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RESCUE CHRISTMAS

The shop windows, I.T.V., newspapers, magazines, shout aloud for two months of the year, "Christmas is coming, so Buy, Buy, Buy."

The pressure of modern advertising and big business can turn Christmas into a farce where the buying of presents, food and drink, is often the all-important thing. "Go on—make a beast of yourself—it's Christmas." For many people the delightful custom of giving simple gifts has become an expensive obligation. . . . "I'll be glad when Christmas is over. I've still six more presents to buy, and I don't know what to get for Mabel. After that ridiculous little vase that she sent me last year I've a good mind not to bother."

But by Christmas Eve, the drinks are ordered, the pantry shelves are groaning under the weight of good things, the children's presents are on top of the wardrobe, the television is in good working order, and everything is set for a good old-fashioned Christmas.

The Father Christmases of Commercialised 1957 look at the Son of God in the stinking draught-ridden cow shed and say with genuine surprise, "And what have you got to do with Christmas?"

The message to the simple country folk who were looking after their sheep was, ". . . I bring you good tidings of great

joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day, . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Christmas is Christ's birthday, when God put on one side all His glory, and came to stand by us in a dying world. This is the reason for our joy, the chance of new life, and the power to forget ourselves and to think of the chap next door and all the others. The poor, the sick, the lonely, the refugees, the elderly, are very dear to the heart of the infant Christ who was himself born to suffer.

It is because God gives us so much that we give to one another, and especially to those in need. Give your children this news as their most worth-while Christmas present, and instead of long letters to Commercialised Father Christmas Ltd., help the children to think first of what presents they can give in the name of Jesus.

Christ-mass means, "The Holy Communion of Christ Day." The word itself tells us which is the great feast of Christmas. The Christian Family meets to give glory to God at the birth of Jesus, and then, from the Lord's table the Christian families go with God's blessing to those in need, and to the festivities in their own homes.

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN."

ERMINE WEST

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

A Christmas Carnival Dance has been arranged for Friday, Dec. 20th, and the proceeds will be towards the Centre. A good band has been engaged, and it will be a night to remember. Tickets from 23 & 66 Queen Elizabeth Road.

Many people have asked what the relation will be between the Church and the Community in the running of the Centre. The Centre and the land will be invested in the name of the Church, and the Church will have the final responsibility for maintenance. With regard to the use of the building a committee will be formed to represent both Church and Community, 50% being elected by the members of the community.

This Committee, guided by the annual general meeting will arrange social functions and clubs to suit the needs of the community. They will also let the Centre for private bookings by residents of Ermine West. On Sundays the Centre will be used for Sunday Schools and for Worship.

Ermine West is small enough to have something of a village atmosphere, as our barbecues and Fete on the "Village Green" have already shown. St. John's Community Centre will be the social hub of things, and will be very much Ermine West's own Village Hall.

The recent Jumble Sale raised £19, and many thanks to all workers and supporters.

SCHOOL NEWS

Hut School Starts Next Term.

The Infant School expects an intake of 65 five years old children in January. This is a record figure, and means that the top class will have to move into a class room in the temporary hut that has just been erected. Another class will move over there at Easter. The Junior School will be using the other two classrooms in the hut.

Children to Guide Parents

On Tuesday, 17th December, the Infant School will be open to parents between 2-30 and 3-30 p.m. Numbers will be a bit of a problem, so Miss Sowerby has hit on the good idea of letting the children guide their own parents round the school.

Civil Defence Open Night

All residents on the Estate are invited to a film at St. John's Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, at 7-45 p.m. There will then be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The Civil Defence Officer hopes that many will take the opportunity to learn more about the defence of their homes. He gives his assurance that no-one will be badgered into joining Civil Defence, but of course he is willing to give further details to those who are interested.

An idea which is bound to appeal to both parents and children alike.

Parent Teachers Meetings

Eighty parents and teachers attended the meeting on 18th November, and were entertained with some excellent films by the British Railways Publicity Dept.

A Carol Service has been arranged for parents and friends at the Junior School on Dec. 18th at 7-30 p.m.

Next term starts on Monday, Jan. 6th, and ends on Wednesday, April 2nd. The half-term holiday will be Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 17th and 18th.

Lincoln Imp 'Darts'

The Ladies A team claims to be the strongest team, for as they are at the bottom of the league they are holding all the others up. However, the B team is holding its own in the middle of the league.

The Mens' teams are showing promise. The A team is lying in fifth position, and the B team is joint top.

Harold Parkinson and Dennis Bradford are playing in the Doublets Finals at the Co-op Hall on Friday, November 29th.

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Christmas Fare

by Anne Willoughby

It seems quite impossible not to overeat at Christmas, particularly in a family party, and with the holiday coming in the middle of the week this year most of us will be back at work the day after Boxing Day. Bad temper and spots before the eyes are even more gruesome when there isn't an extra day to get over it, so I am planning this year a minimum of heavy "extras." Creamy mashed and crisp roast potatoes, braised celery and brussels spouts, will make one fleeting appearance, and salads are going to accompany all the rest of the meals.

