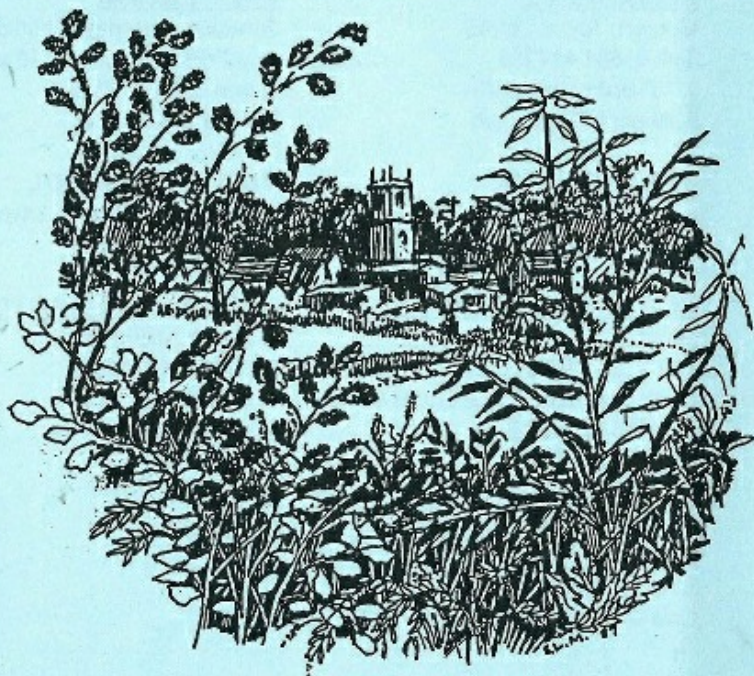


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Meister Eckhart a Guide and Friend

'What is a free mind? A free mind is one that is not perplexed by anything or attached to anything, it is not tied to any particular way of life; nor does it consider its own advantage. A free mind concentrates on the will of God, renouncing its own will. A free mind wants to do what ever God wants. Knowing that God is the source of its strength and energy.

A free mind prays in such a way that the entire body and the five senses are all directed to God. And it does not cease to pray until it is totally unified with God, and is in his presence.'

'People should not worry as much about what they do but rather about what they are. If they and their ways are good, then their deeds are radiant. If you are righteous, then what you do will also be righteous. We should not think that holiness is based on what we do but rather on what we are, for it is not our works which sanctify us but we who sanctify our works.'

LOTTERY NOVEMBER 2000

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Dear Friends

LENT 2001

Lent? Not already? But yes! Ash Wednesday is the 28th February when at 7.30 pm there will be

"A Celebration of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes" to mark the beginning of Lent. I hope there will be many who wish to start this solemn season by coming to this service.

I intend to offer a Lent course on prayer. This will take place on Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30 pm and will be based on the booklet "More Ready to Hear than we to Pray".

The snag is: no Ecton House! The space at the back of the church is not yet really suitable for a meeting of two hours' length. The lighting and the heating need yet to be upgraded and there is not yet a loo. The reason why we are looking to provide these facilities is to make that space more conducive to such gatherings.

So what's the answer? Perhaps this; I would love to hear from anyone who has a room large enough for a group of twelve (perhaps a few more) to meet in and who would welcome us. Meeting in people's houses can add a new dimension to worship and may be a new experience for some. We would meet at 7.30 pm, celebrate the Eucharist, follow our Lent Course for an hour or so and finish with Night Prayer. Would you let me know if you are prepared to host such a meeting?

Finally, we shall keep the glorious festival of Candlemass on Sunday, February 4th when we shall follow the medieval custom of blessing the candles for the coming year. Why not come with bunches of snowdrops (Candlemass bells) to decorate the church?

With love and prayers,

James

Ecton Church and Village Diary

February 2001

Sunday 4th February

9.30am

6.00pm

4th Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: Isaiah 6. 1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11; Luke 5.

1-11.

Evensong.

Tuesday 6th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 11th February

9.30am

3rd Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: Jeremiah 17. 5-10; Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15. 12-20; Luke 6. 17-26.

Tuesday 13th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Sunday 18th February

9.30am

6.00pm

2nd Sunday before Lent

Parish Communion: Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-25;
Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8. 22-25.

