

# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS





## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY

**March 1988**

Perhaps like me, some of you have been watching the second series of television programmes entitled 'Hospital Watch'. The daily programmes concentrated on the life of a large general hospital - in this case, Liverpool General - looking at its life through the eyes and experience of both staff and patients. Through a myriad of cases, some only briefly glimpsed, certain attitudes dominated: the willingness and determination of the staff to make the system work, i.e. to create a place where care and love would be shown; the sense of hope radiated by the nurses, even in the children's cancer ward where hope and laughter seemed strangely out of place, at least to the interviewer in the initial visits; a sense of trust by the patients that the hospital was trying to do its best, but against almost impossible odds.



My own reflection on the week's programmes was of a system - the National Health Service - which was falling apart. Ill-directed cost-cutting has piled up problems that threaten to bring down the whole edifice. The picture of that hospital - and Liverpool is in many ways no different from my experience of Northampton General - is a grim one. Wards taken out of action, nurses seeking other jobs, personnel cut-backs. The reason is simple: nurses cannot live on their pay. Many work as agency nurses over weekends to make ends meet. Those remaining, as dedicated as could be, have to do the work of those who have gone, or not been replaced, as well as their own. All this in hospitals which are not just the national, but the world's, leaders in their field.

We are constantly being encouraged to return to the Victorian values of thrift and self-help. But I wonder.... Thrift has its merits, but not to the neglect of the fabric. And least of all when it denies investment in people. The only Victorians who cried "self-help" were the ones who could afford it. Is there any value or truth in urging private medicine when the number of homeless continues to rise, or of urging schools to opt out of the present system when the schools which are left lack funds and books? These are not political views, but hard facts.

The war cry "you can't solve a problem by throwing money at it" is another half-truth. Some problems cannot be solved by money. For others, it is the essence of the solution - like buying food for the table, clothes for one's back, and help for the sick. The Duchess of Kent, in the latest 'Age Concern' promotion, promises an elderly housebound person whose home-help had been removed, "we'll bring her back". But can they? And if so, who will pay? Cut-backs and miserly saving are the order of the day, but the final cost to the fabric of society is only just beginning to emerge.

When I became Warden of Ecton House five years ago, we had a healthy bank balance, but the House was shabby and in need of a lot of major repairs. We had saved, but forgotten or ignored the need to maintain or improve. Saving can become a dangerous obsession, particularly when its cost is met by those who cannot save.

Many people urge the Church to speak out. Well then, let's do it. Let's speak the moral truth about our decaying communities. Let's speak out about our divided nation, the haves and the have-nots. Let's proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ who came that "we might all have life in its fullness" - not some of us, the lucky ones who can afford it, but all of us. Or, dare I say it, are there too many Christians who will welcome a further cut in income tax rather than a re-investment in people in need?

The Christian Gospel is hard, and uncompromising. Let me remind you though, as we begin this Lent that at its root is a call to self-denial: not a storing-up, but a generosity of spirit and action that will bring about the Kingdom of God.

*Yours W. Smith.*

### CLEANING ROTA

Mar	5th Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
	12th Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)
	19th Mrs.W.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.A.Johnson	(R)
	26th Alice & Wynne	(L)
Apr	2nd Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)
	9th Mrs Harlot & Mrs Wright	(L)



## RECTOR'S NOTES

Mothering Sunday always coincides with the 4th Sunday in Lent, which this year will be on March 13th. The Brownies and Guides will join us for their monthly Parade Service at 9.30am on that day.

Friday 25th March, The Feast of the Annunciation, will also be the date for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. As a Church we are required, by law to meet once a year to elect churchwardens for the ensuing year, approve the annual accounts, and hear reports and comments from the parish. But for Ecton, this meeting is more than a legal requirement, with some food and a glass of wine, the A.P.C.M. is an opportunity to meet together and share more of our faith.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.0pm in the Church, followed by supper and meeting in the Rectory Room. Details of the supper etc will be available in Church.

