

BISHOP LAYS FOUNDATION A FAMILY CHURCH

A CHURCH was not a thing which should evoke exclamations like "Isn't it nice!" said the Bishop of Lincoln, Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, last night, although he hoped people would come to the new church on Ermine-estate, Lincoln, and say: "My God!"

The Bishop, who was speaking at the official foundation stone-laying ceremony of the church, said people would say this for various reasons and by doing so would be thinking.

A piece of stone from the 900-years-old Lincoln Cathedral, the foundation stone was laid in the centre of the church of St. John the Baptist — a very unusual position.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

The ceremony took the form of the service — the Bishop laid the stone and said: "In the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this stone."

In a short address the Bishop said two important events were taking place on the estate: on Friday there was the opening of the welfare clinic and library; and there was the laying of the foundation stone of the new church.

They represented the building up of a community on the estate. Already there were several other amenities such as schools, an old people's

home and places for recreation, all of which were necessary.

The church, they would observe, was not quite as usual as one expected. A church was not a thing which should evoke an exclamation although he hoped people would come to the new church and say, "My God!"

BOUND TOGETHER

It was intended that those who worshipped in the church would be a family community and it would be built so that no one could conveniently turn his back on his neighbour. Referring to the scriptures, the Bishop said that how could you love God, if you did not see Him, yet not love your neighbour whom you saw.

It was a community of place and people, bound together centrally around worship — the altar standing in the centre and most of the walls would be glass — a church must never be a nice cosy little community of people shut off from life. They should also be able to look into the world and see what went on around them.

They wanted to build up a better, more fairer, city and citizens, but this could not be done under their own power. There must be a source of grace and truth.

The service was conducted by Rev. John Hodgkinson, the Vicar, who also read a lesson from the Bible. Other readers were Canon V. I. Dalby and Mr. E. Daines, a lay reader of the church.

There was a good congregation and a large number of local clergy.



The Bishop of Lincoln, Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, lays the foundation stone of the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Ermine Estate, Lincoln. The stone, which is taken from Lincoln Cathedral, is unusually placed, being in the centre of the church.

Warning On Scampton Road Urged

A SECOND letter urging warning signs north of the junction of Tilbridge-lane, Scampton, on the A.15 is to be sent to the county surveyor.

Welton Rural District Road Safety Committee last night noted that one letter had already gone to the county surveyor.

Signs already existing were not satisfactory, it was stated, and the committee were disturbed to know that no action had yet been taken following the first letter.

First Aid On The Roads

WELTON Rural District Road Safety Committee last night passed a resolution recommending Lindsey County Road Safety Committee to encourage all motorists to carry first aid kits in their cars.

The committee claims this would enable motorists to give first aid to fellow motorists in distress.



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