

MUSIC FOR ALL



In the year of the Armada, William Byrd the famous organist of Lincoln Cathedral wrote: "Since singing is so good a thing, I wish all men would learn to sing."

The singing of the church is part of its offering to God, for even the birds do sing their maker's praises. The church has a great treasure chest of music, and much of it is still being written.

The most important thing is that the congregation shall be able to sing the music; that it should not be too high or too low; or played too slowly. This is where a choir can help because it can give the congregation a lead and help them to learn new music and so enrich the worship.

In addition to the robed choir of boys and girls, we have recently formed an adult choir to sing in

parts and to prepare music for special occasions. This choir will practice on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. and anyone who enjoys singing will be welcome.

The boys and girls practice on Wednesday evenings at 6-30 p.m.

Church Music doesn't have to be 'stiff and starchy'. Some of the new hymns have a definite swing to them and Fr. Geoffrey Beaumont's setting of Psalm 150 is reminiscent of a negro spiritual. In many churches today a set of drums is found by the organ which all helps people to feel the essential rhythm of the music. But similarly there is a timeless beauty of some plain-song settings, and the hymns of J. S. Bach will never be out of place. In the Church's worship there is music for all.

Rain Stopped Play!

On Wednesday, 8th July, 1964 the men of St. John's Church met the men from the 'Imp' in a friendly game of cricket on the Ermine recreational field. Both sides were well supported and the 'Imps' were put into bat first, and helped by a gallant captain's innings of 44 not out, made by Mr. Rollinson, they finished with a total of 67. Great bowling by Paul Brewer (three wickets), David Whitely (three wickets), John Brewer (two wickets) and Dick Rook (two wickets) was seen for St. John's.

During the interval both sides competed in what was to be a tug-of-war, but either the strength of the 'Imp' beer or the power of Father John was under-estimated, for the rope broke. After breaking the rope three times, not to mention the sore buttocks of the teams, the contest was postponed.

At this point the rains came and further cricket was impossible, so the match was postponed.

Later in the evening the teams met in the 'Imp' when the umpiring of mine host and Father John was compared with that at Trent Bridge! So ended a delightful evening on the Ermine.

L.W.



Replay

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Wednesday, 23rd September, 1964

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PARISH CHURCH

27th SEPTEMBER, 1964

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
(Ermine West)

4th OCTOBER, 1964

Building Fund

Needs £2,000

The final bills for the construction of the Parish Church are coming in, and we need a further £2,000 to pay for work completed so far.

Donations may be made to the Vicar and pews may be given in memory.

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10th OCTOBER, 1964

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Nothing to read but books!

It can be confusing to be confronted with a library full of books, and only a general idea that one wants something nice to read, so here, in no particular order, are a few books which might appeal to a variety of readers, especially in summertime when life perhaps seems less real and earnest than usual.

A **FARMER'S WIFE** (828.91) by Sheila Turner is almost always returned with enthusiasm by readers who would not normally look for books in the literature section, where it lives with other books of essay type that are not quite fiction or biography. It is a pleasant chronicle of country life, full of interesting characters and incidents, perhaps reminding one a little of Mrs. Dale's Diary or the Archers.

Children may remember having read books in the Punchbowl Farm series; Monica Edwards has recently written one for adults, though it does not require a great deal of mental effort — **THE CATS OF PUNCHBOWL FARM** (636.8). The reader is introduced on the first page to a cat of happy disposition and vital statistics of 15-18-15 and from then on one meets a sequence of admirable cats of character and charm, yet written about without the dotting sentimentality of some cat-writers.

W. T. Rodgers has edited a book on Hugh Gaitskell (**B-GAI**), which sounds interesting whatever your political views. Chapters are contributed by fourteen distinguished men and women who knew him at different times in his life.

David Sheppard's **PARSON'S PITCH** (796.358) has already received a fair amount of publicity from press and radio; it looks a simple (in the best sense), sincere and absorbing account of his life in cricket and as a priest.

