

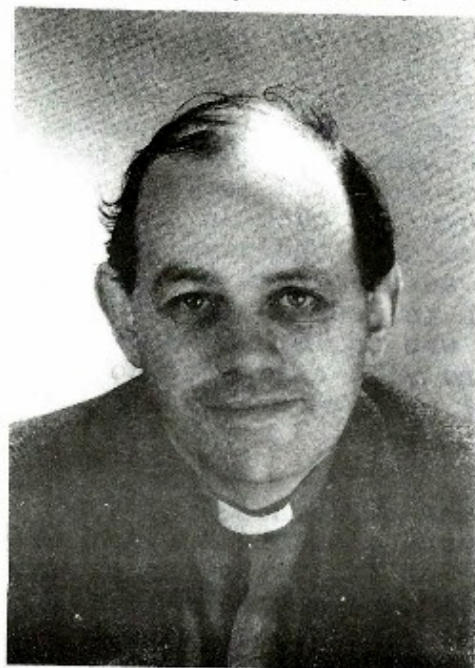
# ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



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## FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY



### JULY AND AUGUST

O Lord you have searched me out and  
known me.

Psalm 139.

As I read the offices of morning and evening prayers, I am drawn more and more to the riches of the psalms. Authentic faith uses the words 'I and You' not the 'we', or the 'they', or the 'one' - the impersonal, second hand language which so easily becomes the Church. The Psalms are filled with the personal experiences - some we accept readily, the loving, generous response - others seem to our modern ears to be out of place, the psalmist, anger towards his God, his cry for

vengeance - and sometimes his desire to put words into God's mouth. Modern day man seeks to please everyone, 'don't upset him, grin and bear it, its not worth the trouble', but these have no place in the Psalmist's thoughts. The Psalms reflect the whole of the writer's life - the bad as well as the good - the anger as much as the love - the pain as much as the joy- the darkness as much as the light - and here, we all have much to learn - to recognise that the God who calls, knows us as we are, warts and all, and wants to use everything of what we are in his service.

We all know the bitterness and anger which lies just below the surface in some people, but it is that anger which scars their lives - meanness takes the place of generosity and sarcasm the word of love. "Offer them to God", says the Psalmist and allow Him to transform them." Theresa of Avila grumbles with her God, only because she knows that he loves her, and accepts her ---her let me add, not because he doesn't want her to change, but he can only change us when we fully recognise and accept ourselves. Psalm 149.

"The Lord takes delight in his people" The well from which you drink is given by God he fills and we drink as Martin Buber speaks of the I - Thou relationship in faith - the intimacy of our relationship with God. So with this Psalm 139 not composed of careful critical, language, but it does express some profound thoughts about God than gain their validity as much out of their experiential authenticity as of their presence in Scripture.

The writer opens up for us another way of seeing of life under God and or need for forgiveness - one of the burdens of our Protestant faith is the bewilderment of our sinful nature - we are so good at saying how awful we are that we sometimes forget that we are made by God - the writer stands before God, as one who has walked and still desires to walk the Lord's way - he has failed, that he knows, but nonetheless by the grace of God he will walk again in the power of God's forgiveness.

Omniscience God knows us v.2 in a way that no one else does, not even ourselves - but that knowledge is not daming.

Omnipresence the companionship of God in the Spirits with us, who prayers in every moment, in every place, in every circumstance for us.

Wherever we turn, God meets us as protecting and judging presence - so none of us can ever be cut off from the presence of God - not by him at least. The hand of God holds us and he is with us.

"But temper that also". It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

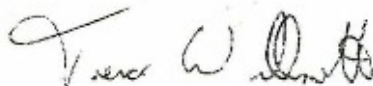
We have always been part of God in his mind. Even at my end I am still with God vv18

In our death we are caught up in the memory of God, remembered by God, held forever in the hand and mind and heart of God.

Karl Barth

"God will not allow anything which is me, of me, to perish, but will hold it in the hollow of his hand as he has always done and does and will do."

Here then is the deep well of living water - God's move to the right the human situation. Little wonder that the Church has great treasure in the Psalms.



RECTOR



## Ecton Village Playgroup

The Playgroup would like to thank you for supporting our Open Day. The infant class from school visited us and enjoyed playing with our equipment. We raised £19 for Playgroup funds.

