

## Standing Room Only

The growing Church at St. John's makes it difficult to seat everyone at the Family Communion.

On Sunday, March 23rd, the Rt. Rev. Colin Dunlop, the Dean of Lincoln confirmed 40 adults, boys and girls, during the Family Communion. Additional chairs had been borrowed, and every corner of the church was in use, but it was still impossible to seat all those who came to this very impressive service.

After the reading of the Gospel the confirmation candidates renewed their baptismal promises, and then they knelt two by two before the Bishop,

## COMIC FOOTBALL

Despite the cold and showery weather on Easter Monday afternoon, the Church Lads were determined that the intended Comic Football Match should take place: Staff v. C.L.B. and J.T.C.

A few minutes before the kick-off the male and female staff left St. John's Hall and were led in procession to Ravendale Field, to the beat of drum sticks, etc. Everyone was dressed for the occasion and armed with boarding, buckets, mops or anything that was considered suitable to assist them win this match.

Kick-off was on time and within a minute the Staff were one up, a beautiful lobb by winger Cox found the net. This was followed by another and yet another for the Staff. However the Lads soon levelled the score, goalkeeper Mrs. Hewitt slipping in the mud.

After this the Staff piled on the pressure (under their own rules) using everything that was available and so the fun continued.

Final Result: C.L.B. claimed they won 6 goal to 5. Referee Gregory forgot to keep count.

## Dates to Remember

- AT ST. JOHN'S HALL:
- May 7 Bumper Whist Drive, 7-45 p.m. Admission 2/-.
  - „ 16 Carnival Dance. 7-30—11-0 p.m., Admission 1/6.
  - „ 24 Drama Night. 7-30 p.m. (Tickets on sale).
- AT CO-OP. HALL, FREE SCHOOL LANE.
- May 9 Grand Ermine Dance, 8—1 p.m. Refreshments and Late Transport.

who like the Apostles of old, laid his hand upon their heads for the gift of the Holy Spirit, "Defend, O Lord, this thy servant with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto thy everlasting kingdom. Amen."

The 27 men and boys were confirmed first of all, and then the 14 ladies and girls, who wore the traditional white veils. Two of the candidates presented the bread and wine at the altar during the offertory, and after the consecration, over 150 people knelt down to share together in the one bread, the one cup, the heavenly gifts of God.

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★ ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH ★

★ BUILDING FUND ★

★ May 8th. DAY OF PRAYER ★

★ May 9th. GIFT DAY ★

★ May 10th. GIFT DAY ★

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## ROGATION SUNDAY—MAY 11th



This picture was taken from Thurlby Crescent on Rogation Sunday last year. At this season of the year the Church prays for God's blessing on man's labours, both in the fields and in industry.

This year the procession will leave St. John's Church at 2-30 p.m. (weather permitting), and a short service will be held in the fields off Thurlby Crescent.

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★ **ERMINE WEST MAY FAIR** ★

★ (in aid of St. John's Community Centre) ★

★ SATURDAY, MAY 17th—2-30 to 5-30 p.m. ★

★ Fancy Dress. Sports: Sack Race, Wheelbarrow Race, Pillow Fight, Tug-o'-War. ★

★ Comic Football Match. Side Shows: Skittles, 'Shooting-in,' Bowling, etc. ★

★ Stalls: Cakes; Sweets; Gifts; Refreshments, etc. ★

★ 7—10 p.m. **Barbecue.** Admission, 1/- **COME AND HAVE FUN Non-Stop Dancing** ★

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## FOUNDATIONS READY

"The roof on this Summer," is the aim of the St. John's Community Centre Appeal Committee. The Committee feels that once the roof is on there will be plenty of work for everyone, plumbing, carpentry, electrical fittings, decorating, etc. Furthermore, it won't matter if it rains, or if the nights start to draw in, for the work could still carry on.

The only way of getting the brick work and roof built quickly was to call in a contractor, and Mr. Eccleshare, our Hon. Building Advisor, has undertaken to do this work for a very much smaller sum than we had thought possible. However, our own volunteer labourers have completed the digging of the foundations in readiness. We've given the order to go ahead, knowing that with the first £1,000 nearly raised we have still to raise another £1,000.

It's hoped that the fact that building has already started will be an encouragement to our friends throughout the city to support our appeal. Donations please to 23 Queen Elizabeth Road, or to St. John's House.

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## School Notes . . . .

At the Lincoln Music Festival, Ermine Junior School Choir won the Dunhill Trophy for Junior Choirs. The choir, which was trained by Miss Pikett, consisted of 32 4th. year boys and girls, and they gained 92 marks, the highest award of the whole Festival.

