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Prayer

*My God, my comforter, my hope!*

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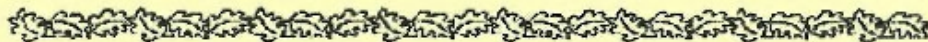
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**Be kind, for everyone you  
meet is fighting a great  
battle**

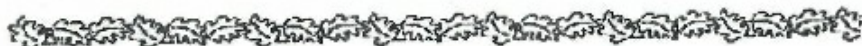
*Philo of Alexandria*

A SIMPLE PRAYER IN TROUBLED TIMES

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GOD OF LOVE  
TURN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR WAYS  
AND GIVE US YOUR PEACE.  
AMEN

**HE SAW AND  
BELIEVED.**

John 20. 8. (N.I.V.)



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## The Cycle of Life

Dear Friends,

Within the last fortnight we have said goodbye to two well known Ecton characters. Jock Cunningham and Henry Pinney died within a week of one another.

Jock made the village his home after marrying Betty in 1947. He was the village roadman for years and involved in many aspects of village life. He will be remembered with Betty for his hospitality and latterly for the distribution of prescriptions.

Henry was born in Ecton, one of the nine Pinney children who attended the village school. He was much loved by the congregation of the village church where he worshipped all his life and helped to care for the churchyard as well as being Church Warden for some years.

The Cunninghams and the Pinneys lived next door to each other for some time and coincidentally, Jock and Henry returned on the same ship from India after service in the RAF in World War two. Both chose the churchyard as their final resting place.

These much loved men died at a time of year when new birth and growth are everywhere and nature is at its most hopeful. The trees that were bare a few weeks ago are now clothed in green or blossom. The birds, their mating colours vibrant, are busy courting and nest building. The cows are back in the field with their new calves!

In the Church we have just celebrated Easter and our thoughts turn from despair to hope, from death to new life in Christ; a life in which death is not the end, merely the gateway to eternity.

With love and prayers

Jenny

CHURCH DIARY  
MAY 2003

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am  6.00pm	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u> Parish Communion: Acts 3. 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3. 1-7; Luke 24. 36b – 48. Evensong.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> Parish Communion: Acts 4. 5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3. 16-24; John 10. 11-18.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 10.30am 6.00pm	<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> Family Service. Evensong.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> Parish Communion: Acts 10. 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5. 1-6; John 15. 9-17.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am	Parish Communion.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm	<u>Ascension Day</u> Holy Communion.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2003.**  
**ELECTION RESULTS.**

**Churchwardens.**

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**Appointment of Sidespeople.**

It was unanimously agreed that the following people be appointed:

Marlene Green, Tony Green, Sylvia Saunders, Brian Saunders,  
Marian Gleave, Jim Crabtree, Angela Crabtree, Joy Wilson,  
Geoff Harlott, Nicholas Greene, Ken Jones, Margaret Weddle,  
Tony Weddle, David Dicks, Alice Adams, John Parkin and  
Walter Barty.

## ECTON WI

Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003

We were delighted to welcome 18 guests to our meeting, ladies from the village, and from Wootten and Harpole WI's plus a number of interested gentlemen.

Mrs. Kathy Holles talked to us about recycling and waste disposal management. It was a very informative talk, illustrated with excellent visual aids and a fun quiz with pens made from recycled plastic drinking cups being given to the winners. The talk led to animated discussions, which continued until the meeting closed.

A raffle for a number of recycled prizes was very successful, the most popular prizes being the "recycled" grapes! (A grape can be recycled in many ways, sweet or dry, red or white and produced in bottles, which can themselves be recycled.) A very environmentally friendly prize.

A number of members had a most enjoyable trip to Colchester, with Earl's Barton WI and a further trip to Evesham is planned.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May when a WI Advisor from Federation will be joining us to discuss the Resolutions to go before the National AGM at the Albert Hall in June.

Visitors and prospective Members are most warmly welcome to attend and to follow with us the saga of the Orange Teapot, at present we believe en route to Mexico.

For further information contact either:

Angela Crabtree 40477 or Marlene Green 407141

### The Pit

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.

