

# St Mary Magdalene



## Parish Magazine

December 1999/January 2000

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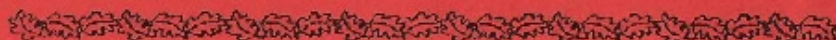
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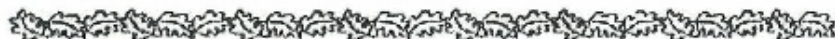
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**TRUST  
IN HIM AT ALL  
TIMES**

Psalm 62. 8.



Copy for FEBRUARY Magazine to  
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# The Millennium

The Christmas and New Year period, it will come as no surprise to you, is the official two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Christ. Anniversaries are a time for looking back, for reflecting on all that has happened for good or ill in the intervening years, and noticing differences. Certainly there is no doubt that an enormous amount has happened.

It is fashionable today to blame organised religion for many of the world's ills, especially for wars past and present. I don't want to debate this issue here, but first let us recognise the enormous benefits that Christianity and Christians have brought us. First, the Church pioneered medical care in the Western world. During the medieval period it was the monasteries and convents which cared for the sick; and still today in many parts of the third world it is the Church which continues this work. Strange as it may seem, many medical and scientific advances have been the result of Christians seeking to help the rest of us. Next education. Again the Church was the pioneer and this too has continued ever since – think how keen many parents are to get their children into church schools. Remember how many colleges and schools have Christian names.

Then, the abolition of slavery, the improvement of prison conditions, the ending of child labour, fairer working conditions, human rights promulgation, overseas relief agencies and Jubilee 2000 all owe an enormous debt to Christian people's initiatives and dedication, often in the face of bitter and hostile opposition.

Of course, there is the debit side, too. The Crusaders, the Inquisition, especially in Spain and Holland, the burning of so-called 'heretics' by Catholics and Protestants alike, the persecution of the Jews for centuries (without which the Holocaust could never have come about), the suppression of new learning and realisation, religious intolerance – yes, the Church does have a lot to answer for. But Christians are human and that includes Church leaders, as prone to human faults and temptations as everyone else. It was a wise man who said that the Church is not a home for saints but a school for sinners. The Church does have two sides to its balance sheet, but I'm sure the plus side is the greater.

And if you ask me what I should like to see achieved in the new Millennium, I'll tell you. I should like to see people in increasing numbers asking two questions:

One: I am determined in the new Millennium to give all I can to the good of the world, this nation and to the community I live in. How can I do this?

Two: I am determined to find out whether it is possible for a thinking adult to hold the Christian faith. How do I find this and what would be the implications in my everyday living?

To ask these questions would involve abandoning a lot of preconceived ideas and beliefs carried over from childhood. But it could well lead to a revolution.

James

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## **ECTON VILLAGE CLUB NEWS OCTOBER 1999**

We recently had a very successful meeting with representatives of the Charity Commission and Northamptonshire ACRE to advise on our application for charity status. We are hopeful that we shall shortly be able to plan for refurbishment of the building.

At the beginning of September a small band of willing volunteers made and fitted new racking in the storage cupboard enabling Pre-School and others to store all their equipment in a much more tidy and accessible fashion.

A Christmas Quiz sheet is available for sale at £1 per sheet from Millie Harlott. Prizes will be given and the winners announced at the Annual Nibble and Slurp Night to be held on 3 December at 7.30 pm. Tickets now on sale £3 each.

Mainly due to Sheila Ingram, Millie Harlott and helpers, the Lunch Club continues. We are so pleased that this community project can carry on the good work started by Mary Beesley and her volunteers.

With the news of the sale of Ecton House and the Rectory Room, Ecton Village Club will be the only venue of any size in the village. We are working hard to refurbish this much needed facility for the good of the community and thank the many who continue to give us their support.



## CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY DECEMBER/JANUARY

Sunday 19th December Fourth of Advent  
9.30am Parish Communion: 2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16;  
Psalm 89. 1-4, 19-26; Romans 16. 25-27; Luke 1.  
26-38.  
6.00pm Nine lessons and carols.

