A gooseberry bush.

Both brothers were a great influence on people and the work that they did grew into what is now the Methodist Church.

FRATERNAL

All the answers in this quiz are brothers who are in the Bible.

1. Twins, one was hairy and the other one was smooth skinned (Gen 25:26).
2. Two disciples who were sons of Zebedee (Mark 3:17)
3. His brother was Aaron and his sister was Miriam (Ex 7:1 & 15:20).
4. Sons of Adam & Eve (Gen 4:2).
5. These brothers were casting nets into the sea when they first met Jesus (Matt 4:18).
6. His brothers put him in a pit and sold him to travellers from Gilead (Gen 37:23).
7. These two sons of Naomi were married to Orpah and Ruth (Ruth 1:5).
8. Rebecca's brother who lived in Haran (Gen 27:43).



Why is your brother so small?

He's my half-brother.

Answers: 1. Esau & Jacob 2. John & James 3. Moses 4. Cain & Abel 5. Simon & Andrew 6. Joseph 7. Mahlon & Chilion 8. Laban

By Angela Webb

Question: Why is it difficult to keep a secret on the North pole?

Answer: Because your teeth tend to chatter.

Question: How do you make a sandwich spread?

Answer: By sitting on it.

Where do gnomes live?
Gnome Sweet Gnome



ANGELA

It is not that long ago that most girls never had the opportunity to be educated. One woman started the process, and her name was Angela Merici. She was born in Italy on March 24th 1474. Both her parents died when she was only 10 and then when Angela was 13 her elder sister died too which led her to dedicate her life to God. When she was only 22 she started a school for young girls in her home town and this school was so successful that she was invited to start schools in nearby towns. Her faith led her to make pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Rome.

It was when she was in Rome in 1524 that she suddenly lost her sight. Even though she was blind Pope Clement VII asked her to stay in Rome to take charge of an order of nursing nuns but she refused and went home to Brescia. When she was almost 60 she started the Order of St Ursula, still involved in teaching today.

By Angela Webb

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

This timetable has the lessons scrambled up – can you unravel the school subjects? Answers below.

- Period 1 CATESTHAMIM
- Period 2 ROYTHIS
- Period 3 GHEL SIN
- Period 4 CHNFER
- LUNCH
- Period 5 RAT
- Period 6 MYITCHERS
- Period 7 MESAG



What did I get for my history test?

Well, first the good news – you spelled your name correctly.

What makes teachers special?

Being in a class of their own.

Answers: 1. Mathematics 2. History
3. English 4. French 5. Art
6. Chemistry 7. Games

What's red and white and gives presents to good little fish at Christmas?
Sandy Claws.

What do you get when you cross an archer with gift wrap?
Ribbon Hood.

A lady chatting with a friend observed that she saw her husband for only an hour a day since he was so busy at work. Responding to the commiserations of her friend she observed, "It's no matter. The hour soon passes."

The 84 year-old went to the doctor with a bad leg. "Well", said the doctor after examination, "Let's just put it down to old age."

"Rubbish", responded the octogenarian, "the other one's all right".

A mother of five-year old boy twins gave birth to another boy. Silence reigned as the twins inspected their new brother. "Do you like him?" asked the mother a little anxiously. "Yes", responded one of the twins, "but where's the other one?"

If a Yorkshireman calls a hole an oil, what does he call the lubricant? -Grease.

A lady ordered a ton of coal with a request for a speedy delivery. Proud of her limited French she added, "S'il vous plait." Came the reply, "Oui, madame -cul de sac or a la carte?"

A Yorkshire definition of "terse"- the first car at a funeral.

Please do not leave any milk at No. 14 as he is dead until further notice.

Sorry about yesterday's milk. I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.



"Are you any relation of Peter's?" John was asked. "A distant relative," he replied, "I was my mother's first child and he was the thirteenth."

What was the tortoise doing on the motorway?
About half a mile an hour.

What kind of ants are 10 metres tall?
Giants!

"I'd just got the waves right when some fool in a long white beard came and the sea parted ..."

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th June at 2.30pm
in the Village Club.

Mr David Steadman - a member of the
"Royal National Lifeboat Institution"
will tell us about his work.

Everyone is very welcome

Joan Dickins

I said to the man who stood
at the gate of the year
"Give me a light that I may tread
safely into the unknown."
And he replied
"Go out into the darkness and
put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than
light and safer than a known way."
So I went forth, and finding the
hand of God, trod gladly into the night
And he led me towards the hills and
the breaking of day in the lone East.

FROM THE REGISTER

We extend our love, sympathy and prayers
To the family and friends of

Jock Cunningham Thanksgiving 24.4.03

Henry Pinney Funeral 28.4.03

Death is nothing at all, I have only slipped away into
the next room. I am I, and you are you, whatever we
were to each other, we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the
easy way which we always used. Put no difference into
your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow,
laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be always the household word that it always
was, let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost
of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant; it is the same as it
ever was. There is absolute unbroken continuity.

What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,
just around the corner... all is well.

Letter from Canon Henry Scott Holland



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ECTON W.I.

Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2003.

The May meeting of the W.I. consisted of a visit from a W.I. Advisor and discussion about the Resolutions to go before the National AGM at the Albert Hall in June. This year's resolutions involve Children's Diets, Exercise and Health, Vocational Training and Care of Older People. Interesting discussion took place and it was agreed to support two of the resolutions but not the one regarding Children's Diets as it was felt that this was the responsibility of parents and not of H.M. Government. Our representative at the AGM. will be June Henson who will vote in accordance with our wishes.

It was also decided to support The Shoebox appeal which is initiated by My Weekly magazine and involves filling shoeboxes with small gifts for children or adults. These boxes are then sent to Romania in time for Christmas : If anyone is interested in contributing to this very worthy cause please contact Dorothy Creed on 407864.

Our next Meeting is Tuesday 3rd June when the subject is Glamour over Sixty. All are welcome so why not come along and show Ecton what glamour is all about!!.

ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

7 June	Yellow	A
14 June	Blue	B
21 June	Green	A
28 June	Orange	B
5 July	Red	A

BRASS CLEANING

7 June	Angela/Rita
5 July	Walter/Gwenda

COFFEE ROTA

1 June	Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott
8 June	Rita Ward/Angela Allen
15 June	Marion Gleave/Joyce Orford
22 June	Pat Baylis/Christine Murray
29 June	Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson
6 July	Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson



'The seed is the Word of God': Luke 8:11

The love that casts out fear

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. the commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4:16b-21 (NRSV)

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING?

Recently there has been a number of destructive activities around Ecton.

The glass and bulbs in Ecton Hall lamps have been repeatedly broken.

Light bulbs have been removed from the Church lamp and have had to be replaced many times.

The fence in the old post office alley way has been covered with graffiti.

Glass bottles have been found broken around the village.

Broken skate-boards and parts of bikes thrown into the woodland areas.

The principal suspects are groups of children who wander the village after school. The unwelcome behaviour of a few children can be stopped quickly by their parents.

The police are aware of these activities, but it would be much better if it was stopped at source and so avoid possible court action.