Evensong.

Tuesday 20th February

9.00am

Holy Communion.

Friday 23rd February

7.30pm

Whist Drive at the Village Club.

Ecton Church and Village Diary

February 2001

Sunday 25th February 9.30am	Next before Lent (The Transfiguration) Parish Communion: Exodus 34. 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2; Luke 9. 28-36.
Tuesday 27th February 9.00am	Holy Communion.
Wednesday 28th February 7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service for Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes.
Sunday 4th March 9.30am	1st Sunday of Lent Parish Communion: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11; Psalm 91. 1-11; Romans 10. 8b-13; Luke 4. 1-13.
6.00pm	Evensong.
Tuesday 6th March 9.00am	Holy Communion.

CHURCH LOTTERY..DECEMBER 2000

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COFFEE ROTA

February 4	Nick and Mary Greene
February 11	June Marshman/Marian Gleave
February 18	Millie Harlott/Christine Murray
February 25	Ingrid and Keith Cartwright
March 4	Alice Adams/Wynne Voss

BRASS CLEANING

February 3	Dorothy/Pat
March 10	Alice/Wynne

CLEANING ROTA

February 3	Red	B
February 10	Pink	A
February 17	Yellow	B
February 24	Blue	A
March 3	Green	B



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

31 MARCH 2001
10 am

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

Please come and help with this very important day

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the church

Louis, Sammuel and Giovanni Nocito – 19-11-2000

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



Funerals

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

**Dora Irene Reynolds – 8-1-2001
Peter Stanley Green – Interment of Ashes – 09-01-2001**

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



**The family of the late Dora Reynolds would like to
thank her friends in the village for their kind words
and donations received in their sad loss of Dora.**

NOTES FROM ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Monday 20th November 2000.

Present: David Dicks (Chairman), Sheila Ingram, Sylvia Saunders, Alistair Bantock, Maurice Creed, Tony Green, Ty Moffet and Bill Wilson. Kate Payne (District Councillor) PC Hooper attended for first part of meeting and gave details of the crime figures for September and October which included several crimes within the village. It was noted that the School was to have a new entrance in Northampton Road and it is hoped that parents will then park in the World's End car park when dropping/collecting children.

Mrs Kathy Humphreys was co-opted to the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs C Gyte.

Matters arising: **Sywell Airfield** – it was noted that the Planning Application was not likely to be considered until early January. Policy T12 states that there should be definition of activity at the airfield at the time of the Structure Plan. The Consortium has been refused access to the figures but the County Council should not be denied access. It was agreed to write to Mr Kilpin (WBC) asking for the application to be put back until the operational information was available from the County Council.

Millennium Trees: The County Council had accepted the Parish's request for trees and these had been ordered. Fisher German had been informed and thanked for their offer to plant the trees.

Bulb Planting: This had been a tremendous success and thanks were due to Kathy Humphreys for her suggestion and input and to the 16 people who turned up to plant the bulbs.

Travellers: This had been an agenda item at the Joint Parishes Meeting. There was concern that it had taken six weeks to block off the entrance to the illegal site. It was stated that there had been some confusion about who was to do it - Esso had said they would if the landowner gave his consent. Eventually done by the Borough Council.

Planning Matters: Permission had been granted for the erection of a new Assembly Hall at Ecton County Primary School. Consent had been given to Dr Shearing to remove the three lowest branches from Ash Tree T17. An application had been received from Mr & Mrs Shenfield for a proposed

replacement dwelling. The Council had objected on the grounds that the land falls within the 'Areas of Restraint' .'. Ecton Water Tower - Replacement equipment cabin etc.- no comments.

Highway matters: A letter had been received from the County Council rejecting the Council's request for a lower speed limit along the A4500. Concern was expressed over the amount of heavy lorries using West Street and then being unable to turn at the end without reversing on to private property. To alleviate the problem it was suggested that a full sized sign be erected at the top of the street. The question of the High Street throttle was raised as at times it can cause complete blockage and it was agreed to make further representation to the County Council again to look at the problem. It was also agreed to ask again for a weight restriction.

