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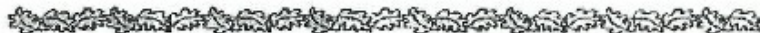
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Ecton Church Diary
December 2001/January 2002

Sunday 2nd December

9.30am

6.00pm

First Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 2. 1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13. 11-14; Matthew 24. 36-44.
Advent Carol Service.

Tuesday 4th December

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 9th December

9.30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 11.1-10;
Psalm 72. 1-7, 18,19; Romans 15. 4-13;
Matthew 3. 1-12.

Tuesday 11th December

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 16th December

9.30am

6.00pm

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 35. 1-10;
Psalm 146. 4-10; James 5. 7-10;
Matthew 11. 2-11.
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Tuesday 18th December

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Thursday 20th December

9.30am

Christingle Service.

Sunday 23rd December

9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 7.10-16;
Psalm 80. 1-8, 18-20; Romans 1. 1-7;
Matthew 1. 18-25.

Monday 24th December

6.00pm

11.30pm

Christmas Eve

Blessing of the Crib Service.
Midnight Mass.

Tuesday 25th December

9.30am

Christmas Day

Parish Communion: Isaiah 52. 7-10;
Psalm 98; Hebrews 1. 1-4; John 1. 1-14.

Ecton Church Diary
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Sunday 30th December

9.30am

First Sunday of Christmas

Parish Communion: Isaiah 63. 7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2. 10-18; Matthew 2. 13-23.

Sunday 6th January

9.30am

Epiphany

Parish Communion: Isaiah 60. 1-6; Psalm 72.
10-15; Ephesians 3. 1-12; Matthew 2. 1-12.
Evensong.

Tuesday 8th January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 13th January

9.30am

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Communion: Isaiah 49. 1-7;
Psalm 40. 1-12; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9;
John 1. 29-42.

Tuesday 15th January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 20th January

9.30am

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Communion: Isaiah 9. 1-4;
Psalm 27. 1, 4-12; 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18;
Matthew 4. 12-23.
Evensong.

Tuesday 22nd January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 27th January

9.30am

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Parish Communion: 1 Kings 17. 8-16;
Psalm 36. 5-10; 1 Corinthians 1. 18-end;
John 2. 1-11.

Tuesday 29th January

9.00am

Holy Communion.

7.30pm

Induction Service for The Reverend Jenny Parkin.

The Promise of a New World

It is January AD 69. You are a Greek-speaking Christian in a Roman town in Turkey. You are deeply anxious about the fierce war in Judaea: the Romans have laid siege to Jerusalem; the city faces starvation, civil strife and military defeat; many Christians are caught in the middle. Official news from Rome has confirmed that the Emperor, Nero, committed suicide a few months ago, and was succeeded by Galba, a general from the provinces. Now you hear a wild rumour that Galba himself has been killed, that other would-be emperors are staking their claims, and that a major civil war is looming. All the fixed points of your ordinary life are suddenly in question. What language can you borrow to do justice to the reality?

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

No, you aren't afraid of sea or sky. You use the language of tidal wave and thunderbolt because nothing else will do. And you continue, drawing on traditions going back to the early Christians who, soaked in scripture, knew well what such words would mean: "Then they will see the 'Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory." No, you don't imagine you will see Jesus flying around the sky. You know that through these tribulations God will vindicate Jesus, and rescue his people. Up till now, the kingdom Jesus announced had been in tension with the continuing existence of the Jerusalem Temple, whose authorities had sent him to his death. Soon it will be clear which of the two God has vindicated. You cling on to these prophecies and promises for dear life. You have nothing else.

Twenty years pass, and with them the immediate crisis. Jerusalem lies in ruins. Rome has another emperor. You and your fellow-Christians have had leisure to reflect on what has, and hasn't, happened. The Church is better established, but the world is still full of wickedness. There must still remain a future fulfilment of God's great, world-changing promises. You continue to tell the story of Jesus's warning and promises, but the symbols now evoke fresh meanings. God's promise of a new world combines with your longing to be in the presence, and under the healing rule, of Jesus himself.

Other old sayings give this hope specific focus. "This Jesus, taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way."

Welcome to Advent: a rich mix of politics, prophecy, prayer and perseverance. Oh, and holiness, too: for it would be as well to live in the present in the way that is to be vindicated in the future.

