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ADVENT FAIR - SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 2004

An Advent Fair is being planned to raise funds for all the churches in the East Leightonstone Group and will take place between 2.30 and 5.00 p.m. in Ellington Village Hall. Help is wanted on the day, and offers of more stallholders and organizers of silly games etc. would be appreciated! There will be a cake stall and home-made jams, pickles etc. for which contributions would be gratefully received; also gifts of toys, bottles (containing anything from finest brandy to cheapest soap), books, raffle prizes etc. Please contact any church member or Sue Young (01480-455080), who is co-ordinating the event. Cakes, jams and other contributions can be left at The Grange (Peter Gould – tel: 01480-891043).

PRAM SERVICE

This is a recent innovation for pre-school children with their Mums or Dads. The next service will be at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 14th October in the Church. This is an informal service lasting 10-15 minutes followed by tea and refreshments – a chance for the children to play and everyone else to chat. Do come and make new friends.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

The collectors would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's collection, which raised the sum of £154.10.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who kindly helped to decorate the church so beautifully for Harvest Festival, and also to all those who brought such wonderful fruit, vegetables, honey and flowers. The produce was later taken to the Manor Cheshire Home in Brampton and they have asked us to convey their grateful thanks to everyone.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The annual churchyard "tidy-up" is planned for Sunday 28th November. This is usually a lot more fun than it sounds and the more people who can turn up, even if only for an hour or so, the better will be the result.

CHCT SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

It's going to rain, they said. The forecast was for rain – heavy rain and gales. When I woke up I hoped it *would* be raining, because then I wouldn't have to attempt the ride. But it wasn't. It was a fine, blustery morning. It always is; it never rains for the bike ride. Three of us set off on our bikes – two "old hands" and a novice. It pays to go with cyclists of a similar standard, so several smaller groups are a better bet than making your once-a-year venture out on a bicycle with those who do it regularly, have all the kit and are intent upon cycling around the whole of East Anglia in a morning. We saw a dozen of our beautiful, quaint, charming or hidden churches during the day; we were welcomed by an army of "church-sitters" all around the deanery and plied with everything from chocolate cake to crisps, fruit, tea, coffee or juices, to say nothing of the parish that even had a puncture repair kit and maps! It was also an opportunity to enjoy the scenery and wildlife at a sensible pace instead of hurtling through it in a car. We covered 21 miles, met old friends and made new ones, and as we cycled back into Easton our novice said, "That was great! We should do this more often". We always say that. We don't know yet how much we raised in total, but we do want to thank all those who took part, either cycling, sponsoring or church-sitting. We couldn't do it without you.

SERVICE TIMES

It has now been decided that the future pattern will normally be:

1 st Sunday – 11 o'clock Eucharist	2 nd Sunday - 6.00 p.m. Evensong
3 rd Sunday - 11 o'clock non-Eucharistic service	4 th Sunday – 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

However, please keep an eye on the tree by the church gate for notification of any changes to this which might be caused by holidays, illness, special occasions etc.

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