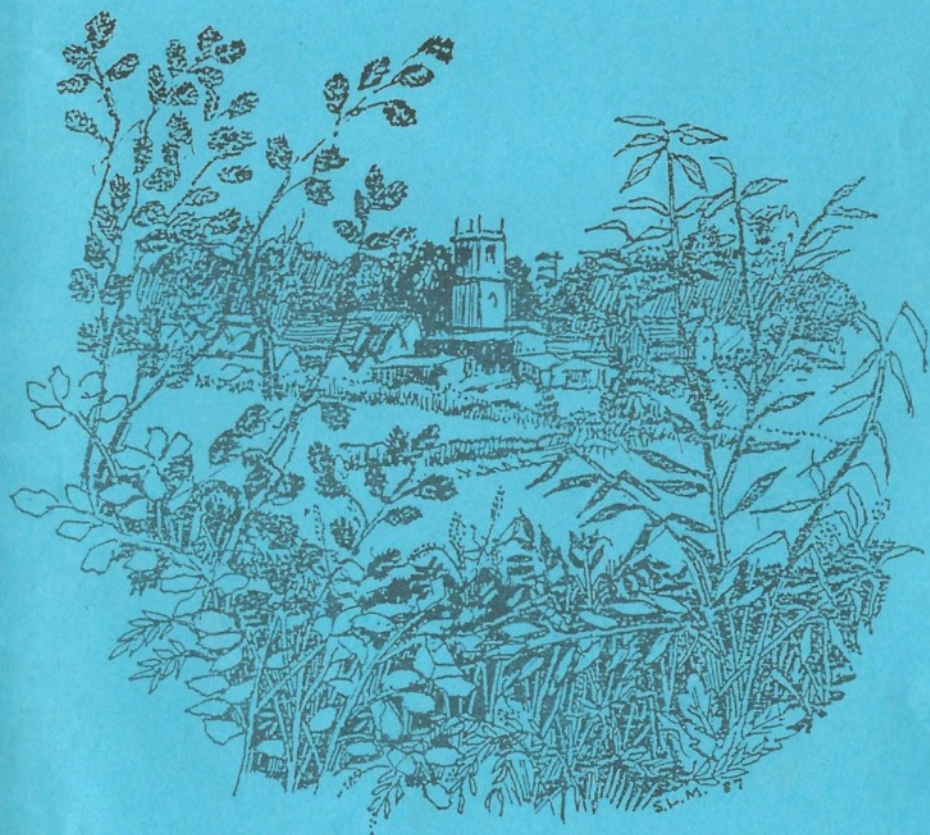
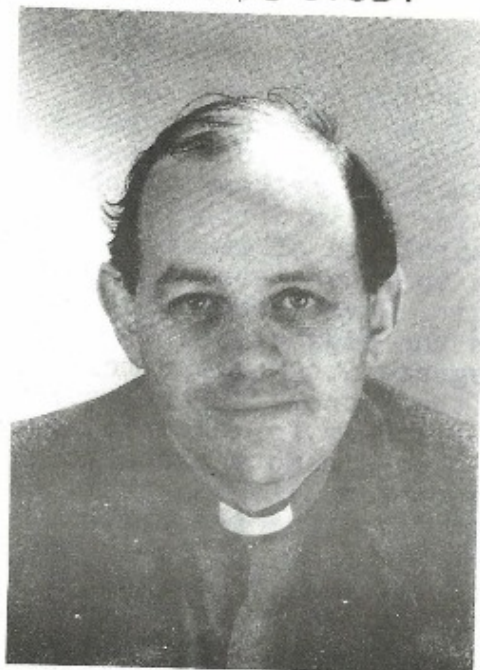


ECTON CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS



FROM THE RECTOR'S STUDY



JUNE 1989

So what's in a title ? By now, you will probably all be aware that we are on the move. In September, I shall be installed as a Canon Residentiary of our Cathedral, but continuing with my work as Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Post Ordination Training.