<i>A subjective person</i> said:	"I feel for you down there."
<i>An objective person</i> said:	"It's logical that someone would fall down there."
<i>A Pharisee</i> said:	"Only bad people fall into pits."
<i>A news reporter</i>	wanted the exclusive on his pit.
<i>Confucius</i> said:	"If you had listened to me you wouldn't be in that pit."
<i>Buddha</i> said:	"Your pit is only a state of mind."
<i>A realist</i> said:	"That's a pit."
<i>A scientist</i>	calculated the pressure necessary (psi) to get him out of the pit.
<i>A geologist</i>	told him to appreciate the rock strata in the pit.
<i>A taxman</i>	asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.
<i>The council inspector</i>	asked if he had a permit to dig the pit.
<i>An evasive person</i>	came along and avoided the subject of the pit altogether.
<i>A self pitying person</i> said:	"You haven't seen anything till you've been stuck in MY pit."
<i>A charismatic person</i> said:	"Just confess that you're not in the pit."
<i>An optimist</i> said:	"Things could get worse"
<i>A pessimist</i> said:	"Things will get worse."

JESUS, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 11th May

A Bread and Soup Lunch  
at the back of the Church from  
12 - 1.30pm  
No charge, just a donation  
Everyone Welcome.

**Please come and support this event**

During the week May 11th - May 17th  
all houses in Ecton will receive an appeal  
envelope.

Please give as generously as you can  
to help those who are in  
desperate need.

### JUNK MAIL AND SALES CALLS.

**Are you plagued by unwanted junk mail or pestered  
by unwelcome sales telephone calls? To stop these you  
can call the following numbers:**

**Unwelcome mail 0207 291 3310**

**Unwanted calls 0845 0700707.**

# He's coming back!!



Come early for laughter, tears  
and a clown's view of Heaven



## FROM THE REGISTER

### **Funeral**

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

Audrey Treloar      27.2.03

### Burial of Ashes

Carole Adams      20.3.03

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my  
words will not pass away.    *Matthew 24: 35.*

## THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 13TH MAY

For our outing this Summer we are going to Earls Barton.  
We are having a guide to take us around the Church, a  
meal and the opportunity to see the Local Museum.

Meet at Earls Barton Church 5.30pm  
The Meal is at 6.30pm  
Cost £6.00

Please phone 01 604 415576 if you are joining this Outing  
as soon as possible to help with the catering.

Friends are very welcome.

If transport is needed cars will be available at 5.15pm outside  
Ecton House.

Joan Dickins

# PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm In  
THE OLD CHAPEL,  
17 WEST STREET, ECTON.**

THIS IS THE ONE MEETING AT WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE INVITED TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS THEY MAY HAVE OVER PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS.