We had a very successful outing to Bassett Park, Wellingborough for an 'under fives' fun day'.

The children joined in with some Peruvian folk music, and enjoyed a Punch and Judy show.

We have vacancies for children of 2½ years and over from September 1989.

For more information please contact Jan Lennon on Northampton 410658.

## A WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD

by ROSAMUND ESSEX

A casual pick up from the Recent Additions at the Wellingborough Public Library brought this book to me. It is a witty, amusing account of one woman's struggle against male prejudice in journalism. Miss Essex has a lovely sense of humour and her antidotes are hilarious. Her passionate plea for the most unlovable and abject victims of poverty are very moving, she is no mere observer but walks in and endures the filth that her research entails.

Her career in journalism began when she joined the staff of the Church Times and slowly she rose to the unthinkable eminence of Editor. On her retirement she joined what is now known as Christian Aid, for which she travels and lectures world wide. She never married, the men her generation should have married died during the first World War. A lover of children, she adopted a boy and has grandchildren. All I can say is they have a super gran !

Paddy Macquire.

## MUMS & TOTS

Mums and Tots will meet up to and including Thursday 20th July and will recommence on Thursday 7th September.

All mothers with children under school age are welcome to join us from 2.0pm to 3.30pm in the Rectory Room.

# Ecton Fellowship

Our July meeting is on Tuesday 11th July at 2.30pm in the Rectory Room, when our speaker is Miss.K.Brabbins a blind lady who plays the piano by reading the music in braille. She will talk about this and play to us.Mary, Trevor's secretary, has heard her speak and was most impressed. Husbands are welcome to join us at this meeting.

Please note that there will be no meeting in August and that our next meeting will be September 12th.

Thanks to all who supported our lunch in June in aid of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. As a result we raised approx £70 for this worthy cause.

Margaret Willmott

## CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

Many thanks to all who contributed to the grand total of £99.85p collected during the recent door-to-door collection for Christian Aid.

Very many thanks to the collectors Mary Dicks, Joy Wilson, Jean Leigh, Julia and Joanne Lee, Janet Robinson, Joyce Orford and Marion Gleave.

Mavis Patten.

# *Ecton Youth Club*

Ecton Youth Club congratulate and thank very much the Youth Club members for their sponsored swim which raised £141.89 and Mrs.S.Johnson for £71.30p, Mrs.F.Richard's for £70.00 and Mrs.D.Patching for £56.00 for their sponsored walk. We would like to thank Ecton Church for £157.64 from their Jumble Sale all towards our roof fund.

Youth Club meetings are on Wednesday evenings 7.0pm till 9.30pm.

There will be a Strawberry Tea at the Youth Club on Saturday 8th July at 3.0pm Tickets 60p for the tea from Mrs.D.Bray, Mrs.S.Johnson, Mrs.F.Richards and Mrs.J.Lennon. There will be a raffle, White Elephant, and Cake Stall.

Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 19th July and there will an evening at South Lodge on Saturday September 30th.

Mary Beesley.

## *Women's Institute*

ADVANCE NOTICE  
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The W.I. will be holding a FOOD & WINE evening on Friday 4th August at Ecton House.

More details on posters in July. Please come along and help us celebrate "Food and Farming Year".

We have an outing to Windsor on Thursday 17th August. A few seats are available at £6 each. Contact Mavis Patten or Marian Gleave.

# RECTOR'S NOTES

July and August are fairly quiet months. Except that on July 22nd the Patronal Festival of Mary Magdalene, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.opm, followed by a Party. Details of the Party etc. are available in the Church, and may be had from, Sylvia Johnson - Mary Dicks - Mary Strange and Kathy Stears.

We shall be on holiday from July 25th to August 15th, during which time we shall welcome a variety of celebrants and preachers for the Sunday Services. There will be no services on Thursday mornings while I'm away.

My final service, as Rector, will be on Sunday August 20th at 9.30am and we shall move to Peterborough on Tuesday 22nd. I shall be installed in the Cathedral during the course of Evensong on Sunday September 10th at 3.30pm. A coach will leave Ecton at 1.30pm to return at approx 7.0pm. The cost per person will be £2 - details in the Church and from the Churchwardens. Margaret and I hope that everyone who can will join us for the service and stay on for some tea afterwards.