In the life of the Cathedral, the Dean and Chapter, which in our case comprises the Dean plus 3 canons residentiary, are the custodians of the fabric of the building, its finances, and perhaps more importantly, its role as the mother church of the Diocese. The Cathedral, by


its very name, is also the place where the Bishop's official seat or chair is placed. Each of the canons holds a post of responsibility within that corporate life as either Canon Chancellor/Librarian or Canon Treasurer. In my case, I shall be responsible for the ordering of the worship of the Cathedral and of relating its work and presence to those, especially outsiders, who come to it. Given the position of our Cathedral on the edge of the Diocese, the need to integrate its various roles into the life of the Diocese is paramount. If you live in Brackley, for example, Peterborough can seem a remote place to be the focus of our common life together. So the task which confronts me is somewhat daunting ! We shall be living in the Minster Precincts, in the shadow of the Cathedral, but hopefully much involved in the life of one of the most rapidly expanding cities in the county. As I have explained in an early edition of this magazine, my work with the ordinands and the junior clergy takes me all over the Diocese, and that will continue after our move. I shall be in Ecton House 2 or 3 times each month for our clergy training, and so probably still around from time to time.

The decision to leave a parish, and more particularly its people, is never an easy one. In the past six years we have had great fun together, and I believe, in no small way, furthered the work of God's Kingdom in Ecton. There will be other opportunities no doubt to speak of our common life, but I want, in print to record my thanks and of us as a family, for all the generosity of love and friendship which has been showered on us. The priest's work would be impossible without the support and encouragement of the

people, and in that. you, as the people of Ecton Church, can hold your heads high. Given the fact that Elizabeth was born here, Ecton will continue to hold a most valuable part in our hearts and prayers. The love and friendship which we have shared together is more than that of priest and people. It's, I'm sure, a reflection of God's love for us his children, and therefore a true model of how we should live with each other.

So what's in a title ? Plenty of canon jokes, as I'm beginning to discover !. For us, the next stage of our earthly pilgrimage and ministry. For Ecton, a recognition of the fine work which together we have begun, and will continue for God.

May God bless you and keep you in his love, now and forever.



RECTOR

Red Cross

I would like to thank you all in the village for your generosity in helping to raise £84 for the British Red Cross Society.

Also many thanks to the collectors - Freda Richards, Joy Wilson, Marian Gleave and Dorothy Creed.

Sylvia Johnson

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 2.0PM RECTORY ROOM

Not surprisingly in a community like ours each individual organisation will always be working for one project or another.

This time we hope that a Jumble Sale will swell the funds in two areas. Firstly the Youth Club roof is badly in need of repair and current estimates exceed £1500, so a number of money raising events such as sponsored swims and coffee mornings will be required to get this work underway.

Secondly the Church is in need of new sacristan linen for communion use. Not such an expensive item as the roof repair but just as necessary. Its almost 12 months since Ecton last had a Jumble Sale, so it must be time that we all had another clear out, or a late Springclean. In June last year we managed to raise £150 a splendid return on your unwanted items, so please have a look around and see what you can find this time and get in touch with Freda Richards, Sylvia Johnson or Sheila Ingram who will arrange to collect it from you, or drop it into 17 West Street where it can be stored in the old Methodist Chapel until 10th June.

Ecton Stores & Post Office

As you all may be aware by now that regretfully I must close my doors on the shop and post office for the last time early in July.

I am afraid owing to lack of support it leaves me no option.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all my regular customers for their support over the past 3 years, who have been a pleasure to serve, and I hope also have become friends. I know I shall miss each and everyone of you.

Dorothy Patching.

From The Collection Plate

APRIL

23rd

£144.47

30th

£235.65

MAY

7th

£164.25

14th

£184.75



CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Many thanks to those who so generously supported the Cheese and Wine Evening on 5th May in aid of holidays for deprived families.

We raised £227 which is enough to help two families to have a holiday, such a bonus as we only expected to raise enough for one. The first family we are helping is a widower coping alone with three sons and he wants me to say how extremely grateful he is for this help as it will be the first break the family have had since his wife died ten years ago.

The remainder of the money raised will go towards helping a family referred by the N.S.P.C.C.

Once again very many thanks.

Mary Dicks.

