

## SUNDAY MORNING QUEUE



Every Sunday morning there is a queue of little children outside St. John's Community Centre all of them looking incredibly smart in their Sunday dresses and bonnets. As the Family Communion ends so the little ones pour into the vacated seats for their Sunday School.

Mrs. E. A. Johnson started the school in September, 1960 with a nucleus of eight children, and by the time of the photograph, in July 1961, there were 86 in attendance. The present school year commenced with 56 infants after older children had transferred to Junior classes, and has increased to 120. Attendance of many of the very young members is made possible only by the co-operation of fathers and older children who escort groups of tinies from all parts of Ermine West.

Two stalwart eleven year olds, Christine Scott and Keith Robinson, give valuable help during the time in school, and also assist Miss F. Codrington with the attendance Stamp Books.

The aim of this class is to give happiness in early membership of the Church. It is a joy to see the enthusiasm and sincerity of these youngsters. The high-light of each year is 'Baptism Sunday' for dolls and teddies, who then become 'school members'. The heavy offertory plate needs two bearers and here, each child in turn gives service in his Church Membership as he does also by collecting milk tops.

The informal teaching is arranged by Mrs. E. A. Johnson, with Mr. Trevor Hall providing the music.

## Up She Goes

The foundations of St. John's Parish Church are well and truly laid upon the rock; and a skilful job of work it has been too.

We shall now expect to see a maze of scaffolding going up to support the shuttering for the concrete roof.

There continues to be widespread interest in Lincoln's Church of Tomorrow. Pictures in *The Times*, then T.V., the model on exhibition in Coventry Cathedral, and last month saw articles in the insets of Parish Magazines all over the country.

The appeal is now reaching the £20,000 mark, and that only leaves another £10,000 to be raised to complete the whole project.

A gift of £750 from the Marshal Charity in London has certainly helped things along nicely, but we still have a long way to go.

## Car Rally

The Rally held on July 11th clashed with the Parents night at School, but even so about sixty people took part. There was no question of a racing start because first of all one had to decipher the clues to the names of the villages which had to be visited. Ken and Joyce Priestley devised the evening and they are to be congratulated on the fact that everyone arrived home with the course completed.

The ladies of the Appeal Committee were kept hard at work providing refreshments. It seems that motoring is a hungry occupation. The proceeds were given to the Church Building Fund.

## FLOWER SHOW

arranged for September 8th  
cancelled due to lack of support.

## ERMINE TOWNSWOMEN'S EVENING GUILD

A full programme has been planned for the coming year commencing September. Mrs. Sookias, our President, has loaned us an electric sewing machine and Mr. Harrod has allowed us to bring it into school. We shall now have two machines in Arts and Crafts. In that section we are hoping to enter at Federation level and possibly at National level at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1964.

We are also sending names for the Drama Festival at Skegness next year, hoping when plans are made Ermine will have sent at least one member.

Ermine ladies have adopted one aged person in response to the appeal from the Association for the Care of the Elderly.

## GARDEN PARTY

On Saturday, June 30th the first Vicarage Garden Party was held, and it rained. Despite this however a good crowd had a fine time at the various side-shows and games after the Vicar of St. Nicholas, Revd. W. T. Armstrong, had opened the proceedings. Stalls varied from Aunt Sally and the Bran Tub to Racing and 'Roll a Penny'. Hot dogs and other refreshments were provided by the C.L.B. and the Young Wives. Evergreen 'charity stall' was there with the Mothers' Union cake stall and the Coconut Shy.

Nearly £20 was raised for our Parish Church Building Fund and a happy time was had by all.

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# THE RAVENDALE CLINIC

This Clinic is almost completed. It is sited on the corner of Ravendale Drive and Laughton Way. The Clinic was first planned in 1959 and is now almost ready for use. It is the first 'purpose built' Clinic to be built in the City and the residents of the Ermine Estate should be very proud of it. Its main features are facilities for baby clinics, ante-natal clinics and dental treatment. It is also intended to use it for Health Education purposes, the large waiting hall being ideal for giving talks and showing films.

