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Election Nights

JANUARY 20th

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

All residents of Ermine West are entitled to nominate and vote (if 17 years and over), for nine members of the Management Committee. Nominations (of people 21 years and over) should be made in writing to the Vicar, St. John's House, by Saturday, January 24th.

JANUARY 27th

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH HALL

This election will be for the Church Council of the whole parish, both East and West. All members of the Church of England should make sure that they are on the Electoral Roll of the parish and come and elect the Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council for 1959-60.

At this meeting, a review will be made of the year's work and achievement, and plans for the future will be open to discussion.

The Treasurer will present a report, 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.

BOOK THE DATES—NOW

Now that the St. John the Evangelist Community Centre has been opened there is a place for meeting and worship on both sides of the Estate. The next step is to build a permanent church to serve the whole community.

ST. JOHN'S



PARISH CHURCH

This picture is taken from the seal which is on all the shares sold in aid of the Church Building Fund. What the church will really look like is not known at this stage, but all being well the plans should be drawn up by the end of the year.

First of all, it is important to find out what you think, and meetings will be held in houses all over the parish so that you may give your opinion on this, or any other matter effecting the life of the Church or community.

It has been suggested that St. Mark's, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's should be pulled down sometime in the future in order that there may be more parish priests and permanent churches where the greater number of people live today. No one likes to see their old church pulled down, but the Church itself is the people, not bricks and stones.

Mr. L. R. W. Thake, Headmaster of the Bishop King Secondary School, spoke on this point when he opened the Christmas Fair.

We have very recently had presented a Report on the proposed revision of Parish boundaries—

report which I felt to be very sound and very fair. The immediate needs of Church people north and south of the city are clearly set out. A permanent church is desperately needed at Swallowbeck, and another on this estate. The new proposals made by the Committee did not shock me, but what did was the suggestion at the meeting that it might be some years before any action could be taken on the proposals. The need for new churches is now—and that is why you are working today at your Christmas Fayre. You cannot in my opinion organise the Church in Lincoln or elsewhere in 1958 on the ideas of 1858. We do not want the present generation of children to grow up before the permanent churches are provided.

Now first a very brief word about the Home and Family. Please take your children to church and don't just send them. Children always learn by example, and one of the weaknesses of today I feel is we are losing the influence of the family. It is of paramount importance in worship, as it is in so many other things.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED
 WITH THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON
 DECEMBER 6TH.
 THE SUM OF £130 WAS RAISED.
 A VERY GOOD EFFORT!



Children's Party

The Party given for the Children of Ermine West was held on Tuesday, 16th December, from 7 to 9 p.m. and a semi-professional entertainer was engaged to organise games, etc. Alas! despite the entertainer and his two assistants, several

members of the appeals committee and a number of mothers who volunteered to help, the children took charge and almost organized us!! The noise and energy displayed indicated that we have a very lively rising generation who should be able to make use of our Centre for many years to come.

Refreshments were served during the evening, prizes were awarded to the winners of various games and a talent competition, and each child was given a bag of fruit and sweets before leaving.

Whiskers & Co.

The St. John's Youth Fellowship and Janet Ashton School of Dancing drew large crowds to their pantomime "Whiskers and Co." on the 19th and 20th December.

Producers, Mr. Les Wilson, and Miss Janet Ashton, paid great attention to detail, and the lighting, costumes, and set, were of a very high standard. As someone was heard to say, "What has the Theatre Royal got that we haven't got?"

The enthusiasm and gaiety of the cast was most infectious, and even during the intervals the pot was kept boiling by the jovial rotundity of an escaped clown, who bore a marked resemblance to Mr. Sydney Appleby!

The principal parts were: Cinderella, Margaret Hardwick; Pinchme, Janet Ashton; Scratchme, Margaret Bailey; Lady Gorganzola, Judy Stimpson; Buttons, Victor Drakes; Herald, Michael Page; Prince Charming, Audrey Stentiford; Puss, Annette Madry.

Mrs. Pay and Mr. Les Bailey provided the music and behind the scenes were the indispensable stage manager and electrician, Mr. David Barsley and Mr. Claud Sharran.

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Evergreen Club goes West

On Wednesday, December 17th, the first meeting of St. John's Evergreen Club (Ermine West) was held at St. John's Community Centre.

Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Cottrell, the secretary and treasurer of St. John's Evergreen Club, came over to share their experience of the last two years, and to point out the many possibilities of good things that there are in such a club. Not only is there an opportunity to make friends and to pass a happy afternoon together, but a free library service is available, and cheap foods through the agency of the Red Cross.