During the interregnum, the care of the parish rests with the Reverend Haydn Smart, our Rural Dean and with the Churchwardens. Services on Thursday's and Sunday's will be as normal. If you need to contact a priest, I suggest you speak first to Richard Mayne, the assistant warden of the House.

Finally, our new address at Peterborough will be,

The Presentor's Lodgings, Minster Precincts,  
Peterborough PE1 1XX.

Where we shall be delighted always to welcome anyone who passes by !

Ecton House is also undergoing change of personnel, Mark ceases to be assistant warden on August 17th and his replacement will be Richard Mayne. Richard is due to join the House staff on July 2nd in order "to learn the ropes", before the changes of August etc. Richard comes from Kettering and is, among other things, a keen musician "his profile " will appear in the October magazine. We are grateful to Mark for his contribution to the life of the community, and wish him well for the future.

*Trevor*

22nd June 1989

Dear Ectonites,

How can I begin to thank you for all your kind thoughts, words and deeds ? I drew, and am still drawing, on the strength of everyone around me to get me through the days since Larry died.

We are moving tomorrow. Our house at Little Billing will not be ready until the end of July but as soon as I have an address, rather than a plot number, I will let you know.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Trevor. But for his guidance it would have been an even more difficult time for me.

Larry and I were proud to be part of Ecton, albeit for such a short while. Thank you all for making us so welcome.

I'll be in touch.

God bless,

Lyn and Simon Gilmurray

# Women's Institute

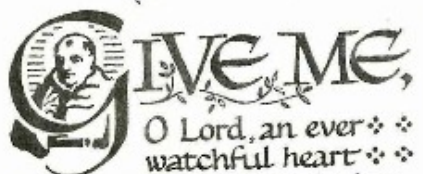
Miss Baddley, an SRN for 20 years who now runs her own clinic in Wellingborough, described and demonstrated foot reflexology to a packed June meeting. Her fascinating introduction to the ancient technique which originates from China was amusingly interspersed with "stories the feet can tell".

By pressing with the thumb on areas of the feet and hands which correspond to a "body map", the aim is to reduce muscle tension and increase blood flow, thus relaxing the subject, easing pain and reducing blood pressure. The impression was of a very acceptable alternative to the pill prescribing and "you must learn to live with it" attitudes so often encountered.

Joint winners of the competition for "An agony letter on a post card" were Millie Harlott and Paddy Macquire.

On Tuesday 4th July Mr F Roberts will give a "History of the Order of St John of Jerusalem". There should be no shortage of entries for the competition for "A photo of myself when young".

CAROL JONES



which no subtle speculation  
may ever lure from Thee.

Give me a noble heart that  
no unworthy affection shall  
ever draw downwards to earth.

Give me a heart of honesty  
that no insincerity shall warp.  
Give me a heart of courage  
that no distress shall ever crush  
or quench.

Give me a heart so free that no  
perverted or impetuous affection  
shall ever claim for its own.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

# A 'BREAD AND BUTTER ' LETTER

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It would be difficult to thank everyone individually for all the help that we received both for the Coffee and Cake morning and the Jumble Sale. So will everyone who supported us in any way please accept this as a very grateful 'Thankyou'.

We were most fortunate on both occasions the weather was superb. Ecton is really well blessed when it comes to having good weather whenever it is most needed and these two occasions proved no exception.

The Coffee and Cake morning with plant sale made some £240. We have decided to send £50 to a clergyman who works in a very deprived area of Birmingham. Our donation will mean that he can provide a weeks camping holiday for a group of youngsters who have never been outside the city of Birmingham. The other £190 will provide another stone or two in the Church Tower. The Jumble Sale made just over £170. We needed £12 to make up the difference that had already been made at a Car Boot Sale, to purchase the communion linen, and this means that just over a £150 will be used to help with the repair work of the Youth Club roof. A splendid all round effort that benefits so many.

Thankyou very much !