### Infant Welfare Clinics

The Infant Welfare Clinics will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-0 to 4-0 p.m. and a Toddlers' Clinic (by appointment) will be held on Thursday mornings. Mothers are invited to bring along their children who are under five years. Health Visitors and a Doctor are present at the Clinic and mothers will have the opportunity to discuss with them infant feeding and any problems concerning the growth and development of their children.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox will be given and parents are encouraged to protect their children against these diseases. The Doctor will also examine each infant periodically to detect any deviations from normal development.

It is also intended to give short talks and have discussions on subjects of child growth and health which can give cause for concern and occasionally to show films on child development.

### Ante-Natal Clinics

These clinics will be held on Monday afternoons (2-0 to 4-0 p.m.) and in attendance will be the Midwives for the Ermine Estate, the St. Giles' Estate and the Midwife for the area of the City north of the Cathedral and between these Estates.

These Clinics give the mother opportunities to get to know the midwife who will be present at the confinement and regular attendance enables the Midwife to keep a close watch on the expectant mother during her pregnancy.

A Mothercraft Class (Stork Club) for Expectant Mothers will be held each Wednesday afternoon. At this Club, relaxation classes will be held and talks given by Medical Officers, Health Visitors, and Midwifery Staff on topics of interest to the expectant mother, thus educating the expectant mother in early child development and allaying fears which can arise during this period.

### Dental Clinic

There is a dental surgery with office and waiting room facilities and the surgery is equipped with the most modern equipment. Treatment will be available for children under five years and of school-age and for expectant and nursing mothers.

Residents well know the Clinics which are held at St. John's Church Hall and the Health Department of the Corporation are very grateful for the help which has been given by the Church Authorities.

Along with the Library and the proposed new Church, this area will become a centre for the spiritual, mental and physical well-being of the inhabitants of the Ermine Estate.

It is hoped that all Mothers and Expectant Mothers will make full use of these excellent facilities which have been provided by your City Council in an effort to raise even higher the health of the child population of the Ermine Estate.

R. D. HAIGH,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

## Are You



Lightweights are needed as well as heavyweights to do God's work in the world. This is the principle of St. John's Planned Giving Scheme. Each one of us gives according to our means.

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## PUZZLE PICTURE No. 3

(Details next month)



Last month's Puzzle Picture was of the cast of the St. John's Players production of *Quiet Weekend*. The date, October 1959. The cast, reading from left to right: Albert Dixon, Gladys Dixon,

Geoffrey Horsfall, Sandra Codling, Sheila Stokes, Margaret Bailey, Ray Haresign, Sydney Appleby, Dorothy Stokes, Eric Griggs, Jean Wilson, Marjorie Bailey, Jacqueline Corfield.

## **Father Bill goes to Borstal!**

The population of the village of Kirby Underdale in Yorkshire was increased from 31 to 41 for a week early in July. The ten new inhabitants were five from a Borstal Institution and four from the University of Oxford with Father Bill as chaplain. We lived in tents and shared everything and did everything together. We hiked over the moors taking all our kit on our backs, trying to get to know each other. We spent a day in York, went round the Railway Museum and went to the cinema and the last full day together we spent at the sea where the water seemed very cold. The holiday ended with all ten back in the Borstal where we spent some time before the five of us had to leave.

It was a week's holiday for the Borstal boys, with good food, we hope with new friends and of course no 'screws' on guard. The point of the week was to show not in words but in actions that God, through his church and the people in it, cares for and wants to help those whom society has put in prison. When a boy leaves Borstal he has many problems, the greatest is the need of friends who will trust and help him. Christians can supply this need and help those who have been in trouble as Jesus told us to when he said "Be ye therefore merciful, and judge not".

## **Baby Show Results**

### BIRTH TO SIX MONTHS

1. David Almond, 2 Haydor Avenue.
2. Berenice Daines, 10 Swaby Close.
3. Susan Smith, 7 Tetney Close.

### SIX MONTHS TO NINE MONTHS

1. Michael Hill, 1 Cottingham Drive.
2. Karen Burton, 7 Laughton Way.
3. Corrinne Smith, 13 Torrington Road.

### NINE MONTHS TO FIFTEEN MONTHS

1. Christopher Bristow, 21 Wickenby Crescent.
2. Duane Hornsey, 26 Woodhall Drive.
3. Dennis Meredith, 29 Torrington Avenue.
4. Guy Hooper, 56 Lamb Gardens.