Thursday 23rd December  
8.00pm Lawrence Lloyd Singers - Songs for Christmas  
in church.

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve.  
6.00pm Crib Service.  
11.30pm Midnight Mass.

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day.  
9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist.

Sunday 26th December St Stephens Day  
9.30am Said Eucharist: Acts 7. 51-60; Psalm 119.  
161-168; Galatians 2. 16b-20; Matthew 10.  
17-22.

Friday 31st December  
11.30pm Millennium Service followed by bell ringing.

### JANUARY

Sunday 2nd January The Epiphany.  
9.30am Parish Communion: Isaiah 60. 1-6; Psalm 72. 10-15;  
Ephesians 3. 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12.  
6.00pm Evensong.

Tuesday 4th January  
9.00am Holy Communion.  
7.30pm Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room.

Thursday 6th January  
7.30pm Holy Communion.

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY DECEMBER/JANUARY

Sunday 9th January 9.30am	The Baptism of Christ. Parish Communion: Genesis 1. 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19. 1-7; Mark 1. 4-11.
6.00pm	Evensong.
Monday 10th January 2.00pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.
Tuesday 11th January 9.00am	Holy Communion.
2.30pm	Ecton Fellowship meets in the Rectory Room.
Wednesday 12th January 12.30pm	Lunch Club.
Thursday 13th January 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
Sunday 16th January 9.30am	Second Sunday of Epiphany Parish Communion: 1 Samuel 3. 1-10; Psalm 139, 1-6, 13-18; Revelation 5. 1-10; John 1. 43-51.
6.00pm	Evensong.
Tuesday 18th January 9.00am	Holy Communion.
Thursday 20th January 7.30pm	Holy Communion.
Sunday 23rd January 9.30am	Third Sunday of Epiphany. Parish Communion: Genesis 14. 17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19. 6-10; John 2. 1-11.
6.00pm	Evensong.
Monday 24th January 2.00pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

## CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY DECEMBER/JANUARY

- Tuesday 25th January  
9.00am Holy Communion.
- Thursday 27th January  
7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Friday 28th January  
7.30pm Whist Drive in the Rectory Room.
- Sunday 30th January  
9.30am Candlemas.  
Parish Communion: Malachi 3, 1-5; Psalm 24,  
7-10; Hebrews 2, 14-18; Luke 2, 22-40.  
6.00pm Evensong.
- Monday 31st January  
2.00pm Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

## FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 1st February  
9.00am Holy Communion.
- Thursday 3rd February  
7.30pm Holy Communion.
- Sunday 6th February  
9.30am Fifth Sunday before Lent.  
Parish Communion: Isaiah 40, 21-31; Psalm 147 1-11;  
1 Corinthians 9, 16-23; Mark 1, 29-39.  
6.00pm Evensong.

NOTES OF ECTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1999

**Present:** David Dicks (Chairman), Cheryl Gyte, Sheila Ingram, Sylvia Saunders, Tony Green, Ty Moffett, Peter Nock and Bill Wilson.

Apologies for absence received from Maurice Creed and Kate Payne.

P C Peter Hooper attended the meeting and gave details of crime figures within the parish July - 8 crimes, August 11 crimes and September so far 5 in all.

Esso have been contacted by the Police asking them to erect metal fencing to replace the broken wooden fencing.

It was noted that the barrier on the byway had been broken and as a consequence rubbish was being dumped there.

It was arranged that the Community Safety vehicle should come to Ecton next year possibly linked with a village function.

The parking outside the school seems to have improved with new parents being encouraged to use the Worlds End car park.

Wellingborough BC have agreed to erect a "Residents Parking Only" sign outside the flats in West Street. PC Hooper agreed to help with the parking problems in West Street.

Matters arising

**Church Room:** The Archdeacon had been contacted but was unable to offer a meeting until 29 October at 7.30 pm in his office. This was not a very convenient date and an alternative would be requested. Sylvia Saunders, Tony Green and David Dicks would attend together with Bill Wilson if a suitable date was agreed.

