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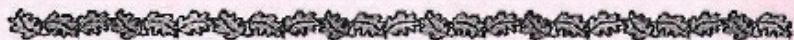
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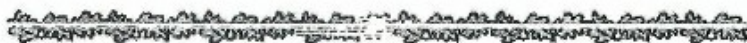
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**MY SOUL  
DOTH MAGNIFY  
THE LORD.**

Luke 1. 46.



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## NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Our services on Remembrance Sunday this year are as follows:

- 9.30 am Parish Communion  
11.30 am The Act of Remembrance at the Village Shrine  
6.00 pm Service of Remembrance

### **Why Remember?**

The 14<sup>th</sup> of November is Remembrance Sunday. What good, if any, is there in holding annual parade services, with their singing of 'O God, our help in ages past', and soundings of the Last Post? What does it mean to the generation grown up since the Second World War?

We have Bible authority for thinking remembrance a good thing. The central act of our worship is performed in remembrance of Him who died for us. But why this particular act of remembrance every November?

IT IS GOOD to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice, and ask why they were called upon to make it. Then we can go on to ask what precisely we are doing to make the world a place worthy of their sacrifice.

IT IS GOOD for the younger generations to remember that, but for those sacrifices, they would have grown up in a Nazified Britain, with Gestapo concentration camp treatment for dissidents.

IT IS GOOD to recall the past, not to brood over it, but to ensure we shall not repeat its mistakes.

IT IS GOOD to remember that history is made, not by silent majorities, but by dedicated minorities who spoke out for their beliefs.

IT IS GOOD to remember that God, our help in ages past, is our only hope for years to come.

But before that, under the new Lectionary ALL SAINTS' DAY may be celebrated either on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November or on the Sunday following. so this year we will keep the festival of ALL SAINTS on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. On that day we shall have a service of

"FAMILY COMMUNION FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY"

It would be good if families would like to join us for what I hope will be a 'user-friendly' occasion.

James



TAIZE

A TAIZE SERVICE IS HELD AT ALL HALLOWS CHURCH,  
WELLINGBOROUGH ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY  
MONTH AT 6 PM.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED TO GO AND EXPERIENCE A  
DIFFERENT WAY OF WORSHIP, I WOULD BE VERY  
PLEASED TO GIVE THEM A LIFT TO WELLINGBOROUGH.

PAT BAYLIS



**Ecton Church and Village Diary**  
**November 2000**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am

6.00pm

**Fourth Sunday Before Advent –  
All Saints**

Family Service with Communion:  
Isaiah 25. 6-9; Psalm 24. 1-6;  
Revelation 21. 1-6a; John 11. 32-34.  
Evensong.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

9.00am

7.30pm

Holy Communion.

Women's Institute meet in the Village  
Club.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am

6.00pm

**Third Sunday before Advent –  
Remembrance Sunday**

Parish Communion followed by an Act  
of Remembrance at The Shrine.  
*Service of Remembrance.*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

9.00am

2.30pm

Holy Communion.

Ecton Fellowship meets in the Village  
Club.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am

6.00pm

**Second Sunday Before Advent**

Parish Communion: Daniel 12. 1-3; Psalm 16;  
Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13. 1-8.  
Evensong.

Ecton Church and Village Diary  
November 2000 continued

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

9.00am

Holy Communion.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

7.30pm

Whist Drive at the Village Club.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am

**Christ the King**

Parish Communion: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14;

Psalm 93; Revelation 1. 4b-8;

John 6. 1-15.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

9.00am

Holy Communion.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

9.30am

**The First Sunday of Advent**

Parish Communion: Jeremiah 33. 14-16;

Psalm 25. 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13;

Luke 21. 25-36.

6.00pm

Evensong.

**THOU ART  
GREATLY  
BELOVED.**

Daniel 9. 23.