### FIFTEEN MONTHS TO TWO YEARS

1. Tracey Earle, 3 Graysby Close.
2. Stuart Horan, 18 Queen Elizabeth Road.
3. Carl Langton, 26 Edendale Gardens.
4. Paul Richardson, 5 Tetney Close.
5. Alan Prichard, 1 Haydor Avenue.

### CHAMPION BABY

Christopher Bristow, 21 Wickenby Crescent.

## **Baptism Birthdays**

In the autumn St. John's Mothers' Union will commence an important work in keeping in touch with the newly baptised. Until a child is five years old he or she will receive a Birthday Card on the anniversary of his Baptism. This will be personally delivered by a member of the Mothers' Union who will be able to advise, if asked, on Sunday Schools, etc.

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# WHAT'S ON!

July

27 Fri. Opening of new Library and Clinic, 3 p.m.

29 Sun. **Trinity 6.**

August

5 Sun. **Trinity 7.**

6 Mon. **The Transfiguration.** Holy Communion 6-30 a.m.

12 Sun. **Trinity 8.**

19 Sun. **Trinity 9.**

26 Sun. **Trinity 10.**

## Holiday Gifts

On Saturday, September 22nd there will be an Afternoon Tea or similar function arranged, and it will include a stall of Holiday Gifts. These are gifts which we are all asked to bring back from our holidays, a piece of pottery or a stick of rock, etc. In fact it's a small gift towards the building of our new church, for the money raised from the sale of these gifts will go to that cause.

These gifts can be given at any time to:—

Mrs. E. A. Johnson, 35 Ermine Close

Mrs. A. Dixon, 17 Welbourne Gardens

## St. John's Register

### Baptisms

June 24 Berenice, daughter of Edward and Mary Daines.

July 1 Steven John, son of Peter and Brenda Robinson.

Debra Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hind.

„ 15 Nigel Thomas, son of Alfred and Eleanor Bogg.

### Burial

June 19 Roda Linton.

## What Do You Know?

Q. Why is the *Bail* so called? How far does it extend?

A. The constable of the Castle ruled as a military governor, over his garrison and all householders who lived in the 'outer bailey' of the castle, *i.e.* the Bail. He had his own court, and settled disputes about land, markets, tolls, weights and measures, etc.

The Bail boundary stones still stand, two in the East, Eastgate, side of Shuttleworth's Rest and opposite side of road, two in the South, top of Steep Hill, just above Christ's Hospital Terrace, and opposite, and in North, just past Newport Arch against row of houses. The boundary stones now bear the City Coat of Arms on top, although it was not until 1845 that the Bail was finally united to the City.

Q. Without asking anyone, how would you know the correct day of the month, any evening when near Cathedral?

A. At 8 o'clock Curfew is rung each night on two bells from Cathedral. 101 tolls are made—first bell rings 'the date', then second continues on up to the 101. (Ringing in of 101 students in olden days.)

*e.g.* 1st of the month, one bell rings 1, second bell rings 100, and so on, 2 and 99 etc. Listen for it at 8 p.m. each night but not Thursdays, its bell practise!

N.B. This is two old bell-ringing customs combined, date and students.

Q. Where is there a picture of Cranwell College in Lincoln for anyone to see?

A. In the stained glass window in the Airmen's Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral (Bomber Command window).

Q. Why are the heads of an English King and Queen carved either end of the black and white timbered building on the High Bridge, Lincoln, and who are they?

A. When the building was stripped of its old plaster and renewed it was the custom to put on the head of the reigning monarch at the time of restoration—hence King Edward one end and Queen Alexander the other.

Q. In 1200 when Bishop Hugh's (later Saint Hugh) body was brought from London to Lincoln Cathedral, who carried it into the Cathedral and where was it laid?

A. The cortege was met by two Kings, two Archbishops, 13 bishops and a gathering of nobles and ecclesiastics. The body was carried into the Cathedral on the shoulders of King John (England) and William, King of Scotland, and laid in the chapel of St. John Baptist. (St. Hugh's day, 17th November.)

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### St. John the Baptist

Family Communion, 9-00 a.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

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