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Dear Friends

Where is God?

Will you be going to church this Christmas? I hope so, yet there is a sense in which it's not necessary!

At Christmas, as you know, we remember – and celebrate – the birth of Jesus, Son of God, into this world. He comes to share this life with us. Because this is so, we are shown that God is both interested in and involved with every part of life, every activity that we engage in. The Christian faith is not just about Church services and sacraments, hymns and Bible readings, candles and crucifixes. We are just as likely to find God at our office desks, our family gatherings, our golf courses or football matches, as in church.

Christianity is much more than a 'religion'. Some say that it is irrelevant, and if that were all it is, then they would be right. But God is everywhere, in everything, and we don't need to go to church find him.

But that does not mean that you don't have to go to church to be a Christian. This is for two reasons. We may be able to find God in a million different places, but we shall only do so if we know what we are looking for. When we gather in church for worship we focus on him, our minds are concentrated on him – or will be if it is good worship – and we come to know him better and understand him more. It is foolish to rely on what we learned, were told, ten, twenty or more years ago. Our understandings change and in any case we forget. I used to be quite good at Algebra but I'm sure I couldn't solve a quadratic equation now.

Simply to find God – in church or world – is only half the story. He also calls us to serve him and our fellow men for him. Now to take that seriously rather than half-heartedly, and to do so consistently rather than spasmodically, is costly and demanding. We need God's help. This can come to us in many ways, but one of the most important is through waiting on God with other Christians, especially in the spiritual atmosphere of our church building.

So will you be going to church this Christmas? And at other times, too? The choice is yours, but I would urge you to take the possibility seriously and to think about it during the four weeks of Advent,

especially if you want the world to be a better place, and for yourself to play a part, however small, in making it so.

I wish you all a thoughtful Advent and a joyful Christmas.

James

If there are those (whom I don't already know about) who are house-bound and who would like to receive Communion in their homes before Christmas, please let me know and I shall be happy to bring it to you. J.



THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. The total collected in Ecton was £552.53.

Special thanks go to Aidy Stone for the £210.67 (included in the above total) collected at a private party.

Thanks also go to the collectors: Mike Baylis, Marian Gleave, Tony Haycox, Ken Jones, Vic Lester, Fred Wallis, Three Horse Shoes and The Worlds End

Sylvia Saunders



Church and Village Diary
December 2000/January 2001

Sunday 3rd December

9.30am

6.00pm

Advent Sunday

Parish Communion: Jeremiah 33. 14-16;
Psalm 25. 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13;
Luke 21. 25-36.

Evensong.

Tuesday 5th December

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Friday 8th December

7.30pm

Whist Drive at the Village Club.

Sunday 10th December

9.30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Malachi 3. 1-4;
Benedictus; Philippians 1. 3-11;
Luke 3. 1-6.

Tuesday 12th December

9.00am

2.30pm

Holy Communion.

Ecton Fellowship meet at the Village Club.

Sunday 17th December

9.30am

6.00pm

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Zephaniah 3. 14-20;
Psalm 146. 5-10; Phillipians 4. 4-7;
Luke 3. 7-18.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY
DECEMBER 2000/JANUARY 2001

Tuesday 19th December

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 21st December

9.15am

Christingle Service.

Sunday 24th December

9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Micah 5. 2-5a;

Psalm 80. 1-7; Hebrews 10. 5-10;

Luke 1. 39-45.

6.00pm

Blessing of the Crib Service.

11.30pm

Midnight Mass.

Monday 25th December

9.30am

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion: Isaiah 52. 7-10;

Psalm 98; Hebrews 1. 1-4; John 1. 1-14.

Sunday 31st December

9.30am

Parish Communion: 1Samuel 2. 18-20, 26;

Psalm 148. 7-14; Colossians 3. 12-17;

Luke 2. 41-52.

Tuesday 2nd January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 7th January

9.30am

Parish Communion.

6.00pm

Evensong.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE DIARY
DECEMBER 2000/JANUARY 2001

Tuesday 9th January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 14th January

9.30am

Parish Communion.

Tuesday 16th January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 21st January

9.30am

Parish Communion.

6.00pm

Evensong.

Tuesday 23rd January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 28th January

9.30am

Parish Communion.

Tuesday 30th January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 4th February

9.30am

Parish Communion.

6.00pm

Evensong.

The Ecton Fellowship

Our Christmas Party is on
Tuesday December 12th at 3.30 pm – 5.00pm

This year we are having a 'Snowman Drive' – just for fun!

Please bring a very small gift for the 'Lucky Dip'.

Do encourage friends to join us – all are very welcome.

There is no meeting in January 2001.

Joan Dickins



SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 10th February 2001

Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer

Relief

Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in the Safari Supper. A lot of people have already booked a place and the list is quickly filling up. Tickets will be available in January but don't wait till then to register your interest as we have a limit of only 64 places. If you would like to know more about it phone me on 01604 407145.

Mary Dicks

WI Report

Our Christmas Dinner will take the place of the December meeting.

Venue – Overstone Manor – Monday 11th December at 6.00 pm

Lifts will be arranged.