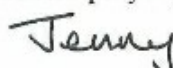
James.

On 29th January I will be licensed by the Bishop of Peterborough, as your new parish priest. I am also to be Chaplain to Cynthia Spencer Hospice. This dual role begins a new phase of my ministry and John and I are both happy to be moving to Ecton.

We have been married for 34 years. We have a son and a daughter, both married, living in London and Canterbury and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first grandchild in February. We have now lived longer in Northamptonshire than anywhere else. We moved here in 1981 having spent the previous thirteen years in Somerset. After some time in Towcester, we moved to Northampton eleven years ago in the Spring.

Before my ordination I spent some years teaching young children and John was a Probation Officer. He now looks after me! For the last three years I have been Curate of St Alban's Church, here in Northampton, so living in a village will be a completely new experience for us. We hope to move into the Rectory early in January and we look forward very much to being with you. Meanwhile, we wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmastide.

Love and prayers,



Jenny Parkin

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

IF THERE IS AMONG YOU ANY ONE IN
NEED DO NOT BE HARD HEARTED OR
TIGHT FISTED TOWARDS YOUR
NEIGHBOUR YOU SHOULD RATHER OPEN
YOUR HAND WILLINGLY GIVING ENOUGH
TO MEET THE NEED WHATEVER IT MAY BE
Deutieronomy 15

Dennis Strange

ITEMS FROM THE PCC.

1. Tony Weddle and Anne Henderson have now been licensed to serve as Eucharistic Assistants.
2. The building work is proceeding as planned. We are very grateful to Will Wilson for the hard work he has put into raising the money for this project. Without his valuable support and help this project would never have been possible.
3. We are also grateful to Moira Clark for suggesting the time capsule project. This raised £600 towards funds. Thanks are also due to her helpers who encouraged local people to take part. The capsules are now buried under the floor in the tower.
4. The Christingle Service will take place on Thursday, 20th December at 9.30 a.m. with the school. Any one is welcomed to attend.
5. Thanks are due to Anne Mogridge for organising the concert on 6th October. This turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. It was particularly nice to see the children taking part.
6. James Mogridge's last Service before his retirement will be on 30th December at 9.30 a.m. Please come and wish him farewell. We are very grateful for his help and guidance over the past four years especially during the last 18 months when he has coped on his own. We wish both James and Anne all the very best for the future.

Gwenda Barty.
Secretary to the PCC
November 2001.

The sermon we heard in October is summed up so aptly by Alexander Pope when he wrote "Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame".

Joan Dickins.

Ecton Time Capsule

Now the Ecton Village Time capsule has been safely buried, I would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who contributed to the project, particularly those who gave up their time to knock on doors and collect all the memorabilia. We had a tremendous response throughout the village and managed to raise £600 for the church refurbishment. As well as the personal letters, thoughts and photographs, we also included the following items in the time capsule: a copy of the village book; a mini cricket bat signed by the Ecton team; a beautiful piece of lace; an ear of corn; sunflower seeds; a copy of the Cronicle and Echo; prayer cards and holy crosses. The capsules (there were two of them) were buried on Tuesday 30th October 2001.

Who knows who will discover them or how long it will be before they are dug up? But whenever this happens, it is nice to know that they will have a snapshot of life in Ecton and the people who lived there.

Many thanks again for all your support

Moira Clark

AN OPEN INVITATION.

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council invite you to the
Licensing and Installation of

The Reverend Jenny Parkin B.Ed. (hons.)

as Priest-in-Charge of Ecton and Chaplain of Cynthia Spencer Hospice
by The Right Reverend Ian Cundy, Bishop of Peterborough,
to be held on
Tuesday, 29th January 2002, at 7.30 p.m.

This service is open to all. Seats will be only be reserved for official church
and civic dignitaries, Jenny's family and those who are to take part in the
service and their spouses.

The general advice is therefore to come early.

THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2001

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this
worthy cause. The total collected in Ecton this
year was £641 61p

Thank you also to the collectors: Marian Gleave,
Tony Haycox, Ken Jones, Vic Lester, Fred Wallis,
Joy Wilson, the Three Horse Shoes and the Worlds
End.