### Holy Week and Easter

The eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter- the journey of Christ from Jerusalem to the Cross- form the core of the Christian Gospel. Each day we read and reflect on the events of that week, seeking to grow in faith and understanding.

Maundy Thursday, taking its name from the anthem for the day, *Mandatum Novum do volus* - 'a new commandment I give you' - focuses on the Last Supper with its dominant theme that we should love one another as Christ loves us. We move from the eucharist into the silence of the all-night vigil. The Church will remain open, hopefully warm to allow anyone the opportunity to sit by the Easter Garden, as we await the Risen Christ.

Easter Day. In the early Church, baptisms were performed only once a year, during the vigil eucharist of Holy Saturday - Easter Day. Nowadays we retain that symbolism by renewing our baptismal promises during the Easter Morning Eucharist. The Eucharist begins with the lighting of the great Easter Candle, from which all the baptismal candles are lit for the next year. This year, however, we shall have the real thing!!, because Lynne and Chris Gardner have asked me to baptise Jo-anna on Easter Sunday.

I shall be available throughout Holy Week for anyone who wishes counsel or confession. If you cannot be in Church at Easter, please let me know and I will willingly bring you Communion at home.

Betty Knight, as already acknowledged in Church, we record our thanks for the gift of £500 from Betty's estate.

### The Rysbrack Bust

As a newspaper and television personality (!) I ought to explain not only my role in the Rysbrack Affair, but more importantly, perhaps, the future of the bust. The terracotta of John Archdeacon Palmer, was the original model by Rysbrack for the tomb of John Palmer placed in the chancel of the Church in 1732. The model was then "given" by Archdeacon Palmer's grand-niece to the Rectory of which her brother, Thomas was the then incumbent. The bust has therefore been in the Rectory, perhaps not always above the main fireplace, ever since. The recent excitement and publicity has been caused by the extraordinarily high prices which sculptures of this period have raised at auction. The director of Christie's, tells me that there are only 200 known examples of Rysbrack's work and the Ecton Bust the only known extant example of the sculptor's own unaided handiwork. So much for the past.....



since February of last year, the Diocesan authorities have tried to untangle the question of its legal ownership. When Ecton House became the Retreat Conference Center for the Diocese in 1967, most of the ground floor of the Rectory was transferred from the Parsonage Board to the Glebe Committee.

Any part of the House which could be considered a fixture and formed part of the new center, was similarly transferred. It seems now that after taking legal advice the bust was not a fixture, but remained a chattel of the benefice house and hence its future lies with the Parsonage Board. This Diocesan Board is responsible for the provision and maintenance of parsonage housing throughout the Diocese. Since 1974, any sale of existing housing or any chattel of such housing, can only benefit the capital fund and not the particular parish or incumbent. The act of 1974 removed many anomalies in parsonage housing, especially the responsibility for maintenance etc from the parish. If the bust is sold, therefore the proceeds will not directly benefit the parish, but will do so indirectly in as much as the Rector of Ecton will always need a home in which to live. That's long-hand, for a short-hand comment. If we are to continue the restoration of the Church, then we need the 88 Festival more than ever, since none of the Rysbrack money will come our way. In the meantime, the cleaned and restored bust is in London awaiting its final outcome, and a copy now resides in Ecton House. Rest assured you'll hear more about it, while hopefully any future pictures of the incumbent in the local / national press will appear less fuzzy around the edges!

## MUMS AND TOTS

Meet in the Rectory Room from 2.30pm to 4.0pm  
every Thursday.

### Rota for March

March	3rd	Yvonne Miller
	10th	Joy Day
	17th	Linda Richards
	24th	Gerry Collins
	31st	EASTER HOLIDAY
April	7th	EASTER HOLIDAY
	14th	Jan Lennon

### COFFEE ROTA

March	6th	Marion Gleave & Sylvia Johnson
	13th	Kathy Stears & Mary Strange
	20th	Trisha Fuller & Ingrid Cartwright
	27th	Alice & Wynne
April	3rd	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
	10th	Audrey Treloar & Millie Harlott

### SACRISTANS ROTA

Mar	5th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)
	12th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Van Leersum	(A)
	19th	- do -	(B)
	26th	Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(A)
Apr	2nd	- do -	(B)
	9th	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(A)



## ECTON PLAYGROUP

We are now taking applications for Easter and September for children of 2½ years or older.

