St Mary Magdalene Church, Ecton, Northamptonshire

On Sunday 2nd August 2026 a combined choir of 22 voices and a congregation of 42 people gathered at Ecton Church in Northamptonshire to celebrate Ecton's Patronal Festival with a Choral Evensong.





Our patron saint is St Mary Magdalene and with thanks to a grant from the Choral Evensong Trust we were able to celebrate after the service with a buffet, wine, soft drinks and celebration cake.





It was particularly meaningful to receive the grant from the Choral Evensong Trust, as King Charles, a patron of the Trust, is also one of the patrons of our church.





Comments after the service included "*That was amazing!*" "*That was wonderful, it brought back so many happy memories*" and "*What a beautiful Service*"

Ecton Church is part of a benefice with Great Doddington and Wilby and the choir was a combined choir from Wellingborough and Earls Barton with two members from our own benefice. The Trust's grant enabled us to provide the refreshments and to give a donation of £270.00 to the choirs to be shared between them.





As we do not have a choir it was lovely on this occasion to fill the church with beautiful singing, organised by the Choir Master Tony Edwards and accompanied by our regular organist Steve Cocks. Our thanks also go to everyone who was involved in making the service such a success, we plan to hold more Evensong services next year.



Revd. Jackie Buck on behalf of Ecton PCC