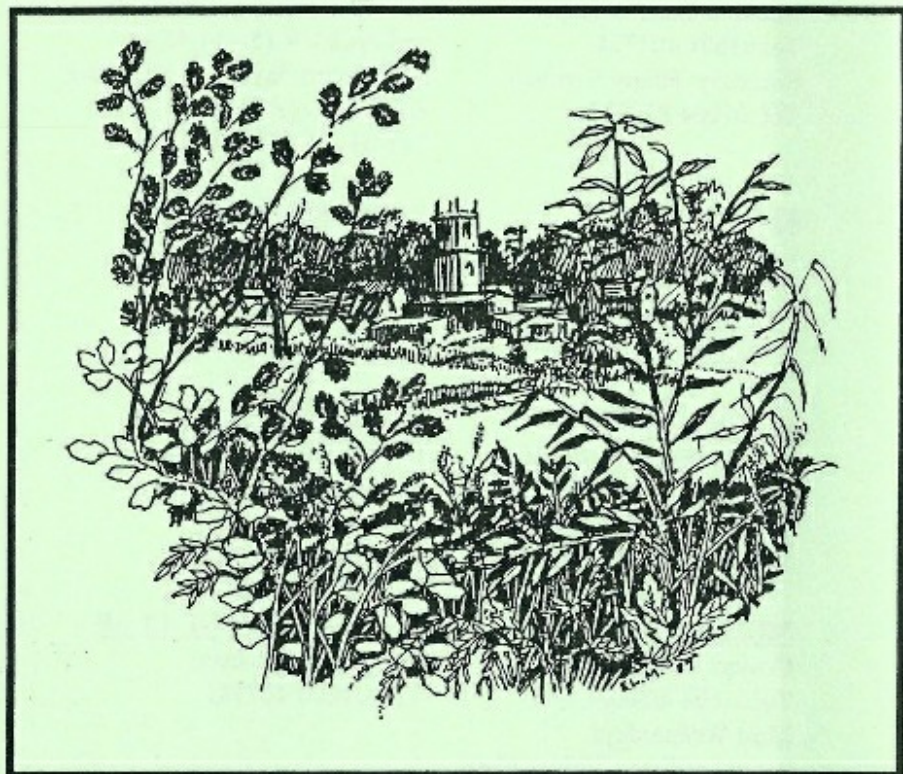

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MARCH 1999

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Cost £1

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CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY MARCH 1999

Monday 1st March

2.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

Tuesday 2nd March

9.00am

Holy Communion in Church.

7.30pm

Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room.

7.30pm

PCC meet in the Franklin Room at Ecton House.

Thursday 4th March

7.30pm

Holy Communion in Church followed by the Parish Lent Course in the Franklin Room at Ecton House.

Sunday 7th March

9.30am

Third Sunday of Lent.

Parish Communion: Exodus 17. 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5. 1-11; John 4. 5-42.

6.00pm

Evensong.

Tuesday 9th March

9.00am

Holy Communion in Church.

Thursday 11th March

7.30pm

Holy Communion in church followed by the Parish Lent Course in the Franklin Room at Ecton House.

Sunday 14th March

9.30am

4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday).

Parish Communion: 1 Samuel 16. 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9. 1-41.

6.00pm

Songs of Praise Service for Mothering Sunday.

Monday 15th March

2.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

Tuesday 16th March

9.00am

Holy Communion in Church.

2.30pm

Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room.

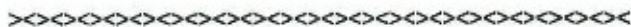
Thursday 18th March

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Holy Communion in church followed by the Parish Lent Course in the Franklin Room at Ecton House.

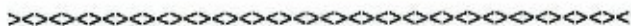
We welcome you to a
Family Service
to celebrate
Mothering Sunday

Sunday 14th March 1999
at 9.30 pm



TRIO

The Responsibility is ours Watch this Space and keep
Sunday 2nd May 1999 at 9.30 am free!!
More next month



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 25th April 1999
7pm following Evensong at 6pm
ALL WELCOME

A revised copy of the Church Electoral Roll will be displayed in the porch of the Church from March 1st. This is a roll of baptised and confirmed regular and committed members of the Church.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY CONTINUED

Sunday 21st March

9.30am

6.00pm

5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

Parish Communion: Ezekiel 37. 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8. 6-11; John 11. 1-45.

