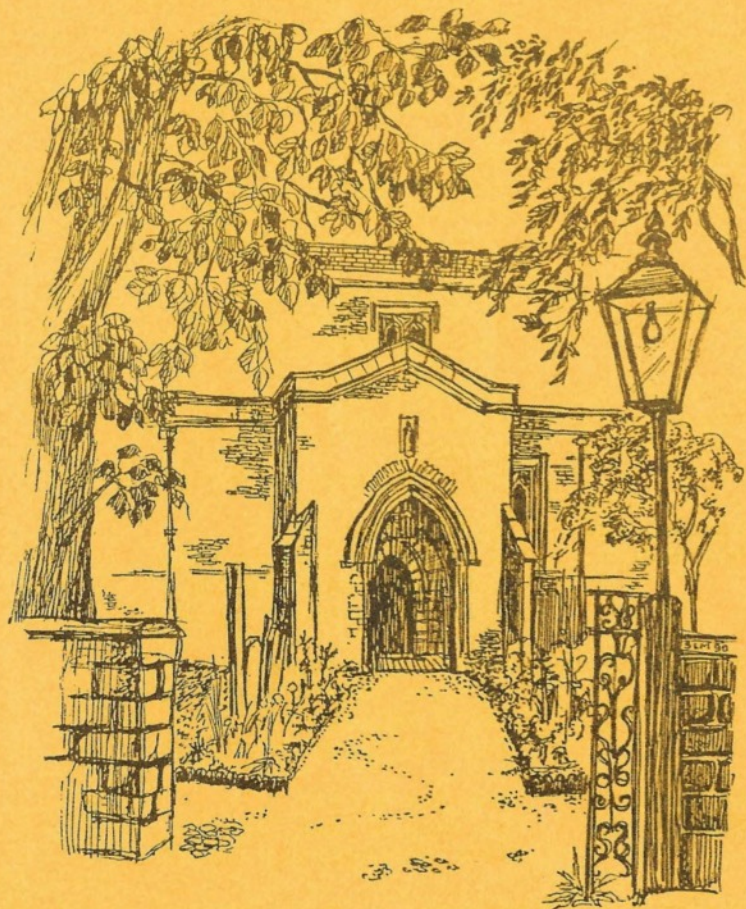


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



July and August 1990

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From the Rector's Study

The first task of a priest new to a parish is to try and understand the awesome responsibility given to him by God and the Church. He must begin by listening and absorbing as brand new situations are presented to him. He should remind himself that all in Ecton is God's gift and, as a consequence, be valued most highly.

There is much in Ecton that I already find impressive and attractive. I look forward to using my experience and abilities as a servant of God in this place. The village has, like every community since man became conscious of his environment, adapted to change. Survival would be impossible without flexibility and a strong desire to preserve corporate identity. I come to you in humility knowing that this bonding of priest and people is what God wants. We are to worship, work and witness together as co-builders with God for the furthering of His Kingdom in this village and beyond. All must be for His Glory, not ours.

There are four pillars on which the life of a Church should be built. In the Acts of the Apostles 2.42 we find a holy design. The primitive Church of those first followers concentrated upon Holy Communion (the breaking of bread), the teaching of the Apostles, prayer and fellowship. No matter where the Church finds itself there can be no deviation from this Biblical insight. We need no better support for continuous growth. The responsibility rests upon priest and people. Practice the presence of God knowing that the Apostolic Church set an example for us to follow.

God walks slowly, always courteous with a heart overflowing with mercy and pity. He wants us to be rid of silly prejudices. The nursing of dangerous feelings of hate and jealousy prevents the new life in Jesus Christ. God wants us to be free to discover each day what it means to be re-born as Baptised children. Any other way is a complete waste of time leading to spiritual death.

I have discovered during my priesthood in the parishes of St. Anne's, South Lambeth by the River Thames and St. Paul's, Nork in leafy Surrey suburbs, the saintliness of people from all walks of life and from every Christian denomination. Such heavenly experiences have taught me to seek Jesus Christ in those I meet day by day. I now greet the saints of Ecton. We have been thrown together by God. We are like explorers on a new adventure. Our vocation is abundantly clear. We are to love God and our neighbours as ourselves.

I hope you will be with me at my Induction and Institution on Monday, 9th July at 7.30pm and at one of the services on the following Sunday.

