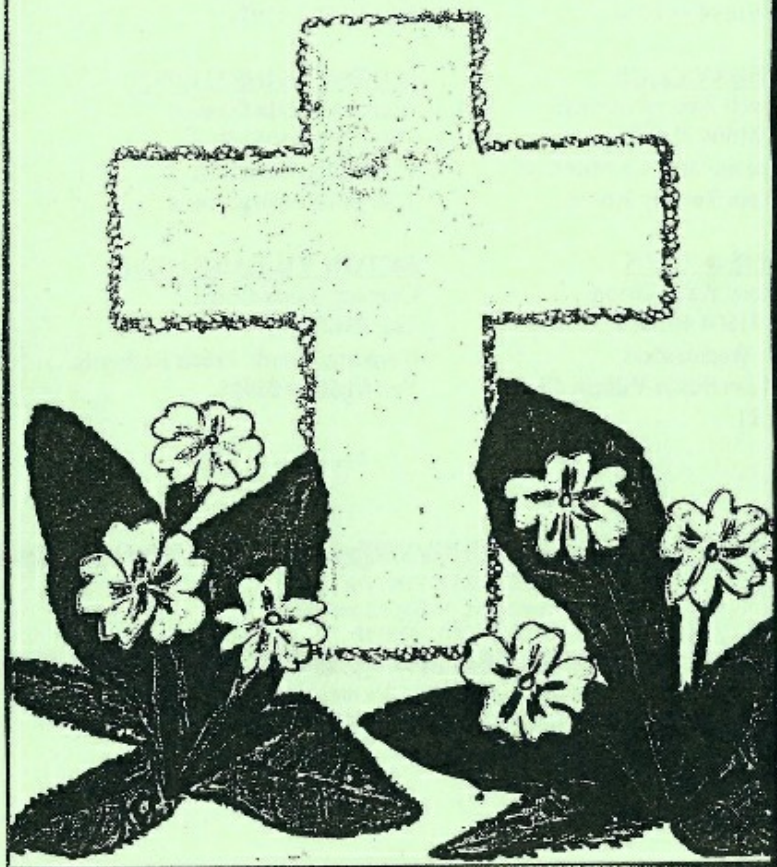


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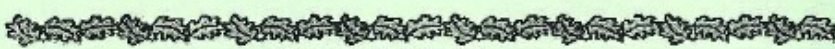
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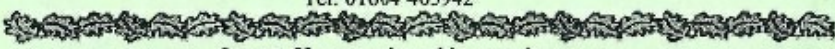
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**CHRIST HAS DIED
CHRIST IS RISEN
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN**



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By 17TH April please

Magazine will be a little because our printers - a school - is closed until
May 2nd

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY

APRIL 2000

Sunday 2 nd April	Fourth of Lent.
9.30am	Parish Communion: Numbers 21. 4-9; Psalm 107. 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2. 1-10; John 3. 14-21.
6.00pm	Evensong.
Monday 3 rd April	
2.00pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.
Tuesday 4 th April	
9.00am	Holy Communion.
7.30pm	Women's Institute meet in the Rectory Room
Thursday 6 th April	
7.30pm	Holy Communion followed by lent course in Church.
Sunday 9 th April	Fifth of Lent.
9.30am	Parish Communion: Jeremiah 31. 31-34; Psalm 51. 1-12; Hebrews 5. 5-10; John 12. 20-33.
6.00pm	Evensong followed by PCC Annual General Meeting in the Conference Room of Ecton House .
Tuesday 11 th April	
9.00am	Holy Communion.
2.30pm	Ecton Fellowship meet in the Rectory Room.
Thursday 13 th April	
7.30pm	Holy Communion followed by lent course in Franklin Room at Ecton House.
Sunday 16 th April	Palm Sunday.
9.15am	Meet at Ecton CP School and process to Church.
9.30am	Parish Communion: Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 31. 9-16; Philippians 2. 5-11; Mark 14. 1-15.47.
6.00pm	Evensong.

