

## THE FAMILY COMMUNION



The loaf of bread, the bottle of wine, the alms and the book of prayers are brought by the people and offered to God in the words: "All things come of Thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given unto thee."

And now, as in the Upper room the night before Christ died, the gifts are taken and blessed, and the church on earth unites with the praises of the church in heaven: "Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name."

The words of Jesus are repeated: "Take, eat,

this is my body, which is given for you", and so the family of God gathers round the altar to share together in the Breaking of Bread, at the same time receiving Christ himself.

And the little children come and are blessed as they kneel at the altar rail. Parents, children, grandparents, friends and passers by, join together as one family in the Communion.

This is the natural way for Christian people to say thank you for God's many blessings and to find not only peace, but purpose and excitement in their lives.

## To "Russia" with love

Each year the Working Group on Youth Exchanges with Eastern European countries organises, on behalf of the British Government, cultural exchange visits from this country to countries behind the Iron Curtain.

This year Ray Haresign, our organist at St. John's, has been chosen with other youth leaders to join a party on a visit to Czechoslovakia from June 16th to July 2nd.

The purpose of the visit is to enable the party to study youth activities in Czechoslovakia, to gain an insight into every day life, to have opportunities to see places of cultural and historical interest and to make informal contact with workers and students.

The party will travel by boat to Ostend and from there by train to Prague—a journey lasting nearly two days. We hope that the rigours of this journey will not prevent Ray from having an enjoyable and rewarding visit to Czechoslovakia.

**P.S.** — Ray will be the second of our people to visit Czechoslovakia. Fr. Barry also paid a fortnight's visit in 1963 to meet other Christians in Czechoslovakia.

## From Ermine with love

This month we say au revoir to two members of St. John's who have played their part particularly in St. John's Drama Group. They are Diane and Margaret Bailey. Diane's husband, Steve Freeman, left for an R.A.F. posting to Singapore two days after Margaret's marriage to Brian Charlton on 20th March. Diane hopes to join him in April. Also in April Brian is posted to Nairobi with the R.A.F. and Margaret hopes to accompany her new husband. So all in all it will be a rather sad time for Mrs. Marjorie Bailey. But she hopes to be able to fly out to Singapore to see Diane and Steve in spring next year. Meanwhile our thoughts are with Marjorie and our best wishes go to Margaret and Brian on their marriage and with both couples in their new homes.

## Holy Week

April 11th — April 18th

### Parish Church

- Sun. 11 **Palm Sunday.**  
 Mon. 12 7-30 a.m., Holy Communion.  
 7-30 p.m., Compline and Address.  
 Tue. 13 7-30 a.m., Holy Communion.  
 7-30 p.m., Compline and Address.  
 Wed. 14 9-15 a.m., Holy Communion.  
 7-30 p.m., Compline and Address.

The three addresses will be given by Miss Trudy Cornwall, who is a lecturer at Bishop Grosseteste College.

- Thu. 15 **Maundy Thursday**  
 7-30 p.m., Holy Communion, followed by All night Vigil.  
 Fri. 16 **Good Friday**  
 9- 0 a.m., Morning Prayer (Said).  
 2 — 3 p.m., Family Service.  
 6-30 p.m., Evensong (Said).  
 Sat. 17 **Easter Even**  
 11-30 p.m., Easter Vigil and Holy Communion.  
 Sun. 18 **Easter Sunday**  
 9-15 a.m., Family Communion.  
 3-45 p.m., Holy Baptism.  
 6-30 p.m., Evensong.

### St. John the Evangelist, Ermine West

- Fri. 16 **Good Friday**  
 10-30 a.m., United Service.  
 Sun. 18 **Easter Sunday**  
 10-45 a.m., Family Communion.

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## Mothers' Union Notes

The last two Mothers' Union meetings have taken the form of a study on "Marriage". Literature, tape-recordings and suggested questions for discussion have been hired from Mary Sumner House, the Mothers' Union headquarters in London.

On March 9th elections were held for the office of Deputy Enrolling Member and Honorary Secretary, and Mrs. J. Wilson and Mrs. J. Thompson now hold these positions. Mrs. J. Burton, Hon. Treasurer, presented the financial statement.

Future plans include a conducted tour of the Usher Gallery; and a trip to Nottingham on May 15th, when we are invited to tea with St. Paul's, West Bridgford, Women's Fellowship.