Ecton Youth Club

After a successful A.G.M. Mrs Freda Richards is caretaker for the Youth Club, if anyone would like to hire it. The roof of the building has to be replaced at a cost of over £1,000. So we look forward to your support on the following events;

Sponsored Walk June 10th

Jumble Sale with the Church June 10th

A Strawberry Tea July 8th with stalls

Lunch Club on June 14th and July 19th.

TED LANGLEY

I write this with a feeling of humbleness and gratitude.

A few weeks ago I was very fit also vigorous, and a walk to the Weston Shopping Centre was a pleasant challenge. However Mother Nature decided to interfere and I found myself breathing very heavily leading to some distress. A trip to the doctor didn't seem to help and eventually found myself facing a consultant who soon detected the trouble resulting to 11 days in hospital.

First of all I must say thank you to the N.H.S. This was a new experience for me and I was greatly impressed by their speed and efficiency. The kindness and attention of the nurses was quite overwhelming.

The only criticism I can suggest is the delay in operations.

My real reason for writing this article is not to describe my symptoms but to express thanks to the people of our village.

Having lived in Northampton for many years my wife and I found social life very limited, but Ecton is an enormous contrast.

I have been besieged by "Get Well" cards and my poor wife has spent her lonely ?? life answering telephone calls and receiving visitors.

What do we make of all this ?

Is it that the virtues of Ecton village life are in advance to the common run of humanity or is village life so superior to town existence.

I am conscious of one thing only, that life in Ecton is very good indeed and that its people are kind and charming.

Many thanks for your prayers and thoughtfulness.

Ted Langley

WANTED

Volunteers to go on the cleaning and sacristan rota. The more who volunteer the less often we have to do it !

Cleaning speaks for itself;
Sacristans prepare the Church for Sunday service and polish the brass.

ADVANCE NOTICE

A social evening is being held at Ecton House on Friday 7th July in aid of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, organised by Ecton Fellowship.

Tickets available during June.

Women's Institute

We were made to feel very much part of the larger network of the WI when Mrs Mildred Cockram from the National Federation addressed the May meeting to lead discussion on the AGM Resolutions. Matters raised are often of topical interest (a plea to government for better food labelling is one notable recent success) and this year is no exception.

Delegates at the Royal Albert Hall on 1 June will vote on four resolutions concerned with the disposal of toxic waste, DNA testing, osteoporosis and deforestation. Mrs Cockram brought a wealth of information to our debate and I'm sure I was not the only one to leave feeling better informed.

There was no set competition but a mystery object was correctly identified by Paddy Macquire.

Ecton was well represented in various categories at the WI County Spring Show held at the Moulton College of Agriculture in April and we were proud to be awarded a 1st and two 2nd prizes.

On 6th June the speaker will be Miss F Baddley under the "soleful" title of "Foot Reflexology". The competition is for "Agony letters on a Post Card - to be read out".

CAROL JONES

COPY FOR THE JULY/AUGUST MAGAZINE

Should be delivered to Ecton House
by 25th June.

Enquiries :-Tel. Northampton 407888





The Children's Society

MAKING LIVES WORTH LIVING

It gives me great pleasure to let you know that £183-27p was raised from the house to house collections in Ecton and the Berrydale area during the Children's Society Week. Thank you all very much, indeed, for your generosity and a special thank you to the collectors for the time and energy spent, especially in view of the less than-ideal weather conditions for part of that week.

The money raised will be doubly appreciated this year as the Society's income was considerably lower last year than of late.

As many of you are no doubt aware, the Children's Society has a shop in Wellingborough Road. It has recently been redecorated and refurbished and is now a bright and cheerful place for a browse !! By the way, should any of you have any large or heavy article(s) you would like to give to the Society's shop, they can arrange to collect - just give them a ring on Northampton 230743.

Once again, thanks very much for your support.

Ingrid Cartwright.

Over 60's Club

It was pleasing to have a full coach for our trip to Hampton on the Hill. After a tour of the beautiful countryside we sat down to a most enjoyable meal.

On Monday 12th June we are invited to Tea by Mrs Beesley. Transport will be arranged. The only meeting in the Rectory Room is on the 26th.

The coach trip to Hunstanton is on Wednesday 28th. Leave at 9.30am. Return by 7.0pm. Fare is £5 and we welcome any non-members who would like to come.