It was reported that a letter had been received from the PCC advising that it would be necessary in the future to close the Churchyard for new burials. This would be an agenda item for the November meeting and in the meantime the Clerk would obtain relevant procedures from NALC. and WBC.

**Millennium** The old wall in High Street has been demolished. A George V letterbox has been offered by the Post Office and a stone pier will need to be built at the rear of the wall to secure the box. WBC has agreed to this change. The sign and noticeboard are being prepared. There is £2700 + in the Bank Account and the first half of the Regeneration Fund money (£2547) has been received. The remainder will be paid on completion of the work.

**Summer Sports Coaching Scheme:** Consent had been obtained to use the school playground for this scheme in the summer holidays and a number of children had enrolled for the two days. However, both days proved to be wet and no-one turned up and no parents telephoned to apologise for non-attendance.

A letter had been received from Anglian Water apoligising for the recent odour problems explaining the reasons why this had occurred and assuring the Council that it should not happen again.

### Planning matters

The Structure Plan would be on deposit from 11 January 2000 and notices would be posted to inform residents.

The Public Entertainment Licence for Ecton Village Club had been approved for a six month period. It was noted that the conditions applied to this licence would not apply over the New Year period as functions will operate within national licensing regulations.

Bill Wilson reported that work on Ecton Hall outbuildings is due to commence in October. It may be that a revised application will be made for the coach-house to be converted into 2 separate units.

### Highways matters

The Chairman reported on the result of the NCC speed checks through the village which showed that there was not a serious speeding problem on the two days concerned.

### Financial matters

*Accounts for payment.* The following accounts were approved for payment: District Audit (1996/7) £308.75 EME - Replacement of all photocells £118.85, Mrs P Hall - Salary & Expenses £130.40.

*Revenue Grants:* The Chairman outlined the contents of the letter from WBC regarding the basis of Revenue Grants for the coming year. In considering revenue grants for 2000/2001 the statement of balances at 31 March 1999 within draft final accounts will be used to determine level of grant.

### David Dicks September 1999

## THE LAURENCE LLOYD SINGERS

under the direction of  
**Stephen Meakins**  
will lead a

### CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CAROLS

In the Church at 8.00 p.m. on  
THURSDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 1999

ALL WELCOME

RETIRING COLLECTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH  
RESTORATION FUND

# Pause for (Millennium) Thought

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE RIDICULED THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD AND CALLED IT PLURALISM.

WE HAVE WORSHIPPED OTHER GODS AND CALLED IT MULTI-CULTURISM.

WE HAVE ENDORSED PERVERSION AND CALLED IT ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE.

WE HAVE EXPLOITED THE POOR AND CALLED IT THE LOTTERY.

WE HAVE REWARDED LAZINESS AND CALLED IT WELFARE.

WE HAVE KILLED OUR UNBORN AND CALLED IT CHOICE.

WE HAVE SHOT ABORTIONISTS AND CALLED IT JUSTIFIABLE.

WE HAVE NEGLECTED TO DISCIPLINE OUR CHILDREN AND CALLED IT BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM.

WE HAVE ABUSED POWER AND CALLED IT POLITICS.

