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SUMMER FAIR



The Village Green

This year's "Sports & Gala" will not take place on the School Field as in previous years, but on the Village Green at the side of St. John's Church. The Village Idiot will be roaming around the stalls and sideshows, and anyone caught paying twice is liable to be put in the stocks. Given a little old time sunshine we hope for all the fun of an old world Summer Fair.

Refreshments and teas will be available, and there will be many valuable prizes to be won at Skittles, Hoop-la, BINGO, Darts and many other games.

ASCENSION DAY PILGRIMAGE TO STOW

On the first Ascension Day the disciples went out into the country to witness the Ascension of the Lord. It is now the custom for St. John's Church to go out into the country on Ascension Day to share with some other Church the joy of this great festival and to join with them for Evensong.

Last year we went to the lovely new church at Waddington, and this year, on May 7th the Rector of Stow has invited us to his ancient Mother-Church to Lincoln. Stow's earliest church is said to have been built by Egrid in A.D. 678 and to have been the Saxon Cathedral of the diocese of Lindsey. The Bishopric was eventually moved to Lincoln, and so Stow earned its title of Mother-Church to Lincoln.

Buses will leave St. John's at 7 p.m., calling at St. John's Community Centre at 7-5 p.m. The bus fare will be Adults 1/3, schoolchildren, 9d. The members of Stow Church have kindly invited us to stay after the Service for refreshments.



Crowning of The Rose Queen

Preparations for the crowning of Ermine's Rose Queen are now well in hand, and providing the weather is kind, this event should add a colourful spectacle to an already very attractive Summer Fair programme.

The Queen's procession will form up outside the Church Hall at about 2-45 p.m. and being accompanied by her attendants and escorted by the S. John Companies of the Church Lad's Brigade and Girl Guides, she will go in procession along Laughton Way, Woodhall Drive and Sudbrooke Drive arriving back at the Hall for the crowning ceremony at 3-30 p.m. Also in the procession will be the boys and girls (and, we hope men and women) who have entered for the Fancy Dress competition.

As the procession nears the end of its route, the Queen's arrival will be announced by a fanfare of trumpets. Then will follow the "highlight" of the event. Having taken up her position amidst the splendour and pagentry of the English Rose Queen tradition, the Queen will be crowned and declared to be "Rose Queen of Ermine for 1959."

The person invited to perform the official crowning ceremony, although her name is a closely guarded secret, will add charm and dignity to the proceedings.

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The Sports are planned to provide lots of fun, certainly for the children, but also for the Mums and Dads.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Thoresway Drive will be competing again in the Married Couples Three-legged Championship. They've won it for the last two years, so its time that someone else showed a clean trio of heels.

Veterans have another chance to show their paces, and although the ladies may shine in the Egg and Spoon race, the gentlemen have their chance again in the Tug 'o War. Teams of six may be entered on the ground. Can you get a team of six from your neighbours or workmates?



Baby Show

This year the third Annual Baby Show will be held in St. John's Church Hall, Laughton Way, on:
MONDAY, June 1st, Babies, birth to 6 months.
TUESDAY, June 2nd, Babies 6 months to 13 months.

THURSDAY, June 4th, Babies 13 months to 2 years.

Commencing each afternoon at 3 p.m.

Tea and Refreshments will be served each afternoon.

There will also be a Fruit and Flower Stand and a Gift Stand. Many gifts have been received from local and national Baby Outfitters.

Please enter your babies early to Mrs. G. Dixon, of 17 Welbourne Gardens. Other entries accepted on the day at St. John's Hall.

Massive Marrows

Now is the time to plant your seeds to produce the winning marrow at the St. John's Community Centre Fete on September 5th. The prize will be for the "Heaviest Marrow."

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A personal message to all friends of St. John's . .

The Parochial Church Council have been carefully considering Church finances in relation to the resources, work and well-being of the Church in all its aspects. We have made inquiries into what Churches of our own and other denominations are doing about their financial programmes to help us determine the best ways and means of helping our own Church and its people.