Please contact Margaret Tinston for an application form.

If anyone is interested in helping out on Tuesday and Friday mornings, please do get in touch, as we have a vacancy.

The next committee meeting is Monday 21st March, at 8.0pm in Margaret's House.

We do hope you will support our next fund raising events,

### Coffee Morning

March 26th at the Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton. 10.0am till 11.30am.

### Pub Sports

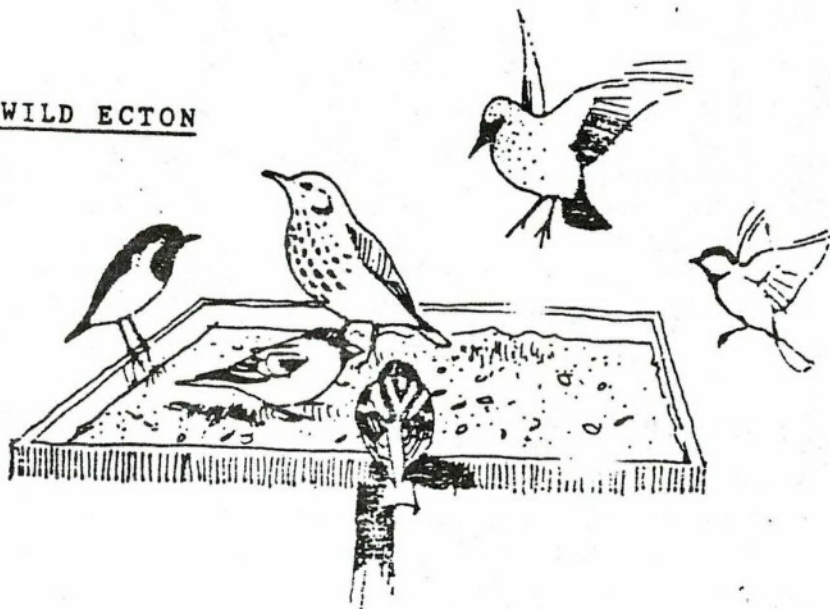
April 29th at The Three Horseshoes Pub, Ecton.

## EASTER FLOWERS

We shall decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday 2nd April from 10.0am onwards.

All offers of help, greenery and flowers will be much appreciated. If you would like to give money towards the cost of the Easter flowers, please hand it to Margaret or Trevor.

## WILD ECTON



This is the ideal time of the year to watch and learn to identify the birds which visit your garden. Of course a good view helps and a bird table or feeder will give you an advantage in this respect.

Let's look at those popular visitors, the Tits, first The Great Tit is easy to recognise with its black crown, white cheeks, and yellow underparts with a bold black stripe and bib. The Blue Tit is much smaller and less strongly marked with a blue cap and white cheeks; this is a very active and acrobatic bird and is the commonest of the Tits in our village. You might also see the Coal Tit which is as small as the Blue Tit but with a black crown and bib, white cheeks and a white patch on the back of the head. The Marsh and Long-tailed Tit are also occasional visitors.



Finches are also to be seen in our gardens, the commonest being the Chaffinch with its pink underparts, white wing bars and (on the male ) pale blue crown. The male Greenfinch is unmistakable with its olive green plumage and bright yellow wing bar. The Bullfinch is equally distinctive with its bright pink underparts, blue-grey back and black crown and notice that huge seed-eating bill. The females of both these species have a much duller plumage.

Don't confuse the shy, brown and grey Dunnock or Hedge-Sparrow with the noisy ubiquitous House Sparrow. The former is not related to the Sparrows at all and is usually to be seen feeding on the ground with its mate never far away.