Councillor Eccleshare, who said that the start of this club was the fulfilment of one of his ambitions, stressed the need of the club to cater for those old folk who were too old or infirm to leave their homes.

In future the club will meet every Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Social Evening

Following the Official Opening of the Community Centre on Saturday, 13th December, a Family Social was held in the evening and was well attended by residents from all parts of the Estate. The organized games, competitions and dancing were very popular and this first venture in our new Centre was a huge success. An admission charge of 1/- was made and the total amount raised was set aside to assist in providing a free party for the children of Ermine West.

Warning

In the past twelve months I have heard of many occasions when children and even adults have been collecting money or selling tickets from door to door. They have claimed to be collecting with the authority of the Vicar and for some good cause in connection with our church.

It is only on very rare occasions that the church appeals in such ways to your generosity, but at all times, it is unwise to give to anyone who hasn't written authority on behalf of the cause for which he or she is collecting.

Children under 16 years of age are forbidden by law to be used for such a purpose.

Family Worship and Sunday School

(ERMINE WEST)

After the first few experimental Sundays, it is now possible to see more clearly the shape of our worship at St. John's Community Centre.

The two main requests are for a Family Communion at a time when the majority of people can get as a family, and an afternoon service for children, but at which parents and friends will be made welcome.

The Family Communion will be at 10-45 a.m., but as the service is less than an hour, **there is still plenty of time to get the dinner ready.** Everyone is welcome at this service, and during the communion parents are asked to bring their children with them to the altar. The parents receive communion, and the children are blessed. The service includes a short address, and hymns.

The Children's Service is for children of all ages every Sunday afternoon at 2-30 p.m.

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Mothers' Union

An Enrolment Service was held on Tuesday, 9th December, when Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Potter, and Mrs. Thompson were admitted as members of the Mothers' Union.

The Young Wives' Group was invited for the evening, and after refreshments had been served, all joined together in singing carols.

Guide Notes

On Monday, 15th December, fifteen Guides and their officers were invited to the C.L.B. Christmas Party which they thoroughly enjoyed and we thank the officers for their hospitality.

The Guiders wish everyone a Prosperous New Year.

Evergreen Club

The Christmas Fair held on December 6th was a huge success. We had our Bumper Stall to which all members contributed. The doll given by Mr. and Mrs. Handsley, dressed in a white layette knitted by Mrs. Barnes, was again auctioned at the Fair as no one had guessed the name of "Arrabella."

Mrs. Clegg paid us her annual visit to give an interesting account of her holiday abroad. Much of her time was taken moving freely round the members. She is coming again in the near future to conclude her talk.

Mr. Galloway made December 18th a grand afternoon by providing a tea of fish, chips and peas. We served bread and butter and a continuous flow of cups of tea. We had a lucky dip box with a gaily wrapped parcel for each member, together with a Calendar for the New Year.

We are sorry to announce the illness of Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Boote, and Mrs. Wiggett who through a fall is now in St. George's Hospital with a fractured leg. May they make a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Jean Parker gave pots of bulbs for our sick members for Christmas.

Our Party is January 10th, when all members will bring a friend along to a social evening.

We look forward with pleasure to our first speaker of the New Year, Mrs. W. T. Armstrong, of St. Nicholas'.

Young Wives

We are pleased to be able to say that there have been quite a few new Young Wives join us these past few meetings and we do welcome any others who wish to come along.

The Young Wives ran the apron stall at the Christmas Fayre and it was very successful.

At our meeting on 2nd December, we discussed the service of Churching and suggestions for modifying the service to suit modern needs, and afterwards spent an enjoyable half-hour playing "Guess the Celebrity."

At our next meeting, on December 16th, Mrs. Jobling, Chiroprapist, will be giving a talk on "Care of the Feet," and the evening will end with Carol Singing. The Mothers' Union will be the guests of the Young Wives for this meeting.

We are holding our "New Year Party" on January 6th, and the Mothers' Union and Men's Fellowship will be joining us with their Husbands and Wives.

St. John's Youth Club

On the 19th of October, a football team made up from members of St. John's Youth Club played their first match. Our opponents on this occasion were another youth team, Hunt Lea Rangers, and this game we lost. The next match was won by a score of three goals to one. The three goals were all scored by the Captain, Tony Spring. Since then we have played various youth clubs every Sunday afternoon and out of the eight games which have taken place we have won four. Our main goal scorer has been Malcolm Pawson, the centre-forward.