Patricia joins me in thanking you for a wonderful welcome. The Churchwardens have served the Church well during these past twelve months of Interregnum.

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Peter Naylor

Rector

Women's Institute

Thank you to all who sponsored our May Knit-In: We hope to make 2 knee rugs with the output and sponsorship money of £67.05 will go to Care Trust for the elderly.

It may be said that during times of war, ladies fashion takes on a masculine air, but Miss J Hodgkinson, the Keeper of Social History at Northampton's Abington Museum, presented to the June meeting the prettier aspects of "Women's Costumes 1800 - 1914". In a series of detailed slides we went from crinoline to hobble skirt, through the incredible "Gibson Bend" until by 1914 skirt length was raised just enough to show the ankle. Modern fashions may be less elegant but they certainly are more comfortable.

Items entered for the competition for "A Garment of that Period" were just as fascinating and we were delighted by the tiny woollen nightgown (worn by Paddy as a baby) and beautifully embroidered split-leg bloomers! Competition winners were Vera Middleton, Barbara Jones and Paddy Macquire.

On 3 July when Mrs Perry will give a talk on "Colour Analysis" the competition will be for a "Painted Ornament".

CAROL JONES

FOOD AND WINE EVENING FRIDAY 27 JULY - 7.30 pm

Ecton WI invites all villagers and their friends to come along to Ecton House to enjoy good home cooking, convivial company and be lucky on our grand raffle. Weather permitting we hope to be outside again as we were last year.

Tickets are available from the beginning of July from any WI member and all profits go to charity.

Ecton Fellowship

The next meeting is our outing to Brigstock Herb Farm, on Tuesday July 10th.

We are meeting at Ecton House at 5.0pm. Coach leaves 5.15pm. Light refreshments are provided after going round the Herb Farm.

We return at 8.0pm.

Cost approx. £3.20p.

We welcome anyone to join us - numbers are limited to 30 so please let me know if you wish to come.

There is no meeting in August.

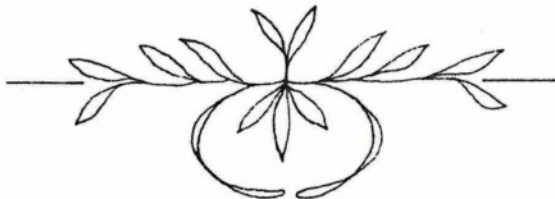
September Meeting.

Tuesday 11th at 2.30pm will be a video on Heirlooms by Paddy Mac Macquire. This should be a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

We will also have a short A.G.M.

Everyone is welcome.

Joan Dickins.



ECTON HALL *Cricket Club*

The results of recent matches are as follows:-

- 13th May Ecton 106, S. Richards 44
Harlestone 107 for 5, M. Kearsley 4 for 39
Lost by 5 wickets.
- 16th " Litchborough 94, Ecton 97 for 3
S. Wheatman 34, S. Jeffery 31 N.O.
Ecton won by 7 wickets.
- 20th " Little Harrowden 132, John Wright 5 for 19
Ecton 136 for 4, B. Saunders 45, S. Jeffery 31 N.O.
Ecton won by 6 wickets.
- 22nd " Ecton 87 for 8, St. Crispins 65
Ecton won by 22 runs.
- 27th " Bugbrooke St. Michaels 149, B. Beck 4 for 45
Ecton 153 for 6, S. Jeffery 72 N.O.
Ecton won by 4 wickets.
- 1st June St. Crispin K.O. Competition - Round 1
Ecton 108 for 9, C. Ellis 39
Cogenhoe 74, G. Morrison 4 for 9
Ecton won by 34 runs.
- 3rd " Collingtree 156, Ecton 157 for 9
M. Kearsley 33, S. Wheatman 30 N.O.
Ecton won by one wicket.
- 10th " Ecton 183 for 8, S. Richards 41, S. Wheatman 50
Heyford 184 for 6,
Ecton lost by 4 wickets.
- 11th " St. Crispin K.O. Competition - Round 2
Overstone 146 for 3, Ecton 61
Ecton lost by 85 runs.

