

EVERY THREE YEARS



St. John's Loyalty Dinner will be held at the Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, October 15th.

Every three years all those who look to St. John's as their Church are invited to review the Parish Programme at a Loyalty Dinner. The picture shown above was taken at the last dinner held in October, 1959.

At the dinner men of the church will present the needs and opportunities which lie ahead, and this year there will be the special challenge to complete the Parish Church.

In the light of these needs each family is asked to go home and think first of the blessings that they have received from God and secondly of the extent which they can give week by week to further God's work.

At no time is it ever suggested that any family should give any particular sum, but we are asked to give generously and to plan our gift to God along with our weekly household budget.

You can be a church builder, a privilege that comes only once in a lifetime. Make sure that you are invited to this year's Loyalty Dinner by sending your name to the Vicar. If you come and hear all the facts you will want to help.

To enable parents to come together, special arrangements will be made for baby sitters and there will be a supper and film show for children at St. John's Hall. Special buses will also be arranged to and from the Assembly Rooms.

The Roof

The roof that has been so much talked about is going up and as each bus passes by all necks crane to see what happens next.

A great cage of scaffolding is being built to support the light joists which go in straight lines all over the roof. Boards are then fixed to these joists, and bent to form the curved shape of the roof. Two layers of steel mesh are fixed over the boards and all is ready for the concrete. A large crane will be used to lift and pour the concrete which will be worked to a four inch thickness.

When dry the roof will be finished off with a skin of sheet aluminium.

The scaffolding and hardboard are taken away, leaving just the slender and graceful lines of—the roof.

St. John's Community Centre

Evergreen Club

After two very successful years as Secretary of St. John's Evergreen Club (West), Mr. Froggatt has been compelled by ill health to resign from this office. He will still be helping with the club wherever he can, but the club is now looking for someone who will give the time and energy necessary to fill this important position. Any volunteers?

£100 Gift

The Mangement Committee have decided to put £100 into a special fund to provide a pulpit for the Parish Church. This generous action is much appreciated and should help to show us that the parish church belongs just as much to the West as it does to the East.

United Evensong

To foster this sense of unity an experiment was tried on Sunday, September 2nd. For Evensong on that night all the choir, servers and congregation from St. John the Baptist went in a convoy of cars to join in a united service at St. John the Evangelist.

New Walls

The wall of the Community Centre is going up at last and by the time this is in print the handsome new notice board will no doubt be in position.

Gala Night

Its a little way ahead, but make note of Saturday, November 10th when it will be West Gala Night, with a special dance at the Community Centre.

Ermine Recreational Field

The field is now coming into full operation under the Groundsman, Mr. Clifford Saul. The football pitch, fully booked up, is shared by Ermine United F.C. and Old Lincolnians F.C. and the hockey pitch is used by the De Wint Ladies H.C. Cricket on the square will begin next year. Showers, with hot and cold running water, are soon to be fitted in the changing room.

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Adoptions— Foster Homes, etc.

At a recent meeting of the Lincoln City Council for Social and Moral Welfare, the Chairman the Rev. W. T. Armstrong expressed pleasure at the number of parishes represented on the Council this year. Mr. Armstrong said this showed there was a growing interest amongst lay people in this particular field of work.

Miss Magness said that in view of two recent cases she could not stress the point too much that adoptive parents should let the child grow up in the knowledge that he was adopted, rather than thrust it upon him at the age of five or six or even later.

In conclusion, Miss Magness said Foster Parents were urgently required within the city, also homes for young girls expecting their babies. If anyone could help in this very worthwhile way, Miss Magness could give further details if contacted at Jews' House, Steep Hill.

JEAN THOMPSON.



Junior Confirmation Schools

St. John Baptist 10-30 a.m. 90 were present when the Sunday School opened on September 9th. Last years average attendance was between 120 and 130; this year we hope to reach 150 once the session really gets going. We will continue to collect milk bottle tops for the Universities Mission to Central Africa school at Fiwila. We have a fine band of teachers; Valerie Arnold, David Boucher, Pat Birkitt, Andrew Chamberlain, Jane Dixon, Margaret Garner, Anthony Hewitt, Andrew Mason, Susan Sargent, Sheila Stokes, Susan Tatton and Susan Wilson, who give up much time and devote a great deal of energy to the Sunday School.

St. John the Evangelist 2-30 p.m. This school is smaller than the last, but 28 were present when we began on September 9th. We would very much like to see this school grow. Those who do come are extremely regular and also collect milk bottle tops for Fiwila. Miss Beryl Briggs leads the Sunday School with help from Mr. Flintham, Susan Baker and Leslie King.

The teachers have a meeting each week taken by Father Bill and some, with special instruction from Mrs. D. Newman will take the Lincoln Diocese Sunday School Teachers' Certificate this Autumn. Later this year another series of classes will begin, for people who will start teaching next year. Any volunteers please see the clergy.

You are invited to a

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Dear Friends,

The clergy of the Chapter decided that it would be good if every Church magazine in the Deanery carried a common message this month about the coming Mission to Lincolnshire and they bade me write it! I am sincerely glad to do so, because it is one small sign that we are all in this enterprise together.

Each parish is making its own plans for the Mission and since parishes differ widely, it is obviously right that it should be so. The local Church with its local community must remain the centre of pastoral care and evangelism. Yet we belong to the larger community as well and the fellowship of the Church must pass over and beyond parish boundaries. If you have a number of sticks, it is easy to break each one; but bind them together in a bundle and it becomes much more difficult, or even impossible. We are bound together in a bundle, because we have one common Lord and Saviour, One Lord, One Faith, One Church.

So it is right and good that we should do some things together in preparation for the forward movement. You will have heard already about the Corporate Communion on October 5th; about the Conference on October 27th—28th. Please do everything you can to support these, as a matter of loyalty.

There are always two steps in the spreading of the Kingdom. The first is the deepening of the devotion, faith and understanding of all of us who

are already within the Church; we must be more adequate for the work to which God is calling us, more informed, more full of faith. Each Church must become a stronghold, where the Love and Power of our Heavenly Father are seen in the lives and witness of its members. We must not be luke-warm—not any of us; not like the Laodiceans in Revelation 3. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock"; Christ Himself is calling you—yes, you—to be more fitted to do His work.

Much of the Mission year will be given to the effort of strengthening all of us. But there is the second step, that of going outside our boundaries to seek and to save others. This is not a work for this year only, but for always; this is a work that goes on when one man or woman quietly witnesses to their faith; brings some-one to Church; speaks the right word at the time crisis; lives and sacrifices for Christ.

So I would urge you, now, right away, to make two resolutions.

1. to pray for the Mission every day; the success of all our work depends on this, on a great many people praying regularly and faithfully. There is no substitute for prayer.

2. To decide on one, two, three people for whose conversion you will particularly pray and to whom you will be prepared to speak, as and when occasion offers and as God leads, remembering that Christ died for them.

He died for us as well and nothing is too much for us to do for Him.

May God bless you all,

V. I. DALBY.

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October

- 1 C.L.B. Annual Inspection.
- 2 Mothers' Union. Canon A. M. Cook, 7-45 p.m.
- 5 Deanery Corporate Communion. St. Faith's, 8 p.m.
- 7 **Harvest Festival.**
- 9 Young Wives Group.
- 14 **Trinity 17.**
- 16 Loyalty Dinnier. Assembly Rooms, 7-30 p.m.
- 18 **St. Luke.** Holy Communion, 7-15 a.m.
- 21 **Trinity 18.**
- 23 Young Wives' Group.
- 27 } Weekend Conference at Training College.
- 28 } 'Church and Parish in the 20th Century'.
- 28 **Thanksgiving Service, 9-00 a.m.**
Rev. D. Hawker (Diocesan Missioner).

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Sept. 2 Amanda Jane, daughter of Frank and Majorie Rosling.
Jayne, daughter of Walter and Nadine Derry.
Anne Elizabeth, daughter of Ronald and Margaret Woodward.
Christine, daughter of Charles and Jean Savidge.
- Sept. 16 Nigel John, son of Reginald and Eleanor Cluitt.

Burials

- Aug. 29 Walter Coote.
Sept. 3 Emma Augusta Twells, 99 years.
Sept. 5 Ethel Hirst, 81 years.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

December 1st

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What Do You Know?

That Level Crossing

A hundred and sixteen years ago when the first train 'flashed' or 'crept' its way across the level crossing at a few miles an hour, a man waving a large red flag (no politics please!) was detailed to walk in front of the train in case any stray person was proceeding along the High Street and might be run over.

George Hudson the 'Railway King' boasted he would bring a train to Lincolnshire before others had done talking about it and he was successful. The Midland Railway was the first to reach the city (the, then London to York line took a route west of Lincoln).

In August 1846 the 'Great Gala Day' took place when two trains leaving Nottingham and Lincoln each started at 9 a.m. arriving at each others stations by 11 a.m. In Lincoln the bells of most churches including the Cathedral rang peals—flags were flown and the band of the 4th Irish Dragoons played the 'Railway Waltz' as the train left. Crowds of people cheered and a cannon was fired in the station yard and an old record tells us, one Paul Harden had his leg shattered with the cannon ball and he was removed to the old Hospital in Christ's Hospital Terrace.

Amid a heavy downpour of rain (they too had August British Holiday weather in 1846) celebrations went on—a banquet was given in the National School in Silver Street in the evening. So came the first train. The Great Northern Railway from Peterborough to Lincoln followed in 1848 and the Lincoln High Street was crossed twice. Lincoln folk thought the two railways could combine in **one** crossing and the Town Clerk was sent to London to persuade the authorities to do so, but he was solemnly assured that not the slightest inconvenience need be anticipated.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

Family Communion, 9-00 a.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3-45 p.m.—Two weeks notice please to clergy.

St. John the Evangelist

Family Communion, 10-30 a.m.

Evensong, 1st Sunday in the month at 6-30 p.m.

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