Special thanks go to Aidy Stone for the £312 11p
(included in the above total) collected at a
private party.

Sylvia Saunders



THE STORY of THE CRIB

Sometimes when people tell you a story it doesn't really mean as much as it would if you could see it for yourself. Saint Francis of Assisi had often preached about that very first Christmas in Bethlehem with the animals clustered round the manger and the Christ child lying in a bed of straw. But he wanted the story to come alive for his congregation. In the year 1223 he had a brilliant idea and secretly he planned a very special surprise for Christmas Eve.

Instead of the sermon in church, Francis led the people to a cave. There, to their amazement, was a manger set out with a doll in it, and all around were real animals who watched while Francis told the old story with a new meaning because people could now see it for themselves. The idea grew each year, soon they used a real baby in the crib (an orphan with no home because someone would then willingly take in the 'Christ-baby'). And still today, churches and homes everywhere put up their cribs and wonder anew at the story of God come down to earth, a child like us.

ECTON BELLS.

A team of bell-ringers from Kettering have asked permission to ring a peal at Ecton on 25th January 2002 starting at approximately 5.45pm. The peal will take about 3 hours to complete.

Their leader advises me that they have devised a new method and they will name this Ecton which I think is a lovely idea.

I appreciate that 3 hours is perhaps a long time to listen to the bells but I hope that you will bear with us on this occasion.

Dorothy Creed.

*And so CHRIST was the servant
before he came into the world
standing waiting before the Father
at his command.*

*Until the time God willed
to send him out
to do that Glorious Deed
by which mankind was brought
back again to heaven.*

*And then he set off eagerly
at his Father's command
taking no thought for himself
and his great pain
and at once he fell low
into the Virgin's womb.*

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W.I. REPORT

The monthly meeting was held at the village hall on November 6th. We were delighted to welcome a new member

After the business Marlene Green gave a very comprehensive report on the Autumn Council Meeting held at Spinney Hill Hall on October 25th.

We then had an Auction Sale of items brought by members conducted in a very amusing manner by June Marshman.

The competition for "Handy Household Hint" was won by Joy, June and Mille.

NEXT MEETING

To be a dinner at Overstone Manor on
December 5th to celebrate our
80th Birthday

THE ECTON FELLOWSHIP

Our Christmas Party is on Tuesday 11th December at 3.30pm. We will enjoy Christmas stories and sing carols - with a Keyboard!

We hope that our Village friends will join us.

Please bring a small gift for our 'Lucky Dip' if you can.

We look forward to seeing you then

Joan Dickins

THE PRAYER OF ST. TERESA

JESUS CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW HERE
ON EARTH BUT YOURS

NO HANDS BUT YOURS

NO FEET BUT YOURS

YOURS ARE THE EYES THROUGH WHICH
MUST LOOK OUT CHRIST'S COMPASSION

YOURS ARE THE FEET WITH WHICH HE IS
TO GO ABOUT DOING GOOD

YOURS ARE THE HANDS WITH WHICH HE
IS TO BLESS PEOPLE NOW

ARE YOU HELPING JESUS?

Dennis Strange

WHIST DRIVE

The Whist Drive will be held a little earlier than usual in December - namely Friday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Village Club.

We enjoy a pleasant evening and invite anyone to join in

M. Scott

THINK IT OVER

Today we have taller buildings and wider highways, but shorter tempers and narrower points of view.

We spend more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses, but smaller families.

We have more compromises, but less time.

We have more knowledge, but less judgement.

We have more medicine, but less health.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk much, Love only a little, and we hate too much.

We reached the moon and came back, but we find it troublesome to cross our own streets to visit our neighbours.

We have conquered outer space, but not our inner space.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals.

These are times with more liberty, but less joy.

We have much food, but less nutrition.

These are days in which it takes two salaries for each home, but divorce increases.

These are times of finer houses, but more broken homes.

This is why I propose that of today you do not keep anything for a Special Occasion because every day that you live is a Special Occasion.

Search for knowledge, read more, sit on your front porch and admire the view, without paying attention to your own needs.

Spend more time with your family and friends, Eat your favourite foods, visit the places you love.

Life is a chain of moments of enjoyment, not only about survival.

Remove from your vocabulary phrases like 'One of these days' and 'Someday'.