## Youth Club News

At the northern heats for the Pick of the Shows on March 10th the 63 Club came off very well in a night's entertainment which included items both good and bad. Although the competing clubs were not given their placings it was obvious from the Judges remarks (Alan Vaughan Williams and Kay Gardner) that the 63 Club were in the top two. With a bit more polish and rehearsal we look forward to the finals at the Theatre Royal on April 26th with great hope.

Sunday afternoon soccer matches with the Hostel continue — though our latest one had to end with a draw three all. On 14th March a match at Dunholme against the Young Farmers' gave us a distinct defeat by more goals than we care to mention.

On Wednesday, 17th March a very popular group with the 63 Club, the Symbols — stars of stage and TV screen as well as record artists — paid a welcome return visit. The next big event will be our most famous group yet, the Mojos, who are booked for Friday, 7th May.

## Ermine West

### Evergreen Club

A goodly smell was the order of the day when on 16th February a Cake Baking Competition was held. A fine display in two sections faced the judges, Mr. H. North and Fr. Barry. The lucky winners in each of the two sections were: 1st, Mrs. Major and Mrs. Hodson; 2nd, Miss Goodson and Mrs. Horton; 3rd, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Priestley. The winners received cash prizes and certificates. All the cakes were then auctioned by Fr. Barry, the proceeds going to the club funds.

The next three weeks, after each meeting opened with a hymn and a prayer, we had film shows to entertain us. Mrs. Leeke showed a holiday film taken in Austria; Dr. and Mrs. Sharrad took us on safari in Africa; and Mr. Bavin showed us some fine views of the Swiss Alps.

## Ermine's Fifth

### New Church

In the last month's Ermine News we mentioned the new Youth movement at the Congregational Church, the Pilots. In the same ecumenical spirit this month we would like to offer our greetings to the Roman Catholics. On Thursday, 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, their new Church, Our Lady of Lincoln, was dedicated by the Bishop of Nottingham. So to Fr. Weaver and all Catholics we offer our best wishes and pray with them for the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

## Trevor Breeze

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Breeze and their family on the death of their son Trevor, who died in a motor cycle accident on March 16th.

Trevor was one of our first choir boys at St. John's and was a member of the Church Lad's Brigade, reaching the rank of sergeant. For several years Trevor was a server at the altar and he served his church in many ways.

## International Chess

Our local chess expert, Mr. S. V. Dixon of 3 Welbourne Gardens is competing in two postal international chess competitions. The results so far are: Against Russia, one game lost, one unfinished; Against Czechoslovakia, one game won, one lost.

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# Know Your Lincoln

Q. What are the milestones with coat of arms on top at top of Steep Hill (foot of Castle Hill) and those on opposite sides of Eastgate near 'The Rest'?

A. These are **not** milestones, but **BOUNDARY** Stones of the **BAIL**, showing the extent of the **BAIL** Boundary. In this Boundary area the Constable of the Castle ruled as a military governor over his garrison and all householders living in the outer bailey of the castle, called the **BAIL**. The Bail had its own Court and laws separate from the City of Lincoln and paid its rents to the Constable. It was not until 1845 that the Bail was united with the city, but even after this it still held its own Court Leet and Bail inhabitants had to attend or pay a fine, also it retained its own Town Crier and looked after its own weights and measures.

And through the centuries the Bail Boundary Stones have stood, just where they are today.

Q. What do you know of the Window between Castle Gates?

A. This beautiful window was not part of the original castle building but came from John of Gaunts (Palace?) House in the High Street.

John of Gaunt (Duke of Lancaster) once owned the Castle and in 1390 he brought an action against the mayor and his predecessors for interfering with the affairs of the Bail, when he had Oliver de Barton holding the castle for him and collecting dues.

Q. What is the stone below this window on the footpath?

A. It is all that remains (being the base) of the Eleanor Cross that once stood on the Swine Green (near South Common) opposite St. Catherine's Priory.

Queen Eleanor's body was prepared for burial at St. Catherine's Priory, before it went on its long journey home and at each resting place the King had a cross erected. The monument to the Queen is inside Lincoln Cathedral, but the statues of Edward I and Queen Eleanor are on a buttress of the outside of the Angel Choir commemorating their visit to Lincoln in 1280.