Sheila Ingram

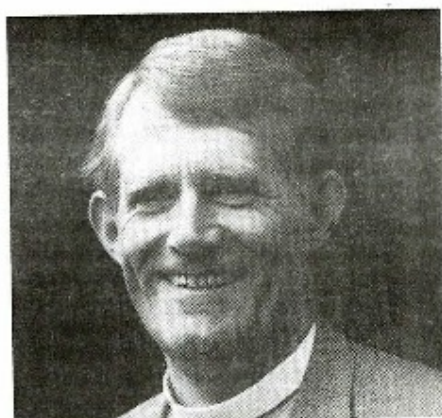
## BISHOP PAUL'S EARLY REFLECTIONS

Becoming a bishop makes one a target for good advice. One piece I received, from a former diocesan bishop, was to enjoy myself.

So far that has been easy. Pat and I are grateful for the welcome and understanding we have received, which have made the transition to this new post an enjoyable one. Two early reflections seem worth sharing.

1. I find it a joy as I begin visiting our churches and discovering what goes on. In a variety of settings already, be it at a crowded Whit Sunday at Brackley, or the Chapel at the Young Offenders' Institution at Wellingborough, or a flower festival at Brafield-on-the-Green, I have found numbers of lay folk giving much time to furthering the Church's service to the community. I hope and believe that what I have seen so far is merely the tip of the iceberg. I use that word because I recall *God's Frozen People*, a book focusing on the under-used laity of the Church and their need to be "unfrozen" and released for service. That process seems to be under way in Peterborough Diocese but there is still much to do in training and allowing the laity to play a fuller part in the work of the Church. I shall enjoy leading the new Board for the Development of Ministry in this Diocese, as it explores further ways of making our churches more fully effective instruments of God's tireless grace.

2. A second impression is of a piece of unfinished business. I refer to the Church Urban Fund. Representing the Diocese at a recent Lambeth meeting I learned that Peterborough lags far behind in our response to the Fund. Presumably one reason for this is that the recent scale and pace of pastoral re-organisation here has diverted energy and attention from other pressing issues, not least



the Church Urban Fund. The Fund exists to support schemes and projects in areas of widespread human need and distress. We in Peterborough live in an area of increasing growth and prosperity with much to be thankful for. In terms of that prosperity many of the Fund targets set for individual parishes are minimal. Many parishes will surely want to exceed their targets. I am enjoying working with the Diocesan group dealing with the Church Urban Fund. A national week highlighting the Fund will take place in September, with a Cathedral Service and a distribution of candles (to represent "Light in the City") to all 364 parishes. Please don't miss out on this.

Another piece of advice came to me at the time of my ordination in 1960. A bishop long engaged in a tough overseas ministry sent me a terse postcard from across the world. It read simply "The Holy Spirit *does* lead". Nearly thirty years on I have been aware of the truth of that, many times. It is, and will be a joy to discover that it is true in Peterborough too.

+ Paul

# From The Registers

## HOLY BAPTISM

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### JUNE

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- 4th Laura Catherine Anthony  
11th Bethan Rhia Collins  
18th Benjamin Luke Philip Reeves  
Daniel Paul Reeves  
Matthew John Reeves

## WEDDINGS

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### JUNE

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- 3rd Deborrah King and Gerald Banham

## Coffee Rota

### JULY

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- 9th Tricia Fuller & Mavis Ashead  
16th Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh  
23rd Johan Pinney & Pat Baylis  
30th Zara & Trevor Hunwicks

## AUGUST

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- 6th Audrey Treloar & Ingrid  
Cartwright  
13th Millie Harlott & Dora  
20th Alice & Wynne  
27th Celia & Howard Carter

## SEPTEMBER

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- 3rd Nick & Mary Green

# Over 60's Club

Our thoughts and prayers are much with Edna and her family at this time.

We all enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at Mrs Beesley's last month. Our grateful thanks to our kind hostess and helpers. We celebrated Mrs Lewis's 90th birthday on this occasion.

We have an evening mystery outing on 7th August. Non-members are welcome to join us.

Price : £1 members £1.50p non-members. Names to me please.

Meetings are as usual from now on.

Dora Reynolds.