To my friends at Ecton

Having returned at last from my family's homes in Cheltenham and Somerset, I feel I must convey to all the congregation and clergy my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, expressions and sympathy conveyed to me regarding the news of Frank's death. It has been a great comfort to me and my family.

Especial thanks go to Stephen for conducting the service so sympathetically, James for the reading of the prayers and his frequent cheery visits to Frank during his illness.

The readings presented by Peter Stubbs and Peter Naylor were read with great warmth, which was the general atmosphere pervading the whole service. I feel it was all as Frank would have wished.

Amazingly, your very generous donations amounted to £95.70 which will be given to the Haemophilia Research and Development Fund, which I am sure Frank would have been anxious to do. Their efforts to improve Frank's comfort and general well-being will always linger in my mind.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Once again, all my love and thanks.

Frances

## HARVEST SUPPER

The closure of Ecton House and the resultant loss of kitchen facilities forced us to re-think the format of the Harvest Supper. It was decided to hold the event at the back of the church. We did not feel able to provide a cooked meal as we have in the past so we settled for cold meats, salads and, with the help of two hostess trolleys, hot new potatoes. Apple crumble with custard was served for dessert followed by tea or coffee. Wine or fruit juice was also on hand to help the evening go with a swing. Candlelight helped to create a warm and friendly atmosphere and the evening proved very successful.

We raised £144.50 which is to be given to the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough.

Thanks are due to The Village Club for the use of their tea urn, crockery and cutlery. Also grateful thanks to everyone who provided food and gave so willingly of their time.

Who knows what we may achieve next year!

Dorothy Creed



## **NOTES FROM ECTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ecton Parish Council was held at Ecton Village Club on Monday 18 September 2000.

**Present** David Dicks (Chairman) Alastair Bantock, Maurice Creed, Tony Green, Ty Moffet and Bill Wilson. Kate Payne (District Councillor). PC Hooper attended for the first part of the meeting. The Chairman welcomed Dr Bantock to his first meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Sheila Ingram and Sylvia Saunders.

PC Hooper gave details of the crime figures for July and August which included several thefts from cars at Sywell Country Park and other minor crimes within the village. He then reported on the events arising from the illegal travellers site in Lower Ecton Lane and detailed the problems which the Police are having in controlling the situation. The owner of the land is unwilling to apply for an injunction for their removal and therefore the Police are technically trespassing if they enter the land in an attempt to monitor the problems or question the travellers. A lengthy discussion took place about the ways in which the travellers could be evicted and it seemed that the only way was under the Town & Country Planning Act. Alastair Bantock also referred to Section 1 of the Caravan Act and concern was also expressed over the lack of sanitary arrangements on the site and the possibility of contamination of the nearby stream. The meeting was temporarily closed to allow members of the public to express their views. At the re-commencement of the meeting it was suggested that as many residents as possible should write direct to Paul Stinchcombe MP and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Head of Environmental Development and Protection, Mr P J Townson at Wellingborough B.C. fully setting out the problems which the travellers are causing and asking for all possible measures to be taken for their immediate removal. Copies of this letter would be sent to Mr Paul Stinchcombe MP, Mr Kilpin, Development Control, Supt. Willis, Northamptonshire Police, Mr J Hubbard, Director of Housing & Community Development, Cllr George Blackwell, County Councillor and Mr Abdullah, the owner of the land, with a covering letter urging him to take out a court injunction. Copy letter from Mrs J Haycox received.

### **Matters arising**

- (a) **Sywell Airfield** The planning application will not be going to the September Planning meeting. The Borough Council is still awaiting a report on the environmental aspects of the planning application.
- (b) **Grass cutting** A letter had been received from Mr Howford, Wellingborough B.C. outlining the areas for which the Borough and County Council were responsible. It was also agreed to write

to Mr Nigel Griffin at NCC Brixworth regarding the footpaths in Sywell Lane and on the A4500 to Earls Barton, both of which need cutting back to their original width.

