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**MASS BAPTISM** . . . Six boys and three girls were baptised at one service at the St. John's Hall Church, Ermine Estate, Lincoln, yesterday. The service, which was conducted by the curate-in-charge, Rev. J. Hodgkinson, was one of the biggest baptisms held in Lincoln.

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# Big Christening Day On Estate

**NINE** bonny babies went to St. John's Church, Ermine Estate, Lincoln, yesterday. Some laughed, some cried, but all were baptised during what proved to be one of the biggest Christening ceremonies in the city for many years.

Curate-in-charge of St. John's, the Rev. J. Hodgkinson — "We expected a lot of noise, I don't mind" — told the nine proud mothers that a christening was essentially a family affair.

The children had now become not only part of their own small family, but part of the larger family of the Church. They were being given the greatest gift possible, the gift of everlasting life.

Then the babies, six boys and three girls, were baptised. To their credit, it can be said that although one or two exercised their lungs during the service, they were not unduly fractious during the actual baptismal ceremony.

### Their Names

One after the other, they were lifted into the arms of the curate. Colin Carter; Stephen Charles Scoffin; Carl Byron Flatters; Raymond Ernest Pearson; Tony Willders; Stephen Turner; Caroline Temporal; Julie Ann Evans, and Susan Jane Wright.

And at the end, nine little citizens were carried outside the church into the afternoon sunshine, and wheeled off home.

Mr. Hodgkinson summed it all up in a few words: "The christenings," he said, "are indeed an apt comment on life in a new estate."



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