Other Eleanor Crosses are still to be seen on the route to London, starting at Lincoln and finishing at Charing Cross.

ALICE REAH.

## Notes on the Services for Holy Week

**Palm Sunday.** At the Holy Communion there is the blessing and distribution of palm crosses, recalling to us the welcome of the crowds for Jesus as He entered Jerusalem.

**Compline.** This is an ancient and much loved evening service, used alike in Monastery and Parish Church.

**Maundy Thursday.** This is the night of the Last Supper when Jesus gave His Church the service of Holy Communion. In great thanksgiving we shall have a **FAMILY COMMUNION** in the evening at 7-30 p.m. But Good Friday is to follow, and so after the Communion the altar and sanctuary are stripped bare and the Church prepares to keep an **ALL NIGHT VIGIL**. On the night of His arrest Jesus rebuked the disciples for falling asleep whilst He prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" The Church therefore keeps vigil and you are asked to come and watch with Christ through one hour of the night.

Would you please add your name to the list in Church?

**Good Friday.** Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. ends the vigil and the Church gathers from 2 — 3 p.m. to share the last hour of Christ's dying upon the cross.

**The Easter Vigil** marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter. With the Church in darkness the Easter Candle is blessed and lighted, and carried into the Church as a symbol of the risen Christ, the light of the world. Five nails are inserted into the wax representing the wounds which the risen body of Christ still bore. As the candle is borne in procession through the darkened Church tapers are lit from it and the flame is carried from candle to candle throughout the Church. So we see the light of Christ spreading into every darkened corner, dispersing all the shades of night.

Everyone then joins in the renewal of their baptismal vows and on to the First Communion of Easter.

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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)  
 BANNES, 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. 28 Ian Peter, son of Maurice and Dian Margaret Ranby.  
 Mar. 7 Kendal, daughter of Graham and Gillian Barnett.  
 Dawn, daughter of Walter and Jean Froggatt.  
 John Craig, son of Harold and Florence Nesbitt.

### Weddings

Mar. 20 Brian J. Charlton and Margaret Bailey  
 „ 27 John M. Smith and Janet White.  
 Malcolm C. Walker and Barbara A. Panton.

### Burials

Feb. 22 Herbert Griffith, 66.  
 Mar. 5 Percy Stone, 45.  
 „ 19 Brian Coles, 29.  
 Trevor Breeze, 18.

## WHAT'S ON?

April  
 4 Sun. **Lent 5.**  
 6 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.  
 Joint Service with other Lincoln Churches, St. Catherine's, 7-30 p.m.  
 7 Wed. A.G.M. of the Parish, 7-30 p.m.  
 11 Sun. **Palm Sunday.**  
 Blessing and Distribution of Palms, 9-15 a.m.  
 For Holy Week details see page one.  
 17 Fri. **Good Friday.**  
 18 Sun. **Easter Day.**  
 21 Wed. A.G.M. St. John the Evangelist, Ermine West.  
 25 Sun. **Easter 1.**  
 26 Mon. Pick of the Shows Finals, Theatre Royal.  
 27 Tue. ST. MARK. Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.  
 May  
 2 Sun. **Easter 2.**  
 3 Mon. Mothers' Union Deanery Service, 7-30 p.m.  
 5 Wed. P.C.C.

## Special Dates

Some special events of importance are the following:—

### Unity Service

As a climax to the Lent activities of all the Churches in Lincoln is the service for all Christians on Tuesday, 6th April at St. Catherine's. We live in an age when the Christian Churches are really getting together and this is something which we should not only welcome with our lips, but actively support.

### Parish A.G.M.

The following night is equally important for all the members of the family at St. John's. On the 7th of April we meet together for the important business of deciding the future policy of our church life. This concerns everyone and we hope that every effort will be made to be there.

### A.G.M., Ermine West

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre at St. John the Evangelist is to be on Wednesday, 21st April. This too is important for the people of the West and the future of Church and Community there.

### Summer Fair

Saturday, 19th June is the date of the Summer Fair. This year we shall be having it on the ground surrounding the Church and there will be such attractions as a Balloon Race, a Judo Display, Fancy Dress Competition for children and a Fancy Hat Competition for the grown-ups, a Barbecue, Novelty Races and all the usual fun of the fair. A must for all your diaries.

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