Rodney Ingram

#### READERS DIARY

Mar	6th	Martin Stears	
	13th	Mothering Sunday	
	20th	Mavis Patten	
	27th	Sheila Ingram	
	31st	Maundy Thursday	John Strange

#### FROM THE COLLECTION PLATE

January	24th	£182.25
	31st	£102.91
February	7th	£149.64
	14th	£106.83

## SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Collecting " Money-off " coupons is proving very successful. Already we have collected more than £8 and exchanged them for various jars and packets of groceries.

Thinking along the same lines, could you now start collecting labels both from Nescafe coffee and Heinz soups. Both these companies are willing to exchange labels for either goods or cash, although we do need considerable numbers to make it worthwhile.

Living in and around Ecton I find that many people enjoy growing their own plants and vegetables, either from seed or by striking cuttings. There are always surplus to my requirements in a seed packet and I'm sure others must find the same, so why not plant the extras in a couple of margarine tubs or Yoghurt pots. You don't even have to get around to pricking them out because we don't need to wait until July to sell them, I'm sure that there must be a ready market amongst ourselves to purchase a sample of other peoples favorite varieties of plants and vegetables.

So get sowing and then during April we shall have the ideal excuse to hold a get together and talk gardening whilst buying and selling our seedlings and plants.

Sheila Ingram

## OVER 60'S CLUB

Meetings for March are as follows,  
Monday 14th and Monday 28th. 2.30pm  
in the Rectory Room.



## WHO'S WHO AROUND ECTON 3;

### HENRY PINNEY: CHURCHWARDEN

When Trevor and Martin asked me to write an article for the Magazine about myself and my family, I responded willingly but afterwards a feeling of considerable apprehension descended over me.

I was born and brought up in Ecton, one of a large family of seven boys and two girls. We were all baptized in our lovely Church, several of us sang in the choir. My father was the Sexton of the Church for a number of years, this meant that several of us boys spent much of our spare time as teenagers tending the churchyard. It is perhaps somewhat ironical that after all these years, I am still helping to look after the churchyard. My father was also a sidesman for as long as I could remember.

My parents made considerable sacrifices in providing for us all, which they did with great kindness and devotion. When I think about them, as I do very often, I realise how fortunate I was, their teaching and example was an inspiration to all of us.

It may be of interest to know that members of our family of Pinnies were resident in Ecton for many years. I have been able to trace my ancestors back to 1837 ! perhaps one day I will be able to trace further back still.

I was a member of the Church Lads Brigade from the age of 14 or was it 13 ! until I joined the R.A.F. in 1939. My first company was Billing and Ecton, then when this was disbanded I joined Earls Barton Company. I remember with pride that one year we won most of the battalion trophies and these were displayed in Ecton Church.

In early 1939 I was very unsettled at work so I made enquires about service in the R.A.F. I found that it appealed to me so I enlisted in April of that year. Bearing in mind that we didn't travel very far from home in those days, and only once had I stayed away from home, at Church Lads Brigade Annual Camp, leaving my family was a terrible wrench.

Finding myself living in a Barrack room with many others, and suddenly being subject to service discipline, which in those days was no picnic to say the least, was a very traumatic experience indeed.

I met Johan in 1942, she was serving in the W.A.A.F, we were both stationed near Stranaer. Our friendship blossomed into marriage and we married in the Church of Scotland in Johan's home town of Wisham in Scotland in April 1943. Johan first visited Ecton during the Christmas holiday 1942, so her connections with the village spans a good many years.

My service in the R.A.F. took me to quite a few countries overseas. My first posting was to France in 1940, then in 1943 I was posted to India where I spent almost three years. After the war I spent three years in Kenya when Johan was able to join me. In 1955 I was posted to Egypt where I was involved in closing a large R.A.F. base, then to Jordan where much of my time was spent in more closing down, and recovering R.A.F. equipment, and shipping it out of the country. In 1960 I was posted to Cyprus when Johan was again able to join me. We spent three years in that lovely Island, such a tragedy that it is now divided into two nations.



