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Rejoice in the risen Lord!



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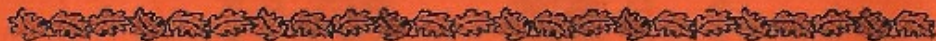
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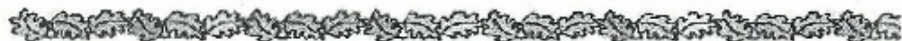
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For Reflection

*Lord, in a world where many are lonely, we
thank you for our friends.
In a world where many are oppressed, we
thank you for our Freedom
In a world where many are hungry we thank
you for our provisions.*



Copy for May Magazine to
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A Time of Hope

On Easter morning, we begin our worship with the words,

“Alleluia, Christ is risen!”

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian year. It is the time when all the events of his life and the things that Jesus taught, begin to make sense. After the seeming finality of his death on the cross, his disciples were in despair. But on the third day the tomb was found to be empty and he appeared, first to Mary Magdalene in the garden, then on several occasions to his disciples.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us not only the promise of sins forgiven and life everlasting, but HOPE even in our darkest moments, that good will triumph over evil. Amid all the uncertainties of this world, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

I wish you all a joyful Easter.

Jenny

Ecton Church Diary

April 2002

Sunday 31st March

9.30am

Easter Day (clocks change today!)

Parish Communion: Acts 10. 34-43;

Psalm 118. 1,2,14-24; Colossians 3. 1-4;

John 20. 1-18.

Tuesday 2nd April

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 7th April

9.30am

Second Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion: Acts 2. 14a, 22-32;

Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1. 3-9; John 20. 19-31.

Evensong.

6.00pm

Tuesday 9th April

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 14th April

9.30am

Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion: Acts 2. 14a, 36-41;

Psalm 116. 1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1. 17-23; Luke 24. 13-35.

Tuesday 16th April

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 21st April

9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion: Acts 2. 42-47; Psalm

23; 1 Peter 2. 19-25;

John 10.1-10.

Evensong.

6.00pm

Tuesday 23rd April

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 28th April

9.30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion: Acts 7. 55-60;

Psalm 31. 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2. 2-10;

John 14. 1-14.

Tuesday 30th April

9.00am

Holy Communion.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

For some time now there have been regulations regarding availability and access to computer records and this now also applies to manual files. The churchwardens wish to publicise this by making a formal statement in this magazine as follows: -

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT.

Records held by the Clergy, Secretary and elected members of the Church relate to either Legal Requirements (e.g. Birth, Marriages and Deaths and Tax Claims) or for administrative purposes (e.g. Electoral Roll and visitation lists).

These records may be on computer or in manual files for ease of access for official use.

Any questions in relation to the above should be addressed to the Secretary of the PCC for attention.

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the church on Sunday, 21st April after Evensong.

Nomination forms for Churchwardens, Deanery Representatives, PCC members and Sidespeople will available shortly.

CLERGY PAY

Being Self-Employed Clergy receive a 'Stipend' not a Salary which reflects their vocation.

You will be aware that the soaring cost of Pensions, plus the increase in stipends (from April 2002 £17,500 pa) has meant an increase in your Parish Share, equivalent to 23p per person per week.

Now your views are to be sought via Deanery and Diocesan Synods to a proposal to increase the basic stipend to £20,000 per annum and, of course, the ultimate 2/3rds pension on retirement after 40 years

The increase is estimated to cost £43M equivalent to 83p per person per week. No doubt this will rise to at least £1 per week for each parishoner in order to compensate for those who cannot afford the whole 83p.

Last year 63% of your Representatives recognised the urgent need to improve stipends and this proposal is in the second stage.

As your views have to be sent in as early as possible with General Synod in November, this matter is most urgent.

You will I am sure support your Clergy financially as well as spiritually to the best of your ability

Dennis Strange

P.S. The Pensions Board told me that all pensionable service up to 1997 will be met by the funds of the Church Commissioners, but all service since that date for existing and new clergy has to be met by the Dioceses as no more funds are available and investment growth continues at a low rate.

Clergy already retired are guaranteed their pensions.

Ecton Golden Jubilee Party



***Monday 3rd June 2002
At the Village club & Cricket Field***

The start of this action packed day will be at 10am with a Bucks Fizz breakfast, children's games, Children's Fancy Dress, Bouncy castle, Face Painting, Adult games etc.

There will be a Pig Roast at Lunchtime with more games and entertainment in the afternoon followed by Teas and Cakes.

The High Street, Village club and Cricket field will be decorated thanks to a generous donation from the Worlds End Pub

Tickets will soon be on sale

Bucks Fizz breakfast tickets at £3 per person

Pig Roast tickets at £5 per person

or bring your own picnic

Ecton Golden Jubilee Party



Queens Golden Jubilee

Good news for the over 70's

We have had a very generous donation from Kerry & Adrian Pulford on behalf of Autohaus Audi & VW distributors that will allow the cost of lunch for all the village people aged over 70. We would like to thank them very much and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to enjoy this generosity. In order to get your ticket and reserve a seat please fill in the form below. We have no other way of knowing who is eligible for a ticket. Lifts will be available for those who are unable to get to the village club but you do need to let us know.

