

PARISH VISIT



For nine days in October, fourteen students from the Bishop's Hostel, and their tutor, Fr. Gerald Downing, and Sister Penelope and Sister Verena of the Convent of the Holy Name came and lived amongst us. They freely gave of their time and we are most grateful to them.

At the end of the Mission they were asked to write quite frankly about their impressions of the parish and to make any suggestions which they thought might be of help.

Here are some excerpts from their collated report.

Estimated value or success of the week as a whole

Whilst it was difficult for us to judge what was the value for the parish, most said and all felt that it was a great success and of immense value for us. We saw a good parish in both its strong and weak points and were able to sympathise more with the parochial situation as it really is.

House Meetings

It was generally felt that they were valuable in stimulating the faithful but too few non church members came. These should certainly continue but with more direction and appeal to non church members.

PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH
9-15 A.M.

THE RT. REV. KENNETH RICHES
Bishop of Lincoln

Sunday Services

All of us liked the 9-15 Family Communion — both for timing and content. Of course the liturgical battle is just about won in the new church — all we want now is to say/sing it in 20th century English.

Further comment and suggestions

1. that the Church on the Ermine should grow in its understanding of itself as a loving and caring community.
2. that the house meeting technique should continue especially with regard to young people.
3. a mens' club of some sort.
4. street wardens.
5. that Ermine West become a separate parish.
6. a staff of ten and a twenty-six hour day.

CHRISTMAS

CAROL SERVICES
(East and West)

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

FAMILY COMMUNION
(East and West)

See Page Four

Farewell Party

On Sunday, November 17th, Father Bill preached his last sermon as assistant curate of St. John's. At the end of Evensong he gave us his blessing, and we all commended him in our prayers to his new parish.

We had a bit of a party after the service in the parish hall, and we formally said goodbye. Fr. John said that in the three and a half years Fr. Bill had lived among us, he had been ordained priest, married a wife, and become the father of two fine children, he had helped in the building of the bungalow, the re-decoration of the parish hall and the building of the parish church.

Fr. Bill will be remembered especially for some very fine sermons, for his work with the junior Sunday School and the training of the teachers, the building up of the Friday Night Club, and his visiting and genuine love and concern for people.

Mr. Tom Moore made a presentation of a cheque on behalf of the parish, and also a combined bible and prayer book. Mr. Cecil Robinson presented Mrs. Brockie with a silver pencil and thanked her for the hospitality which she had extended to so many people. Mr. Ted Daines presented two prayer books for Anne and Nicholas Brockie, both of whom were born and baptised in the parish.

Margaret Johnson and Linda Garner presented gifts on behalf of the choir who had pooled together to make their own presentation.

Christmas Fair

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VISITATION OF THE ELDERLY ERMINE WEST CHURCHES

The first Quarterly Report Meeting was held in Ermine West Methodist Church on Monday, November 4th, 1963 at 7-30 p.m.

Committee present: Joint Chairmen: Rev. J. Hodgkinson and Rev. P. Michel; Organising Secretary: Mrs. E. A. Johnson; Visiting Secretary, Lincoln Care of the Elderly: Mrs. C. Wenham; Members present were: Messrs. Cook, Froggatt, Leachman, Lilley, Pallister, Rollings; Medsames Cook, Hardy, Hodson, Lansdall, Sharpe, Tindall, Rollings; Misses Codrington and Tarttelin.

The Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. P. Michel, followed by a welcome to all from Rev. J. Hodgkinson.

The Organising Secretary offered apologies for absence through illness from Mrs. A. Clarke and Mrs. K. Ward, and wished them a speedy recovery. Apologies were also received from all other absent members. Mrs. Wenham brought apologies from Councillor Eccleshare.

Lively reports of activities were ably given by members present. Reports from absent members were read by the Organising Secretary. All reports were handed over to Mrs. Wenham for information to the Lincoln Care of the Elderly Association.

The growth of the Visitation was reported by the Organising Secretary. At present, 31 members visit regularly 227 homes with a total of 314 people. The frequency of visits differed according to need.

The visits were appreciated, especially by the housebound. The Visitors expressed pleasure found in friendly chats with the lonely, and in services given. It was noted that the services given greatly exceeded the duties suggested by the Organisers. The self imposed tasks included the washing of blankets, arranged by Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Ward.

The distribution of surplus produce from St. John Evangelist Harvest Festival was the joint effort of Miss Codrington and Miss Tarttelin. Rev. P. Michel suggested that in future the two Churches make a joint effort.

Mrs. Wenham informed the meeting that a monthly magazine was available to all the housebound, and she gave advice in reply to questions. The enthusiasm of the members was encouraging to the Organisers. A feeling of united Christian Fellowship dominated the lengthy meeting, and a happy atmosphere was maintained to the end.

Before closing the meeting with prayer, the Rev. John Hodgkinson expressed sincere thanks to all who are giving this Christian service, and to the Rev. Peter Michel for providing such a comfortable room.

Next meeting for second reports: Monday, March, 2nd, 1964, in the Methodist Church, Ermine West, at 7-30 p.m.

Dear Father John,

I am enclosing an article I have written for the *Ermine News* (after your recent plea for articles). I am a teenager in your parish, but wish to remain anonymous. Just in case my article is misleading, I dig beat — very much.

Well, here is my article:

THIS IS BEAT !!

Listen; feel that noise. That beatful, throbbful pulsating life of the one night standers. Curtain raisers, lazars, razors. An unruly mop of not so talented beatjumpers, standing in the wings of their heaven, thumping, strumming, drumming their way into the lives and hearts of the hair-rending audience of shrillscream sisters, judies and fillies; who know more about the sacred lives of their craven images than do the misguided idols themselves.