Financial matters: Powergen £126.43, Mrs P Hall salary and expenses £126.67. The Council made donations under S.137 to the following – PCC £250 for the Parish Newsletter and £250 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. Village Club £500 to be put towards a specific need. It was noted that a grant of £214 had been received by the Parish Council as a Day Care Grant and this amount was paid over to the Village Club. Application for the provision of a new bus shelter had been turned down. Play equipment: ROSPA to be asked to inspect the play equipment and include a risk assessment early in 2001.

A.O.B. concern was expressed over the condition of the Gazebo in the Hall grounds. As this is within the curtilage of the Hall then it is a listed building.

David Dicks

November 2000

WI REPORT

Tuesday 6th February – Village Club

Note: Birthday Dinner Party – 6.30 for 7 pm

Please bring a small gift with you.
Competition – Valentine Rhyme

Tuesday 6th March – Village Club – 7.30 pm

Speaker – Mr Paul Doran – Community Service Orders and Probation Officer

Competition – Design for WI Newsletter Cover
Teas – Mrs S Gibson and Mrs Betty Shearing

Following the minutes from Secretary Dorothy Creed, Millie Harlott welcomed members and completed any business – going on to give a resume of the proposed 10 Resolutions prepared for the IGM.

Members were invited to comment and lively discussion followed – before being asked to complete a form stating their order of preference. The Resolutions are varied as usual, ranging from Fair Trade for All, Abuse of the Elderly, Prescribing of Cannabis for Medicinal Purposes, State Pensions and others. The results will be collated and forwarded to WI House.

Evening concluded with tea and biscuits. Competition results (3 letter words from 'Women's Institute') a) June Harrison b) Sue c) Millie.

June Marshman

The Ecton Fellowship

We are having our **Annual Lunch Outing** on **Tuesday February 13th**.

This year we are returning to Northampton College, Booth Lane.

We shall leave from **Ecton House at 11.40 am for lunch at 12 noon.**

Lifts are available from Ecton House. Please let me know if you are coming by **Tuesday February 6th**.

Joan Dickins
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A PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY – 20 – 28th OCTOBER 2001

In the footsteps of St. Paul and St. John

Turkey might not seem the most obvious pilgrimage destination. For many Christians today the word pilgrimage is usually associated with the Holy Land. In recent years a visit to the Holy Land has become a regular event every few years in the life of local churches across Britain.

But now an increasing number of Christians are recognising the importance of key sites in modern day Turkey. The country lies at the heart of the New Testament church. The origins of Christianity lie in the ruins of the churches which generated the growth of our faith westwards from Asia into Europe. Our understanding of the early Christian communities is deepened at places such as Ephesus, Miletus and Laodicea. The lives of St. Paul and St. John become interwoven and you can visit the ruins of the Seven Churches of the Revelation. The people, the sites and the geography give us an insight into the world of the first century church. Then there is Istanbul, the stunning capital of Turkey, straddling both Asia and Europe, but which was Constantinople and Byzantium.

A journey to Turkey is, of course, very easy these days. There are many regular flights to Istanbul and modern communications make visiting the ruins of the ancient communities straightforward. In the years to come there is a real expectation that more and more British Christians will visit these sites at the heart of their faith.

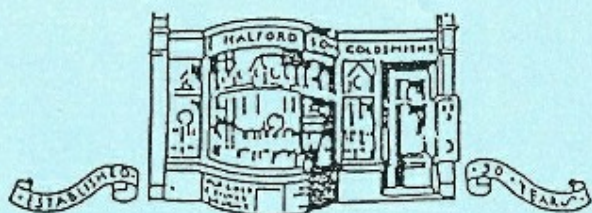
In October 2001 a group of Christians are travelling to Turkey under the leadership of Sandra Turland and Heather Wilson who are both regular pilgrimage leaders to the Holy Land. If you would like to join the group please contact:

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Northampton NN3 3BW

Telephone/Fax No: 01604 415309 email: sj@turland.freemove.co.uk

Alternatively, for those wishing to visit the Holy Land we have just 8 places left on our May/June 2001 pilgrimage. This is a must for anyone wishing to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and discover the Bible anew. Again contact Sandra for further details.



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and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both human and beast, O Lord.***

***How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your
wings.***

***They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.***

***For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know
you,
and your favour to those who are true of heart.***

Psalm 36.5-10