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Name..... Address.....

Tel No.....

Please reserve me a seat yes/no I have a wheelchair yes/no

ECTON CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

April 6	Yellow	B
April 13	Blue	A
April 20	Green	B
April 27	Orange	A
May 4	Red	B

BRASS CLEANING

April 6	Colin/Sandie/Serena/William
May 4	Ingrid/Keith

COFFEE ROTA

April 7	Pat Baylis/Christine Murray
April 14	Margaret Weddle/Anne Henderson
April 21	Jean Leigh/Joy Wilson
April 28	Dorothy Creed/Fiona Major
May 5	Nick & Mary Greene

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY...FEBRUARY 2002.

183	Mr. M. Aveyard	£50.00
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MAGAZINE EXPENSES.

In this edition of this magazine you will find an envelope in which to place a donation to defray costs of publication. Please hand your contribution to your magazine distributor or either of the churchwardens.

Thank you for your assistance.

A Reminder.....

The 5th to the 11th May will be RED CROSS WEEK.

Collectors will be calling during the week with envelopes or boxes.

Please give as generously as you can.

Thank you.

Sylvia Saunders

FROM THE REGISTER

Baptism

We welcome into the family of the church

Vicky Chapman and her daughter Rhiannon
Baptised 24-2-2002

Jesus said "You must be born again" John 3 v7

W.I. REPORT

The monthly meeting was held at the Village Club on 5th March with 14 members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed as correct.

We are still hoping to arrange an outing to Brook Cottage Gardens near Banbury and details of this should be in our next report

Mears Ashby W.I. is having a Fashion Show at Overstone Hall on 18th April starting at 7.30pm. This will be open to non-members. The competition for an animal photograph was won by Angela Crabtree, Stella Gibson and Margaret Scott.

Our Speaker for the evening was Mrs L. Pender from Rushden, who gave us a most vivid account of her life when living at Whipsnade Zoo. Her father was employed there for a number of years between the wars when she was a young child. She grew up during the war there, married and two of her children were born at the zoo. Her many stories of the animals and her association with the founder of the zoo, Peter Chalmers Mitchel, who managed to fulfill his vision of an ideal home for wild animals; her meeting with Gerald Durrell as a very young student who came to work at Whipsnade, had us all enthralled. Mrs Pender wrote a book entitled "My Africa" which is in the Library and will be in great demand by all of us.

Whipsnade Zoo was the forerunner of 'Safari Parks' and needs our support to ensure its future.

Next Meeting will be on April 2nd at 7,30pm at the Village Club

Speaker: Miss J. Green

Subject: 'The Search'

Competition: 4 line poem for Spring

Teas: Mrs M. Robinson & Mrs B. Shearing

*Lord help us to see that every act of kindness,
every word of forgiveness, seen or unseen,
however small, changes the world and us.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 12th May - 19th May 2002

Remember --to come to--

The Christian Aid Bread and Soup Lunch

12 noon - 1.30pm Sunday 12th May
In the Church

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2002

Tackling the causes and the symptoms of poverty, Christian Aid believes that poverty is a scandal. It acts with and for the world's poorest people, regardless of religion, to provide access to a decent livelihood and to challenge the systems that keep people poor. Christian Aid works with local partner organisations in around 60 countries, helping local people to find the solutions that work best in their own context.

PS Please encourage people to respond. If just ten people in your church agreed to give £10 per month to Christian Aid, we could fund a community worker in the Philippines - and help poor people secure a better future for themselves.

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ECTON HALL BEECH TREE

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all those who helped clear a passage in the drive, when the storm brought down the big beech tree on Saturday afternoon. Without your prompt help we would have been marooned until Monday.

We should perhaps offer a prayer of thanks that no one was going past the tree when it fell.

Jennifer Harrison.
Secretary, Ecton Hall Management

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting in the Village Club is on Tuesday
April 9th at 2.30pm

Sheila Addison is coming to tell us about -
'The Church in Nepal.'

Everyone is welcome.

Dr Campling has postponed his visit until October.

Joan Dickins

A prayer "for those who live alone"

I live alone dear Lord
Stay by my side
In all my daily needs
Be thou by guide
Grant me good health
For that indeed I pray
To carry out my work
From day to day
Keep pure my mind
My thoughts my every deed
Let me be kind unselfish
In my neighbours need
Spare me from fire, flood,
Malicious tongues, thieves,
fear, and evil one's
If sickness or accident befall
Then humbly Lord I pray
Hear thou my call
And when I'm feeling low
Or in despair,
lift up my heart
And help me in my prayer
I live alone dear Lord
Yet have no fear
Because I feel your presence
Ever near, Amen

While they (the disciples) were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Luke 24: 36-40 (NRSV)