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HOLY WEEK

MARCH 22nd—29th

March

Sun. 22 **Palm Sunday.**

Mon. 23 Compline and Address, 7-30 p.m.

Tue. 24 Compline and Address, 7-30 p.m.

Wed. 25 Compline and Address, 7-30 p.m.

Thur. 26 **Maundy Thursday.**
Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m. followed by All-night Vigil.

Fri. 27 **Good Friday.**
The Three Hour Service, 12 — 3 p.m. (taken by staff and students of the Bishop's Hostel).

March

Fri. 27 **Good Friday—cont.**
United Service, Ermine Methodist Church, 10-30 a.m.

Sat. 28 **Easter Even.**
Easter Vigil and Holy Communion, 11-30 p.m.

Sun. 29 **Easter Sunday.**
Family Communion, 9-15 a.m.
Family Communion, 10-45 a.m. (St. John Evangelist, Ermine West).
Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE for ERMINE WEST

The last few months have shown that there is a very real need for a mid-morning Family Service at St. John the Evangelist Community Centre. For the Elderly and those with young children it has proved very difficult to get to the 9-15 service at the Parish Church.

Starting on Easter Sunday, there will be a Family Communion every Sunday at 10-45 a.m.

The Annual General Meeting for the Community Centre will be held on Wednesday, April 15th at 7-30 p.m. Nominations for the Committee should be made to the secretary, Mr. H. Flintham, 90 Queen Elizabeth Road.

Walpamur Colour Consultants have prepared a very fine colour scheme for the re-decoration of the Centre, and we hope that this will be completed for the A.G.M.

PARISH MEETING

April 1st at 7-30 p.m.

The Election of Church Wardens and Councillors takes place at this meeting, which will be the first A.G.M. since the building of the Parish Church.

This is an important occasion for all who look to St. John's as their church and there will be an opportunity to ask questions or to make suggestions for the future activities of the church.

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SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH

Parish Church, 6-30 p.m.

The 22nd Girl Guides

An Open Evening will be held on Monday, 2nd March at St. John's Community Centre, Ermine West from 7 — 8-30 p.m.

Coffee and biscuits will be served at a small charge in aid of company funds.



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Ballet

Catherine M. Hodgkinson

Ballet isn't easy. In fact it is very difficult. I go to the 'Janet Ashton School of Dancing'. Miss Ashton takes tap and ballet lessons. Primary is from 9-30 to 10-30 a.m. on Saturday mornings at St. John's Hall.

Primary is the first grade. In primary we learn the first steps of ballet. The children's ages vary from three to nine. After primary comes grade I, then grade II going on to grade V. In grade V we start learning how to go on our toes (pointes). After grade V there is still a long way to go and a lot of hard work to be done.

Every year there are exams. If we are up to the standard we can take one. We usually have extra lessons and a special white tunic.

Sometimes we go to have special lessons at Nottingham and occasionally we go to see a ballet. We also do our own concerts and pantomimes.

Amongst the first things to be learnt are the five

positions. Every step begins and ends with one of them.

'Plie' is usually the important exercise carried out at the beginning of a class or before a performance. One hand is placed on the bar and with the feet successively in each of the five positions the knees are slowly bent and straightened, increasing the elasticity of muscles and helping to give good balance.

Since the early nineteenth century the danseuse has danced "sur les pointes" on the point or toe of the foot. It is not correct to say that dancing on the points is an essential part of ballet as compared to other forms of dancing, although there is no point-work in the modern dance school. It is important that children do not attempt to dance on their points while they are too young. Blocked shoes are worn for dancing on points and they are darned at the toe to prevent slipping and to make them last longer.



OUR WORTHY TREASURER

Les Smith is one of the pioneers of the church in this place and he has managed our accounts from the days when the church used to meet in the school over eight years ago.

During this time the Church Hall, the Vicarage, St. John's Community Centre, the Curate's House, and the Parish Church have been built and many thousands of pounds have been raised and spent. And the day to day 'housekeeping' has needed a meticulous keeping of the accounts.

Much of the work of the church has only been possible through our Planned Giving Scheme and as Chairman of the Continuation Committee, Les Smith has played a very important part in all this.

Apart from finance, Les captained our Parish Cricket Team in many a successful match, and his wife, Margaret, was at one time secretary of the Mothers' Union.

They will shortly be moving to the south of the City and we are indeed sorry to see them go, but we wish them all happiness in their new home.

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Evergreen Club (West)

This Club has now been operating for five years and its progress has been most encouraging. There is a membership of 110 with an average attendance of approximately 80 per week.

The meetings have been varied and have proved very interesting and helpful.

There have been devotional talks by many Lincoln speakers of various denominations, together with an Easter Service, Harvest Festival and Christmas Carols.

Travel. By talks and films the members were given a glimpse of life in Russia, East and West Germany, East Africa, and of course, the British Isles, including Coventry Cathedral.

Educational. There were talks on the Care of Elderly, National Assistance Board, History of Lincoln, the Museum and the Libraries. Life in the W.R.A.F. was also included.

Musical. There were the Salvation Army Songsters, Students from the Training College, Canon A. Oswald Jones and party, hand bell ringers, Miss M. Bowman, not forgetting our own members who entertained. All these provided pleasant afternoons.

Social. There were games afternoons, including one session of crazy whist.

Outings. These were to Derbyshire, Gunthorpe Bridge, Grimsby and Cleethorpes, Bridlington and to Ruskington Pie Factory.

