

# CHURCHLINES

News from the world of worship

## MISSION GAINS WIDE SUPPORT

PREPARATIONS for Dr. Billy Graham's Mission-England have won enthusiastic support in the Lincoln area.

Some 95 people have volunteered to be counsellors at Dr. Graham's rallies in Sheffield in June, where they will talk to those who come forward to make a confession of faith.

About 300 attended the four Lincoln area meetings in the now completed course in Christian life and witness and at the last meeting a collection produced £1,350 for the Mission's expenses.

In Sleaford a Mission-England meeting is to be held on Tuesday at Northgate Methodist Church (7.45 pm), where a video and slides will be shown and three young people will talk about the rally at Norwich during Dr. Graham's visit to this county last year. All interested are welcome at the Sleaford meeting.

## CHURCH OPENING

EASTER Sunday will offer a rare chance to look round St. Helen's Church, Boultham, which is now only used on special occasions.

It will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and church enthusiast Mr. Peter Fairweather will have on display photographs and postcards and notelets of the church. Its features includes fine stained glass and memorials, dating from the Crimean War, of the Ellison family who built the church.

## WELCOME FOR VICAR

PARISHIONERS of St. John's on the Ermine, Lincoln, have welcomed their new vicar, the Rev. Michael Cooney, and his family.

About 350 people thronged the church for his induction by the Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt. Rev. Simon Phipps.

"We are delighted by the welcome we have had," said Mrs. Cooney, who has one child and is expected another. "The service was marvellous and a superb spread was laid on afterwards."

It is the first living for the Rev. Cooney (29), who was curate at St. Hugh's, Scunthorpe, and before that in a Coventry team ministry.

## EASTER MUSIC

TWO events in Sleaford tomorrow will mark Palm Sunday. At the parish church of St. Deny's the choir will be singing Handel's "Passion of Christ" at 6 p.m., and, at the neighbouring Methodist Church, there is an anthology of seasonal readings and music at 6.15 p.m.

At All Saints' Church, Lincoln, Stainer's "Crucifixion" will be performed on the same evening at 6.30 by the Minster Consort of Voices and All Saints' choir with Malcolm Hodnott (tenor) and Ian Coghill (baritone). Philip Mansser conducts and the organist is Graham Chapman.

## CHAPLAIN'S FAREWELL

AFTER 10 years as chaplain to the deaf, the Rev. Robert Bell is relinquishing the post to be vicar of Harmston and Coleby.

Canon Victor Dalby, chairman of Lincoln Diocesan Deaf Association, paying due tribute to Mr. Bell's "splendid service to the diocese and to deaf people" says that the association will be making a presentation to him at the annual meeting on Tuesday in St. Matthias Deaf Centre, Burton Road, Lincoln, at 7.30 p.m.

The guest speaker is Mrs. Petkord, development officer of the British Deaf Association. An interpreter for deaf people will be present.

## CATHEDRAL ART

PAINTINGS of the great cathedrals of Europe by Ian Hodges (64), are on view in The Gallery, Edward King House, Lincoln. The exhibition is for several weeks.



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