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St. John's becomes a Parish

Extract from the *London Gazette*:

"At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th Oct., 1960, present The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council . . . we, the Church Commissioners humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the scheme for constituting a new parish, St. John the Baptist Lincoln."

To commemorate the forming of the new parish the Bishop of Lincoln will be the Celebrant at the Family Communion at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, January 15th, at 9 a.m.

Parish Church

BISHOP GIVES "GO AHEAD"

A further grant of £5,000 from the Church Commissioners has been made towards the building of St. John's Parish Church, and the Bishop of Lincoln has encouraged us to go ahead and start building. There is a lot of money still to be raised, and 1961 will need to see a big effort throughout the Parish. The plans so far have raised widespread interest and acclaim, and when the P.C.C. have approved the final details you may well see pictures of your parish church on T.V. and in the daily press. More details next month, but please remember in your prayers all who are concerned in the planning and preparation of this work for God's glory.

Change of Name

Now that we are a parish, St. John's House will become St. John's Vicarage, and the Asst. Curate's bungalow will take over the name St. John's House.

The bungalow is rapidly nearing completion but it may not be quite ready for January 3rd, when Fr. Bill is to be married to Miss Jenny Collinson at Dulwich College Chapel, London. However they propose to live in a caravan on the church site until they can move in.

All at St. John's offer them their congratulations and good wishes, and we would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs. Brockie as she comes to live amongst us.

Confirmation 1961

The Rt. Rev. the Dean of Lincoln will be taking a Confirmation Service at St. John's on Saturday, March 18th at 7-30 p.m.

Besides the many adults and teenagers who have already given in their names there are many people who would like to know about it all before they commit themselves. There are also many others who are already confirmed, but would like to attend a "Revision" course.

To meet all these needs a course of instruction will be given at the Evening Service at St. John the Baptist on Sundays at 6-30. The first of these services will be on January 15th. At this service there will be a printed syllabus of the whole course, and printed notes will also be issued each evening. After each service there will be a cup of tea and the opportunity to ask questions and to join a discussion group. The clergy will also be available during the week for personal interviews and instruction.

Start at the beginning—Jan. 15th, at 6-30 p.m.

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Glory to God in the Highest

On Sunday, December 18th, Christmas began in St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist with A Modern Carol Service. Both Services were well attended and we sang a mixture of old and new carols led by the "Heavenly Host" with Denise Freestone, Christine Courtney, Colin Hunter and Ted Daines as soloists. The evening service was by candle-light—including a new chandelier made for the occasion by David Barsley,—and was very beautiful.

The nine speaking parts—three angels, three wise men in smart modern suits and three shepherds in their everyday overalls—brought home the meaning of Christmas and its importance and relevance for us all—here and now.

Church Lads' Brigade

This year the company have made satisfactory progress and our numbers have increased, especially in the Y.B.C. under their leader, Mrs. Harrison.

Our camp this year at Humberston was enjoyed by all and this has encouraged us to go further afield next year. The camp for 1961 will be at Botley Y.M.C.A., Southampton and the trip will be made by motor coach.

Our C.O. has now been promoted to Captain, and Lt. Dent, and Lt. Hewitt have been made full Lts.

There will in future be a Parade for the lads on the first Sunday in the month at the Communion at 10-30 a.m. We would welcome parents to this Service. J.G.

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New Year Party

St. John the Baptist Church Hall,
Wednesday, January 18th, 7-45—
10-30 p.m. Admission by ticket,
2/6.

Youth Fellowship

On Tuesday, the 29th November,
several members of the Fellowship
attended the Annual General Meet-
ing of the Youth Council in Lincoln.
At the meeting the retiring Chairman
presented cups and certificates to the
successful Youth Clubs who had
taken part in the many events
organised by the Council during the
past year. St. John's Youth Fellow-
ship received the cup presented to
the winners of the Junior General
Knowledge Quiz. We also received
certificates awarded for athletics and
for the show we produced in the
'Pick of the Shows' competition.

