

# Lincoln Church Demolished 400 Yrs Ago Revives

MORE than 400 years ago, the church of St. John Baptist disappeared from Lincoln. Now it is being revived on 1955 lines on the growing Ermine Estate.



REV. W. T. ARMSTRONG  
Vicar of St. Nicholas, Lincoln.



Bishop of Lincoln, Rt. Rev. M. H. Harland (left), who laid the foundation stone of the Ermine Estate (Lincoln) Church Hall last night.

And yesterday—the day of the Patronal Festival of St. John Baptist — the Bishop of Lincoln (the Rt. Rev. M. H. Harland) laid the foundation stone of the dual-purpose hall.

Although specifically a hall a side sanctuary is to be built so it will also be used for church services.

The cost of the hall, its furnishings and a nearby curate's house will be about £13,350.

### 16,000 In Parish

The hall will come under the care of the Rev. W. T. Armstrong, vicar of St. Nicholas, Lincoln, bringing the total population of his parish to around the 16,000 mark.

When the housing estate is completed, the parish population will be approaching 20,000.

Mr. Armstrong, who has the help of Rev. Christopher Laurence, son of the Vicar of Horncastle, told the Echo that the hall will be dedicated to St. John Baptist.

It revives the official dedication of this parish, which is still officially St. Nicholas-with-St. John, but the Church of St. John, which was in Newport, was demolished in 1545.

The site of the hall is opposite the junction of Ravendale-drive (off Longdales-road) with Laughton-way.

Present at last night's ceremony were the Mayor of Lincoln (Coun. W. J. Bell), the City Sheriff (Mr. L. R. Grantham), Castle and Minister Ward councillors, and Mr. C. W. Hooton, chairman and other members of the Lincoln Church Extension Society.



A view of the foundation stone laying of the new Ermine Estate Church Hall. The Mayor and Mayoress of Lincoln, Coun. and Mrs. W. J. Bell, and the City Sheriff and his Lady, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Grantham, are on the extreme left. On the platform with the Bishop, Rt. Rev. M. H. Harland, are left, the Rev. W. T. Armstrong, the Rev. H. F. Riches, Rev. A. Burton and the Rev. C. Laurence.