The Draw Pool winners for May were:-

No.134 Trigger

" 85 A. Clements

Fixtures for July and August are:-

1st July	Gullesborough	at Ecton	(Sunday)
3rd "	Boughton	at Boughton	(Tuesday)
8th "	Roade	at Ecton	(Sunday)
11th "	Moulton	at Moulton	(Wednesday)
15th "	Badby	at Ecton	(Sunday)
22nd "	Mears Ashby	at Mears Ashby	"
29th "	Collingtree	at Ecton	
5th Aug.	St. Michaels 74	at Bugbrooke	"
12th "	St. Goldington	at St. Gold.	"
19th "	Wootton	at Ecton	"

Brian Saunders

BRITISH RED CROSS WEEK

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Red Cross during the Annual Campaign.

Also many thanks to the collectors:-

Dorothy Creed, Marian Gleave, Millie Harlott, Freda Richards, The Three Horse Shoes and the Worlds End.

The total collected was £104

Sylvia Johnson

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The organiser of the Ecton collection is pleased to say that the total realised this year was £104.

Grateful thanks to all who contributed so generously, the volunteer collectors and Miss Marian Gleave(Auditor) for their assistance.

Mavis Patten.

Over 60's

In June members had an enjoyable afternoon at South Lodge. As always a delicious tea was prepared by Mrs M Beesley to whom we give our grateful thanks.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our outing to Derbyshire and trust that the weather will be kind to us.

Leamington Spa on July 18th.
1.30pm to 6.0pm.

A cream tea will be provided. Anyone wishing to join us please contact Mrs Reynolds by Monday 2nd July.

Mystery Evening Tour 8th August
6.0pm to 9.0pm. We welcome non-members.

An outing will be arranged for 5th September 1.30pm to 6.0pm.
Names please by 27th August.

Dates of meetings :-

July 2nd, 16th, 30th.

August 13th, 27th.

September 10th, 24th.

Denise Langley.



From the Collection Plate

MAY

13th

£ 198.40

20th

£ 153.15

27th

£ 205.85



JUNE

3rd

£ 169.47

10th

£ 158.16

17th

£ 119.26

From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

JUNE

3rd Abigail Rebecca McCausland

10th Natalie Anne Kitchener

HOLY MATRIMONY

JUNE

16th Philip Paul Robinson & Caroline Saunders

COPY FOR THE SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE

***Should be delivered to Ecton
House by 19th August.
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407888***

Church & Village Diary

JULY

- Sunday 1st 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion & Parade Service
Acts 8: 26-38
Luke 15: 1-10
6.0pm Evensong
7.0pm Pathfinders
- Monday 2nd Over 60's 2.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd W.I. 7.30pm
- Thursday 5th Holy Communion 9.30am
- Sunday 8th 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion
Acts 11:4-18
Luke 10:1-12
6.0pm Evensong,
7.0pm Pathfinders
- Monday 9th Institution of Peter Naylor
7.30pm in Church
- Thursday 12th Holy Communion 9.30am
House Group 8.0pm Ecton House
- Sunday 15th 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9.30am Parish Communion
Ephesians 4:17 to end
Mark 10:46 to end
6.0pm Evensong
7.0pm Pathfinders

Church and Village Diary

Monday 16th Over 60's 2.30pm
Thursday 19th Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 22nd 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

9.30am Parish Communion

2 Cor 5:14-17

John 20:11-18

6.0pm Evensong

7.0pm Pathfinders

Thursday 26th Holy Communion 9.30am
House Group 8.0pm
34 West Street, Ecton

Sunday 29th 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion

1 Cor 12:4-13

Luke 6:27-38

6.0pm Evensong

Monday 30th Over 60's 2.30pm

AUGUST

Thursday 2nd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 5th 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion &
Parade Service

2 Cor 6:3-10

Mark 9:14-29

6.0pm Evensong

Things To Do

SEARCHWORD

'OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS'

A

A	J	B	C	L	E	I	K	E	Z	E	A
J	O	S	H	U	A	H	T	U	R	B	A
I	S	A	I	A	H	M	A	I	R	I	M
D	E	O	F	G	O	C	A	A	S	I	O
H	P	U	L	S	J	K	H	G	L	M	S
N	H	A	E	O	P	A	N	O	R	A	A
L	Q	S	R	H	M	S	T	L	U	A	L
E	B	E	A	E	S	O	H	I	D	B	E
I	N	O	S	M	A	S	N	A	A	O	H
N	N	V	A	W	U	X	M	T	V	C	C
A	B	E	L	Z	Y	E	Z	H	I	A	A
D	A	C	H	A	J	I	L	E	D	J	R

Aaron
Abel
Abraham
Adam
Amos
Boaz
Daniel
David
Elijah

Esau
Ezekiel
Goliath
Hosea
Isaac
Isaiah
Jacob
Joseph
Joshua

Miriam
Moses
Noah
Rachel
Ruth
Samson
Samuel
Solomon

B

WHAT IS GOD'S KINGDOM LIKE?

