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PARTY NIGHT FOR NEWS DISTRIBUTORS



The Ermine News is now in its eighth year and a party was held at St. John's Hall on Thursday, June 4th to thank all those who helped with its distribution.

The Editor prepares each month's edition and takes it to the printers by the 20th of each month. After the proof has been checked, 1,600 copies are printed and delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, who arrange for the distribution. They divide the copies up into nine bundles and take them round to the Area Representatives. These in turn divide up into about nine bundles to take round to the Street Representatives and they deliver the Ermine News direct to you. About eighty people are involved and they are all volunteers. If another

twenty people would be prepared to help, then there would be less for each one to do, and the News would reach your house earlier than it might do at the moment.

If you don't receive an Ermine News or if it is pretty late in arriving, please contact the Vicar and say that you are prepared to give up twenty minutes once a month and help with the delivery of the parish's own news sheet.

Anything that happens on the Estate is of interest to readers and the Editor is always glad to receive articles, news items, letters, photographs. Try your hand at Reporting and send the result to the Vicarage by the 14th of each month.

Let's All Sing

Most people can sing quite well, perhaps not by themselves, but certainly in the midst of a choir. Singing in parts with men's and women's voices is an enjoyable way of spending an evening and an adult choir which can supplement the present boys and girls choir, could be a great asset to the church's worship.

I would like to see a group of adults and teenagers who would meet together to prepare music for singing on special occasions.

A Meeting will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday, July 9th at 8 p.m. to look at some music and to discuss the best dates for future rehearsals. Unless you have a voice like a fog horn, please regard this as an invitation to come.

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.

Autumn Fair

in aid of Parish Church Building Fund

10th OCTOBER, 1964

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Choir

There are two or three vacancies for boys or girls in St. John's Choir. Choir practice is held on Wednesday evenings at 6-30 p.m. and application to join can be made then or on Sundays to the choirmaster Mr. R. Haresign.

Confirmation Class

Classes will start on Tuesday, September 8th for boys and girls who will then be in their third year or fourth year at a senior school. The Confirmation Service will be held sometime during December. Adults who wish to be confirmed should contact the clergy.

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Holy Land Pilgrimage

(2) Life in a Kibbutz in Israel

An hours sailing across the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Ein Gev showed us all the peaceful beauty associated with New Testament stories of fishermen. The pattern of our pilgrimage in Jordan was continued, except that we used modern coaches as transport.

Our Jewish guide, a graduate of the new Hebrew University of New Jerusalem, told us of his upbringing in the Mother Kibbutz of Daganya, near Ein Gev. This was the first of the fourteen collective settlements in the new State of Israel. A visit was arranged and we found life in a Kibbutz an interesting study.

There everyone eats according to his need; works to his full capacity; and has an equal share in everything. There is no personal money, so there is no incentive for greed, which so often is the cause of crime. No crime, no police, no politics, no place of worship, but freedom to worship as he chooses, applies to every Kibbutz. Much time is given to discussions on improving their agriculture and educational system. Drama and musicals are produced in their own theatre, and productions are exchanged with fellow settlements. The event of the year is the Easter Festival when a famous producer from a foreign land is chosen to visit the Mother Kibbutz to raise the standard of their productions.

The settlers in a Kibbutz live by farming and the exchange of surplus produce and animals for goods which they cannot produce. In the markets of Nazareth and Beersheba we saw exchanges made, without use of money. Israeli cattle are of the best breeds. The imperfect ones are killed in Kosher fashion to provide meat. Crops are barley (for bread), citrus fruits, and bananas. The women

work under ideal conditions in the kitchens, dairy, laundry, sewing room, nurseries (babies and plants) and amongst the poultry.

Babies are born in a modern hospital staffed by qualified doctors and nurses. The mother goes back to her communal work, and comes as required to feed the baby. Children never live with their parents, but maintain their affection through frequent visits and training in loving everyone. A married couple are given a one-roomed bungalow, without cooking facilities because all cooking is communal.

We saw twenty lovely babies in the nursery; next were those at the stage of kicking and gurgling; and next were the toddlers in playpens. All toys are made in craft classes. Education is compulsory from five to fourteen years of age. The Kibbutz has classes up to University admission standard. Our guide had gone through all these stages and had graduated after reading History. He worked as a guide to English Pilgrims and returned to Daganya each night. The University offers medicine and agriculture as important courses and students are expected to return to their Kibbutz as key-men.

The parallel to 11+ comes at twelve years there. Those showing aptitude for the professions continue with increased studies. The less able ones begin to do one hour's manual work daily, in addition to study in farming and cooking. At thirteen years they do two hours' manual work, and at fourteen years they become full-time workers with evening study. It certainly appeared to me that culture was a successful rival to vice, and happiness was complete in sharing everything with others.

ANN JOHNSON

Sunday Schools

These are an important part of our work among the many children on the Ermine. Sometimes we treat the Sunday Schools as cinderellas — parents may not realise how important to a child is their own Christian life and support. And teachers are always needed — there is no substitute for regular and reliable teachers.

Two notes for the future:—The Schools will close after Sunday, 19th July and start up again on 6th September. Fr. Barry will be in charge of the Juniors at St. John the Baptist and before 6th September he wants some new teachers. So please get in touch with him.

Picnic at Fulbeck

A grey, damp June evening would not be considered ideal for a picnic supper in the country, but members of St. John's Mothers' Union who did just this, agreed that they could hardly have enjoyed it more even if the sun had been shining.

We drove in a convoy of cars to Fulbeck, near Grantham, where provision had been made for such an evening and we were welcomed into the dining room of the Vicarage. The surprise supper of chicken and salad, with fresh fruit to follow and cider to drink, was followed by a walk through the garden to visit the church

B.J.H.





