

# ERMINE NEWS

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The Service will form a preparation for Christmas and will be held on Sunday, December 18th at St. John Evangelist (Ermine West) at 2-30 p.m. and St. John the Baptist at 6-30 p.m.

### Christian Giving

The results of the recent Review Canvass have been most encouraging. Many families have accepted Planned Giving as the natural way of supporting the work of their church and expressing their generosity for God's great goodness. As a result of the Review an additional £250 per annum has been pledged to the work of God.

### Wanted . .

. . Ladies, who from time to time will wash choir robes and other vestments, and also, anyone handy with a needle and thread to keep the vestments in good repair. Please contact the Vicar or Mrs. D. Barsley, 52 Laughton Way.

### An Introduction to the Communion

On the first Sunday in each month at St. John the Baptist the Junior Confirmation Guild will join in a Communion Service at 10-30 a.m. Parents and other adults are invited to come as well. There will be a simple commentary on the Service so that anyone who has never been to a Communion Service before will be able to follow and enter into the rich meaning of it all.

### Adult Confirmation Classes

There will be a Confirmation at St. John's next March, and preparation classes for adults and older teenagers will start in January. It would be a great help if all those who are interested or would like to discuss the matter would contact the clergy as soon as possible. Further details next month.



### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Eve**  
 Midnight Communion 11-45 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
 Family Communion 9-0 a.m.  
 Family Communion 10-30 a.m.  
 (St. J.E., Ermine West)  
 Evensong and Carols 6-30 p.m.

### The Happiest Days of Your Life

Schooldays may be the happiest days of your life, but the St. John's Players shewed us how they could become riotous when a girls' school is evacuated to share a boys' school. The Heads of the School were very well portrayed by Marjorie Bailey and Eric Griggs, who rose magnificently to the situation. The love interest was provided by Geoff. Kaye and Jackie Cornfield—who dispelled popular notions about schoolmistresses—while Dorothy Stokes stole much of the show as she chased the confirmed bachelor, excellently played by Ray Haresign.

Obviously any school which tried to teach Margaret Bailey or Tom Hill is doomed from the start, and with Albert Dixon as Caretaker anything might happen.

Then the parents arrived, Gladys Dixon, very forthright, and Jim Parker, very holy (on whom, we wonder, did Jim base his portrait of a clergyman?). Dorothy Birkett and Maurice Lound gave very creditable first performances, and we look forward to seeing more of them.

The Show was produced by Janet Ashton with tremendous patience and no little skill—Roll on the next Show!

### Stop Press

Contracts have been signed for the Playing Field on Woodhall Drive and for a Bowling Green at Lenton Green; and Messrs. Overton have now begun work on the levelling of the playing field.

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**Evergreen West**

On 11th October we had a visit from Mrs. Jean Scott, the county borough organizer of the W.V.S., who gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Women's Voluntary Service.

The following week the Rev. W. J. T. Brockie gave us a talk on "Experiences of Borstal Camp Life," in which he, along with fellow students, spent a fortnight in the Camp among the boys. On 25th October we were thrilled by a talk given by Mr. F. T. Baker on "Our City in the Roman Period."

1st November was our special 'surprise' afternoon with our Vicar singing songs to a guitar, which all enjoyed. On 8th November we had a Film Show.

Don't forget "Special Grand Concert" 14th December at 6 p.m. for adults only, Tickets 1/- each. W.F.

**Youth Fellowship**

On the 4th November in place of our usual club night we decided to have a "Beatnik Social." All members wishing to join in the evening's activities were asked to wear "beatnik" dress. This proved to be a most successful and enjoyable occasion as each member played their part. The girls with their fabulous hairstyles, wearing sloppy sweaters, string beads, short, tight skirts, coloured stockings and severely pointed shoes looked very typical. The boys supported them well by growing long hair, beards and wearing fashionable beatnik clothing. Prizes were given to the two most likely "beatnik" couples who were Iris Mann and Mike Roberts, Wendy Stentiford and John Gadsby.

Five boys from the Fellowship went to Grantham on the 12th November to take part in a Five-a-Side football tournament and they played very well.

A.D.S.

**Evergreen East**

In spite of the inclement weather the meetings have been well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Dixon was unanimously elected Leader and Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Barnes as Secretary.

Plans were made for a New Years Party and to take the Pensioners to Mablethorpe during "Happy Hour Week" in May, free of charge.

Until Christmas, we are having a Whist Drive every Thursday at 2-30 p.m. which is open to all, price 6d.

W.C.B.

**Young Wives**

On the 25th October the Young Wives welcomed Mrs. Newman, who gave a very interesting talk and food for thought when she said amongst other things that "life without religion was rather like a person without a limb." It was most kind of Mrs. Newman to come, as she had only recently come out of hospital after a serious operation.

Sister Heath on the 8th November, also gave a serious talk on the Y.W. and their children but laced with her own brand of dry humour plus anecdotes from her busy career, we had quite a few good laughs.

Both meetings were very well attended and Mrs. Burton gave the vote of thanks.

J.T.

**For Better  
 For Worse**

On November 1st many married couples shared in a service of renewal of their Wedding Vows. Canon Syngé took the service and gave a most meaningful and helpful address. After the service "The Wedding Breakfast" was held in the Back Room where the splendid cake, made by Mrs. King, vanished remarkably quickly. Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson and the members of the Mothers' Union for arranging a very enjoyable evening.

**ST. JOHN BAPTIST**

Family Communion 9-00 a.m.  
 Evensong 6-30 p.m.  
 Baptism — 1st Sunday in the month (two weeks notice to the Vicar) 3-45 p.m.

**ST. JOHN EVANGELIST**

Family Communion 10-30 a.m.  
 Evensong (1st Sunday in the month) i.e. December 4th 6-30 p.m.

**Calendar** December, 1960

- 4 **Advent 2.** Cabourne Ave.\*
- 5 C.L.B. Open Night, 7-30 p.m.  
 St. J.E. Management, 7-45 p.m.
- 6 Young Wives and M.U., Canon E. Blake, 7-45 p.m.
- 11 **Advent 3.** Carlton Grove\*
- 14 Evergreen West Anniversary Party.
- 18 **Advent 4.** David Ave.\*  
 A Modern Carol Service:  
 St. J.E., 2-30 p.m.  
 St. J.B., 6-30 p.m.
- 20 Young Wives, Mr. Mitchell, 7-45 p.m.
- 21 **St. Thomas, A. & M.**  
 H.C., 6-30 a.m.
- 24 } See Front Page.
- 25 }
- 30 Youth Fellowship Parties, 7-30

**St. John's Register**

**Baptisms**—November 6th  
 Martin John, son of Donald and Betty Grattrick.  
 David Gareth, son of Jack and Margaret Scobell.  
 Colin, son of George and Betty Bilboa.  
 Timothy Paul, son of Kenneth and Noreen Mitchell.  
 John Charles, son of John and Barbara Raddings.  
 Pauline, daughter of Harry and Gwendoline Aspland.

**Drama A.G.M.**

The St. John's Drama Group will hold an Annual General Meeting in St. John the Baptist Church Hall on Wednesday, 7th December at 7-45.

If you are interested in the work of the group, as either actor, spectator, or if you would care to help with scenery, effects, wardrobe, make-up etc., you will be very welcome.

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