Edna Welch.

RECTOR'S NOTES

June 7th 8.0pm P.C.C. meets in the Rectory Room.

June will be a month of visits and shared activities. The Fellowship has organised a visit to the Flower Festival at Holy Sepulchre Church, followed by Cream Teas.

Tickets at £3.50p are available from Margaret Willmott.

June 10th Details of the joint Jumble sale appear elsewhere in the magazine, but offers of goods etc will be much appreciated.

J. New

Church & Village Diary

JUNE

Thursday	1	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday	4	<u>3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>
		9.30am Parish Communion & Parade Service
		Romans 6. 3-11
		John 15. 5-11
		6.0pm Evensong
Monday	5	8.0pm Cricket Club
Tuesday	6	7.30pm W.I.
Thursday	8	9.30am Holy Communion
Friday	9	1.45pm Outing to the Flower Festival at Holy Sepulchre
Saturday	10	2.0pm Jumble Sale
Sunday	11	<u>ST. BARNABUS</u>
		<u>4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>
		9.30am Parish Communion
		Acts 11. 19 to end
		John 15. 12-17
		6.0pm Evensong
Monday	12	Over 60's at South Lodge
Thursday	15	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday	18	<u>5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u>
		9.30am Parish Communion
		Ephesians 5. 1-10

Sunday 18 continued
 Matthew 19. 16-26
 4.30pm Holy Baptism
 6.0pm Evensong

Thursday 22 ST.ALLAN
 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 9.30am Parish Communion
 Colossians 3. 12-17
 Luke 15. 11 to end
 6.0pm Evensong

Monday 26 Over 60's

Thursday 29 ST.PETER
 8.0am Holy Communion

Thursday 29 to

Sunday 2nd July Ordination Retreat in
 Ecton House

JULY

Sunday 2 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 9.30am Parish Communion &
 Parade Service
 1 Cor 12. 27-13 to end
 Matthew 18. 21 to end
 6.0pm Evensong

Monday 3 ST.THOMAS
 8.0am Holy Communion
 7.0pm Ecton House Festival

Ecton Village Playgroup



On Sunday May 7th the Playgroup enjoyed a visit to Boughton House Open Day. We saw cows being milked and other farm displays. It was a very successful outing and a marvellous experience for the children.

We still have vacancies for Sept 1989 for children of 2½ years and over.

If you would like more information please contact Jan Lennon,

Tel :- Northampton 410658

Friends of Ecton School

There will be School Sports Day on Tuesday 20th June at 1.30pm.

This will be followed by a Strawberry Tea.

Please come along and watch the children have fun.

The winner of our May draw was,
Mr and Mrs Vail £10

If anyone would like to come into school for a short time to watch the children working. Please feel free to do so. We would be pleased to see you.

MUMS & TOTS

Mums and Tots welcomes all mums with children under school age to their meeting in the Rectory Room on Thursday afternoons between 2.00 -- 3.30pm.

Flower Rota

JUNE

3rd	WEDDING
10th	WEDDING
17th	Jo Anthony
24th	Jo Anthony

JULY

2nd	Paddy
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Coffee Rota

JUNE

4th	Audrey Treloar & Ingrid Cartwright
11th	Millie Harlott & Dora
18th	Alice & Wynne
25th	Celia & Howard Carter

JULY

2nd	Nick & Mary Green
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READERS ROTA

JUNE

4th	Les Mitchell
11th	Karen Molford
18th	Martin Stears
25th	Mark Catherall

JULY

2nd	Paddy
9th	Margaret Willmott

REMINDER

Outing to Holy Sepulchre Flower Festival followed by Cream Tea, Cost £3.50p. All welcome ---please talk to Margaret Willmott for a place (Tel.No. 416322).

Depart Ecton Church 1.45pm

Return approx 5.00pm.

N.B. The outing will take the place of a meeting for Ecton Fellowship this month.