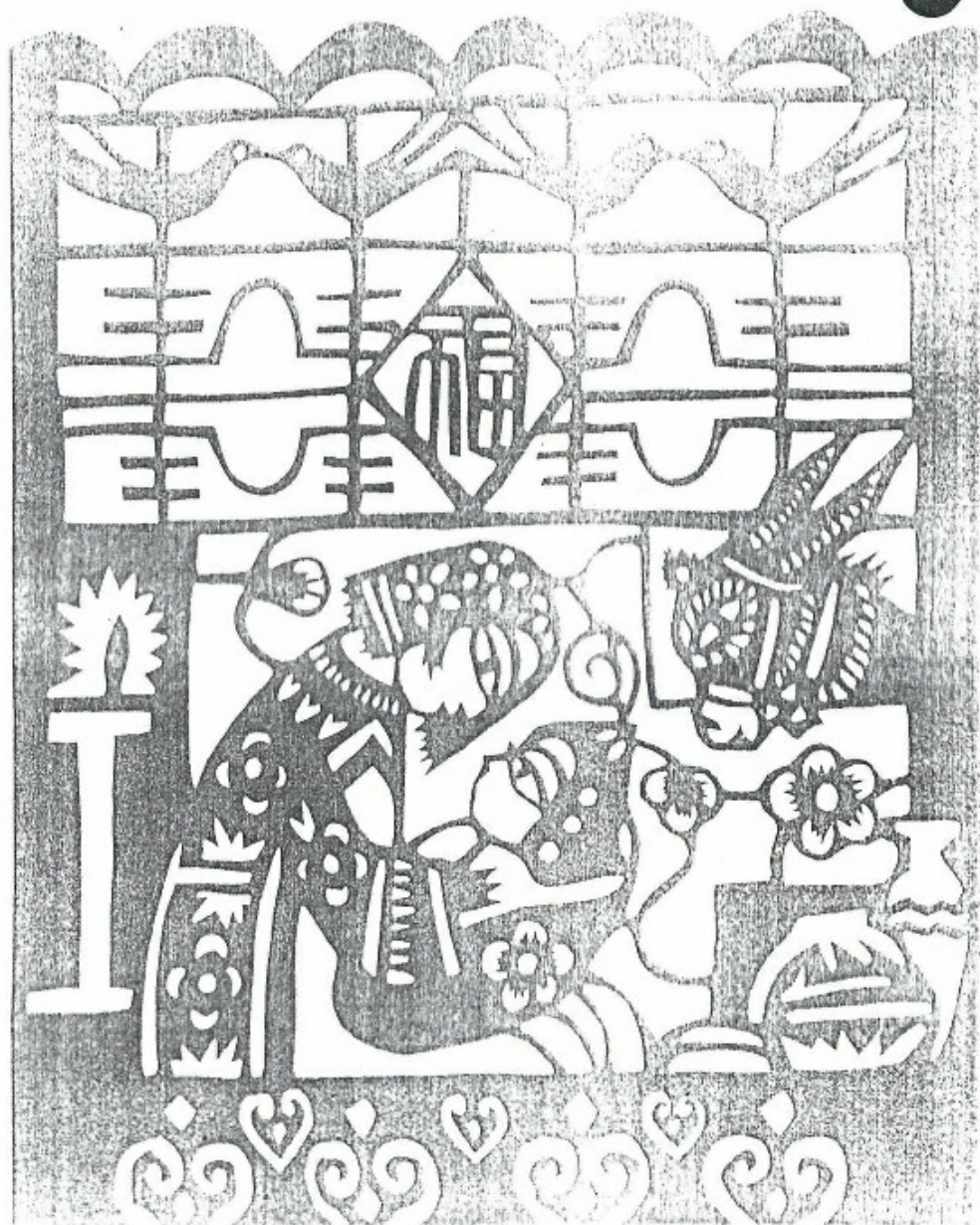
WE HAVE COVETED OUR NEIGHBOUR'S POSSESSIONS AND CALLED IT AMBITION.

WE HAVE POLLUTED THE AIR WITH PROFANITY AND PORNOGRAPHY AND CALLED IT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

WE HAVE RIDICULED THE TIME-HONOURED VALUES OF OUR FOREFATHERS AND CALLED IT ENLIGHTENMENT.

HEAVENLY FATHER WE ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS AND SEEK YOUR HEAVENLY GUIDANCE.

This is an extract of the prayer of the Rev Joe Wright at the opening of the Kansas State Senate.



**Stopped going to Church - *but don't really know why?***

**Never been to Church - *but would like to give it a try?***

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2000**

*is*

**Come to Church Sunday!**

*A chance to start coming to church once again, if you have been away, or the chance to start to come, if you haven't been before.*

Why not give Church a chance as we enter a new millennium?