The Choral speaking group, trained by Mr. R. A. Dickinson, gained the second prize in its class.

On June 7th there will be a school outing to London for 120 children and 60 parents and staff. There will be a bus trip round the West End, and a river trip from Richmond to Hampton Court, where the party will be shown round.

Next year's trip is already in hand, and it will

include a two-hour cruise on the Broads, the remainder of the day being spent at Lowestoft.

The Infants' School now has a record attendance of 430 children in a school designed for 360. Fortunately they are able to use two of the "hut" classrooms for the time being, but these may eventually be needed for the Junior School.

Half term will be the whole of Whit-week, and term ends on July 24th. Next term starts on September 3rd.

A Parent-Teacher Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, at the Junior School at 7-30 p.m. The subject for debate is "Popular education has been tried and found wanting." The principal speakers will be Councillor A. Briggs and Councillor C. A. Lillicrap.

## Old Silver for New Chalice

Have you any scraps of old silver—a broken cigarette case, the top of an old scent bottle, etc., etc.? If so, they can all help to make a new chalice for Ermine Parish Church.

The present chalice at St. John's is on loan, and a new one of the size that we need for the large number of communicants would cost at least £80.

Please give any scraps of silver that you have to your Street Representative or to the Vicar at St. John's House.

Why not have a word with your friends and relations—they may be only too glad to help. When we have enough silver we may be able to find a local craftsman to make the chalice, or else we could approach one of the London Silversmiths.

## IMP NEWS

The extension to the public bar at the Lincoln Imp is nearly completed and should be in use within the first two weeks of this month. With a little more room there won't be quite so much danger of drinking out of the other fellow's glass.

The Pigeon Club is preparing for its first flight of the season, and it's hoped to give more details in next month's News.

The darts teams haven't won any trophies of late, but the Men's teams are third and fourth in their respective leagues. Mr. Argyle, the landlord, says that the Ladies' team is picking up splendidly now that the season is nearly over. Perhaps they'll just be reaching the top of their form for some really good arrows next season.

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# ROUND THE CLUBS



## Young Wives Group

On April 1st, the Rev. D. Woodroffe showed some excellent colour slides to illustrate the talk about the year that he spent in America.

Mr. E. Crick gave a very useful talk on Home Decorating, and demonstrated various techniques when he talked to the Group on April 15th. He then answered a great number of questions.

An outing has been arranged to Belton House, near Grantham, for Saturday,

## The Youth Club

The quiz team won the first round of the city quiz but were beaten by Bailgate Youth Club in the second round.

The Club Dance Orchestra is now able to provide music for dancing for a whole evening, and is ready to accept engagements, but requires more instruments and more sheet music. We hope to get these by outside engagements. If any church organisation is thinking of running a dance or social I hope it will think of us.

The Friday night is still the main night for games and dancing. We are buying cricket gear, soft ball equipment, and volley ball nets during the next two or three weeks. As the nights get lighter we shall be able to spend more time in the open air.

The Sunday group is also thriving. Our past two or three programmes have been mainly quizzes as a form of training for the Quiz Kids (Sorry, team). We did manage to pull in a Mock Trial. After much argument between Walter (defence council) and Peter (Prosecution) the Judge, Brian, decided there was no case to answer and the prisoner, Jeremy, was released immediately. We are now preparing for parents' night when all members' parents will be invited to join us on Club Night.

## Evergreen Club

We have this last month been entertained in words and pictures. Mrs. Clegg gave a most interesting talk on her holiday abroad, and the British Railways took us in pictures around England. The Co-op. Guild performed a play, which had won second prize at the Co-op. Drama Festival. Fr. Lawrence (St. Matthias) had a short service on Maundy Thursday. We also had a Jumble Sale last Saturday which realised £7.

## Church Lads' Brigade

Now that most of the uniforms have been provided for the members of St. John's C.L.B. and J.T.C., it has been decided to form our own Band Fund. In future, monies raised and donations received will be used towards the cost of forming our own Drum and Bugle Band. The Lads are very enthusiastic about this, indeed so keen that some have purchased their own drumsticks and are quite successfully practising on table tops, biscuit tins, or anything that may obtain the required effect.

Membership of our Companies is near the 50 mark, however not yet to full strength, so we are glad to receive new applicants, particularly boys aged 14 years and over.

On Easter Sunday a Church Parade took place. There was a good and smart turn-out. The Company marched from Laughton Way to Woodhall Drive, and on to Church via Sudbrooke Drive.