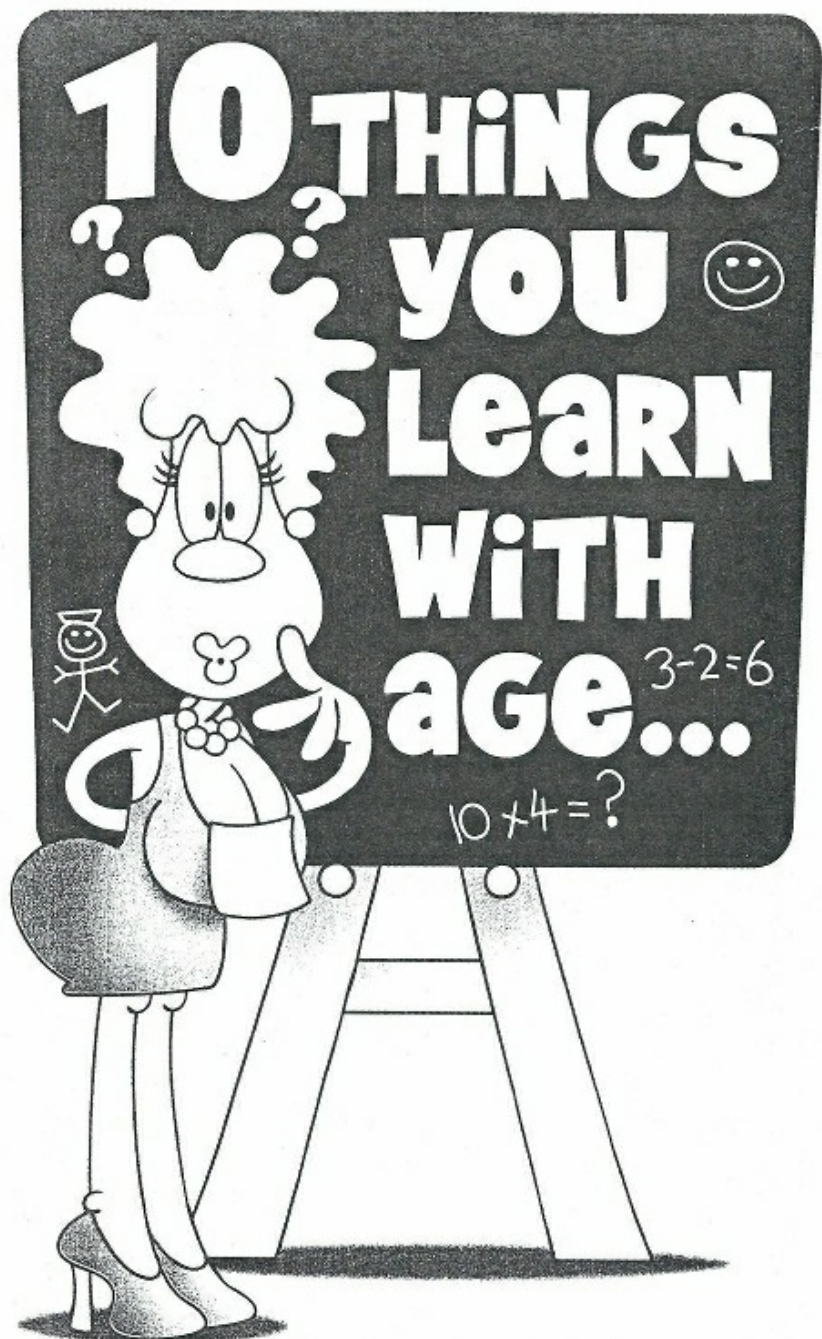
ONE ITEM OF CONCERN IS THE "NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WASTE LOCAL PLAN" – DEPOSIT DRAFT. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER, WHICH NEEDS YOUR INVOLVEMENT. IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AGAIN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS ON LOWER ECTON LANE.

***PLEASE DO TRY TO ATTEND – YOU WILL BE WELCOME.***

**David Dicks**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE  
AND VENUE

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- 1) You finally get your head together and your body falls apart.

- 2) Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.
- 3) The young eat health foods but the old need all the preservatives they can get.
- 4) Life not only begins at forty, it begins to show.
- 5) You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.
- 6) Age is only important if you are a bottle of wine or a cheese.
- 7) Few women admit their age, few men act theirs.
- 8) A woman stops telling her age as soon as it starts telling on her.
- 9) "In my day" really does mean something.
- 10) The only hot and steamy thing you want at night is a cup of tea.

## ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

<b>3 May</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>10 May</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>17 May</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>24 May</b>	<b>Purple</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>31 May</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>7 June</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>A</b>

## BRASS CLEANING

<b>3 May</b>	<b>Ingrid/Barbara</b>
<b>7 June</b>	<b>Angela/Rita</b>

## COFFEE ROTA

<b>4 May</b>	<b>Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson</b>
<b>11 May</b>	<b>Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson</b>
<b>18 May</b>	<b>Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major</b>
<b>25 May</b>	<b>Nick &amp; Mary Greene</b>
<b>1 June</b>	<b>Angela Crabtree/Millie Harlott</b>

## BRITISH RED CROSS WEEK

Sunday 4th May - Saturday 10th May

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN

## ECTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

On March 24<sup>th</sup> Ecton Short Mat Bowls Club played against Cogenhoe in a friendly fixture. Ecton lost but it was a close run thing on 2 of the mats. The less said about the 3<sup>rd</sup> mat the better! Nonetheless, everyone enjoyed the evening which ended with a light supper, friendship and laughter.

We hope to play them again next season when, who knows, we may even win a game!

Maurice Creed.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> saw the Final of the Short Mat Bowls knock-out competition. The finalists were Jean Leigh and Tony Green and the match was played over five ends. Tony emerged as the winner and was presented with the trophy by the Chairwoman of the Club, Millie Harlott.