Evensong.

Tuesday 23rd March

9.00am

Holy Communion in Church.

Thursday 25th March

7.30pm

Holy Communion in Church followed by the Parish Lent Course in the Franklin Room at Ecton House.

7.30pm

Whist Drive in the Rectory Room.

Sunday 28th March

9.20am

9.30am

6.00pm

Palm Sunday

Procession from Ecton CP School to the Church.

Parish Communion: Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 31. 9-16; Philippians 2. 5-11; Matthew 21. 1-11.

Evensong.

Monday 29th March

2.30pm

7.30pm

Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.

Holy Communion and Address in Church.

Tuesday 30th March

7.30pm

Holy Communion and Address in Church.

Wednesday 31st March

7.30pm

Holy Communion and Address in Church.

Thursday 1st April

7.30pm

Holy Communion and Address in Church.

Friday 2nd April

10.30am

2.00pm

Good Friday

Family Service in Church.

Liturgy of the Cross.

Sunday 4th April

9.30am

6.00pm

Easter Day

Parish Communion.

Music and Words for Easter Day.

CLEANING ROTA

March 6	Green	B
March 13	SPRING CLEAN	
March 20	Orange	A
March 27	Red	B

BRASS CLEANING

March 6 Joy/Jean

COFFEE ROTA

March 7	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
March 14	Sue & Les Mitchell
March 21	Jean Leigh/ Brenda Jones
March 28	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

This will take place at:

10 am on Saturday 13 March 1999

It really is a case of many hands making light work - so please make every effort to come along with your mops and dusters.

Eight legs, four legs, no legs...

Some wildlife stories from Christian Aid



Eight legs

Paul Lowe is a professional photographer. Last year he went to Brazil to photograph peasant families who have been helped by the Christian Aid-supported Movement of the Landless (MST). MST had enabled these families to win the right to their own plot of land where they could support themselves. But after two years the government had done nothing about handing it over. So people were camping by the roadside, within sight of the land that they hoped would soon be theirs.

Despite terrible conditions, Paul was struck by people's 'almost overwhelming' hospitality, their energy and their joy for life. His other abiding memory is of the spiders – their bodies alone are the size of a man's hand – which cured his arachnophobia once and for all!

Four legs

Money isn't everything – in fact, for some people in Tanzania, it is nothing at all. As Rogate Mshana of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania puts it, 'People don't value money in the rural community. They value things, their own property. When they see the legs of a cow they are very happy.'



No legs

This year's Christian Aid Week prayer card features the shell of an African land snail. Some farmers in Mozambique who are too poor to buy sickles use the shell for cutting rice.





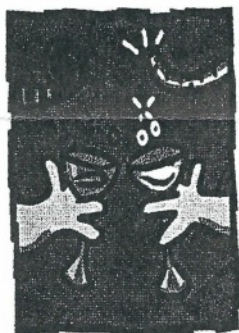
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At
The Three Horseshoes
Ecton

Admission to pub & marquee
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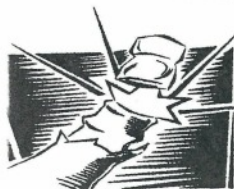
Tickets £ 50.00 per person
~~Children under 14 FREE.~~
Includes food, dancing, childrens
entertainment, free raffle .

Champagne at midnight.



Deposit £ 10.00 per person (nonrefundable)
Full payment by 30th September 1999, can be paid in
instalments, save over the next seven months in our
millennium account.

For more information pick up a leaflet at
the Three Horseshoes.



Please make cheques payable to:
Ecton Millennium fund



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Dear Friends

On Easter Day we will have a number of baptisms at the 9.30 Eucharist. This is as it should be! In the early Church people spent Lent preparing for baptism, and Easter Day was a day of great joy when the Resurrection of Our Lord was celebrated and traditionally many were baptised with water.....

