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From: Mrs. Joan Corbett.
Acting Secretary,
Ringmore PCC Committee.

The Rectory, Ringmore. Kingsbridge. Devon. TQ7 4HR.

11th March, 1983.

Mrs. G. Eastcott, c/o: Miss H. Innell, 172 Cottenham Court Road, RAYNES PARK. LONDON. S.W.20.

Dear Mrs. Esstcott,

At a meeting of our PCC Committee this week, the Rector reported that Mrs. Williams had handed to him the gift from you of a "Freeches Fible". I was instructed to write to you expressing our very grateful thanks for this most generous gift.

In due course we are hoping to have the binding fully restored, and there is a suggestion that - when finances permit - it may be possible to put this treasure on display in a glass case in the Church.

We hope all is going well with you, and that it will not be too long before we see you in Ringmore again. You ARE missed:

With kind regards, and renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely,