

PRIVY COUNCIL DECLARES ERMINE A NEW PARISH

The Privy Council has recommended to the Queen that the status of Parish be granted to St. John's, Ermine, on the date of Consecration of the Parish Church.

This day is to be October 6th, and you are invited to attend any, or all of the three Services arranged on this day.

A certain number of seats have been reserved at the Consecration Service at 9-0 a.m. but there is plenty of room, and everyone is welcome.

There is still about £2,000 to be raised for the work in hand, and at some later date it will be necessary to build the vestry, chapel and bell tower. However this will be something to think about when we have cleared the present debt.

We now have a Parish Church which is indeed a House of God, a symbol of God's presence in the midst of his people, a fitting place for those great moments of Communion, Baptism, Marriage, etc.

St. John the Evangelist will still serve the elderly and youngsters of Ermine West who may find it difficult to reach the Parish Church. A revised list of Services for both churches will be found on the back page, and note that from November, the Baptism on the third Sunday in the month will be at St. John the Evangelist.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

October 6th

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9-0 a.m.

A Thanksgiving Service to Commemorate the Day of Consecration (attended by the Mayor and Mayoress). Address: Canon V. I. Dalby (Rural Dean of Christianity)

Representatives of Lincoln parishes will make gifts to the new church at this service.

3-0 p.m.

FIRST FAMILY COMMUNION. Address, the Vicar.

6-30 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th

7-30 p.m.

Address — THE REV. W. T. ARMSTRONG

All volunteers to help decorate the church welcome Tuesday afternoon or evening, October 8th. Also gifts of fruit and flowers.



MID-WEEK COMMUNION

There are several mid-week Celebrations of Holy Communion every week, some in homes, and some in hospitals.

The picture above was taken after the Communion Service which is held at Lenten Green every other Tuesday at 9-30 a.m. Two card tables become the altar, and with a well starched white linen cloth and two brightly polished candlesticks the common room becomes the church. Many of the people there will have been at church on the Sunday, but some find it difficult to get that far. For all, though, there is joy in sharing in the prayers of the church and in receiving Holy Communion in the middle of the week.

On other days during the week the clergy are often to be seen taking Communion to those who

are sick or infirm. Here is Christ's healing, or sometimes a final blessing for a christian soul about to depart this life.

For those in hospital there are hospital chaplains who take Communion to those who ask for it. Fr. John is chaplain to nine wards at St. George's Hospital, so on each Friday morning he, and Fr. Bill, go out at 6-30 a.m. to visit each of the wards in their care, and to minister to those who are sick.

There are two mid-week services of Holy Communion in church, one on Tuesday mornings at 7-30 and one on Wednesday at 9-15 a.m. Here is the opportunity for the faithful to come and link their daily prayers, their needs and their thanks, to the great prayer of Christ himself.

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EVERGREEN CLUB WEST

The last of the season's outings was held on Tuesday, August 27th, when two bus loads of members set off at 8-30 a.m. for a day at Bridlington.

The journey there was made via Scunthorpe, Keadby Bridge, Crowle and Goole, where we made a halt for coffee, then on through the Yorkshire countryside to Bridlington, arriving there prompt at 12-30 p.m. where an excellent chicken

lunch was waiting for us at the 'Tammye'. Apart from one or two light showers the afternoon was very nice, we all enjoyed it very much. The return journey was the same until we reached Goole, then we made a detour and came via Thorne and Bawtry, where a halt was made for a little refreshment, then on through Gainsborough and arriving on the Ermine West at 10 o'clock, tired but happy and no complaints.

Visitation of the Elderly on Ermine West

It is pleasing that since this good work began in July, the joint churches of Ermine West have produced 28 voluntary visitors who are giving regular Christian service to over two hundred aged people. Lists of a further 60 are not yet complete, owing to the holiday period. Our first groups are the elderly living in bungalows and flats. These total three hundred and for these we still need visitors for Jesmond View (8), and two or three visitors to share Clarendon Gardens (20).