(READ LUKE 13:18-19)



A takes a _____ and plants it
_____ in his _____

The plant



and becomes a



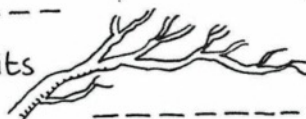
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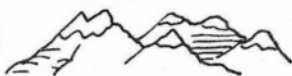
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a promise...



This is from Isaiah 54:10

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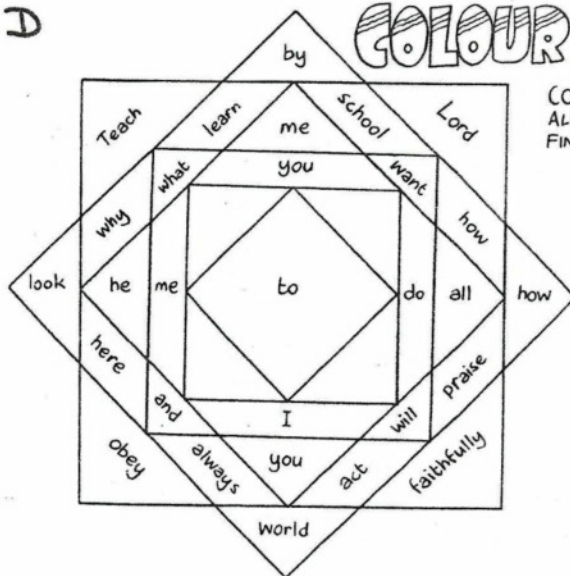


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COLOUR A PRAYER



COLOUR IN BLUE
ALL THE WORDS YOU
FIND IN **PSALM**
86 VERSE 11



COLOUR ALL THE OTHER
WORDS IN **YELLOW**

CUT OUT AND
KEEP IT TO USE
EACH DAY...



Solutions will be printed in the next magazine.

~ Name the Twelve Apostles ~



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____



5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____



9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____

Unjumble the name of each Apostle:

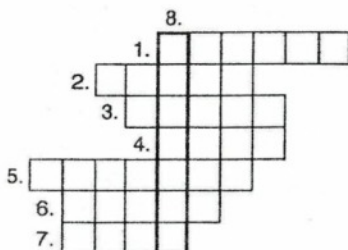
1. PREET
2. MAJES
3. HONJ
4. WREAND
5. HIPIL
6. WEBROTHAMLO
7. AWTHMET
8. MOTASH
9. SMEAJ
10. DUTHSEAD
11. NOIMS
12. SUDJA

You can check your answers by reading Mark 3:13-19

FORGIVING

Read Genesis 50:15-21 about Joseph forgiving his brothers.

1. After the death of their -----, Joseph's brothers were afraid Joseph hated them for the bad way they had treated him.
2. They said, 'Now please forgive us the ----- we have done.'
3. Joseph ----- when he got this message.
4. He said, 'You plotted evil against me but God turned it to -----.'
5. You have ----- to fear.
6. Many people are ----- today because of what has happened.
7. I will take ----- of you and your children.
8. What must we always do when people hurt or harm us? (It's hard, but Jesus helps us.)



QUIZ WORD FIT

'Jesus heals'
(Matthew 8:5-13)

Write the answers to the questions in the boxes; the number of spaces is the number of letters in the word.
The first letter has been written in to help you.

1.	C								
2.	S								
3.	P								
4.	C								

Who came to ask Jesus for healing?

Who did the man ask Jesus to heal?

What was wrong with the person Jesus healed?

In which town did the healing take place?

Wild Flowers drink mat

READ **LUKE 12:27**

JESUS LOVED THE
FLOWERS...

COLOUR THIS PICTURE
OF WILD FLOWERS,
CUT IT OUT AND
STICK IT ON TO A
PIECE OF CARD.
COVER IT WITH
STICKY BACKED
PLASTIC.