**You will be very welcome.**

**9.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.m. (every Sunday)**

For more details contact one of the clergy or one of the churchwardens - you'll find their telephone numbers and addresses on the inside cover of the magazine.

2000 - A New **Start**

# The Christ we Share

## IMAGES OF CHRIST

Who is Christ for you? Who am I for Christ? Who are we, as a parish church for Christ?

The congregation are exploring their faith using images of Christ from around the world. I have reproduced two more of these on the centre pages. The originals in the back of the church are much better – come and look at them sometime.

### FLIGHT TO EGYPT: UGANDA

This image portrays the Holy Family journeying with all their belongings to a foreign country under threat of death. They are linked with the millions of refugee families who follow in their footsteps every year. This particular painting also reflects the treatment of many Ugandan Christians under the regime of Idi Amin.

### CHINESE NATIVITY BY HE QI

A modern papercut from Nanjing Theological Seminary which combines Western and Chinese symbolism to celebrate the nativity. The artist has used red paper, the colour of joy and happiness. The birds at the top are shown kissing, another sign of joy and happiness. In the centre of the horizontal lines representing longevity is a diamond containing the 'fu' or 'fo' character which means 'blessings'. Alongside these Chinese symbols are the Western symbols of doves of peace, hearts representing love and the candle announcing Jesus as Light of the World. Mary and the baby are shown in rural dress decorated with flowers, a common symbol of good fortune. The donkey and the three gifts of the magi can be seen on the right hand side.





# Confirmation

Colin, Sandra and Serena Simpson were confirmed at St Mary Magdalene, Ecton by the Bishop of Peterborough at the Deanery Confirmation service on 2nd November 1999.

*Almighty and ever-living God  
You have given these your servants new birth  
In baptism by water and the Spirit,  
And have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them;  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
The Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
The Spirit of knowledge and true godliness,  
And let their delight be in the fear of the Lord*

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## Confirmation

A big thank you to everyone who supplied food and to those who served it.

It all added up to make the Confirmation a truly joyous occasion.

226 people in Ecton Church – who says the church is dead. It really came alive on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks be to God.

Pat Baylis



## £1 FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost 2000, Abington Park, Northampton,  
Sunday 11 June, 2000.

'Celebrating our faith, being renewed for mission and service'.

Northampton Churches Together have taken the initiative to bring together as many of the County's Christians as possible on Sunday 11 June. In doing this Christians in Northamptonshire will be joining forces with many other Christians around the country.

Churches Together in England are hoping - even urging! - churches to have one large ecumenical gathering on that day, to celebrate the Church's Millennium birthday, and to declare to the rest of the country our belief in a risen Saviour

Churches Together in England have published 'The Millennium Resolution' to encourage people to make a NewStart. It states

*Let there be respect for the earth  
peace for its people  
love in our lives  
delight in the good  
forgiveness for past wrong  
and from now on a new start.*

In a world not only torn by anger and hate, but one in which, day by day, we desecrate the planet God created for us, we do need to make a new start, by taking a more caring attitude to the planet, and in what we do in our own lives and in the life of our church.

We need to seek a peaceful world, not simply one where conflict is banished, but where we can live in true harmony with all our fellows, offering care and compassion for those we meet along the way.

In this busy, hectic world, in which it is so easy to say, 'I haven't got time', we need to throw out the dross, which often 'divorces' us not only from the love of God, but also the love of our fellows. Bringing love into our lives has many interpretations. It may mean renewing our love for someone - from whom we have become estranged - maybe someone close to us or even a 'distant' neighbour.

The Millennium is a good time to reflect on what we have done in the past. But reflecting in this way is only worthwhile and valuable if we can forgive, forget and turn over a new leaf - looking not to past failures, but to future successes. We can only truly do this if we honestly and sincerely trust Him who, 2000 years ago, suffered the ignominy of the cross for us. When something troubles you, or you feel angry or hurt, - as we all do from time to time - close your eyes and visualise a humiliated Christ

hanging on the cross, dying a slow and painful death for you and for me. Our hurt and pain and suffering may still be there, but pales into insignificance when we have the picture of Christ - and then becomes renewed when we reflect on the risen Lord.