The collarless, Chelsea-booted, electrified slaves of the drug called beat, fill the place with a maniac scream of femanine charm, affecting all till a thousand young hearts proclaim yet another beatful sound to their ever-increasing, ever-beating, ever-greeting chamber of sorrows — and that's beat!

Why not ask other teenagers their views on this?

ANON.

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Impressive Enrolment Service for Mothers' Union

On Tuesday, November 19th, eight new members were enrolled in St. John's Mothers' Union. This was the first Enrolment Service to be held in the new church and many members came from other branches in the city.

The following ladies were enrolled: Joan Rooke, Jenny Brockie, Vera Gregory, Rosemary Temporal, Leonora Parker, Eileen Roberts, Joyce Lane.

The Mothers' Union meets every fortnight at St. John's Hall, and non-members are very welcome to attend the meetings. The next meeting is on December 3rd at 7-45 p.m.

Evergreen Club (East)

Our Party this year will take place on Wednesday, evening, December 11th, and we are hoping our first outing for 1964 will take us to Nottingham pantomime on New Years' Day.

Plans are in hand for the Club to help organise the Christmas Fair as part of our 'thank you' to the P.C.C. for use of the hall and heating.

G. DIXON.

Ermine Evening Townswomen's Guild

The A.G.M. was conducted by Mrs. C. M. Seely, Chairman, Central Lincolnshire Federation of Townswomen's Guilds.

A ballot was taken for chairman and vice-chairman and six committee members to serve two years.

Mrs. G. Dixon was returned chairman, and Mrs. Robinson vice-chairman.

The secretary, Mrs. Joyce Wilson, gave an interesting report on the year's activities and Mrs. D. Lee as treasurer, a splendid report on Guild funds. Thank you ladies.

A warm welcome to all new members.

G. DIXON, *Chairman.*

C.L.B. Open Night

The Church Lad's Brigade Open Night was held on Monday, November 4th. About sixty parents were present to watch the fifty boys of the Company led by their four officers in a display of varied activities.

The Inspection was taken by Fr. Bill, and the Y.B.C. then gave a demonstration of games. The Band then gave a display of slow marching and counter marching, under the direction of Bandmaster T. Turrell.

After the older boys had demonstrated their gymnastic prowess, two of the boys and Mr. Turrell gave a demonstration of Judo.

The evening was concluded with a presentation of awards, and Capt. K. Dent made a presentation to Fr. Bill who was with the Company for the last time before leaving for his new parish.

On Friday, November 22nd, eight members of the Company went to Washingborough Youth Club to take part in an evening of indoor competitions.

The Five-a-Side Handball competition for the diocese will be concluded with the finals in Lincoln sometime during December.

Camp for 1964 is already in hand, and an attractive site has been booked in North Wales.

Evergreen Club (West)

On Tuesday, November 12th, nine students from the Bishop's Hostel visited the club to give an hour's entertainment of songs and sketches. They have promised to come back and give another concert at the Birthday Party on December 18th. The party starts with tea at 4-30 p.m. and the concert, which is open to the public (admission 6d.) starts at 7-30 p.m.

The Christmas Fair was held on November 19th and was opened by Mrs. Sookias. There were well stocked stalls of Christmas cards, vegetables, cakes and drapery.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Priestley.

Children of Ermine West who attend 11-30 a.m. Sunday School may meet at 35 Ermine Close at 8-50 a.m. on any Sunday when they wish to attend Family Communion service in the new Church of St. John, Ermine.

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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 Vicarage.)

"Already a number of you have met me, and I hope that these friendships will grow" — writes Barry Etherington who is coming as Curate at St. John's next May.

After 14 students from Bishops' Hostel spent a week on the Ermine in October, several of us thought we would like to come and work here. Unfortunately only one of us can and for better or for worse I shall be joining you next May. Already a number of you have met me and I hope that these friendships will grow.

A little about myself. Lancaster is my home town, where I went to the local grammar school. When I left I did two years National Service in the army, including 15 months in Cyprus, and then worked for a year in an office in Lancaster. I then spent three years at Manchester University and came to Lincoln in 1962.

My training finishes in May but I shall be getting married in April when Anne and I will be moving into the curate's bungalow. We both look forward to joining you then — and as we both like dancing we also look forward to sampling the '63 Club!

Meanwhile I hope to join you in a few activities before I leave the college. Do introduce yourselves to me — and forgive me if I don't remember your names straight off.

[Barry is on the front row, second from the left, in the picture on page one.]

WHAT'S ON?

December

- 1 Sun. **Advent 1.**
 3 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
 7 Sat. Christmas Fair, 2-30 p.m.
 8 Sun. **Advent 2.**
 Evensong, 6-30 p.m., the Archdeacon of Lindsey.
 11 Wed. Evergreen (East) Party, 5-30 p.m.
 15 Sun. **Advent 3.**
 18 Wed. Evergreen (West) Party.
 21 Sat. **St. Thomas.** Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
 22 Sun. **Advent 4.**
 24 Tue. **Christmas Eve**
Midnight Communion 11-45 p.m.
 25 Wed. **Christmas Day**
 Parish Church:
 Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.
 Evensong (said), 6-30 p.m.
 St. John the Evangelist:
 Family Communion, 10-30 a.m.
 26 Thu. **St. Stephen.** Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
 27 Fri. **St. John.** Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
 28 Sat. **Holy Innocents.** Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
 29 Sun. **Sunday after Christmas.**
 Carol Service, 2-30 p.m., St. John the Evangelist.
 Carol Service, 6-30 p.m., Parish Church.

January

- 1 Wed. New Year's Day. Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.

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