YOU COULD MAKE
A WHOLE SET OF
THEM!



Church & Village Diary

Monday	6th	Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Communion 7.30pm
Thursday	9th	Holy Communion 9.30am House Group 8.0pm 17 Huntsmead, Berrydale
Sunday	12th	<u>10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u> 9.30am Parish Communion Galatians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36 to end 6.0pm Evensong
Thursday	16th	Holy Communion 9.30am
Saturday	18th	Wedding 12.30pm
Sunday	19th	<u>11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u> 9.30am Parish Communion Philippians 1:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16 6.0pm Evensong
Thursday	23rd	Holy Communion 9.30am House Group 8.0pm 8 Berrydale
Friday	24th	St. Bartholomew the Apostle Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday	26th	<u>12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u> 9.30am Parish Communion Acts 17:22 to end Matthew 5:13-16 6.0pm Evensong

Church and Village Diary

Thursday 30th Holy Communion 9.30am
SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion &
Parade Service

Acts 20:17-35
Matthew 10:16-22

6.0pm Evensong

Tuesday 4th W.I. 7.30pm

Thursday 6th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 9th 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion
Ephesians 3:14 to end
Luke 11:1-13

6.0pm Evensong

7.0pm Pathfinders

Monday 10th Over 60's 2.30pm

Thursday 13th Holy Communion 9.30am
House Group 8.0pm
Ecton House

Sunday 16th 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.30am Parish Communion
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 14:1-12

6.0pm Evensong

7.0pm Pathfinders

Readers Diary

JULY

1st Paddy
8th Les Mitchell
15th Marian Gleave
22nd Richard Mayne
29th Graham Jordan

AUGUST

5th Ted Langley
12th Mary Strange
19th Brenda Jones
26th David Dicks

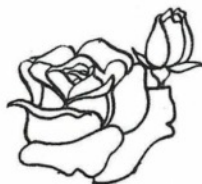
SEPTEMBER

2nd Dennis Strange
9th Toni Main
16th Mary Strange

Flower Rota

JULY

7th Institution
14th
21st Paddy
28th Paddy



AUGUST

4th Mary Dicks
11th Mary Dicks
18th Wedding
25th

SEPTEMBER

1st Marian Gleave
8th Marian Gleave
15th



Sacristans Rota

JULY

7th	Mrs Maud Dicks & Mrs Harlott	(B)
14th	Mrs Maud Dicks & Mrs Harlott	(A)
21st	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(B)
28th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(A)

AUGUST

4th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(B)
11th	Mrs Cross & Mrs Dicks	(A)
18th	Mrs Cross & Mrs Dicks	(B)
25th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(A)

SEPTEMBER

1st	Mr & Mrs Murdin	(B)
8th	Mr & Mrs Murdin	(A)
15th	Mrs Wilson	(B)

We are nowhere near as POWERFUL as GOD



"Can you shout orders to the clouds and make them drench you with rain?"
(JOB 38:34)

"And if you command the lightning to flash, will it come to you and say, 'At your service?'"
(JOB 38:35)

Parish Notes

Monday 9th July at 7.30pm

I hope you all have this date reserved in your diaries for the Institution of our new Rector Peter Naylor.

Everyone is warmly invited to both the Service and party afterwards and we look forward to seeing you on this special occasion.

Pat and Peter Naylor have had an extremely hectic period preparing to come to Ecton and I am sure we will all be remembering them in our prayers in the coming days. They move into "Ecton Rectory" on the Friday following the Institution and Peter's first Service as Rector will be Parish Communion on Sunday 15th July at 9.30am.

Tower Restoration

The work is proceeding well, although there have been some delays in finding suitable matching stone to replace the damaged parts.

It now appears that some work to the Tower door originally planned, will not now be done on the advice of English Heritage.

Stan Kidney

I have with sadness to report that Stan has reluctantly decided to retire as our organist and choir-master from the end of September. He has been playing for us for more than seven years, and will be greatly missed.

As Choirmaster Stan has been responsible for augmenting our own numbers and we will also miss Jackie, Emma and Simon as well as Miss Hollis after he retires.

We wish Stan and Joan a long and happy retirement and our thanks for their support and friendship over many years.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



It hardly seems possible writing in June that we should be thinking about Harvest. However as our next Magazine will not be out until September, it seemed appropriate to give you all some advance warning. Our Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place on Sunday 7th October and The Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce will follow Evensong in Ecton House.