On Boxing Day the youth team have arranged to play the leaders of the club together with other adult members of the Church. This should prove to be a very interesting game.

We are having a club Christmas party on the 2nd of January to which all Club members are cordially invited. All the food and games have been arranged by our own Youth Committee.

On the 7th of January there will be an outing to the pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham.

C.L.B.

We can now report that the first section of band instruments is on order, and many of the lads are eagerly awaiting delivery. It should be pointed out that Brigade Headquarters allow members of the C.L.B. only to become bandmen, but those members at present in the J.T.C. who are desirous of joining the band will receive careful consideration when they are old enough to transfer to the C.L.B.

On 15th December, 70 members and friends of the Company attended a Christmas Party where a hot meal was most kindly provided by Mr. S. Galloway. The meal was followed by a good variety of party games and our old friend Jack Goodman acted as M.C. Music was provided by Mr. Haresign.

The Commanding Officer wishes to thank most sincerely all the staff and those many friends who have in any way helped the Company during the past year and he feels sure that with such loyal support the Company will move from strength to strength.

Best wishes for the New Year are extended to all members of the Company, both past and present, and also to our many friends who have assisted from time to time.

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What's on this month

Events marked * at St. John's Community Centre.

January.

- 4 Sun. **Christmas 2.**
 6 Tue. **Epiphany of our Lord.** Holy Communion, 6-30 a.m. Young Wives', Mothers' Union and Men's Fellowship Party, 7-45 p.m. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.*
 7 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
 8 Thu. Men's Fellowship, 7-30 p.m.
 10 Sat. Evergreen Club Party, 7 p.m.
 11 Sun. **Epiphany 1.**
 13 Tue. Play—Sailor Beware, 7-15 p.m.
 14 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
 15 Thu. P.C.C., 7-45 p.m.
 17 Sat. Sailor Beware, 7-15 p.m.
 18 Sun. **Epiphany 2.**
 20 Tue. Annual General Meeting, 7-30 p.m.*
 21 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
 22 Thu. Men's Fellowship, 7-30 p.m.
 25 Sun. St. John Baptist. **Dedication Festival.**
 26 Mon. Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion, 6-30 p.m.
 27 Tue. Annual General Meeting of the Parish, 7-30 p.m.
 28 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.

The Family Communion

On each Sunday, two members of the congregation are asked to present the bread and wine at the altar on behalf of the whole Church, and another to supervise the Nursery at St. John's House.

January.	Offertory	Nursery
4	Mrs. Parker Mrs. Temporal	Mrs. Roberts
11	Mr. Gregory Mrs. Gregory	Mrs. Thompson
18	Marlene Reynolds Patricia Mann	Mrs. Parsons
25	Mr. Garner Mr. Toyne	Mrs. Dixon
February		
1	Wendy Stentiford Audrey Stentiford	Mrs. Appleby

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 9-15 a.m.

EVENSONG, 6-30 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms. December 7th.

Karen Jane, daughter of Arthur and Constance Hopkinson.

Julie Lesley, daughter of Thomas and Patricia Hewitt.

Jacqueline, daughter of Peter and Patricia Taylor. Julie, daughter of George and Grace Marshall.

Lynn Veronica, daughter of Dennis and Kathleen Minns.

Christopher Clifford, son of Norman and Jean Pepper.

Michael, son of Stanislaw and May Szachnowski.

Jayne, daughter of John and Eva Dallywaters.

Lisa Diane, daughter of Richard and Mavis Proctor.

Christopher Charles, son of Michael and June Cook.

Ian, son of Robert and Albertina Smith.

Kathryn, daughter of David and Iris Garmory.

Graham Robert, son of George and Martha Firth.

Confirmation. December 10th.

C. J. Toyne, J. A. Gregory, Marlene A. Reynolds, Patricia Mann, Wendy A. Stentiford, Audrey D. Stentiford.

Burials.

Nov. 26th Frederick Andrew Montgomery (70).

St. John the Evangelist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 10-45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE, 2-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism is held on the first Sunday in each month at St. John the Baptist, and two weeks' notice should be given to the Vicar.

CONFIRMATION SCHOOLS

SENIORS: All who attend Secondary or Grammar Schools—St. John's Church 10-45 a.m.

JUNIORS: All who attend Junior Schools—Ermine Infants' School—11 a.m.

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