ECTON HALL CRICKET CLUB

A mixed start to the Sunday season with good results against a strong Harlestone side and Little Harrowden offset by a disappointing defeat against Mears Ashby. Evening fixtures with a variety of players have produced a variety of results. Individual performances from J.Wright with the ball and S.Richards with the bat deserve mention. Also a vote of thanks to S.Richards, M.Patching, B.Saunders, E.Lester, and T. Richards for the work beyond the call of duty on the field and pavilion.

FIXTURES FOR JUNE ARE AS FOLLOWS

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| 4 | Sunday | 2.30pm | Collingtree at Collingtree |
| 7 | Wednesday | 6.15pm | Stoke Bruerne at Stoke Bruerne |
| 11 | Sunday | 2.30pm | Heyford at Heyford |
| 13 | Tuesday | 6.15pm | Teachers XI at Ecton |
| 18 | Sunday | 2.30pm | Flore at Ecton |
| 20 | Tuesday | 6.15pm | Lt Harrowden at Lt Harrowden |
| 25 | Sunday | 2.30pm | Clipston at Ecton |
| 28 | Wednesday | 6.15pm | Moulton at Ecton |

Steve Wheatman Captain.

From The Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

May 7th Jonathon James Edward Griffiths

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1989

Between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm



Nationwide
Anglia Building Society

I am sure almost every Church goer must realise how difficult it is to raise money for the upkeep of a Church. One enjoyable way of doing this is to 'take a walk, or go for a ride on your bike!'

The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust was established approximately 30 years ago for the purpose of raising funds, in order to make grants to Churches of all denominations which are faced with the cost of major repairs and restorations beyond the resources of the local community. Counties throughout the UK have similar organisations and in 1982 Suffolk County organised a sponsored bike ride. The main reason for its success was due to a 50/50 split of receipts between the Church of the cyclist/walker's choice and the County's Trust. It has now become an annual sponsored event which has encouraged numerous Churches of many demoninations to take an interest in their County's Trust for the first time and to encourage their congregation to take part in the sponsored ride. Many Churches have used the ride as a major fund raising event for their own Church.

Last year 17 Counties took part in this annual event and raised a record £570,000. Northamptonshire was one of those counties when we launched our first organised attempt and raised approximately £12,500. Over 100 Churches opened their doors on 10 September 1988 and welcomed more than 700 people of all ages, from school children to pensioners. We were blessed with a beautiful day and every cyclist, walker, and recorder had a wonderful time.

There are two ways in which money can be raised:

- 1) Cyclists/walkers taking sponsorship for the number of Churches they visit during the day between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm.
- 2) Recorders being sponsored for the number of cyclists/walkers they receive, or the hours that they spend on duty.

The ride is for non-motorised vehicles and walkers only, and special emphasis must be placed on safety. A disaster on the roads in one county could prejudice the success of other county rides the following year. Cyclists are free to cross county boundaries and may include in their score Churches visited in adjoining counties which are also taking part in the sponsored event.

Naturally, we have set our sights much higher this year, but in order for us to succeed we need a lot more Churches/Chapels to open their doors on Saturday, 9 September 1989. More cyclists, walkers and recorders are also required and with this in mind we are, through the Education Officer, communicating with all the Schools in Northamptonshire.

The venture is attractive for a number of reasons:

- 1) It is FUN!
- 2) It raises MONEY!
- 3) Bike riding is a universal skill which appeals to people of all ages and can be a group activity.
- 4) You do not need a bike to take part. You can be sponsored to WALK, or alternatively act as a RECORDER on duty at a participating Church to log visiting cyclists/walkers.

Ecton Church will be open for this event and volunteers to act as recorders during the hours of 10.0am and 6.0pm, as well as those who are prepared to ride or walk. Should contact :-

Martin Stears (tel 407888) for further details and sponsor forms.

VACANCY

A vacancy has occurred on the Parish Council.

Anyone willing to stand for this position should ring the Clerk of the Council Mr Wright on Northampton 845224.