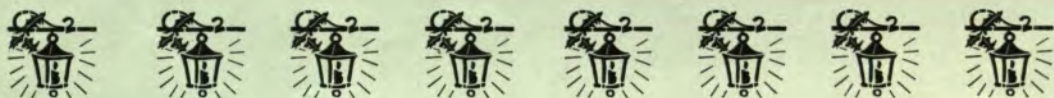
Much as I love a plain green salad with a French dressing, holiday time calls for something a little more unusual; chicory (or endive, as some greengrocers call it) is at its best at this time of year, and it combines perfectly with celery. A salad of chicory, celery, diced apple and chopped nuts, mixed with a light mayonnaise, is a most refreshing accompaniment to cold meat. And even an ordinary winter cabbage is glamourised if you turn it into coleslaw. For this you shred the cabbage finely, mix with French dressing or mayonnaise—or both, and add just whatever else

you fancy. Personally, I like finely chopped onion, celery, green pimentoes if available (they aren't always at Christmas time) and butter beans. If you want to make a really special thing of it, chopped green olives and capers add to the effect.

For a party drink try mulled wine. A cheap wine will do, but don't let it boil. Here are two well tried recipes.

"The Bishop." Stick cloves into a lemon and roast it till soft. Put a quart of port into a saucepan, and bring nearly to boiling point. Add one pint of boiling water, the lemon, and a good pinch of mixed spices. Rub two ounces of lump sugar on the rind of another lemon, place sugar in a bowl, with the juice of half the lemon, and pour in the wine. Serve as hot as possible.

"Roman Cracker." Boil two cups of water with one cup of granulated sugar, four sticks of cinnamon, and four cloves, for five minutes. Add one bottle of Italian burgundy and heat slowly, (not letting it boil). Again, serve as hot as possible.



FESTIVITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

- Dec. 11 Bumper Christmas Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m. 2/6.
- „ 14 C.L.B. Grand Dance (Blue Star Group Dance Band), 7-30—10-30. 2/6.
- „ 20 Christmas Carnival Dance (Collegians Dance Band), 8—1. 3/6.
- „ 24 Midnight Communion, 11-45 p.m.
- „ 25 The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.
- „ 29 Children's 'Nativity' Service, 2-30 p.m. Carol Service 6-30 p.m.
- „ 31 New Year Social and Dance, 2/6.



St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Nov. 3 Simon John, son of John and Hazel Solari.
- Elizabeth Alison, daughter of John and Harriet Allen.
- Ian William, son of Arnold and John Shaw.
- Susan Annette, daughter of Bernard and Beatrice Turk.
- Philip Alan, son of Roy and Audrey Longmate.

- Julie Christine, daughter of Albert and Sheila Campbell.
- Christine, daughter of Fred and Rose Ward.
- Anthony Mark, son of Leslie and Jean Hodson.
- „ 10 Deborah, daughter of Cyril and Elizabeth Foster.
- Julie, daughter of Oliver and Iris Wilson.

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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, 3-35 p.m. (Please give a fortnight's notice).

Sunday Schools

Senior Confirmation School (11+), 10-45 a.m.

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

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

Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion, Monday 7-30 a.m.; Wednesday 9-15 a.m.; Thursday 6-15 a.m.; Friday 7 a.m.; Saturday 8 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.

Communion, first Sunday in the month 6 p.m., third Sunday, 11 a.m.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

4 to 7 years (meet in the Infants' School).

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

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Next Month's "Ermine News"

To commemorate the fixing of the Parish Boundaries of the Ermine Estate, a complete street map will be printed.

It helps collectors if the yearly subscription of 3/- for the News can be made in January.

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December.

1 Sun. **Advent 1.**

3 Tues. Civil Defence Film, 7-45 p.m.

4 Wed. Church Committee, 7-30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.

8 Sun. **Advent 2.**

10 Tues. Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m.

11 Wed. Coffee Morning, 10 a.m.—11 a.m.

14 Sat. Girl Guides Bazaar, 3 p.m.

15 Sun. **Advent 3.**

17 Tues. Open afternoon, Infant's School, 2-30—

3-30 p.m.
Evergreen Club Party, 7-45 p.m.
Young Wives' Group, "Cake Icing", 7-45 p.m.

18 Wed. Infant School Party, 2—4 p.m.

Carol Service. Junior School, 7-30 p.m.

21 Sat. Janet Ashton School of Dancing, End of Year Display, 10 a.m.
Young Wives' Group' "Children's Party," 3-30 p.m.

22 Sun. **Advent 4.**

(SEE INSIDE PAGE ALSO)

Sunday School Parties will be held early in January

Ermine Football

The last three matches have resulted in one win, against Kirkwhite Boy's Club, 4-3; and two defeats, by Bowham 7-2; and Ruston & Hornsby 9-2.

Arrangements are in hand for regular mid-week training, and a cross country competition will be arranged in the near future.

A set of goal posts have been bought and they will be erected on the pitch by Ravendale Drive. **Come and support your own team.**

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