The January meeting will be as usual – Tuesday 2nd January at 7.30 pm in the Village Club.

Speaker to be arranged.

Margaret and Millie would appreciate suggestions for speakers.

Marlene will be collecting subscriptions - £16.50 – at the January meeting.

Stella has purchased and planted a new 'Millennium' Tree on behalf of us all. Thank you.

We all look forward to 2001 and another enjoyable year. We welcome new members – it is important that we all support our local amenities. Come and give us a 'go'!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

June Marshman

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Maurice Creed, Co-ordinator.

COFFEE ROTA

December 3	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
December 10	Dorothy Creed
December 17	Nick and Mary Greene
December 24	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
December 31	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
2001	
January 7	Ingrid and Keith Cartwright
January 14	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss
January 21	Jean Leigh/Brenda Jones
January 28	Dorothy Creed
February 4	Nick and Mary Greene

BRASS CLEANING

December 2	Marian/Barbara
2001	
January 6	Walter/Gwenda
February 3	Dorothy/Pat

CLEANING ROTA

December 2	Blue	B
December 9	Green	A
December 16	Orange	B
December 23	Red	A
December 30	Pink	B
2001		
January 6	Yellow	A
January 13	Blue	B
January 20	Green	A
January 27	Orange	B
February 3	Red	B

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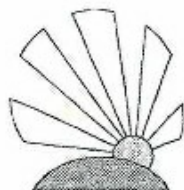
'Pause for Prayer'

A prayer for the dawn of a new day.

*O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on you;
I cannot do this alone.*

*In me there is darkness, but with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace.
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience.*

*I do not understand your ways,
but you know the way for me.*



Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45)

Jesus

He came as a tiny child in the womb of a woman. He was clothed in the vulnerability of a child in need of its mother, crying out for protection and help.

The love of a mother is the only real security an infant has; without it the life of the child is in danger of being overwhelmed by a terrible fear, a fear of death, which will block development of the emotions, the mind and the spirit.

The Almighty became a helpless child utterly dependent on a relationship with a woman, a relationship of love.

At birth Jesus had no security but the arms of Mary and the presence of Joseph. He became a child refugee as the family fled into Egypt, encountering dangers and uncertainties. And after their return they settled in the village of Nazareth ... And there Jesus lived in simplicity for thirty years. He worked with his hands, being a son of the carpenter, Joseph ... The word made flesh lived the humble, lowly life of a poor family. He lived the Beatitudes before announcing them.

Jean Vanier

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the church

Emma Deborah Banham – 29-10-2000

**Jesus said 'Let the little children come to me'
Matthew 19:14**



Weddings

We congratulate

**Christopher Henshaw and Joanne Lee
married on 21-10-2000**

**Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never
fail
1 Corinthians 13:7**



Funerals

**We extend our love and sympathy to the families and friends
of**

**Gladys May Sanders – 25-10-2000
Anthony Peter Moss – Interment of Ashes – 19-10-2000**

**And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20**

SOLOMON'S ADVICE

BE NICE TO YOUR CHILDREN, REMEMBER THEY WILL
CHOOSE YOUR NURSING HOME!

TIME IS WHAT KEEPS EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT ONCE
WHERE THERE'S A WILL - I WANT TO BE IN IT

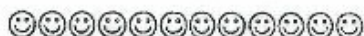
ALL MEN ARE IDIOTS AND I MARRIED THEIR KING

FEW WOMEN ADMIT THEIR AGE AND FEWER MEN ACT IT

I DON'T SUFFER FROM INSANITY I ENJOY EVERY MINUTE
OF IT

TIME IS THE BEST TEACHER BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT
KILLS ALL ITS STUDENTS

PRIDE IS WHAT WE HAVE, VANITY IS WHAT OTHERS HAVE



What happens if you eat
Christmas decorations?

You get tinselitis.

The police arrested me for doing
my Christmas shopping early.

They can't do that!

It seems they can - they caught
me in the shop at three in the
morning.





DAYLIGHT CENTRE

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October 18th 2000

Dear Dorothy,

On behalf of everyone here at the Daylight Centre, thank you so much for your recent donation of harvest. Could you please convey our appreciation to all the members of Ecton Church. We have received a marvellous response from so many friends, right across the county. It helps us enormously when we receive items that are used on a daily basis. Most people are amazed when they hear that we manage on a weekly budget of £25, and we certainly could not do this without the support of others.

Due to our limited storage space, we needed to find a solution to dealing with some produce that was given in too large a quantity for us to cope with. We have been able to help three other local agencies, and a donation was given in return for other surplus tins. This will enable us to purchase the vegetables that are needed every day for lunch. Thank you for keeping the Daylight Centre in your thoughts.

We are still very busy here at the centre, and have become firmly established as a contact for all the other agencies in the area that work with vulnerable people. We see new referrals every week, and our support work has increased tremendously.

During October, we are looking forward to welcoming the Archbishop of Canterbury to our Centre, together with the Bishop of Peterborough. Considering the tight tour schedule, we feel very privileged to have been included.

With our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Linda Mitchell
(Manager)

Linda



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So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:4-7 N.I.V