One afternoon was devoted to a demonstration and sale of tuperware. The usual Sale of Work was held which proved a financial success.

Christmas Tea Party. This took place on December 18th, which was very much enjoyed by about 130 people. The students entertained in a likeable manner.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the Leader and Committee for arranging the whole of the afternoons during the year.

E.P.

Brownie Party

The Annual Party of the Brownie Pack took place on Thursday, February 12th in St. John's Hall.

From information received this was once again a HOWLING success and most of the credit for this must be extended to Mrs. J. Thompson who worked behind the scenes in preparing the buffet and Miss Stella Scott who helped generally.

About 36 brownies were entertained with the

usual games played by their age group of 8—11 and if noise was the criterion of enjoyment, then nothing more need be said, as at times one could not hear oneself speak. Refreshments were served to sore young throats from a running buffet. Prizes for winning games were presented and Christmas crackers were also pulled with great gusto and vigour.

If any parent is interested in their child or children joining the Brownies, the Pack meets every Thursday between 6 and 7-30 p.m. and contact should be made with Miss B. Briggs for enrolment.

B.B.

C.L.B.

Model Aircraft Classes are now held alternate weeks with Motor Engineering Classes. The possibility of building a canoe is being looked into and there are of course the usual activities including the Band. There is a vacancy for a lad wishing to learn the bugle.

There was a good turn out for the church parade on February 9th.

K.D.

'63 Club

This group continues to flourish, and many of the members are working hard on their entry for the 'Pick of the Shows' competition. The heats will be held at St. John's Hall on March 11th and the finals at the Theatre Royal.

A.D.

Mothers' Union

Two of the recent events of the Mothers' Union, a Bero Film and a talk on Prayer, surely show the versatility of the Branch Meetings. Now that we are meeting fortnightly we are able to provide alternatively light hearted evenings and the more serious one where we can learn a great deal both about life around us and overseas.

The Bero Film made all our mouths water with the delicious cakes and pastries which were shown and also taught us quite a few tricks of the trade, for which, as busy housewives, we were very grateful.

The talk about Prayer was given by Mrs. Hawker, the Prayer Group Correspondent. She said that prayer was really conversation with God and could be built up around three small sentences. "I Adore Thee—Lord Have Mercy—Into Thy Hands."

Later on, in answer to members questions, Mrs. Hawker said that one was not to worry if thoughts wandered and words would not come, we were to

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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.)

St. John's Register

Baptisms

Feb. 2 Denise Elaine, daughter of Stanley and Ena Strickson.
 Dean Eric, son of Brian and Marlene Sugden.
 Alison Debra, daughter of James and Doreen Sprott.
 Neil Andre, son of David and Zena Farrow.
 Elaine, daughter of Kenneth and Eileen Everett.

Marriages

Jan. 25 Keith John Reames and Elizabeth Catherine O'Reardon.
 Feb. 22 Graham Harvey Bastin and Yvonne Dawn Cox.

Burial

Jan. 29 Agnes Grace Withers.

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kneel silently and ask for God's help and forgiveness. She said that to be silent in the presence of God was prayer in itself.

Looking to the Future

There are many fully trained speakers who are available to answer questions on our faith and children, or any other problems which we all have. That is what the Mothers' Union is for, to give help and fellowship where it is needed.

In addition to the meetings, many members of our branch helped the Parish in the Visitation of the Elderly, others helped with the repair and making of Church Vestments, whilst members with an occasional Thursday afternoon to spare can often be found helping out at the Baby Clinic in Ravensdale Drive.

Our programmes and activities need to be continually changing to meet the needs of the times. This is where we need your help and fresh ideas. What kind of an evening would you be willing to leave the 'telly' for? Do you like listening to a speaker or would you rather have group discussion? Do you like evenings when your husband or friend can come along with you?

Why not ask Dad to baby-sit for an hour and come and give us the benefit of your views, in which we should be very interested. The dates of our meetings are always in the Ermine News.

In a previous Ermine News eight members were enrolled and not seven as stated. Mrs. Wright's name was omitted, for which we give our apologies. J.T.

WHAT'S ON?

March

- 1 Sun. **Lent 3.**
- 2 Mon. Care of the Elderly (West). Report Meeting, 7-30 p.m. Guides Open Night, Community Centre, 7 p.m.
- 5 Thur. Inter-Church Meeting, St. John's Hall, 7-30 p.m.
- 8 Sun. **Lent 4. Mothering Sunday.**
- 10 Tue. Mothers' Union. Triennial Elections, 7-45 p.m.
- 11 Wed. Rehearsal for Confirmation, 7 p.m.
- 14 Sat. Confirmation Service, 7 p.m.
- 15 Sun. **Lent 5.**
- 17 Tue. Evergreen Club (West), A.G.M.
- 19 Thur. Evergreen Club (East), A.G.M.
- 22 Sun. **Palm Sunday.**
Blessing and Distribution of Palms, 9-15 a.m. 6-30 p.m., film, "While we have time."
- 24 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES (see Page 1)

- 25 Wed. Community Centre Committee, 8-15 p.m.
- 27 Fri. **Good Friday.**
- 29 Sun. **Easter Sunday.**

April

- 1 Wed. Annual General Meeting of the Parish, St. John's Hall, 7-30 p.m.
- 15 Wed. Annual General Meeting, St. John's Community Centre, 7-30 p.m.

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