

## CHURCHES GET TOGETHER

After the two important events outlined below a social gathering will take place in St. John's Hall to celebrate the opening of the Congregational church. The Rev. T. Russell will be the chairman, and the Lord Bishop of Lincoln and several others will be asked to speak.

### Opening of Ermine Congregational Church

FEBRUARY 13TH, 7-30 P.M.

The opening and service of dedication of the Congregational Church will be conducted by the Moderator of the East Midland Province of the Congregational Church, the Rev. J. F. S. Solomon, M.A., and the Opener will be Mr. H. Jones, a Deacon of Newland Congregational Church. The Moderator of the North Eastern Province of the Congregational Church, the Rev. W. Watson, will preach. Among those also taking part will be the Rev. F. Lloyd, Minister of South Bar Congregational Church, and the Rev. D. C. Woodroffe, B.A., Minister of the new Church.

### BISHOP

### VISITS

### ST. JOHNS

On Wednesday, February 13th, at 7-30 p.m. the Bishop of Lincoln will make an informal visit to St. John's Church to meet all members of the Church of England who live on the Estate. He will talk about "The Laity and the Life of the Church." This is a unique opportunity to get to know your Bishop, and a time will be set aside for answering questions.

### HARD LINES ON PENSIONER!

Some houses are better than others, and some are much better placed than others. If you are one of the less fortunate ones, then that's just too bad, for it takes a minor earthquake to obtain permission for a change.

An old age pensioner lives in one of the corner flats, and has put up with the continual noise from the staircase at the side for some considerable time.

Eventually when one of the quieter central flats became vacant she asked for permission to move into it.

She was not only refused, but was rudely rebuked for making such a suggestion.

Such treatment is quite inexcusable, and the whole problem could be easily solved. All that is necessary, is that people who have kept their present dwelling in good condition should be allowed to move according to a priority of years of residence.

### EVERGREEN CLUB

### VISITS LEEDS

On Tuesday morning, January 15th, 41 members of St. John's Evergreen Club went by luxury bus to spend the day at Leeds. The highlight of the day was the pantomime, "The Queen of Hearts" at the Theatre Royal, and it was unanimously agreed to be a fine show.

Lunch and tea had been ordered at the King Edward Restaurant where appetites were whetted by the sight of the chef grilling big juicy steaks on an open grill.

The party returned in high spirits about 9 p.m., and expressed their thanks to Mrs. Hepworth and Mrs. Cottrell for organising the outing.

### Accent on Youth



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St. John's Youth Fellowship is only four months old, but it is rapidly making a place for itself in the life of the Estate. Membership is open to all boys and girls resident on the Estate who are at least thirteen years of age.

The group helps to organise the Friday night dances, and it's a treat to see so many young people enjoying themselves together.

The main meeting of the group is on Sunday night when a very varied programme is arranged. Rehearsals are in full swing for "Youth Entertains," and part of each evening is devoted to a discussion, debate, film-strip or visiting speaker. The last half-hour consists of dancing, sometimes including instruction.

The youth have their own elected committee,

and along with the club leader, Mr. L. Wilson and the adult committee, they are planning an extensive summer programme.

St. John's Junior Fellowship, for boys and girls 11 years and over, is dividing into two separate groups. Boys of 11 and over will meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. and girls on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Both of these groups are open to all boys and girls, and are not confined just to members of the Confirmation School. I don't know about the girls, but the boys hope that it won't be long before they have their own football team.

Two table tennis tables are under construction, and the girls are just as keen on this game as the boys.

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the devil's deceit, says the Bishop of Lincoln in his letter to you

Bishop's House,  
Eastgate, Lincoln.

14th January, 1957

My dear People,

In the old days the First Sunday after Epiphany was observed as Plough Sunday. The plough was brought to Church and prayers were made for God's blessing on the work of the farms during the coming year. Later in the year, at Rogationtide, parson and clerk and people went out into the fields and there, among the growing crops, prayed a blessing on man and beast and all they needed for their well-being, **thus mixing up worship and work and giving the lie to the devil's deceit that business is business and religion had better keep to its proper place.** So, through the heat of summer to harvest, when all was gathered in, minister and men sitting down to share in the harvest supper and then to Church for harvest thanksgiving. In these days of highly mechanised farming this may at first sight seem old-fashioned and yet, as much evidence of recent years confirms, farming must still demand a humble co-operation between man and man and

of both with God. The Harvest Thanksgiving is rightly a popular festival and not to be despised, but there is much to be said for the restoration of Plough Sunday and to Rogationtide observance, as a means whereby the continuing work of the farming year is brought into the realm of Christian obedience and service. . . .

. . . I should also give notice of the gathering of Churchwardens which Canon Pugh started with such success last year. We propose holding a similar Conference this year over the week-end of August 31st—September 1st. I hope there may be a record attendance of Churchwardens. If there are any who are doubtful of the value of such a gathering, opportunity should be provided for them to meet a Churchwarden who attended last year's gathering. We are much indebted to Canon Pugh and to Butlin's Camp for making it possible to hold these gatherings.