Johan and I have three sons, (two of whom were baptised in Ecton Church ) Peter, David and Graham, each has had experience of a number of schools, in Ecton, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Cyprus. Peter and David completed their "O" and "A" levels at boarding school in Brackley. Graham preferred to stay at home and went to Horncastle Grammar school, and then, when I retired from the R.A.F. in 1968, he attended Wellingborough Grammar school and gained his "O" and "A" levels. Each of our boys was able to further his education at University, which of course helped them in their chosen careers.

We have two grandchildren, Christopher and Jamie, both are getting on well at school and take part in football, swimming and Cub Scouts et.

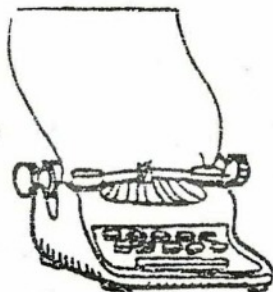
When I retired from the R.A.F. I joined Wellingborough Urban District Council in the treasurers department, later Wellingborough Borough Council. As a second career I found it quite rewarding, it bought me into contact with members of the public. We like living in Wellingborough, it is a nice little town with adequate shopping and parking facilities, it is much changed since we came here. Both Johan and I found it difficult to settle down at the Church's which we attended so we decided to renew our connections with Ecton, to return to Ecton Church was more like coming home, we both enjoy it so much.

Henry Pinney

COPY FOR THE APRIL MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House  
by Saturday 19th March.

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YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club now meets on Monday night  
at 7.0pm until 9.30pm.

Due to the fall in numbers and the fact  
that there are several young people of  
youth club age who do not use the youth  
club, there will be an open night on the  
17th March at 7.30pm. Anyone who would  
like to come along and have a cup of tea  
and a chat would be very welcome. There  
are several things available to youth  
members, table tennis, pool, snooker,  
darts etc. Why not come along and see  
for yourself.

The Senior Club continues to meet on  
Tuesday evenings at 8.0pm a nice social  
atmosphere where everyone is made welcome.

The Lunch Club continues to be popular and  
takes place every fourth Wednesday of each  
month, the next one is on March 23rd.  
Please book if possible.

D.Bray.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

" No free samples tonight ! " said speaker Mr Morris Smith at the February meeting. A well known jeweller, he brought many beautiful rings, some very unusual in design, which were passed round an admiring audience while he spoke of their histories. The competition winners (prettiest brooch ) were Mrs Dicks, Mrs Cross and Miss Macquire.

On March 1st Mr Lucien Conway is talking about "Wholefoods" in a most enteraining way. Thw competition will be "A recipe using Wholefoods".

Also in March, on Friday 11th, there will be a WHIST DRIVE in the Rectory Room at 7.15pm. Admission 75p which includes refreshments. We hope to welcome many visitors at these events.

Jean Knight

## ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held in The Rectory Room, at Ecton House on Monday 7th March 1988 at 8.0pm.

### Items for the Agenda

Treasurer's and Captains Report 1987  
Election of Officers for 1988-9

Any suggestions you might like to put forward.  
New Members welcome and Thank you for your support.

## ECTON ARMADA BEACON FESTIVAL 15th-17th JULY

For the Americans it may be Election Fever, but here in Ecton we are in the grip of Festival Fever.

Each person I talk to around the village or in Church appears to already be working hard on their particular area of interest for the weekend.

I have reliable information that we shall hardly be able to get into the Church for flowers and that Edna and Freda are already busy dyeing dried flowers and grasses for the floral beacon display. Mrs Cross has volunteered to organise the cake stall with her helpers and Mrs Rands the Handicraft stall. (If rumours are to be believed, both she and Mr. & Mrs Murdin could well be looking for accomadation nearer to the festival as their own homes fill up with handicrafts and items for the White Elephant stall). Mr & Mrs Cunningham are organising an Eggs and Honey stall.

Teatowels are now readily available either in Church, from Ecton House, or from me at 17 West Street. The cost is £1.99p, but don't expect to get any change from two £1 coins !.

Early in March we shall be taking delivery of a limited edition mug and later on in June a very limited edition of 100 goblets.

Many of the activites of the weekend are being finalised now, we have confirmation that the Moulton Morris Men and also Moulton 77 Band will entertain us on Sunday afternoon. We are also in correspondence with Plymouth Council and the National Maritime Museum who are holding large celebrations of their own throughout 1988.

On March 1st we are being given the opportunity to take a guest spot on BBC Radio Northampton After Plus, so this will provide us the opportunity to get some good advance publicity.



In the meantime, don't throw anything away and do please start Baking, Knitting and Propogating. Remember we need to provide enough to furnish our stalls for two days.

Don't forget if you need help or would like to help someone else with their project do get in touch with either Trevor or myself.

Sheila Ingram

### GRAND RAFFLE 1988

Once again pen is being put to paper asking local and national companies to donate prizes for the Grand Raffle, part of this year's Festival celebrations.

Can you help ?

If your business is willing to donate a prize for this good cause. Please tell Trevor or Margaret Willmott. In 1986 we had 44 super prizes, lets have an equally exciting selection this year.

### MOTHER'S UNION

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 9th at 2.30pm in the Rectory Room. This will be our customary Lent Service and the Rector will give an address.

The Mother's Union Diocesan Festival held every three years will be in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday May 21st when the preacher will be Rt.Revd John Waller, Mother's Union Central Chaplin. A coach is going from our Deanery and will pick up members at about 9.45am arriving in Peterborough in time for some shopping and lunch, before the service at 2.30pm.

Cost for a seat on the coach is £2.50p. Please could you let me know as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Margaret Willmott

## LETTER TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

### SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

The Northamptonshire Police launched a recruiting campaign in October 1987 using the medium of television, radio and newspapers. Your local Sub-Division is charged with maintaining the campaign through individual initiatives and personal contact.

The Police Committee is fully supporting the Chief Constable and members of the Force in their efforts to attract recruits from the local community and additionally seeks your help.

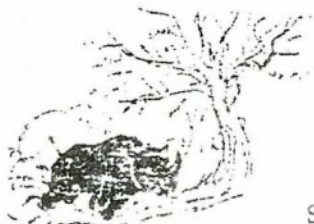
The campaign equally encourages members of the local community within the County to join the Special Constabulary. At the launch of the campaign, the Chief Constable, Mr D O'Dowd, stated

"We are also hopeful that this campaign will encourage a number of local people to join the Special Constabulary..... they can do no better than joining this most valuable voluntary service which provides much needed support to our Regular Force."

Should the campaign be successful in increasing the number of Special Constables, there is, for example, likely to be more local initiatives taken in respect of crime prevention which would develop partnership between the Police and public in your area.

If each Parish Council or Parish Meeting were to encourage members of their community to join the Special Constabulary, they could be demonstrating their support for their own individual communities and the Police. The Police Committee urges the members of your Parish Council to encourage local people to consider joining the Northamptonshire Special Constabulary. Should you require any further support or details, please contact your local Sub-Divisional Commander.





### SAFARI SUPPER

In Sheila's notes in the December / January magazine she mentioned that any profit from the Supper would be divided equally between the Ecton Festival Fund and a Project run by The Reverend John Lock in Birmingham. The project which has been running for a number of years, provides mini-bus holidays for elderly people and deprived children in his local area of Erdington.

You will be delighted to learn that we raised £150 of which £75 was sent to John.

The following is an extract of his letter addressed to Sheila, thanking those who attended the Safari Supper.

In the Glorious Name of Jesus, I bid you Greetings !

Many, many most sincere thanks for such a very welcome letter and indeed Generous donation, what a wonderful gift and so very helpful.

Thank you also for the copy of "Ecton Church and Village News". I do hope you will forgive the delay in answering your letter but I read the Ecton Church and Village News first, and would welcome further copies if at all possible.....