RICHARD MAYNE

Richard has only been with us since July last year, and during that time has been so much a part of life in Ecton. He has contributed much to the village, as Assistant Warden to Ecton House he has run all the day to day activities of the House, and also

found time to start our Pathfinders Group, sing in the choir, lead a number of House Group Meetings and has made many friends here.

All of you that have come to know him will miss his friendship and enthusiasm. During the next twelve months he will be taking a post graduate teaching course in Cambridge. Before taking up his studies in October he will be spending some time in Israel, with the Church Missionary Society.

Our thoughts and prayers go with him and we look forward to seeing him again in Ecton very soon.

Thank you Richard.

Martin Stears.

Action Aid

Joan Dickins and Pat Baylis would like to thank everyone for their help and support with the Talents Auction on Friday 15th June.

The event raised over £900.

Anyone interested in helping Action Aid should contact Joan Dickins,
Tel: Northampton 415576.



Cleaning Rota

JULY

7th	Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.W.Johnson	(R)
14th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(L)
21st	Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright	(R)
28th	Alice & Wynne	(L)

AUGUST

4th	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Austin	(R)
11th	Mrs Robinson & Mrs Haycox	(L)
18th	Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(R)
25th	Mrs Baylis & Mrs Stears	(L)

SEPTEMBER

1st	Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.W.Johnson	(R)
8th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(L)
15th	Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright	(R)

Coffee Rota

1 July	Nick & Mary Green
8 July	Tricia Fuller
15 July	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
22 July	Johann Pinney & Pat Baylis
29 July	?
5 Aug	Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
12 Aug	Millie Harlot & Dora
19 Aug	Celia & Howard Carter
26 Aug	Alice & Wynn
2 Sept	Nick & Mary Green
9 Sept	Tricia Fuller
16 Sept	Janet Robinson & Jean Leigh
23 Sept	Johann Pinney & Pat Baylis

When I Was In Prison . . .

In a northern cathedral one recent Sunday morning I heard a lively sermon from the assistant chaplain of a nearby prison.

As he thought aloud about his ministry, he spoke of the dehumanising effect that prison had on those inside. He restated from his own daily experience the familiar sad story of chronic overcrowding. Of men already "imprisoned within themselves" having to endure squalid insanitary conditions of a most primitive kind. He spoke too of a man who had described the chaplain's job as "taking Christ into the prison". Untrue, said the chaplain: Christ is already there.

I thought of that sermon, and of Christ being there, a few weeks later when the Strangeways riots began. As I write these words, the long siege has just ended. Whatever else happens, there will be no more 'slopping out' in Strangeways, because no rebuilding scheme would dare repeat the indignities that have been tolerated there for so long and which still, to our national shame, continue elsewhere.

At least what has happened at Strangeways should give fresh impetus to the good work already in hand in the construction of new prisons so that the old, Victorian breeding grounds of despair and violence can be left behind for good.

However enlightened and imaginative the architecture of the new prisons that are coming may be, the events at Strangeways must lead to new questioning as well about what it is that we are seeking to do for those that we imprison. To lock people away from the outside world for long periods is huge punishment in itself. Greater thought has still to be given as to how best to use the years of imprisonment.

By far the most encouraging scheme that I know of in the prison system is right here in the Peterborough Diocese at the present time, and I was privileged to see something of it for myself a few weeks ago. As many of you will

*'Can't we
give healing,
humanity
and hope?'*



have heard, the prison at Wellingborough is currently housing the prisoners and staff from Grendon Underwood, the prison near Aylesbury while that establishment is being refurbished.

The Grendon method, as far as I know, is unique in our prison system, although it has been in existence for nearly thirty years. Much time and effort is given to counselling and to group therapy. I was able to spend part of an afternoon with a group of some dozen prisoners in a therapy session. Among them were murderers, sex offenders and armed robbers. They spoke among themselves with an astonishing degree of probing directness and honesty. In individual conversations with some of the prisoners and staff, I learned of new insights and attitudes that Grendon was helping to bring to birth. I was aware of a measure of release from those 'inner imprisonments' that the chaplain had referred to in his cathedral sermon.