This thoughtful and practical prayer was written by Clemency Greatorix:

Teach us to listen Lord

*To one another with enjoyment,
To the diffident with encouragement,
To the sad with understanding,
To the repetitive, with patience,
To the happy, joyfully,
To the aggressive, calmly;
But to the gossip - never.*

Cleaning Rota

JUNE

3rd	Mrs.L.Johnson & Mrs Richards	(L)
10th	Mrs.A.Johnson, Mrs Rands & Mrs.W.Johnson	(R)
17th	Alice & Wynne	(L)
24th	Mrs Dicks & Mrs Cartwright	(R)

JULY

1st	Mrs Harlott & Mrs Wright	(L)
8th	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Hunwicks	(R)

Sacristans Rota

JUNE

3rd	Mrs Cross & Mrs Mary Dicks	(A)
10th	-----do-----	(B)
17th	Mrs Treloar & Miss Gleave	(A)
24th	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott	(B)

JULY

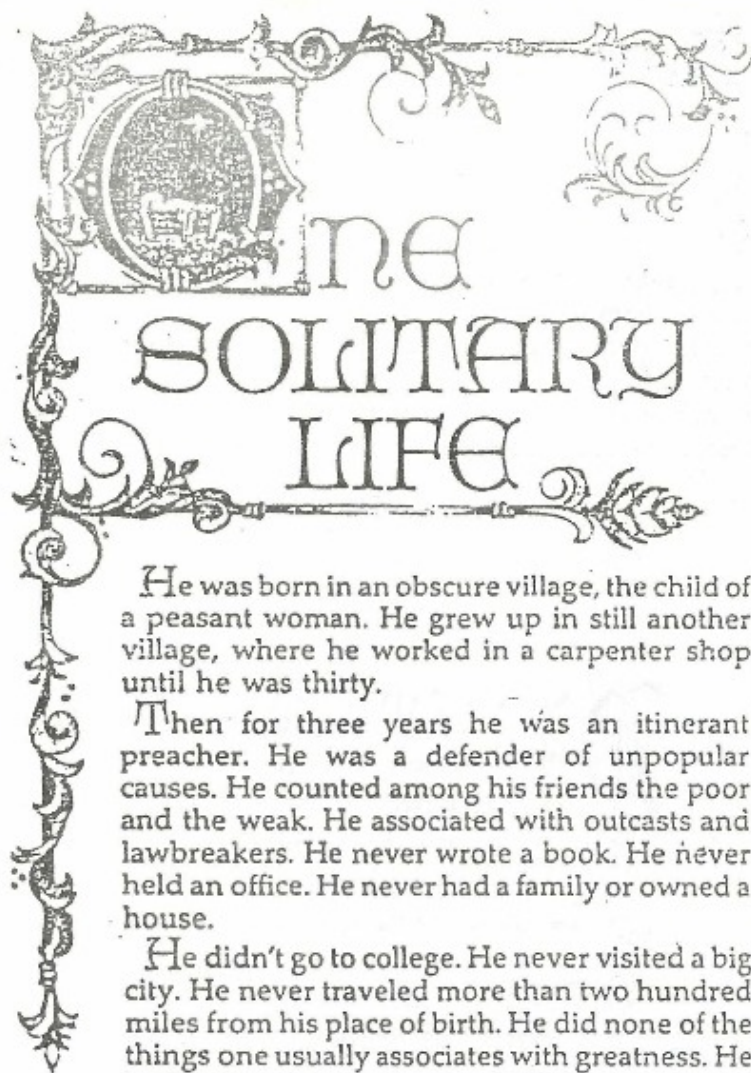
1st	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Willmott	(A)
8th	Mr & Mrs Mardin	(B)

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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 M Beesley Tel: Northampton 810577 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



The SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.

Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He was a defender of unpopular causes. He counted among his friends the poor and the weak. He associated with outcasts and lawbreakers. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house.

He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled more than two hundred miles from his place of birth. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself...

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth.

When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed
grave through the pity of a friend.
Nearly 2,000 years have come and gone,
and today he is the central figure
of the human race and the leader
of mankind's progress.
All the armies that ever marched,
all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat,
all the kings that ever reigned,
all these together
have not affected the life of man on
this earth as much as that...

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

MY DEAR LORD
teach me to
be generous.
Teach me to serve
You as You deserve.
To give - and not to
count the cost.
To fight - and not to
heed the wounds.
To toil - and not to
crave for rest.
To labour - and not
to seek reward,
save that of knowing
that I do Your Will.