.....I do so much look forward to hearing from you again, hopefully not too long away.

May God Richly Bless and Protect You and Yours.

Yours in His Glorious Name and Service.

John.

## WHO'S WHO

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Ecton Primary School	<u>Headmaster:</u> Mr.D.Lennon Tel:Northampton 409213
Children's Church	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.T.Main Tel:Northampton 405322 Every Sunday ( except Parade Service Sunday ) 9.30am in Rectory Room.
Mother's Union	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.M.Willmott Tel:Northampton 406442 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45pm in Rectory Room.
Ecton W.I.	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.G.Harlott Tel:Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30pm in Rectory Room.
Over 60's	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.E.Welch Tel:Northampton 406163 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30pm in Rectory Room.
Youth Club and Senior Club	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.D.Bray Tel:Northampton 408509 Y.C. Monday 7.0-9.30pm. S.C. Tuesday 8.0pm at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton.
Mums and Tots	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.J.Lennon Tel:Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.0pm in Rectory Room.
Playgroup	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.M.Tinston Tel:Northampton 412233 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45am at Youth Club Hall, High Street, Ecton.
Cricket Club	<u>Secretary:</u> Mr.J.Collip Tel:Northampton 405688
Brownies	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.T.Fuller Tel:Northampton 403137
Bell Ringers	<u>Contact:</u> Mrs.M.Strange Tel:Northampton 409306 Tuesday & Wednesday in Bell Tower at 8.0pm.

CHURCH and VILLAGE DIARY

March

Tuesday	1	2.30pm W.I.
Thursday	3	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	6	<u>3rd SUNDAY IN LENT</u> 9.30am Parish Communion & Children's Church O.T.: Genesis 12.1-9 Gospel: Matthew 16.13-end 6.00pm Evensong
Monday	7	8.00pm Cricket Club A.G.M.
Tuesday	8	2.30pm Mothers' Union
Wednesday	9	8.00pm Lent Discussion Group
Thursday	10	9.00am Holy Communion
Friday	11	7.15pm W.I. Whist Drive
Sunday	13	<u>4th SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY</u> 9.30am Family Communion & Parade Service 6.00pm Evensong
Monday	14	2.30pm Over 60's Club
Tuesday	15	8.00pm Lent Discussion Group
Thursday	17	9.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday	20	<u>5th SUNDAY IN LENT: PASSION SUNDAY</u> 9.30am Parish Communion & Children's Church O.T.: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Gospel: Mark 10.32-45 6.00pm Evensong
Wednesday	23	8.00pm Lent Discussion Group
Thursday	24	9.00am Holy Communion
Friday	25	8.00pm ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETIN preceded by Holy Communion at 7.15pm for the ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

March contd

- Sunday 27 PALM SUNDAY  
9.30am Procession, Parish Communion  
& Children's Church  
O.T.: Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Gospel: Mark 14.32-15.41  
6.00pm Evensong
- Monday 28 2.30pm Over 60's Club  
7.30pm Holy Communion
- Tuesday 29 9.00am Holy Communion
- Wednesday 30 7.30pm Holy Communion
- Thursday 31 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
10.30am Renewal of vows & Blessing of  
Oils at the Cathedral Church  
8.00pm Holy Communion of the Last  
Supper  
Epistle: I Corinthians 11.23-29  
Gospel: John 13.1-15  
followed by VIGIL OF PRAYER until  
Good Friday

April

- Friday 1 GOOD FRIDAY  
9.00am Ceremonies of the day  
10.30am Family Service  
2.00pm Hour by the Cross
- Saturday 2 10.00am Decoration of the Church
- Sunday 3 EASTER DAY  
9.30am Lighting of the Paschal Candle,  
Holy Baptism, Family Communion  
& Parade Service  
Epistle: Revelation 1.10-18  
Gospel: Matthew 28.1-10  
6.00pm Festal Evensong

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at  
9.00am on each day in Easter Week.