NARROW BOAT (T.42) by L. T. C. Rolt, the story of a voyage along the Midland Waterways, was first published in 1944, but has been reprinted three times and has become a sort of classic of canal life. Rolt's other books are on engineers and engineering, but this is a leisurely picture, full of general interest, of the life of some twenty years ago of Midland canals and the towns through which they pass.

Ruth Harrison's book on the factory farming industry, **ANIMAL MACHINES** (636.0883) attracted a lot of notice and some disagreement when it first appeared earlier this year. It may put you off buying veal or broiler chickens ever again, but it is well worth reading.

THE ENGLISH GARDEN by Edward Hyams and Edwin Smith is a most elegant and attractive book and at 6 gns. a time is not likely to be in many homes. At the moment there is no copy at the Ermine Branch, but the book could be borrowed for readers. Apparently Englishmen are perpetually trying to recreate their own Garden of Eden on their own plot of land and this book describes and illustrates some of the most beautiful efforts through the centuries.

THE SATURDAY BOOKS (828), edited by John Hadfield, are almost a kind of glossy magazine in book form — light-hearted collections of articles and pictures, with, as the editorial of one puts it, "an affectionate concern with the unfashionable and the neglected." There is a new book each year, but unfortunately the earlier years are now out of print.

Finally, two really personal, if random, recommendations. I took two books on holiday with me and other people may be interested in them. John Robinson's **HONEST TO GOD** defeated me yet again, I'm afraid, but there must be many people who, like myself, fully intend to read it properly when they have the time and energy and perhaps only need reminding that it is in the library, without a waiting list now.

The book that I **did** read, and for the second time, was a science fiction novel with a difference — Walter Miller's **A CANTICLE FOR LEIBOWITZ**. Not one of the bug-eyed monster genre of s.f., this seems to me to have real invention and dramatic power and yet includes considerable humour. The story is a grim one, but there is, without being pious, a truly religious theme. After the almost total destruction of an atomic explosion, monasteries are the sole store-houses of what little learning remains and after 1,200 bleak years electric light is again discovered. But then other discoveries follow, and it seems that the cycle is going to begin again . . .

If you have any difficulty in finding these books, or any others, please ask the library staff at the counter. They may seem to be busy, probably are, sorting out books or tickets or children, but, like prayer, they are not intended to be turned to merely as a last resort; they are there to help in all sorts of ways in the use of the library, whether by the more-or-less routine tasks, or by the more exacting and interesting work of dealing with readers' queries.

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Evergreen Club (West)

The annual outing took place on June 16th. There were eighty-one in the party, eleven being unable to go owing to illness, etc. We called at Doncaster for coffee, Knaresborough was the next call at 12-15 p.m., where we had a look round both before and after lunch and then went on to Harrogate arriving about 3-45 p.m. There we toured round some of the gardens, etc. and had tea. Weather was cold and we could not do justice to the many places of interest. We left for home at 6-45 p.m., travelling through Lord Harewood's Estate, Leeds, Wakefield and after a call for refreshments just outside Doncaster landed home at about 10 p.m. It was a strenuous but a happy day.

June 23rd. Road Safety was the subject put forward by Police Sergeant Croft and P.C. Hickman, illustrated by a film, which showed the hazards of motoring.

June 30th. God and Creation was described by a talky film projected by Mr. Dowson. It was a marvellous display of the wonders of space and nature.

July 7th — was contributed by members with song and games arranged by Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Harmston and Mrs. Lilley. A homely form of entertainment.

July 14th. Our guests were the ladies of the St. Swithin's Veterans Club organised by Mrs. E. M. Hill, who provided a first class afternoon concert.

July 21st. Visit of Mr. B. M. Dye, Regional Organiser of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, illustrated by slides. It was a very interesting talk.

July 28th. Closed for holidays.

E.P.

Evergreen Club (East)

The first of the Club Exchange Visits was held with the Billinghay Club. In the words of one of our members: "We were treated like royalty."

The tea was something that had to be seen to be believed and this was followed by games between the two clubs. The hostess then took the party to her home the Ship Hotel, and a visit was paid to Mrs. Cooling, an old Ermine resident now living in Billinghay.

Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Olsen have been to speak to the club on behalf of the Care of the Elderly and Miss Yarn paid another welcome visit to the club.

Since the Annual Outing a trip has been made to Nottingham and Gunthorpe Bridge and on August 12th there will be another free outing, this time to Scarborough, where lunch has been booked at Coley's Camp.

Youth Hike

On Sunday, July 12th, some twenty young people from St. John's Youth Club went hiking to Fillingham. Mr. Dent and Fr. Barry set off later by car and when they caught up with them at Scampton to provide refreshments on the way the group had straggled out over half a mile!

Leaving the group to continue on foot the car went on to the lake at Fillingham and set up camp to prepare dinner for the weary ramblers. Thanks to the aid of calor gas (found in rich deposits at Fillingham) not to mention the labours of Jean Wilson, Ken Dent and Fr. Barry sausages, fried potatoes and peas were washed down with coke and pop!

Rounders, sleep and an emergency hospital were the activities of the afternoon — Mrs. Dent being the outdoor Kildare thrusting a sterilised needle into blisters. A second cooked meal for tea comprised hot dogs with onions and tea drunk from pop bottles.

As the trip out there was an eleven mile walk welcome transport was available to bring people home. Fine, sunny weather helped to make an enjoyable outing.

What do you think?

Canon Dalby recently won £5 for his essay on the life of St. Giles Estate. Ermine News cannot offer a £5 prize, but will publish your views about life on the 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 and Third 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, 10-45 a.m.

Infants Confirmation School, 11-30 a.m.

Junior Confirmation School, 2-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism (arrange date with clergy)

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.)

ERMINE CHURCHES JOINT MEETING

1964-65

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

AND

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Reading: Matthew: 5, 6, 7 (New English Bible).

Place: Ermine West Methodist Church.

Time: First Tuesday in each month at 7-30 p.m.

Transport: St. John's Vicarage, Sudbrooke Drive at 7-15 p.m.

COMMENCING 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1964

Programme:

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| 1 Sept. | Matt. 5 : 13-20 | Salt and Light for God. |
| 6 Oct. | Matt. 5 : 21-48 | Doing and not doing. |
| 3 Nov. | Matt. 6 : 1-18 | Making a show of your religion. |
| 1 Dec. | Matt. 6 : 19-34 | God and Money. |
| 5 Jan. | Matt. 7 : 1-14 | Good and Bad Judgement. |
| 2 Feb. | Matt. 7 : 15-23 | False Pretences. |
| 2 Mar. | Matt. 7 : 24-29 | Firm Foundations. |
| 6 April | Matt. 5 : 1-12 | The Essence of Christ's Teaching. |

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- July 5 Mark Richard, son of Victor and Elizabeth Parker.
Cheryl Ann, daughter of Derek and Jean Patchett.
Sharon Lesley, daughter of Brian and Valerie Johnson.
Ian David, son of Fredrick and Margaret Townley.
Chrisanda Louise, daughter of Roy and Christine James.
Vanessa Jane, daughter of John and Patricia Peck.

Weddings

- July 18 Brian Lusby and Sheila Irene Wadsworth.
" 25 James Derek Clark Whammond and Patricia Ann Carter.
John Arthur Kemp Harris and June Ann Reeks.

Burial

- June 26 Jane Rastall.

WHAT'S ON?

August

- 2 Sun. **Trinity 10.**
6 Thu. **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.** Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
9 Sun. **Trinity 11.**
10 Mon. Senior Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
13 Thu. Stewardship Committee, 8 p.m.
16 Sun. **Trinity 12.**
23 Sun. **Trinity 13.**

September

- 1 Tues. Inter Church Meeting, 7-30 p.m.
2 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.

Evergreen Club (West)

August

- 25 Outing to Skegness.

September

- 1 Mrs. Revans Ballet Dancers.
8 Talk: Rev. J. Hodgkinson.
15 Musical: Mrs. Goodman.
22 Talk: Miss M. A. K. Cox.
29 Slides: 'Holy Land', Mrs. E. A. Johnson.

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