Volunteers who hesitated are now finding real joy in their visiting. The appreciation shown, and "Do come again soon" are ample reward. Sufferers who were unaware of the Welfare Services available, now count their visitors as best friends.

The first Report Meeting is on November 4th in Ermine Methodist Church. Can we find volunteers to cover the flats needing visitors before that date? Anyone willing to help in this rewarding service, please contact Mrs. Johnson, 35 Ermine Close.

OCTOBER MISSION

Sunday, October 13th - Sunday, October 20th

The sixteen Missioners will be living in the parish and visiting many of our homes during this week. Will you invite one of them to join you for a meal? There is a list up in church, and we should like to see it filled up as soon as possible.

There are twenty-five house meetings arranged during the week. Try and get to one of them. They are quite informal, and we want to find out what you really think about the Church, and what you think the Church ought to be doing.

Letters Received:

Dear Vicar,

We came to the dance on Friday night and we thought it was fab. We come up every Friday but the group this week was great.

We hope we will be able to see them again up there sometime.

We would just like to say thank-you for making it such a good night out. Please give our love to all the group — thanks again.

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Thanksgiving Supper

OCTOBER 19th

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EVERGREEN (EAST) GARDEN PARTY RAISES £56

The Evergreen Club (East) now have £56 in the kitty towards their gift for the Parish Church, but for the heavy rain on the day they would certainly have raised much more. A great army of helpers worked hard on the various stalls. Mr. White and Mr. Howsam on the Tombola, Mrs. Gott on the White Elephant, Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Roberts on the Fruit and Vegetable, Mrs. Cottrell and Mrs. Clapham on the Pantry Stall, Mrs. Dove and Mrs. Goodman on the Charity Stall and Mr. Trett on the Gate, represented the Evergreens while other kind people from many church organizations helped with the Teas, Sweet

Stall, Handkerchief Stall, Roll-a-Penny, Nine-pins, Chinese Laundry, Bowling, Sixpence in the Bath, and the Cake Stall and Hot-Dogs.

Fr. John introduced Mrs. Wanda Berryman from Canada, who told us how she liked the church and wished the Evergreen effort all the best of luck. Mrs. Berryman, who is in England for two years, said how very pleased she was to open an English Garden Party. On behalf of the Evergreen Club (East) Mrs. G. Dixon thanked Mrs. Berryman and gave her a small gift.

The cake given by the Matron of Ermine House was won by Mrs. Meanwell.

Junior Sunday School (East)

The beginning of the year sees eleven classes in the hall for the 10-30 a.m. Sunday School. The boys are divided into six classes taken by Andrew Mason, Mervyn Potter, Jane Dixon, Tony Hewitt, Margaret Garner and David Barley. The girls are divided into four classes taken by Pat Burkitt, Susan Tatton, Susan Sargent, Sheila Stokes and Susan Rooke. Some of the children bring small brothers and sisters who are looked after in the back room by Jennifer Gaylard and Bryan Boucher.

Infant Sunday School (East)

This year the school is run by Avril Quibel and Linda Foster with Miss Driver at the piano. The school is at the moment on the small side, but it will grow steadily, especially when it meets in the morning beginning on Sunday, October 13th.

Certificate of Recognition

Again this year a number of our teachers will take the exam. for the Bishop's Certificate of Recognition as Sunday School Teachers. The course is being changed this year, and instead of being taken by one person, a number of people will talk on the subjects. The course is seven talks given by people including Mr. J. Harrod, headmaster of Ermine Junior School; Mr. F. Pickering, headmaster of St. Giles' Junior School; Deaconess Cornwall of St. Giles and Fr. John and Fr. Bill.

MOTHERS' UNION OPENING MEETING

Mrs. McCormick, the Regional Vice-President of the Diocese, was specially invited to speak to members of St. John's Mothers' Union and many prospective members on Tuesday, September 10th on the theme "Presenting the Mothers' Union in the 1960s".

