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## Ermine Man Vicar of Pinchbeck

Bernard Parsons, who used to live at 24 Hatcliffe Gardens, was a great worker at St. John's in the early years. He went away to Ely Theological College for two years and was then ordained at Lincoln Cathedral. For over two years he has been working as Assistant Curate at Bourne. On Friday, December 4th he was instituted as Vicar of West Pinchbeck. This is the second time a man from the Parish has been ordained. The first was the Rev. J. Alexander, whose home was at 24 Thoresway Drive. He is now a Vicar near Louth.

## ROYAL VISIT — JAN 17th

On Sunday, January 17th the Bishop of Lincoln will visit St. John's Church to join in the Evening Service and to see Canon Blake's musical play about the "Visit of the Three Kings."

The play will take the place of the sermon. The story is simply told and the music is lighthearted and catchy.

Canon Blake is one of the members of the 20th Century Church Light Music Group. This group has introduced many new hymn tunes and settings

of the Holy Communion which reflect the trend of modern music.

For some months now we have been singing a modern setting at the Family Communion, and it has been very well received. It is made up of five melodies which fit in very well with the different moods expressed by each part of the service. The composer, the Rev. Patrick Appleford, has also written several popular hymns.



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The many activities provided for young people at St. John's fall into two groups, uniformed and un-uniformed.

At St. John's Community Centre, Ermine West there are Girl Guides and Brownies, and Scouts and Cubs. At St. John's Hall there are Girl Guides and Brownies and the three sections of the Church Lads' Brigade, *i.e.*, the Young Boys' Corps, the Junior Training Corps and the Church Lads' Brigade itself.

The two Youth Fellowships both meet at St. John's Hall as crossing the Riseholme Road is no problem for older boys and girls. The Junior Section is known as the Confirmation Club, where club activities are combined with preparation for Confirmation. The Senior Club is known as the Sunday Night 63 Club, and in conjunction with this is the very popular 63 Club Dance on Friday nights.

The two pictures above are both of the senior club, one taken outside church before a hike, and the other during the Friday Night Dance. A party was held on Saturday, December 20th and a number of boys from Morton Hall were invited to join them. Preparations are now well on the way for the Club's entry in "The Pick of the Shows."

These clubs are only possible because of the men and women who give so generously of their time and ability to organise and lead them. This is a very important work that they do and it is good to have the opportunity to say thank you to them.

### Last Month's Picture

Mr. Ken Priestley writes to say that the photograph was taken on the occasion of the Easter Party which featured 'The Windmill Girls'. The date — 31st March, 1959.

## Bishop Confirms 14

On Wednesday, December 9th, the Bishop of Lincoln held a Confirmation Service at St. Giles Church and the following boys and girls were presented from St. John's: John Grocock, Michael Cody, Philip Hurt, Peter Smith, Keith Robinson, Timothy Dixon, Allan Coachafer, Christine Scott, Diane Gregory, Elaine Vernon, Elaine Wright, Margaret Johnson, Christine Briddon and Marion Longmate.

Next year's confirmation will be held at St. John's on Saturday, December 11th. Preparation continues all through the year at the Confirmation Club which meets on Friday nights at St. John's Hall at 6 p.m. Boys and girls in their second or third year at a Senior School should join now.

ADULTS. The Vicar hopes to present a number of adults for confirmation towards the end of March. Any others should contact the Vicar as soon as possible.

## Change of Teachers

Miss Avril Quibell and Miss Linda Foster who have had the charge of the Infant Sunday School (East) are now pressed with the need to study for examinations. They are resigning with effect from the last Sunday in 1964, Miss Beryl Briggs who has been superintendent of the Junior School (West) will transfer to the Infant School, and her place will be taken by Mr. H. Flintham.

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On behalf of the local Group of Three of Amnesty International I would like to thank your Parochial Church Council so very much for the extremely generous gift of Five Pounds. We were quite overwhelmed to receive it, perhaps more particularly as I know that you have many heavy commitments within the parish. Thank you so very much.

Our funds at present are mostly being spent on the families of two African prisoners. The first, Paul Joseph, is an Indian in Johannesburg. He was imprisoned under the ninety day detention laws in July and just at the end of the ninety days he was charged with belonging to a banned organisation. This case has been adjourned several times and his wife writes that she fears it may well be January or February before it is heard. In the meantime he is bringing a case against the police, asking for an injunction to refrain them from using illegal methods in the prison and from questioning him in such a manner as is liable to injure his physical and mental health. (Two prisoners in this gaol have committed suicide). His wife has been left absolutely destitute, with four small children. The eldest, a boy of five, is a very bad spastic who cannot sit up or feed himself. There are no institutions for coloured spastic children in South Africa where he can be received for treatment. Mrs. Joseph suffers from a weak heart and is nearly at the end of her tether with all the worry. Her husband has been remanded in custody and our group has cabled the Minister of Justice asking for bail on compassionate grounds, but we have received no reply. We also cabled him asking for assurance that the rumours of ill treatment in the prisons were untrue, but to this also we have had no reply.