Too often in our world, the hatred and the torment of past generations goes on. Now is the time to forgive - and to look forward to a new future. Because if we can forgive others, then Christ will forgive us.

All of these things, so often weighing heavy on our hearts, can be thrown off as we meet with other Christians in Abington Park on Sunday 11 June 2000.

A full programme of activities is planned for the day, the highlight of which will be a celebration which takes place at 11.30 am, to be followed by a picnic lunch. Other activities start at 10.30, and the event closes at 4.30 pm.

We believe that the secular nature of the Millennium must be counteracted, and what better way to do it than as a band of - hopefully between 10 000 and 12 000 - Christians in the open - worshipping the Lord who gave them life.

We can put aside barriers, and in words from 2: Corinthians 5:17 'Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten and everything is new'. How wonderful if Christians, not just in Northamptonshire, but across England, could get out of the chains which bind them and be free in God's love. Put the date in your diary, and make sure that you have donated your 'Pound for Pentecost' to your church now to ensure sufficient funding for this exciting event. Alternatively individual donations may be sent to

Richard Campling  
Pentecost 2000 Treasurer  
Number Ten  
Sandringham Road  
Northampton, NN1 5NA

*Article from the Pentecost 2000 Planning Group.*

## COME TO THE STABLE

A huge thank you to all who came to the Sale on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and also to those who supported by buying tickets even though they couldn't be present. Your generosity is much appreciated.

The magnificent sum of £603 was raised for the Church Restoration Projects.



# DAYLIGHT CENTRE

20A Park Road, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4PG

Telephone 01933 - 270808

Registered Charity No 1043502

October 19<sup>th</sup> 1999

Dear Dorothy,

On behalf of everyone here at the Daylight Centre, just a note to say how much we appreciated your recent donation of £140.00. Would you please convey our many thanks to everyone who put so much effort into making your Harvest supper such a success. You must have heard our prayers recently, as we are desperately trying to provide some better heating for our clients this Winter. We have such an old building, that as you know, the condensation runs down the walls during the cold weather. If we can install some storage radiators, they would be more efficient than our present convector heaters, and they can be transported with us if we move to larger premises at some point in the future. The cheque that you have given to us will be used towards this project. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We are continually trying to address the needs of the more vulnerable members of our community. A wholesome cooked lunch is always a priority, together with a bed to sleep in at night, but there are other areas to consider as well. Immediate support plays a large part in what we do. An appointment to deal with a problem in six weeks time is not very helpful!

As we rely so heavily on the help of donations and volunteers, it is very encouraging to know that so many people are thinking of us.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Mitchell  
(Manager)

*Linda*

## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

On **Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>** at **3.30 pm** we are having the Christmas Party. Please bring a small gift for the 'Christmas Dip'.

We hope that as many people from the village will join us for the Party – everyone – men and women are welcome!

The Reverend James Mogridge will give us a great afternoon with stories and poems in praise of Christmas.

The party finishes about **5.30pm**.

Joan Dickins



## ECTON FELLOWSHIP

A Happy New Year!!

Our first meeting in the year 2000 is on **Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>** at **2.30 pm** in the Rectory Room.

The Reverend Nigel Dent will lead us 'Into the Millennium'.

Everyone is very welcome.

Joan Dickins



**The grass next door may  
look greener, but it's just  
as hard to cut.**

## WI REPORT

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30 pm Rectory Room**

This is to be a Christmas Supper Evening, with refreshments provided by the Committee.

The competition:- "A Decorated Christmas Parcel"

Teas:- Mrs S Gibson and Miss M Gleave

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1999** – A Luncheon has been booked at Overstone Manor for 1 pm.

The meeting in January 2000 is on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm** – details to be arranged.

Subscriptions are due this month please.

The Harvest Supper and Auction evening in October at the AGM was a success.