Mrs. McCormick said that we could not train our children in the faith if we ourselves did not know the facts, hence the number of trained speakers available. Similarly, children's literature and television programmes could not be vetted without the help of Branch representatives and the work of the Watch and Social Problems Committee.

This was illustrated by the story of the young mother who found a book which did not comply with her idea of children's literature. By casually mentioning the fact to a Branch member, it came to the notice of the W. and S.P. Committee and after further discussion the book was withdrawn from publication.

Secondly, Mrs. McCormick continued, there was the Prayer Group. This was not as ominous as it sounded, because prayer could help a great deal more than we realised. She went on to say that each member should pray to be strengthened for the task at hand; that of showing mothers that the basis of home life is Christianity. Also, daily Bible reading should be a pattern in our lives as this is where we should find our example.

Mrs. McCormick also mentioned divorce and said that while a divorced person could not be a member this did not mean that we were not sympathetic. She said that great help and support could be given by the Branch.

These were but a few of the things that a member of the Mothers' Union could be responsible for. There was also the work of the M.U. Overseas and the continuing help given by intercessions of invalid members, etc.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CHURCH

The Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.
 Senior and Junior Confirmation School, 11-0 a.m.
 (Infants in Church Hall, 11-0 a.m.)
 Holy Baptism (First Sunday in the month), 3-45 p.m.
 Evensong, 6-30 p.m.
 (Confirmation Classes for boys and girls 13 and over in Church, Tuesday evenings, 6-30 p.m.)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COMMUNITY CENTRE (ERMINE WEST)

Holy Communion, 8-0 a.m.
 Infants Confirmation School, 11-30 a.m.
 Junior Confirmation School, 2-30 p.m.
 Holy Baptism (Third Sunday in the month), 3-45 p.m.
 Evensong (First Sunday in the month), 6-30 p.m.

BANNS, WEDDINGS, CHURCHINGS AND CONFESSIONS by arrangement.

(Please give two weeks notice for Baptism. Forms can be obtained from the Clergy.)

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Sept. 1 Deborah Ann, daughter of David and Betty Lawson.
 Jane, daughter of Leonard and Joyce Robinson.
 Paul Andrew, son of Peter and Freda White.
 Wayne Andrew, son of Rodney and Sylvia Edwards.
 „ 15 Susan Mary, daughter of John and Jennifer Foster.
 Barry, son of Geoffrey and Brenda Atkinson.
 Lynn, daughter of Terance and Freda Francis.

Holy Matrimony

- Sept. 7 Carol Moore and Bernard Haw.

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Confirmation Classes

The first Confirmation Service will be held in the new church on Saturday, March 14th at 7-0 p.m.

Boys and girls of 13 years or more are invited to join the Confirmation Class being held in the church on Tuesday evenings at 6-30 p.m.

Enrolment night, Tuesday, October 8th, at St. John's Parish Church.

Classes for adults will commence in the new year, but names should be given to the vicar as soon as possible.

WHAT'S ON?

October

- 1 Tues. Tonight and all week: Cleaning of church and preparation for the Consecration.
 3 Thur. Servers' Meeting, 7-0 p.m.
 4 Fri. 7-30 Club, 'The Casuals'.
 5 Sat. Servers' Meeting, 7-0 p.m.
 6 Sun. **Consecration of the Parish Church.**
 8 Tues. Mothers' Union: Mr. Box, 'Guide Dogs for the Blind', 7-45 p.m.
 9 Wed. Harvest Festival, 7-30 p.m.
 13 Sun. **Trinity 18.** Start of the October Mission.
 19 Sat. Thanksgiving Supper, 7-30 p.m.
 20 Sun. **Trinity 19.**
 22 Tues. Mothers' Union: 'Tupperware', 7-45 p.m.
 26 Sat. Special Bingo at St. John's Community Centre, in aid of Spastics, 7-30 p.m.
 27 Sun. **Trinity 20.**
 28 Mon. St. Simon and St. Jude. Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
 29 Tues. Lincoln Youth Council Dance, 7-30 p.m.

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