In the past, to supplement the direct giving of our families, we have, like many others, used the usual money-raising methods such as fetes, bazaars, jumble sales etc. with a heavy expenditure in time and effort by a faithful few, with results, however commendable, that are not in any way adequate when measured against the needs of our Church.

After much prayer and thought your P.C.C. has decided to undertake a planned giving programme through an every member canvass as the best means of developing the resources and work of our Church, both financially and spiritually.

To assist us in our programme, we have sought the best advice available after receiving the recommendations of those Churches in the best position to know.

With the knowledge of what such programmes have meant for other Churches, we are looking forward to commencing our own Canvass sometime next October.

Then the necessary skill, knowledge and experience of our advisers will be made available to us so that we may conduct our own Canvass and implement a soundly conceived programme that will mean new life for our Church, financially and spiritually.

K. C. E. PRIESTLEY } *Church Wardens* R. V. WILLIAMSON } *Church Wardens*
L. D. MOORE } *St. John Baptist* J. H. FLINTHAM } *St. John Evangelist*
L. A. SMITH (*Treasurer, St. John's P.C.C.*)

NEW MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY



(Photo by Record and General Photos - Steep Hill)

These eleven babies were baptised at St. John's Church on Sunday, April 5th and were thereby received into the Family of God. A Baptism Service must always be a great public occasion because it is of real concern to all christians when new members are added to the Family.

Parents and Gadparents make very solemn promises on behalf of the babes, which they cannot begin to fulfil unless they worship within the fellowship of the church. Unfortunately, this is not too easy for many parents during the first few months after the babies birth, but here are a few

suggestions that might help.

1. At the main service, the Family Communion, there is a children's nursery at St. John's House at 9-15 a.m. and the babes and toddlers will be looked after by some competent person whilst Mother and Father go to church together.

2. Where the above suggestion isn't practical then there is always the possibility of parents taking it in turns to look after the babe, so that one of them comes to the Communion, and the other to Evensong.

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Evergreen Club (West)

On April 7th we had our general meeting when Mrs. Priestley was unanimously re-elected as secretary, in which capacity she has so ably served since the club opened.

On April 14th Mr. Baker showed us a very interesting colour film (spring, summer, autumn and winter) which was greatly enjoyed by a good company.

An interesting programme has been arranged for several weeks ahead, including April 21st a talk by Mr. Raw, and on April 28th a play is to be given by members of the club.

An outing has also been arranged to Tealby on May 12th which given a fine day should be very enjoyable.

(East)

The chief item of interest this month is that three members now in their 80's have met in the club after 60 years. All three worked at a large Hall in the County. One lady's husband was head gardener another's husband the shepherd, and the other lady the housemaid. What a lot of old memories they have recalled.

We shall have a Pound Stall at the Summer Fair on June 6th, and all kind friends are asked to give any member of our club gifts such as 1 lb Flour, 1 lb Apples, 1 lb Onions, in fact 1 lb of anything. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Cottrell will have a gift stall, and anything will be acceptable at 17 Welbourn Gardens for that stall.

We are commencing our monthly outings to the villages and this month we shall have an evening trip.

On May 26th, 33 members will visit the Wedgwood Factory.

The annual Outing will be on July 8th to Bridlington.

C.L.B.

On Sunday, 12th April, members of the Company attended an enrolment service of the newly formed Company at the R.A.F. Station, Waddington. The parade, which included a contingent from Scunthorpe, was inspected by the Commanding Officer of the Camp Group, Capt. D. Iveson, D.S.O., S.F.C., who also took the salute at the March Past. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. G. Jakeman.

WHIST

EVERY TUESDAY AT
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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT
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7-30 p.m.

Admission 2/-

A sixty seater bus was hired for the occasion and members of St. John's Company were accompanied by four parents. It has now transpired that more parents would have liked to join us and future outings of the Company will be given more publicity. We are indeed delighted to know that parents wish to take an active interest in Brigade work and it would seem that the time is now opportune for forming a Parents Society. With this object in view all parents will be receiving an invitation to attend an inaugural meeting at which officers and committee will be elected.