Write that letter you thought of writing 'One of these days'.

Tell family and friends how much you love them.

Do not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to life.

Everyday, every hour, every minute is special

And you don't know when it will be your last.

Nibble & Slurp Night

Ecton Village Club

Friday 7th December at 7.30 pm

Grand Christmas Draw + Auction

Entrance by ticket only £3.00

Available from: Tony Green 407141

Mary Dicks 407145



DAYLIGHT CENTRE

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

Telephone 01933 - 270808

Registered Charity No 1043502

24th October, 2001.

Dear Dorothy

On behalf of everyone here at the Daylight Centre, thank you so much for your cheque for £196.00 raised at the Ecton Church Harvest Supper. We appreciate your continued support and would like to thank all your helpers and those who enjoyed the occasion.

We have received a marvelous Harvest response this year, 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 our lunches.

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. More clients are asking for assistance with budgeting their money, and are now beginning to see the benefits. We hope that Christmas will be less stressful for them this year.

With our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Linda Mitchell
(Manager)

THE ELECTRONIC ORGAN

in the back of the church is surplus to requirements. If you would like it and can remove it from the church, please contact a church warden. A donation for it would be appreciated

JUST FOR FUN

When God gave out BRAINS, I thought he said TRAINS, and I missed mine.

When God gave out LOOKS, I thought he said BOOKS, so I didn't want any.

When God gave out NOSES, I thought he said ROSES, so I ordered a big red one.

When God gave out CHINS, I thought he said GINS, so I asked for a double.

When God gave out LEGS, I thought he said KEGS, so I ordered two big fat ones.

When God gave out HEADS, I thought he said BEDS, so I asked for a big soft one.

Boy! am I in a mess!!

Judy Neil
Geraldton Club, A.40 Australia.

ECTON CHURCH LOTTERY OCTOBER 2001.

53	N.Greene	£50.00
71	M.Gleave	£10.00
198	G and S Williams	£10.00
147	E.Wilson	£10.00
141	M.Clark	£10.00
48	J.Costall	£10.00

CLEANING ROTA

December 1	Yellow	A
December 8	Blue	B
December 15	Green	A
December 22	Orange	B
December 29	Red	A

2002

January 5	Pink	B
January 12	Yellow	A
January 19	Blue	B
January 26	Green	A

BRASS CLEANING

December 1	Marian/Barbara
January 5	Walter/Gwenda

COFFEE ROTA

December 2	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
December 9	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
December 16	Ingrid & Keith Cartwright
December 23	Millie Harlott/Margaret Weddle
December 30	Dorothy Creed/Jean Leigh

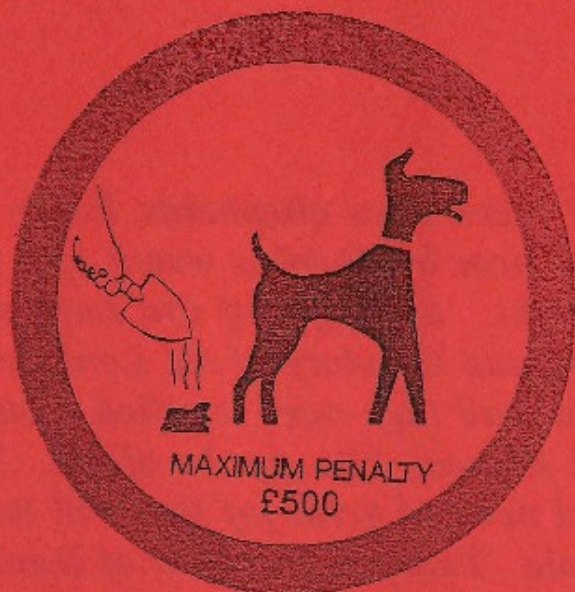
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January 6	Margaret Finch/Anthea Barnes
January 13	Nick & Mary Greene
January 20	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
January 27	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray



Brass cleaning team for 5th February - Pat/Dorothy
Cleaning team - 5th February - Orange - side A

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH



YOU MUST
CLEAN IT UP!

DOG FOULING IS A HEALTH HAZARD

DOG FOULING

Complaints have been made recently about dog fouling in the village.

Dog owners please kindly remember that it is your responsibility to clear up after your pets.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-12 NIV