CHURCH AND VILAGE DIARY APRIL 2000 CONTINUED

Monday 17 th April	
2.00pm	Monday Club meets in the Rectory Room.
7.30pm	Holy Communion and Address.
Tuesday 18 th April	
9.00am	Holy Communion.
7.30pm	Holy Communion and Address.
Wednesday 19 th April	
7.30pm	Holy Communion and Address.
Thursday 20 th April	
7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by the watch until 10pm.
Friday 21 st April	
10am	Good Friday
2-3pm	Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns. Liturgy of the Cross.
Saturday 22 nd April	
10am	Making the Easter Garden.
Sunday 23 rd April	
9.30am	Easter Day. Parish Communion: Acts. 10. 34-43; Psalm 118. 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Mark 16. 1-8.
6.00pm	Evensong.
Tuesday 25 th April	
9.00am	Holy Communion.
Thursday 27 th April	
7.30pm	Holy Communion.
Sunday 30 th April	
9.30am	Second of Easter. Parish Communion: Acts 4. 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1 - 2.2; John 20. 19-31.
6.00pm	Evensong.

THE EASTER QUESTION

The most telling evidence of what we speak of as the resurrection is the experience of the followers of Jesus in every generation since. People of all ages, different races, cultures and nationalities speak of Jesus as a present, creative influence in their lives, not just a wish that he were still with us in a physical body, but an experience of his spiritual presence, no longer limited by space, time and body.

In the power of that continuing experience people have been ready to go to the stake, endure years of imprisonment, suffer torture without complaint or bitterness, keep loving and cheerful through years of physical pain, accept the growing diminishments of old age, face death without fear, indeed look forward to it with eager interest in what future God has planned.

Many can testify to recovery after failure, to forgiveness for sins against conscience and love, to courage in times of misfortune and difficulty, to growth in compassion and love, while millions are grateful for eyes being opened to see god at work (or being ignored) in the kaleidoscopic changes, dismaying happenings and hopeful responses. Many more find inspiration in daily work which helps to provide services for mankind, and in thankfulness for the loving warmth of home and family friendship.

People are less likely to be won today by argument; they want to see lives changed, made lovable and loving, by a living relationship with one we claim to be ever-living, omnipresent, unchanging, continuing from the gospel days, and stretching into the eternal future.

This faces the individual disciple and any body of Christians with a sharp leading question: 'Do I, do we, in all the thinking, tensions, problems, tragedies, failures, decisions and plans, opportunities and adventures of life, behave as people who believe in the continuing presence of Jesus?'

James

The Christ we Share

IMAGES OF CHRIST

5. The Ethiopian Egg

This is an ancient image of the resurrected Christ, painted onto an eggshell in the style typical of the Oriental Orthodox Churches. The egg is then lit from behind, bringing together a number of familiar resurrection motifs. This picture may seem a surprising start to a series of African 'images of Christ', but Ethiopia is very much part of Africa, bordered as it is by Somalia, Kenya, Sudan and Eritrea. Ethiopia was also part of the biblical world: the Book of Acts contains the story of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch, and the churches of northern Africa played a major role in defining the creeds as we now know them. Ethiopian Christianity dates from the fourth century, when the first bishop was appointed by Athanasius himself. Since Christianity in Africa predates the conversion of Europe by many centuries, missionaries and colonists who believed they were taking the gospel to the 'dark continent' were sadly mistaken!

