

THE FAMILY COMMUNION

Holy Week

April 11th — April 18th



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.

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.

EVERY TUESDAY

WHIST

7-45 p.m.

Admission 2/-

O.A.P. 1/6

EVERY THURSDAY

BINGO

7-45 p.m.

Admission 2/6

St. John's Community Centre
 Ermine West

St John's Church, Ermine

Vicar: THE REV. JOHN HODGKINSON, St. John's Vicarage. Tel. 25621.

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Wardens: MR. K. DENT, 10 Woodhall Drive and MR. K. PRIESTLEY, 50 Laughton Way.

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)

BANNS, WEDDINGS, CHURCHINGS AND CONFESSIONS by arrangement.

(Please give two weeks notice for Baptism. Forms can be obtained from the Vicarage.)

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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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.

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THURSDAY	11.30—1 p.m. 4—6 p.m.
FRIDAY	11.30—1.30 7.30—11 p.m.
SATURDAY	11.30—1.30

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