In light of the destruction at Strangeways I would simply ask why it is that the Grendon approach with its positive qualities of healing, humanity and hope cannot be extended to other parts of our prison system, and soon?

Meanwhile the prison chaplaincy team at Wellingborough, and all those that they serve, need and deserve all the prayers that we can muster.

+ Paul

HOW TO GIVE MORE— AT NO EXTRA COST

John Major has given churches one of the best opportunities for years in his 1990 budget. He mentioned that we are a "generous nation" by instinct, and proceeded to announce a number of positive benefits to help charitable giving.

He stated that Tax Relief is a bonus. Churches who seek money from companies and individuals must base their appeal on the merit of their case. The Church of England as a whole received £20 million back in tax in 1987. But it must be understood that churches no longer have a divine right to receive money. Churches must learn to earn what is given to them; it is vital that the needs are properly and professionally communicated so that church members are left in no doubt as to what is expected of them.

The main new opportunity starts on October 1 1990 with the introduction of the GIFT AID method of giving. Briefly this means that any cash gift of £600 or more will immediately be worth 33 per cent (£200 or more) by qualifying automatically for tax relief. The church doesn't have to wait for four years for the full benefit.

In addition, higher rate (40%) taxpayers who make such a donation can claim higher tax relief. For example a higher tax payer gives £600, the church reclaims £200 tax, the tax payer can claim relief on the whole £800 at the difference between the standard and the higher rate (15%) which is £120, this means that the net cost to the donor is £480. The Revenue have indicated that they will be issuing guidelines and hopefully a suggested 'Gift Aid' covenant form.

Churches considering capital appeals in 1990 would be well advised to wait until October when the new scheme comes into operation (if they can) as it should provide a big boost to one-off gifts and will provide an immediate 33% bonus.

Keith Rigby, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, considers the new budget

The present system of 'Deposited Covenants' will continue for gifts under £600. GIVE AS YOU EARN: the limit has been raised to £600 annually from April 6 1990. DEEDS OF COVENANT: for the first time the Inland Revenue has produced a model deed. It has replaced certain legal phrases with modern language; this should encourage people who have felt daunted in the past to now change their mind.

The Revenue has also made it clear that covenants which include various 'escape' clauses will not be eligible for tax recovery. The clause 'only valid for as long as I am a member of a particular church' is thought to fall into this category.

Back dating of covenants will no longer be allowed! You can only covenant from the date payments start. The Revenue will allow such claims on covenants made before July 31 1990. After that date the new rules will be applied vigorously.

Providing that permission has been granted by the Revenue, the certificate of tax deduction (R185) does not have to be submitted for the second and subsequent payments. The present limit of £175 has been raised to £400 from April 6 1990.

It must be stressed that parishes are obliged to maintain accurate records of all payments made under deed of covenant.

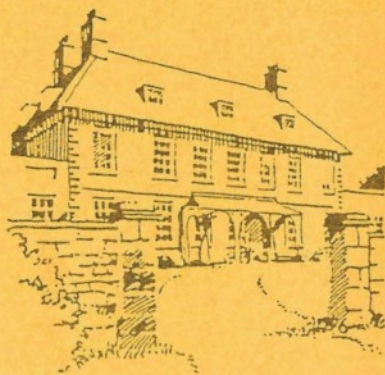
Further details are available from Keith Rigby, 10 Toll Bar Road, Islip, Kettering, NN14 3LH.



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Ecton Primary School	<u>Headteacher</u>	Mrs Sarah Stopps Tel: Northampton 409213
Ecton Fellowship	<u>Contact</u>	Miss Joyce Orford Tel: Northampton 414245 2nd Tuesday in month 2.45 p.m in Rectory Room
Ecton W.I	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Millie Harlott Tel: Northampton 405938 1st Tuesday in month 7.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Over 60's	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Denise Langley Tel: Northampton 404173 Twice monthly on Monday's 2.30 p.m in Rectory Room
Youth Club & Senior Club	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 Y.C Wednesday 7.00-9.00 p.m S.C Tuesday 8.00 p.m at Club Hall, High Street, Ecton
Mums & Tots	<u>Contact</u>	Mrs Jan Lennon Tel: Northampton 410658 Every Thursday 2.30-4.00 p.m in Rectory Room
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7pm on Monday 23rd July 1990

Buffet Supper

followed by an

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For the life and work of the House
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