Clergy go to Sir Billy's

On June 8th the Bishop called all the clergy of the Lincoln Diocese to meet with him in conference at Butlin's Holiday Camp, Skegness.

Campers on holiday were probably amazed to see so many men in dog-collars descend on the camp, but it wasn't long before most of the dog-collars were discarded for sports shirts, etc. You probably couldn't have told camper from clergyman when they mixed in the Pig and Whistle or dining hall.

The Bishop had called us to mix together in work and leisure. So in the mornings and for a couple of hours in the evenings we had worship, lectures and discussions — all concerned with our day to day problems as Christian Ministers. Our worship together came to a climax with the Family Communion on the last morning. The sense of oneness in our work and worship was

great. We were also made aware of some of the great things which lie ahead for the Church of England; the movement towards re-union with the Methodist Church, re-organisation, the mission of the Church. We are all concerned in this and one of the big topics of discussion was the way in which priest and people can work together to forward God's plan.

Fr. John and Fr. Barry went sailing one afternoon and when nicely out to sea the wind dropped, leaving their little boat helpless in the grip of the tide.

After drifting for two hours they made the shore two miles from where they had started and only just got back to camp in time for the next lecture.

Next year the Bishop is asking the clergy wives to meet him at Butlin's and the Church Councillors Conference is usually held there each year.

Evergreen Club (West)

We have now got settled down again in a very tastefully painted Community Centre and the management are to be congratulated on their colour scheme.

The attendance at the meeting has not been quite so good recently on account of holidays arranged by the Lincoln Association for the Care of the Elderly and others on private holidays. Sickness too has accounted for some. However, the meetings have been full of interest. Anyone reading these notes will be very welcome.

On May 19th Mr. H. A. Alderson, St. Giles Club Member, reminisced back many years of various happenings, interspersed with some real Yorkshire sayings. On May 26th the British Railways gave a very fine set of films on Wales and Scotland, the projectionist being Mr. L. Raynes. June 2nd was a social hour under the presidency of Mrs. Stow. An entertaining programme of songs, musical items and recitations was contributed by Mrs. Gadsby, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Scaman and Mrs. Stow, with Mrs. Harmston at the piano. Mrs. Camplin was in charge of the refreshments. On June 9th Mr. J. Lilley, who was in Egypt during the War, recorded the various happenings on the voyage and in Egypt and he passed on to the Club many of his experiences. It was a very interesting talk.

E. PARKER.

Evergreen Club (East)

A new venture is the promotion of inter-club and inter-town visits. Arrangements are being made at the present with a club in Bradford. The idea is that each club should take it in turn to be host and to show the visiting club the interesting features of its own town.

An outing is arranged to Billingham with tea at the Ship Hotel and the Annual Outing, this year to Derbyshire was on June 23rd.

Parish Visit

On Sunday, July 5th the Vicar and forty of the parishioners of the parish of Wales, near Sheffield will be visiting St. John's. They will arrive in time for the Family Communion at 9-15 a.m. and after the Service we shall provide refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Church Representatives

At the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on June 3rd Mrs. J. Wilson and Mr. L. E. Daines were elected to represent St. John's on the Lincoln Council of Churches. Mrs. C. Robinson was elected to represent the church on the Lincoln Board for Social Work.

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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.
 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

- June 7 Karen Julie, daughter of Alec and Jean Broddle.
 Tina, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy Wilson.
 Russell Alexander, son of Thomas and Judith Aiton.
 Claire Amanda, daughter of Anthony and Jennifer Green.
 Stuart John, son of Ronald and Margaret Sayer.
 Kathryn, daughter of Peter and Patricia Taylor.

Burials

- May 21 Florence Mabel Babington, aged 65.
 June 2 Albert Holland, aged 66.

In times of illness

Whether at home or in hospital the church is concerned with the healing of those who are sick. There are five hospitals in Lincoln and 2,000 beds so it is quite impossible for each parish priest to make a weekly tour to see if he can find any of his parishioners who might be there. Instead, a parish priest is appointed as part-time chaplain to each one of the hospitals and he will arrange to visit everyone in his hospital and to take the Holy Communion to those who desire it. If you want your own parish priest to visit you, then drop him a post card or arrange for someone to ring him up. Never assume that he will just naturally know. For he won't.

Similarly, if you are sick at home, your parish priest will call if you let him know. Prayers are made each week in church for those who are known to be ill, and the book with the names of those to be prayed for is on the offertory table at the Family Communion each Sunday at 9-15 a.m., so that anyone may add further names.

WHAT'S ON?

July

- 1 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
 5 Sun. **Trinity 6.**
 Visit from Parish of Wales, Sheffield, 9-15 a.m.
 8 Wed. Cricket Match: Church v. Imp, 6-30 p.m.
 12 Sun. **Trinity 7.**
 13 Mon. Lincoln Grammar Schools Leavers' Service.
 19 Sun. **Trinity 8.**
 Sunday Schools break-up today.
 26 Sun. **Trinity 9.**

September

- 2 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
 6 Sun. Sunday School starts again.
 23 Wed. Harvest Supper, 7-30 p.m.
 27 Sun. Harvest Festival.

Christian Aid Week

MAY, 1964

Many thanks to all who helped to collect during this week held on May 24th — 30th. A total of £43 was sent from this parish, the combined effort of Ermine West Methodist Church, Ermine Congregational Church and St. John's Church. £24 11s. 0d. was collected on Ermine West and £18 13s. 0d. on Ermine East.

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