Members watched three very
interesting films in a special film
show on the 2nd December. The
first film was about racing cars, the
second about the Royal Lifeboat
Institution and the last film of the
evening was a comedy.

A.D.S.

Evergreen East

A large attendance enjoyed a
Cinema Show on Travel, given by
British Railways.

The Club presented "Lenton
Green" with a pair of candlesticks
for the Communion table.

Our Whist Drives and Dominos
are becoming very popular.

The Evergreen East wishes all
readers a Happy and Prosperous New
Year. W.E.B.

Evergreen West

November 15th was a great day
for our Club when Mrs. Eccleshare
came to open our Christmas Stall.
The workers were well repaid for all
their efforts and hard work.

On the 22nd we were delighted to
have Mrs. Tinker with us once again,
who gave a most interesting talk on
"This is Your Life." The 29th
November we enjoyed a demonstra-
tion given by a team of smart and fit
Ladies from the "Over 21 Club"
under their leader, Miss Janet Ash-
ton.

A Thought for the Festive Season:
"It's the job of the Mint to make it
first, and yours to make it Last."
W.F.

Young Wives

The Y.W. "Ranch House Party"
on the 22nd November, was a great
success, with Square Dancing,
Games and a Hot Dog and Coffee
Supper to follow.

We also invited Fr. Bill to be
"Sheriff-M.C." for the evening.

On the 6th December, Y.W. and
M.U. were at a joint meeting, when
Canon Blake showed us the Modern
way to Religion with songs and music
on his guitar.

Mrs. Wilson, the Enrolling Mem-
ber of the M.U. introduced Canon
Blake and our Group Leader, Mrs.
Blyth gave the vote of thanks.

St. John Evangelist Community Centre

All activities are flourishing, and
the Girl Guides looked exceedingly
smart on their recent church parade.
The Youth Fellowship, Evergreen
Club and Over 21 Club continue to
grow and they are very much ap-
preciated.

Bingo and Whist still hold their
attraction and many thanks to their
organisers who do such valuable
work.

A Dance has been arranged for
Saturday, January 28th, 7-30—11.
Admission 2/6.

Guide Concert

On December 8th, St. John's Hall
was packed for the Guides' Jubilee
Concert. There was a full and
entertaining programme of chorus
items, songs and dances and every-
one had a most 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. January 1st 6-30 p.m.

Brownie Farewell

On December 14th, the Brownies
made a presentation to Mrs. Hall
who has been their Brown Owl
since the St. John's Pack was
formed. Mrs. Hall then pre-
sented a gift of £6 on behalf of the
Brownies to the Parish Church
Building Fund.

Calendar January 1961

- 1 **New Year's Day.** Dunston
Close.*
- 3 **Young Wives'.** Miss Coxon
"Cookery Demonstration."
- 6 **Epiphany.** H.C., 6-30 a.m.
- 8 **Epiphany I.** Clarendon Gar-
dens.*
- 9 St. J.E. Management, 7-45 p.m.
- 10 M.U., 7-45 p.m.
- 11 St. J.B. Management, 7-45 p.m.
- 12 Evergreen (East) Party.
- 15 **Dedication Festival.** Dun-
holme Ct.*
9 a.m., The Bishop of Lincoln.
- 17 **Young Wives'.** Fr. John, "The
Other You."
- 18 **New Year Party,** 7-30 p.m.
- 22 **Epiphany 3.** Edendale C. C. *
- 25 **Conversion of St. Paul.** H.C.,
6-30 a.m.
- 28 **Dance.** St. J.E. (Ermine West),
7-30 p.m.
- 29 **Septuagesima.** Edlington Cl.*
- 31 **Young Wives'.** Miss Overton,
"Diets."

* These streets are prayed for on the
Sunday, and during the following week.

St. John's Register

Baptisms.—December 4th.
Beverly Ann, daughter of Denis and
June Dean.
Dawn Elizabeth, daughter of James
and Patricia Millson.
Burial.—December 7th.
Joseph Thomas Ford (69).

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