Since July we have been sending Five Pounds a month to Mrs. Joseph to help her support the family, as well as some clothes for the children and a Christmas parcel.

The other African prisoner is Phillip Madzvimbo of Southern Rhodesia, who was detained for a year without trial. He has left behind him a wife, a little boy of two and twins, who at that time were only a month old. The wife and children are living with an uncle in the country and the government will do nothing to assist them. We have been sending Sophie Madzvimbo Three Pounds a month, and she refuses to spend any of this on herself, saying it is to be used for soap, milk and clothes for the children. Phillip writes of his wife: "Sophie has a very strong heart and she sympathises with me very much. Despite all the difficulties involved Sophie has always encouraged me and any success I have in life I owe all that to her". We have also sent clothes for the whole family (including two matinee jackets for the twins from the St. John's Autumn Fair) and a great many paperback books to Phillip which are much appreciated and are passed round the whole camp.

As your present was so generous and so unexpected, after discussing the matter with members of the group we have decided to send three pounds to the Josephs and two pounds to the Madzvimbo, so that the mothers can spend it on something special for Christmas for the children. It will come, not from Amnesty, but from the Parish of St. John, Ermine. I do hope that they will approve of our using the money in this way.

Sincerely,

ANNE SCORER,

*Secretary, Lincoln Group of Three.*



## Evergreen Club (East)

At the Party on December 2nd Mrs. A. E. Dixon was presented with a travelling wardrobe and a bouquet on the occasion of her retirement as leader. After tea there was some dancing, and then a very fine musical entertainment by twenty members of the County Operatic Society.

The Club has booked for the pantomime Goldilocks and the Three Bears at Leeds on January 4th and this will be followed by dinner at Lewis's before the journey home.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th January, when the Officers and Committee Members will be elected.

## Evergreen Club (West)

A Sale of Work was held on November 17th. Councillor F. Eccleshare, the Club President, introduced Mrs. J. Hodgkinson, who opened the Sale and Mrs. Gadsby presented her with a bouquet. A foam cushion was given to the club for the oldest member and this was given to Mr. Sibsalt.

On November 24th Mrs. Lilley announced the result of the Sale, £23 6s. 0d. Councillor Eccleshare showed some films of a boat trip from Boston to the Norfolk Broads.

Mr. A. W. Froggatt entertained the Club on December 8th and the Annual Party was held on December 16th.

Seats have been booked at Lincoln Theatre for the pantomime on January 5th. A special bus will take everyone to the Egg and Bacon Restaurant for tea at 5-30 p.m. and then up to the theatre and meet them again after the pantomime.

## Gift of Prayer Books

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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 Church Hall, Fridays, 6-00 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.  
 BANNES, WEDDINGS, CHURCHINGS AND CONFESSIONS by arrangement.  
 (Please give two weeks notice for Baptism. Forms can be obtained from the Vicarage.)

# WHAT'S ON?

## January

- 1 Fri. **New Year's Day.**
- 3 Sun. **Christmas 2.**
- 5 Mon. Ermine Churches Joint Meeting, 7-30 p.m.
- 10 Sun. **Epiphany 1.**
- 11 Mon. Evergreen (East) Committee, 2-30 p.m.
- 12 Tue. Evergreen (West) Committee, 4 p.m.  
Mothers' Union Dinner and Party, 7-30 p.m.
- 13 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 17 Sun. **Epiphany 2.**
- 24 Sun. **Epiphany 3.**
- 25 Mon. **Conversion of St. Paul.** Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
- 26 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 28 Thu. A.G.M. Evergreen Club (East), 3 p.m.
- 31 Sun. **Epiphany 4.**

## February

- 2 Tue. **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple** (i.e., Candlemas), Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.

## St. John's Register

### Baptisms

- Dec. 6 Dallas Jane, daughter of Ivor and Shirley Morley.  
Martin Nicholas, son of John and Patricia Washbourne.  
Christine, daughter of Roy and Mary Campbell.  
Lorraine Mandy, daughter of Malcolm and Christine Bristow.
- „ 20 Karen Beverley, daughter of Bernard and Carol Haw.

### Marriages

- Dec. 5 Stephen Freeman and Diane Bailey.
- „ 12 Thomas John Wooldridge and Bernice Philomena Cooling.

### Cremation

- Nov. 24 Tom Cox.

### Burial

- Dec. 7 Violet Annie Colbeck.

## Gift of a Piano

An advert for a piano for the church vestry brought in thirty offers. It was finally decided to accept the offer of Mrs. Maxwell of 6 Edinburgh House and it is now in use for choir practice. It was also used for the Junior School Carol Service on December 16th when there were nearly 400 people in church.

## Can you play a Piano ?

With our many services and Sunday Schools we are always in need of pianists. Anyone who can play a few hymns would be most welcome. Those who don't wish to tie themselves down every week could go on a rota. Promising pianists could be trained to play the organ.

If you can play or know of someone who might be able to help will you please contact the Vicar.

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