## Sacristans rota

### JULY

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8th	Mr & Mrs Mordin	(B)
15th	-----do-----	(A)
22nd	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)
29th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(A)

### AUGUST

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5th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(B)
12th	Mrs Aveyard & Mrs Maud Dicks	(A)
19th	-----do-----	(B)
26th	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(A)

### SEPTEMBER

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2nd	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(B)
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# Cleaning Rota

JULY  
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8th	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(R)
15th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(L)
22nd	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(R)
29th	Mrs .L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)

AUGUST  
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5th	Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.W.Johnson	(R)
12th	Alice & Wynne	(L)
19th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)
26th	Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright	(L)

SEPTEMBER  
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2nd	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(R)
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# Flower Rota

JULY  
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8th	Paddy
15th	Millie Harlott
22nd	Millie Harlott
29th	

AUGUST  
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5th	Pat Baylis
12th	Pat Baylis
19th	WEDDING
26th	

SEPTEMBER  
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2nd	Mary Dicks
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## From The Collection Plate

### MAY

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21st	£204.15
28th	£186.35

### JUNE

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4th	£181.95
11th	£254.91
18th	£176.12
25th	£201.51

### READERS ROTA

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### JULY

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9th	Margaret Willmott
16th	Brenda Jones
23rd	Mary Strange
30th	David Dicks

### AUGUST

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6th	Dennis Strange
13th	Mark Catherall
20th	Margaret Willmott
27th	Paddy

# Church & Village Diary

JULY

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Sunday 2 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion &  
Parade Service

1 Cor 12. 27-13 end

Matthew 18. 21 to end

6.0pm Evensong

Monday 3 ST. THOMAS

8.0am Holy Communion

7.0pm Ecton House Festival

8.0pm Service of Celebration for  
the work of Ecton House

Preacher: The Rev'd Donald  
Reeves of St. James,  
Piccadilly

Tuesday 4 7.30pm W.I.

Thursday 6 9.30am Holy Communion

Friday 7 Ecton Fellowship

Sunday 9 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Galatians 5. 16-25

6.0pm Evensong

Monday 10 Over 60's

Tuesday 11 2.30pm Ecton Fellowship

Thursday 13 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Ephesians 6. 10-20

John 17. 11 -19

6.0pm Evensong

Thursday 20 9.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 22 ST.MARY MAGDALENE

Holy Communion 7.0pm to be  
followed by a party in Ecton  
House

Sunday 23 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Philippians 2. 1-11

John 13. 1-15

6.0pm Evensong

Monday 24 Over 60's

July 25th to August 15th The Rector and his family will be on holiday. No celebrations of Holy Communion on Thursday's 27th July and 3rd or 10th August.

Sunday 30 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Celebrant & Preacher. The Rev'd  
Canon Geoffrey Carrell

2 Cor 4. 1-10

John 13. 31-35

6.0pm Evensong

# AUGUST

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Sunday 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9.30am Parish Communion &  
Parade Service

Celebrant & Preacher. The Rev'd  
Warren Warnes

2 Cor 3. 4-to end

Luke 9. 28 - 36

6.0pm Evensong

Monday 7 Over 60's

Sunday 13 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Celebrant & Preacher. The Rev'd  
Warren Warnes

Acts 7. 54-8.1

John 16. 1-11

6.0pm Evensong

Wednesday 16 Wedding 3.0pm

Thursday 17 9.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 19 Wedding 12 noon

Sunday 20 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

Ephesians 5. 25 - 6 4

Mark 10. 2-16

Sunday	20	6.0pm Evensong
Monday	21	Over 60's
Sunday	27	<u>15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>

9.30am Parish Communion

Romans 13. 1-17

Matthew 22. 15-22

6.0pm Evensong

### New Readers

At the triennial festival of the Readers at Peterborough on May 7 the following new Readers were admitted and licensed during Evensong in the Cathedral: Mr D Fisher to Great Doddington; Mr D Harris to Glinton; Miss W Lane to Thrapston; Mr J Leadley to Bugbrooke; Mr P McKee to Brackley; Mr D Tetley to Wellingborough All Hallows; Mr B Tringham to West Haddon; and Mrs A Walker and Mrs H Walker to Werrington.

## From The Registers

### FUNERALS

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### JUNE

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19th Thomas Grundy

### COPY FOR THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE

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# PARISH AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

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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) 9.30 a.m in Rectory Room
Ecton Fellowship	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Willmott Tel: Northampton 406442 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs G Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs E Welch Tel: Northampton 406163 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs D Bray Tel: Northampton 812265 Y.C Monday 7.00-9.30 p.m S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs J Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
Playgroup	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs J Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Tuesday & Friday 9.15-11.45 a.m 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