Water is a sign of cleansing and also an important sign of life. Water symbolises how we are all washed clean by God and forgiven and accepted by him. As we cannot live without water, so this sign reminds us that we also need the cleansing and renewing presence of God in our lives. The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the person being baptised. This is a sign to remind us of how Christ Died for all on the cross. As Christ died for us, so we are now signed with the cross - the badge of our faith - to remind us that we must not be ashamed to profess our faith and fight against all that is evil.

So on Easter Day, a crowded church to greet the Risen Lord - and to welcome the newly baptised!

James.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Magazine is delivered free throughout the village and is available to all who attend our Church but contributions towards the cost of the 10 issues per year would be greatly appreciated.

An envelope is enclosed with this issue and the Church Council would appreciate donations to defray the expenses of printing.

Donations can be handed to your distributor, the Church Wardens or any member of the PCC.

Thank you.

Anne Henderson, *Editor*

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 16th at 2.30 pm when Major Margaret Farrant will tell us about the work of the Salvation Army.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings - you don't have to be a member or feel committed to come to every meeting.

Joan Dickens

AN ADVANCE NOTICE

***THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP IS PROVIDING A
SOUP AND BREAD LUNCH
IN THE RECTORY ROOM ON
SUNDAY, MAY 9th FROM 12 NOON TO 2 PM
TO USHER IN CHRISTIAN AID WEEK -
NO CHARGE, JUST A DONATION!***

Please note these special services through Lent:

March

- Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - 7.30 p.m.
Holy Communion followed by our Lent Course
"CREDO".
- Sunday 14th
9.30 a.m. - MOTHERING SUNDAY. Family Service with
distribution of flowers. Speaker: Debbie Smith of the Children's
Society, a charity we support.
6.00 p.m. - Songs Of Praise for Mothering Sunday.
- Sunday 28th.
PALM SUNDAY. Procession from the school (9.20 a.m.)
Service begins at 9.30. Blessing and distribution of Palms.

HOLY WEEK.

Holy Communion and Address

- Monday 29th. 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 30th. 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 31st. 7.30 p.m.

April

- Thursday 1st. MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion And Address.
- Friday 2nd GOOD FRIDAY
10.30 a.m. Family Service with children's activities.
2 - 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Cross.
- Sunday 4th EASTER DAY
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Baptisms.
6.00 p.m. Music and Words for Easter.



Peterborough Diocesan Millennium Group
Shaping a Millennium Vision
For the Parish and Deanery
with 'Churches Together'

Wednesday 17/Saturday 27 March 1999
10.00 - 3.30, Ecton House, orthampton
 (Same programme both days)

A practical guide to prepare for the challenges and opportunities afforded to the Church by the Millennium

With the Rev. Anne Hibbert - member of the Churches National Millennium Team from Church House, Westminster

The birth of a new Millennium presents us with unique pastoral and evangelistic opportunities.. How can we turn the New Start ideal from a logo to a reality in our locality?

- Exchange news, views and ideas
- Hear about Millennium plans from around the Diocese
- Receive a national overview - see where we fit in the big picture
- Practical advice, discussion, suggestions, resources

Cost £15 includes coffee and lunch. (£3 for clergy, subsidised by CME)

Return to Mrs Gill Morrison, The Rectory, Rectory Road, Rushden NN10 0HA

YES! Book me a place at **Shaping a Millennium Vision** on (tick box):

Wednesday 17 March Saturday 27 March

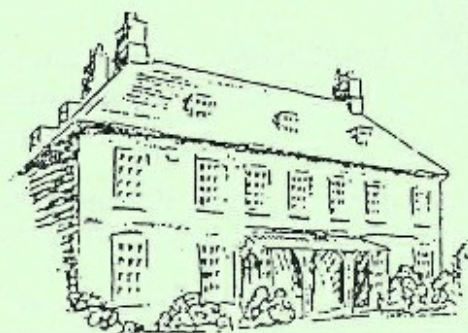
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Bless its staff and all who use it for
retreats and conferences: may they know
your presence and the power of your
love, and have grace in their hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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