## Girl Guides

An Outing was made on Easter Monday to Pepper's Farm, Nettleham. It was organised by Lieut. Redford and very much enjoyed. Each Patrol Leader decided on the menu for her patrol and in spite of the weather each patrol got a fire going and above all something cooked—and eaten.

April 17th was rather a special evening. Ten recruits were invested, the first such ceremony that Captain has taken. Susan Redford and Gillian Dixon become 2nd Class Guides.

On April 20th the Company Colours were taken into church for the first time at the Family Communion.

A Brownie Pack has now been formed under the leadership of Miss Johnson, and meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

## Drama Notes

DAVID AND VENETIA

by Margaret Luce

Two people arriving to look over the house Venetia is trying to sell, prove to be her husband, from whom she is about to be divorced, and the woman he is hoping to marry. So starts this hilarious one-act comedy.

The other one-act play is a drama entitled "Dark Brown" by Philip Johnson. A young wife married to a middle-aged man is led to believe her husband is something more than a middle-class tobacconist, maybe even a murderer! Come and see both these plays at St. John's Hall on Saturday, May 10th.

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SUNDAYS AT 9-15 A.M.

May	Servers	Offertory	Intercessions	Children's Nursery
4	M. Page A. Chamberlain	Mr. and Mrs. Freestone	Torrington Road World Peace	Mrs. Daines
11	G. Tibbs M. Wright	Judith Priestley Michael Illitt	Pine Close Local Industries	Mrs. Potter
18	A. Gaunt M. Pawson	Mr. and Mrs. Blythe	Holyrood House Church Unity	Mrs. Roberts
25	B. Parsons J. Parker	Valerie Arnold Tommy Davies	Hackthorn Place Hospitals	Mrs. A. E. Dixon
June				
1	R. Mason M. Hackney	Mrs. Alderton Mrs. Roberts	Edendale Gardens Schools	Mrs. Parsons

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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, 3-45 p.m. (Please give a fortnight's notice).

## Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion	Monday	6-30 a.m.
" "	Wednesday	9-15 a.m.
" "	Thursday	6-30 a.m.
" "	Friday	7-0 a.m.
" "	Saturday	8-0 a.m.

## Sunday Schools

Senior Confirmation School (11+), 10-45 a.m.  
Junior " " (7+), 2-45 p.m.  
Infants " " (4+), 2-0 p.m.

Banns, Weddings, Churchings, Confessions by appointment.

## St. John's Register

### Baptisms—April 6th.

Stephen John, son of William and Joyce Buttery.  
Christine Mary, daughter of John and Lois Butler.

Elaine, daughter of Charles and Jean Savidge.  
Douglas Stephen, son of Alfred and Gladys Elsom.  
Andrea Karen, daughter of Malcolm and Margaret Johnson.

Michèle Florence, daughter of Geoffrey and Joan Pratt.

Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur and Pamela Pask.

Heather Rachel, daughter of James and Patricia Millson.

Gary Wayne, son of Walter and Jean Rudd.  
Martin Anthony, son of Granville and Pearl Brewer.

Jennifer Lee, daughter of Jack and Hilda Richardson.

David John, son of Frederick and Betty Higham.  
David James, son of Dennis and Margaret Cowling.  
Raymond William, son of Leslie and Elisabeth Newell.

Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Roy and Mary Simpson.

Clinton Ashlea, son of John and Gwendoline Phillips.

### Burial.—March 23rd,

Sydney Leonard Wilkinson.

## What's on this month

### May

1 Thu. SS. Philip and James. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.

4 Sun. Easter IV.

7 Wed. Bumper Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. 2/-.

8 Thu. Day of Prayer for St. John's Parish Church.  
Holy Communion 6-30 a.m. and 9-15 a.m.  
Evensong 7-30 p.m. Compline 9-30 p.m.

9 Fri. Gift Day for Parish Church Building Fund.

10 Sat. Gift Day for Parish Church Building Fund. St. John's Drama Group 7-30 p.m.

11 Sun. Rogation Sunday. Blessing of the Crops and Industry. Meet at St. John's 2-30 p.m.

13 Tue. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.

15 Thu. ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.

Evensong at Waddington Church. Buses leave St. John's, 7-30 p.m.

17 Sat. "May-Fair," Ermine West 2-30 p.m.—5-30 p.m. Barbecue and Dancing.

18 Sun. Sunday after Ascension.

25 Sun. WHITSUNDAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m., 9-15 a.m. Evensong 6-30 p.m. Address: The Rev. C. Docker.

27 Tue. Young Wives' Group. Mr. J. Harrod, 7-45 p.m.

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