- (c) **Trees for Millennium** The application for trees has been submitted to NCC.
- (d) **Village Club** It has been confirmed by NALC that it is permissible for the Parish Council to make a planning application on behalf of the Village Club.
- (e) **Planting of Bulbs** Thanks to a collection being made by the Three Horseshoes a large quantity of spring bulbs has been ordered for planting on the verges of the A4500 opposite the Worlds End and around the Shrine. The planting will take place on 14 October.

### **Planning Matters**

Ty Moffett reported on a meeting with the Planning Officer and the Architects involved with the development at the Hall regarding the landscaping and parking areas for the barn and stable block conversions. These were generally approved

**Bus Shelter** It was agreed that Wellingborough B.C. should be aware of the proposals to demolish the existing bus shelter situated in the World's End garden. It was noted that the replacement bus shelter was excluded from the Project Grant application and it is now hoped that an application can be made through the Regeneration Fund.

**Highway Matters** It was suggested that the Parish Council should request a speed limit along the A4500 in an attempt to make that section of road safer as there had been further accidents there. A request will be made to Wellingborough Housing Department to get the verges from Franklins Close corner of Northampton Road tidied up.

### **Financial Matters**

- (a) Accounts for payment: District Audit £332.79; Mrs P Hall Salary & Expenses £144.05.
- (b) The report from the District Auditor was presented to the meeting and all items raised were considered. An application for Revenue expenditure for 2001/2002 would be in the sum of £5497.

**David Dicks**  
Chairman

### Items from the PCC.

1. Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, will see some changes to the Communion Service at Ecton as well as most other Parishes in the country. As far as Ecton is concerned the changes will be quite small but new Service books will be available for congregation which will be far easier to follow than those used at present. It is hoped to have a large print version available for any one with sight problems.

The old ASB and Service books will therefore become obsolete but if anyone would like one as a "keepsake" please let James Mogridge know.

The Book of Common Prayer will continue to be used for Evensong.

2. The Services for the Christmas period will be as follows: -

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.00 p.m.

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Children's Service at 6.00 p.m.

Midnight Service at 11.30 p.m.

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December.**

Family Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Gwenda Barty.  
Secretary to the PCC.

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

The time has come round again to collect in the Children's Society Boxes. I would be very grateful if church members would bring them to church; boxes around the village I will collect in November.

Thank you.  
Pat Baylis

### CHURCHYARD SURVEY.

Following the preparation of the booklet by the Northants Historical Society, Vic Lester has produced from his attic the original village undertaker's record book going back some 75 years and covering the period from 1925 to 1950 when his father was the local undertaker.

Something like 65 of the names in the record are also noted in the Ecton churchyard booklet and interested persons may like to look at the book either by consulting Vic in the churchyard on Wednesday mornings or by telephoning him at home on 01604 409827.

Walter Barty.

### WI REPORT

The last meeting was the AGM.

Millie Harlott, Stella Gibson and Betty Shearing retired from the committee.

The new committee will be Marian Gleave, Marlene Green, June Marshman, Maureen Robinson, Margaret Scott and Joy Wilson.

Members then provided cheese and wine and cakes during which we attempted the WI Quiz.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Village Club.

## ***DAFFODIL PLANTING***

On Saturday morning 14<sup>th</sup> October there was a brilliant turn-out for planting spring bulbs. A total of 10 sacks of daffodils were planted in all, mostly on the grass verge opposite The World's End and also around The Shrine.

Special thanks must go to Kathy Humphreys and Sheila Ingram for organising the event and also to all the helpers: Alastair Bantock, David Beesley plus tractor, Phyllis Berrill, Maurice Creed, Stuart Harrington (Lofty) plus Land Rover, Jon and Kathy Humphreys, Gary Jones, Brian Saunders, Peter and Margaret Scott, Bill Wilson and Roger Woodward.

This will make a very colourful approach to the village next Spring and will be much appreciated by many.