Youth Club

Last year the Youth Council in Lincoln organized a quiz competition between the Youth Clubs of the city. St. Peter and St. Paul's Youth Fellowship won the cup after fighting their way through many close rounds. The competition was such a success that the Youth Council decided to organize another this year. St. John's Youth Club played their first round on the 9th of April against last year's winners and won after a hard game by 36 points to 28. The members of our team were Diane Bailey, Sandra Codling, Michael Page and Ray Haresign. We will be having the second round in the near future and we hope we will be as lucky in this round as in the last.

Our Sunday evening meetings have now been divided into two groups; one for the over sixteen age group and another for the younger age group. By dividing the club in this way we hope that each group will be able to arrange a programme to suit its own particular needs.

Young Wives' Group

A very interesting quiz contest was held on the 17th March and on the 7th April we spent a very enjoyable evening listening to Sister E. Newell who told us of her work as a welfare officer in Lincoln. An "Any Questions" evening has been arranged for May 19th, and the panel will include Rev. J. H. C. Laurence, Mrs. W. T. Armstrong and Mr. J. Cochrane.

Afternoon teas are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month, and friends are invited.

The Family Communion

May	Offertory	Nursery
3	Mr. & Mrs. Cockerill	Mrs. Parsons
10	Mr. & Mrs. Appleby	Mrs. Dixon
17	Susan Wilson Laura Blythe	Mrs. Appleby
24	Mr. & Mrs. S. Smith	Mrs. W. E. Wilson
31	Mr. Fisher Mr. Parker	Mrs. J. Wilson
June		
7	David Alderton Richard Parker	Mrs. Hodgkinson

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What's on this month

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

- May
 1 Fri. SS. Philip and James AA & MM. Holy Communion 7-15 a.m.
 3 Sun. **Rogation Sunday.**
 4 Mon. Management Committee 7-45 p.m. *
 5 Tues. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
 7 Thur. **Ascension Day.** Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.
 8 Fri. Dance, Co-op Hall, 8 p.m.—1 a.m.
 10 Sun. **Sunday after Ascension.**
 11 Mon. Management Committee 7-45 p.m.
 12 Tues. Mothers' Union 7-45 p.m.
 17 Sun. **Whit Sunday.**
 19 Tues. Young Wives' Group 7-45 p.m.
 22 Fri. Church Extension Society Gift Day. Outside St. Mary-le-Wigford, 8 a.m.—7 p.m.
 24 Sun. **Trinity.**
 26 Tues. Moral Welfare Offering Service, Cathedral, 2-30 p.m.
 28 Thur. **Corpus Christi.** Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Mar. 29 Richard, son of William and Herta Carol Ann, daughter of Herbert and Gladys Hill.
 April 5 Kim Joseph, son of Colin and Irene Bell. Vanessa Leigh, daughter of Colin and Irene Bell.
 Ian Robert, son of Roy and Kathleen Bruce.
 Michael David, son of Michael and Joyce Moore.
 Julie, daughter of Gerald and Joan Parkinson.
 Kevin Peter, son of Harold and Betty White.
 Stuart, son of Terrence and Freda Francis.
 Vicki, daughter of Thomas and Barbara Luff.
 Royce Denver, son of Ivor and Kathleen Davies.
 Angela, daughter of Dennis and Rita Leeman.
 Susan Rosalind, daughter of Geoffrey and Marion Ashton.

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Baptisms

- April 5 Janette Linda, daughter of Derreck and Brenda Chantrey.
 Patricia Melanie, daughter of Peter and Moira Stubbs.

Burial

- Mar. 26 George Watson Essam (59).

Church of St. John the Baptist with St. John the Evangelist Community Centre

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Wardens: Mr. K. Priestley, 50 Laughton Way; Mr. L. D. Moore, 97 Browning Drive.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 9-15 a.m.
 EVENSONG, 6-30 p.m.

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.

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