Finally, may I draw the attention of the Clergy to the Retreat for priests which I hope to conduct at the Bishop's Hostel July 1st—5th.

Yours affectionately,

KENNETH LINCOLN:

(Reprint from Lincoln Diocesan Leaflet—February, 1957)

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★ **Comment . . .** ★

★ Laughton Way, ★  
★ Ermine Estate. ★

★ Dear Sir, ★  
★ With reference to your article on Corner ★  
★ shops: In my opinion it would be a good idea, ★  
★ provided that the people running them had ★  
★ competitive prices. If not, I doubt if they ★  
★ would have much custom. . . . At the ★  
★ present almost all foodstuffs are much higher ★  
★ priced on the Ermine Estate than in town. ★

★ Should you want me to prove my point ★  
★ I would be only too pleased. ★

★ Yours sincerely, ★  
★ "A HOUSEWIFE." ★

★ **WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT?** ★

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**January Baptisms**—St. JOHN'S  
Martin Leslie Butler, Paul Lusby, Keith Foster, Gillian Francis, Janice Froggatt, Jillian Hall, Peter Christopher Butler, Peter George Hunter, Jane Anne Sharpe.



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## New Church Meetings

**Junior Youth Club.** A club for boys and girls aged 9—15 years, will meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Women's Meeting.**—A women's meeting providing a programme of interest week by week and an opportunity to meet other people will be held every Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m.

**Tuesday Night Fellowship.** Every fortnight there will be a meeting of topical interest, with a varied programme of talks, debates, discussions, or musical evenings, and an opportunity to meet other people. This will be held every other Tuesday, beginning in March.

Church Membership Classes are held every week, and details may be obtained from the Minister or from a Deacon.

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# ANCIENT BELL TO RING AGAIN . . .

About five hundred years ago when the stones of Lincoln Cathedral still looked fresh from the quarry, a horse and cart with a very heavy load might have been seen leaving the city gates and headed for the coast.

In the cart was a bell, a very fine bronze bell nearly three feet across and weighing seven cwt. It had been specially made for the flourishing little church of St. Peter's, Saltfleet-by, and it's not difficult to imagine the excitement which heralded its arrival. Farmer, blacksmith, housewife, squire, children by the score all gathered at their parish church to watch the hoisting of the bell into the fine thirteenth century tower.

An inscription on the bell shows that it was dedicated to God in the name of St. Mary the Mother of our Lord, and from that day its mellow note has resounded over the centuries.

Two other bells were hung at St. Peter's, but one of them was cracked by an enthusiastic farm labourer on the occasion of his master's wedding. He thought to get a louder note by using a blacksmith's hammer.



With the shift of population the church was allowed to fall into disrepair, and all except the tower was pulled down and a new church built by the main road. The smaller of the two remaining bells was transferred to the new church. But for

most of this century St. Mary's bell has remained silent in the old tower which is beginning to lean to one side, its masonry falling, and its timbers rotten with age.

The bell has now been bought, put in order and given to St. John's by Mrs. A. H. Adams in memory of her husband. Mr. Arthur Howard Adams was well known to many Lincoln people for he was history master at Lincoln School from 1928 until the outbreak of war. He served in North

Africa, Italy, France, Holland and Germany, and returned to Lincoln School in September, 1945, where he taught until his death in September, 1947.

Once more St. Mary's Bell will ring out her assurance of God's presence in the midst of his people, and as of old, she will call the families who hear her to join together as the Family of God.

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## Geoffrey de Freitas on Politics and Christian Action

Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, M.P. addressed an open meeting at St. John's Hall on January 9th. His subject was "Politics and Christian Action."

Mr. de Freitas told of the forming of a Christian group of Members of Parliament under the guidance and inspiration of the late Sir Stafford Cripps. Such a group seeks to apply Christian principles to all political issues. One great principle is that all men are equal in the sight of God. Former generations of Christian politicians had done much to close the gap between extreme wealth and abject poverty, and the present day Welfare State, even with its imperfections, is a great step forward. However, the Christian viewpoint cannot rest at home but must embrace all mankind. So, in sending a representative to Parliament today the constituents of Lincoln must look further than our coasts: to the backward areas

of the world, to Asia and India. In some parts of the world slavery is being openly practised and it is our responsibility with other Christians to see that all men share the freedom which we enjoy.

One of the organisations through which Christians must work to achieve these ends is the United Nations. Help has been given on an unprecedented scale to the poorer areas of the world, in food, clothing, medical supplies, as well as economic aid. Again, a country may act by itself, as when in 1946 bread was rationed in this country so that our stocks of corn could be diverted to the famine stricken areas of India.

Mr. de Freitas dealt with many interesting questions, from the power of the Muslims in Africa to the establishment of a World Parliament, which he said, he hoped to see in his own life time.