David Dicks

### **STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES**

The new boxes of envelopes will be put on the table at the back of the church or delivered to you towards the end of November ready to start again on Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

If anyone else would like to have envelopes for their weekly offerings, please let me or the churchwardens know.

Marian Gleave





**THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP  
INVITE YOU TO COME TO AN AFTERNOON ON  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

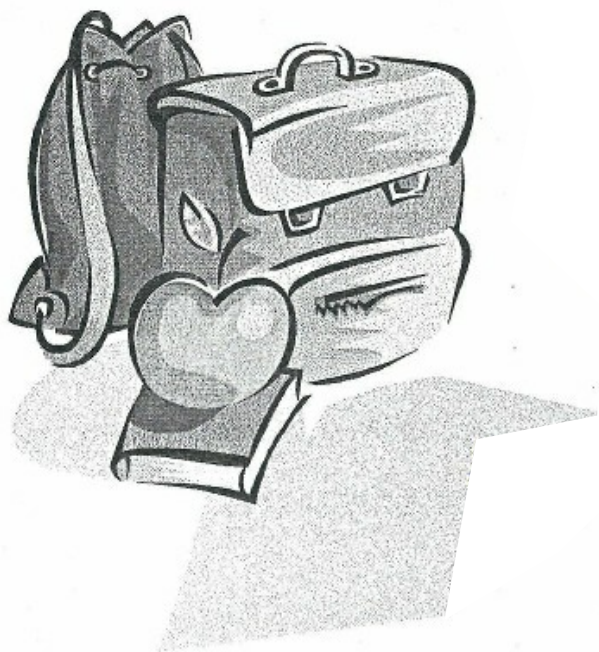
**A DEMONSTRATION WILL BE GIVEN BY  
MARGARET BROWN OF GREAT HOUGHTON.**

**THE DECORATIONS WILL BE RAFFLED  
AFTERWARDS.**

**THIS WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE CLUB  
AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**DO COME AND BRING FRIENDS**





## **Ecton School and Friends**

**The friends of Ecton School will be holding a quiz at the Three Horseshoes in Ecton on Friday 10th. November starting at 7.45pm. Teams of Four. Cost £3.00 per person to include a buffet. All proceeds to the school.**

**To enter a team please contact Ecton Friends care of the school or ring Bill Brophy on N'ton 408588.**

### COFFEE ROTA

November 5	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
November 12	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
November 19	Ingrid and Keith Cartwright
November 26	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss

### BRASS CLEANING

November 4	Alice/Wynne
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### CLEANING ROTA

November 4	Orange	B
November 11	Red	A
November 18	Pink	B
November 25	Yellow	A



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## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE.

For many years Henry Pinney has supervised the general order of the churchyard with a small number of volunteers and a professional grass cutter.

Having passed the age of 80 Henry feels he needs a break and retired from his voluntary job during October.

The regular team meets every Wednesday morning for two hours, 9 months of the year to trim edges, rake the paths, and trim the rough areas and to cut back the ivy and other wild growth.

We are now looking for a volunteer supervisor for this work in the fresh air to make up our team of four. Anyone interested please contact either of the Churchwardens.

In the meantime we thank Henry for all his efforts, which have kept the churchyard looking presentable year on year.

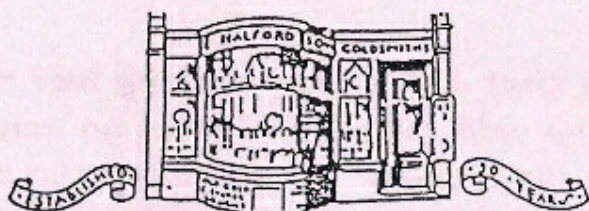
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## ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY...SEPTEMBER

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173	EDNA WELCH .....	£9.15
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112	JEANETTE RUBYTHON .....	£9.15
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MAURICE CREED

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*On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'*

*Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)*