The evening continued with the annual dinner which was prepared by members of the Club and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

### ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY. MARCH 2003.

197	T.Lester	£48.75
61	Mr.Labrum	£ 9.75
46	M.Tinston	£ 9.75
50	T & M Weddle	£ 9.75
192	L.Robinson	£ 9.75
164	M.Utting	£ 9.75

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind.  
Gentle as is the dove,  
Teach us the truth and help us believe  
Show us the Saviours love.

### **A Child's Prayer**

Lord in heaven,  
please listen to all those  
who are praying to you now.

Those who are sad and crying,  
those who have lost friends and family.

Those who are alone  
and frightened.

Help them to remember,  
that you are there  
and you are listening.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

### **ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY APRIL 2003.**

136	A. Pulford	£48.25
68	D.Creed	£ 9.65
67	B.Saunders	£ 9.65
157	R.Ingram	£ 9.65
105	C.Palmer	£ 9.65
65	G.Wheatman	£ 9.65.

## PRAYING TOGETHER

Jesus said "Where Two or Three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" *Matthew 18: 20*

Following the very successful experience of the Emmaus meetings, we will be in church for a quiet hour each month, to pray together aloud or in our hearts, and to be still and listen to God.

Dates	Wednesday May 14th	
	Wednesday June 11th	7.30 - 8.30pm
	Wednesday July 9th	
	Wednesday August 13th	in Church
	Wednesday September 10th	

Special prayer requests can be left in the box at the back of Church or with Anne at 48 High St or Jenny at the Rectory.

## ECTON VILLAGE HALL

### NEWS UPDATE

The AGM took place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2003. Tony Green was in the chair and reported a good year with successful fund raising and stated that there is now £43,000 in the Refurbishment Fund. The outcome of several large grant applications is expected and hopes are high that the project can be started in the school summer holidays with as little disruption as possible.

GOD US OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH  
A VERY PRESENT HELP IN  
TIMES OF TROUBLE

PSALM 46 - 1

### CRICKET - LBW

"Out LBW" cried a voice  
The vicar, very upset shouldered his bat and walked  
towards the pavilion.

"You need glasses" said the vicar as he passed a  
white coated man.

"So do you" the man replied, "I am only selling  
ice cream"!

### EASTER CARD STAMPS?

A woman went into the post-office to buy some  
stamps for her Easter cards.

"Which denomination?" asked the counter clerk.

"Good gracious" said the woman "Has it come to  
that? I'll have 10 Baptist and 15 Anglican!"

Dear Father God, accept what we bring,  
Our money, our love, our lives, use all  
that we offer in your service.  
For your dear son Jesus sake. *Amen*

## OBSERVATIONS at a POLING STATION

Of days that come, and days that go,  
The seconds that tick, and the minutes that flow  
to enable the folk to declare their address,  
Also their names to readily confess.

The mighty act of declaring their views,  
In private of course, not disclosing the news,  
By a cross in various shapes and sizes,  
Some in judgement, as if at the assizes.

Such is the manner of approach to be seen,  
As if a favour they seek from a queen.  
Or in arrogance glower to be served in a flash,  
Only to have their hopes readily dashed.

The odd remarks are intended to please  
with voices that are low, or like a sneeze.  
And smiles to match, like a gift from the gods,  
Or a nod and a wink, as straight as a rod.

"Should I be here, is this the place?  
What card? - Oh the're in a haze.  
"Why my address, I pay my rates,  
Oh what a thing, it so irritates".

They come in pairs, or threes or fours,  
Mid chatter and shuffling, but never roars,  
Or single and alone to make their mark  
on the future of others, yet still in the dark.

We must dress up for this and be very prim.  
No casual approach, no even a grin.  
These are serious times, not to be taken lightly.  
The "Balance of Payments" are most unsightly.

"Its the first time that I've voted, is it hard?  
That is my number, I'ts on the card.  
Where do I put my cross on the paper?  
Oh don't you agree, its such a caper?"

Some know what they're doing and do it well,  
By their attitude also you can very well tell.  
But others do not and put on a show  
to convince others that they also are "In the knōw".

They also serve who stand and wait,  
The 'Tellers' where numbers could seal their fate  
if, when returning to their 'Political Room',  
Scant information could seal their doom.

So vote for Bloggs or Tish or Tosh,  
Put your mark whether poor or posh.  
Yours is the power to make or break,  
to cause the Polital Parties to quake.

Godfrey Philcox

## **Second Chance Ltd**

**Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"**

**Luke 13:6-9 (NRSV)**