In November we enjoyed a talk by Mrs M Leach "The Button Lady". This proved to be very entertaining and enlightening, with a display of hundreds of buttons and many anecdotes about 25 years of button collecting. The competition for an unusual button was won by Mrs J Marshman, one of several grand specimens.

We have entered the County WI darts tournament, with a splendid 4-1 win in the opening match. We send our good wishes to the team on the next foray at Stoke Albany.

It is pleasant to see our "Millennium" tree flourishing in the village playground.

We extend an invitation to any ladies in the village who may be interested in seeing what the WI has to offer.

**Margaret Scott**



## MONDAY CLUB

The December Whist Drive is on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for 6.30pm.

A reminder that the next three Whist Drives are on Fridays:-

28<sup>th</sup> January 2000

25<sup>th</sup> February 2000

24<sup>th</sup> March 2000

Club Dates:- 6<sup>th</sup> December, 10<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Happy Christmas to all our members.

Freda



## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BICYCLE RIDE 1999

Many thanks to all who took part and contributed in any way toward this years grand total of £320 – of which Ecton Church will receive £160.

Special thanks to the energetic ones who got their bikes out.  
Hopefully, they will inspire more of us to take part next year.

Thanks again to one and all.

Ingrid Cartwright



**TO GOD . . .  
BE GLORY  
THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST.**

Romans 16. 27.

## ITEMS FROM THE PCC

- 1 Thank you to everyone who supplied the food for the buffet after the Confirmation Service, which enabled us to make this a very enjoyable event. There were 250 people there so feeding them was quite a task but it all went off quite splendidly.
- 2 The AGM has been arranged for Sunday 9 April 2000 in Ecton House after Evensong.
- 3 We are hoping to make the fete on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2000 a major fund raising event with all the village organisations taking part and sharing the proceeds. If any one has any ideas for this will they please let us know.
- 4 Websters, the builders, have now completed the major work on the Church tower and roof. The total cost will be around £3,700 but this should ensure the building is watertight and help to avoid further deterioration of the Church fabric.
- 5 The recent Jumble Sale raised £160 towards the new projects fund.
- 6 The Harvest Supper raised £140 for the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. The fruit, vegetables and dry goods donated that day were also sent to the Centre, who have written thanking us for our contributions.

Gwenda Barty  
Secretary to the PCC

# THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause, raising the magnificent total for Ecton of £540.50.

Special thanks for the £268.18 donated from a private party at the home of Aidy Stone.

Thanks also go to the collectors:

Mike Baylis, Marian Gleave, Tony Haycox, Ken Jones, Fred Wallis,  
Joy Wilson, The Three Horse Shoes and The World's End

**Sylvia Saunders**



*‘God does not ask us to tell him our needs  
in order that he may learn about them  
but in order that we may be made  
capable of receiving his gifts.’*

St Augustine

### COFFEE ROTA

December 5	Nick & Mary Green
December 12	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
December 19	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
December 26	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
<u>2000</u>	
January 2	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
January 9	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
January 16	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed
January 23	
January 30	

### BRASS CLEANING

December 4	Marian/Barbara
<u>2000</u>	
January 1	Walter/Gwenda

### CLEANING ROTA

December 4	Red	A
December 11	Pink	B
December 18	Yellow	A
December 25	Blue	B
<u>2000</u>		
January 1	Green	A
January 8	Orange	B
January 15	Red	A
January 22	Pink	B
January 29	Yellow	A

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Before you get to the top of  
the ladder make sure it's  
leaning against the right wall.



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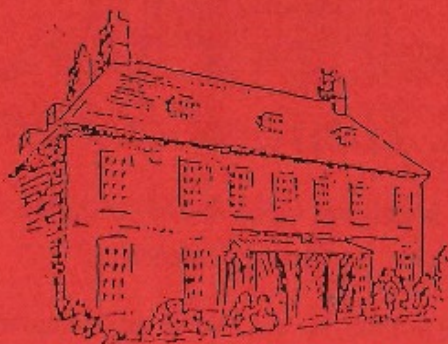
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