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## School Notes . .

MISS J. M. SOWERBY

Last term wound up in a blaze of glory with Christmas decorations, a school party, the great excitement of a play acted for the children by the staff and, finally, a visit from Father Christmas himself. Many children thought our distinguished visitor bore a remarkable likeness to their minister, but we assured them they must be mistaken! Also during the last few days we were glad to welcome literally hundreds of parents, friends, small brothers and sisters to look round the school under the proud guidance of the children themselves. We were sorry, however, to say "Good-bye" to Miss Terry who left to take up another position in the city. Miss Terry was with us for two years and a term, and children

and staff alike will miss her. We all wish her well in her new venture.

This term we welcome Miss E. H. Chamberlin to our staff in Miss Terry's place. We also welcome 63 new children to school for the first time. They have all settled down remarkably well and, indeed, are behaving as if they are old hands at the game! This brings our number of children on roll to 363 so that, with another admission at Easter, we shall be very full indeed by the summer. So far this term we have had a very good attendance and hope it will continue to be so. If, however, any children should have to be absent through ill-health, a note of explanation to school at the beginning of the child's absence would be much appreciated.

### ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Election Night** ★

★ On Wednesday, February 27th, there ★  
★ will be the St. John's Church Annual ★  
★ General Meeting. All members of the ★  
★ Church of England on the estate should ★  
★ come and help to elect the Church Council ★  
★ for the year 1957-58. In order to cast ★  
★ your vote you must have your name on ★  
★ the electoral roll, and a form for this ★  
★ purpose may be obtained from the back ★  
★ of the church. ★

★ Nominations for election to the Church ★  
★ Committee should be sent to Mr. B. ★  
★ Parsons, 24 Hatcliffe Gardens. ★

★ At this meeting a review will be made of ★  
★ the first year's WORK AND ACHIEVEMENT, ★  
★ and an outline given of any plans for the future. ★  
★ The treasurer will present a report on the ★  
★ finances of the past year, and if you want ★  
★ to know what happens to your collections, ★  
★ come and find out—contrary to popular ★  
★ opinion, the Church doesn't receive a penny ★  
★ from the State. ★

★ The annual General Meeting is a lively ★  
★ meeting, with a cup of tea thrown in for ★  
★ good measure. There will be plenty of ★  
★ opportunity for questions and discussion, ★  
★ so its up to you to come and say what ★  
★ YOU think. **Book the Date now—** ★  
★ Wednesday, February 27th, at 7-30 p.m. ★

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### What's on this month

- February
- 2 Sat. **Purification of B.V.M.** H.C., 7-30 a.m.
  - 3 Sun. **Epiphany IV.** Dedication of Bell Turret, 9-15 a.m.
  - 4 Mon. House Meeting, 10 Swaby Close, 8 p.m.
  - 6 Wed. Church Committee—open meeting, 7-30 p.m.
  - 7 Thu. House Meeting, 40 Laughton Way, 8 p.m.
  - 10 Sun. **Epiphany V.**
  - 11 Mon. House Meeting, 24 Hatcliffe Gardens, 8 p.m.
  - 12 Tue. Young Wives' Open Meeting, 7-45 p.m. "Cosmetics"—Demonstration by a Lancôme Representative.
  - 13 Wed. See page 1.
  - 14 Thu. House Meeting, 10 Allandale Close, 8 p.m.
  - 17 Sun. **Septuagesima.**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.**

(Young children may be left at St. John's House)

**Evensong, 6-30 p.m.**

**HOLY BAPTISM, 1st Sunday in the month, 3-30 p.m.** (Please give a fortnight's notice).

**Sunday Schools**

Senior Confirmation School (11+), 10-30 a.m.

Junior " " (7+), 2-45 p.m.

Infants " " (4+), 2-0 p.m.

**Mid-Week Services**

Holy Communion, Wednesday, 9-15 a.m.

Thursday, 7-30 a.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Evensong: see notice board.  
Banns, Weddings, Churchings, by appointment.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Minister: Rev. D. Woodroffe, 43 Yarborough Rd.,  
Phone: Lincoln 45.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Evening Service, 6 p.m.**

**Holy Communion, first Sunday in the month** during the evening service.

**Family Service: First Sunday in the month, 11 a.m.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Beginners, up to 4 years: Primary, 5 to 7 years.

Junior, 8 to 10 years: Senior 11 to 13 years.

All departments meet at 2-30 p.m.

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20 Wed. Youth Entertains, 7-30 p.m.

21 Thu. House Meeting, 18 Torrington Road, 8 p.m.

24 Sun. **Sexagesima.**

25 Mon. House Meeting, 32 Bassingham Crescent, 8 p.m.

26 Tue. Young Wives' 7-45 p.m.

Mr. Moray, Film Show.

27 Wed. **Annual General Meeting, 7-30 p.m.**

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