17 The 'Spanish' Crucifixion, by Diego Velazquez (1631)

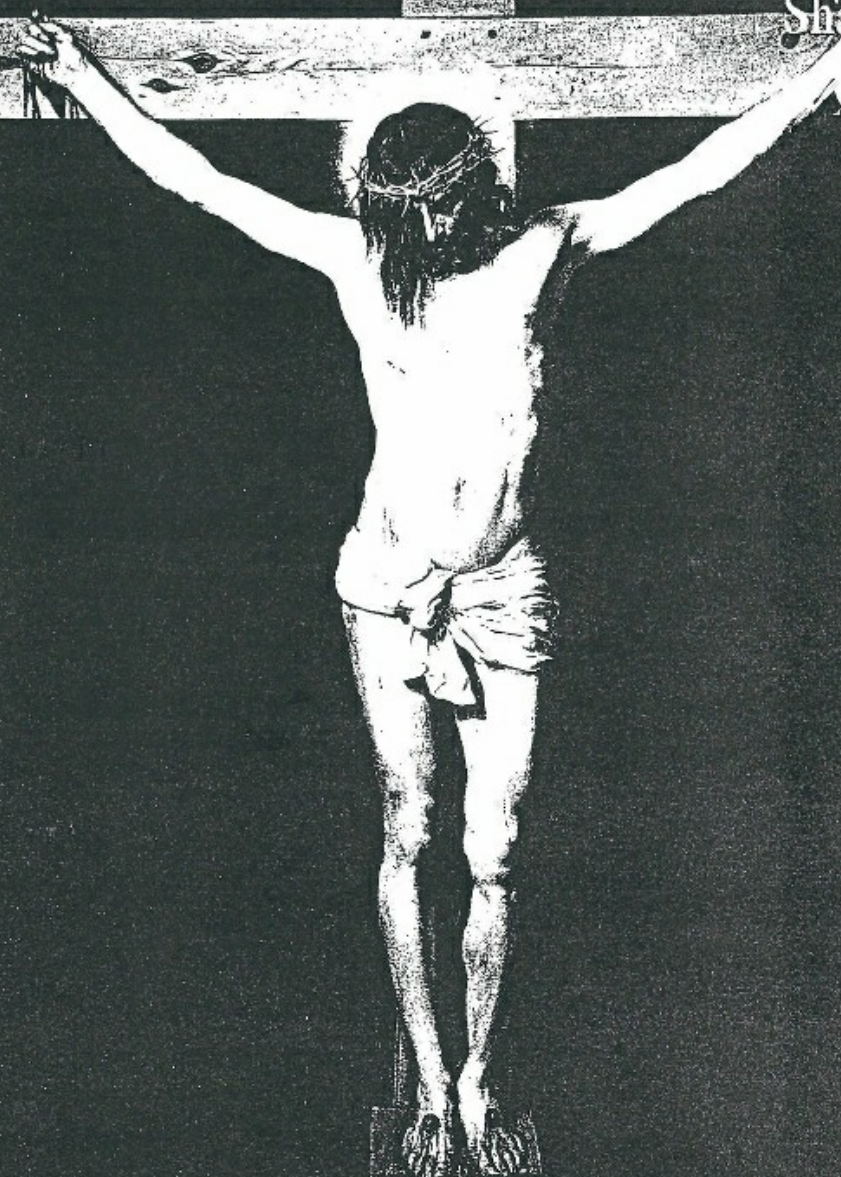
This image of Jesus has become known all over the world, but most particularly in the countries colonized by the Spanish conquistadors, Miguel de Unamuno, (1864-1936) published a long poem on this painting, which stresses the divinity of Christ as the second person of the Trinity, yet neglects the human suffering of the crucifixion. As a result Christ appears relaxed and resolved, a figure in stark contrast to some of the more modern images of the crucified which originate from similar areas of the world.



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ECTON PARISH SUMMER FETE

Saturday 22nd July 2000
2 – 4 pm

PLEASE HELP!!

Please telephone the Stall Holders with contributions for sale and offers of help to man them

WE NEED

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Raffle	David & Mary Dicks	407145
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WE WILL COLLECT IF DESIRED

TEAS

Millie Harlott (407938) and June Marshman would be grateful for offers of cakes and savouries for teas.

WE WOULD LIKE A SMALL CHEST FREEZER (3-4 CU FT) TO STORE ICE CREAM FOR SALE DURING THE AFTERNOON. DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO NO LONGER NEEDS THEIRS? OR PERHAPS YOU COULD LEND YOURS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. PLEASE RING ANNE HENDERSON 405942.

THANK YOU

NEXT PLANNING MEETING FOR THE FETE WILL TAKE PLACE IN CHURCH ON TUESDAY 11TH APRIL AT 7.30 PM. PLEASE COME WITH YOUR IDEAS

ECTON FELLOWSHIP

We meet for the last time in the Rectory Room on Tuesday April 11th at 2.30 pm.

Mrs Kingsley Belton will tell us about the work of the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough.

We welcome everyone to this meeting.

In May we shall be holding Ecton Fellowship meeting in the Village Club. If anyone needs a lift to the club, please contact me and one will be arranged.

Joan Dickins

Tel: 415576

JUST A REMINDER

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – MAY 14TH TO 20TH

Annual Bread and Soup Lunch

12 noon – 2 pm

Sunday 14th May

This year it will be held at the back of the Church.

Come and bring friends – everyone is welcome.

There is no charge – just give a donation to Christian Aid.

COFFEE ROTA

April 2	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
April 9	Pat Peacock/Dorothy Creed
April 16	Nick & Mary Greene
April 23	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
April 30	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
May 7	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright

BRASS CLEANING

April 8	Alice/Wynne
May 6	Ingrid/Keith

CLEANING ROTA

April 1	Green	B
April 8	Orange	A
April 15	Red	B
April 22	Pink	A
April 29	Yellow	B
May 6	Blue	A
May 13	Green	B

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

MONDAY CLUB

With the closure of the Rectory Room, which is more convenient to our members in the north of the village, which is 97%, it is with regret and sorrow, after 29 1/2 yrs, that we have decided to disband the Club.

Over the years we have had a lot of fun, celebrations and outings. Also we have always supported charities and in the last year given £240, £100 to the Millennium Wall. £50 to N.G.H., £20 to the Church, £10 to Cynthia Spencer and £60 to the Village Club. We shall carry on with the Whist Drives and hope to continue giving support.

Our last meeting is on April 17th when we hope all our members will join us with a cup of tea and cake.

Our April dates are 3rd and 17th.

Whist Drive dates in the Village Club

Friday, April 28th

Friday, May 26th

Friday, June 23rd

Freda



TRIO

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS

Tony Armitage will join us at the 9.30 Holy communion on Sunday 7th May.

He will help us again to meet the challenge of being the living, active and growing Body of Christ here in Ecton.

W.I. REPORT

Tuesday 4th April

Speaker

Competition

Teas

Tuesday 2nd May

Speaker

Competition

Teas

- Rectory Room – 7.30 pm

- Mr P Nock – Jewellery

- A favourite brooch

- Mrs D Creed, Mrs J Henson

- Village Club – 7.30 pm

- Mrs C Farmer – Resolutions

- One flower from the garden

- Mrs M Robinson, Mrs B Shearing

The sum of £75.00 was raised at the recent Coffee Morning. Tony and Marlene were once again our 'hosts' and thanks were expressed for their excellent hospitality.

Congratulations to the 'Darts' Team – Joy, Dorothy, Marlene, Millie and Stella. They won 3 and lost 4 matches – very good effort. Thank you to Joy for making a room available to play.

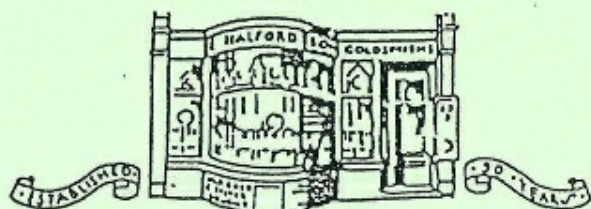
Outing – Saturday 17th June. Sikh Temple – Neasden – followed by a visit to Stockwood Gardens.

A delegate is required for the TGM Wembley – any offers?

Members are invited to a Beetle Drive at Great Billing on 17th May - £1.50. Names to Millie please.

We are all very upset at the recent desecration of the 'Millennium Tree', planted by WI Members in the village playground. It is hard to comprehend the reason for this act of vandalism.

Mr Ellson provided us with an evening of pure delight with his exquisite slides accompanied by appropriate music. His imaginative shots of flowers and scenery were quite breathtaking. Vote of thanks – June Marshman. Competition – Photograph of Winter – Stella, June, Margaret.



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Why are you weeping?

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? for whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher)..... Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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John 20:11-18 (NRSV) NRSV