

# THE ERMINE ESTATE BULLETIN

(THE NEWS LETTER OF ST. JOHN'S)



Here is a NEW CHURCH on a NEW ESTATE . . . .

. . . . so let's get rid of some OLD FASHIONED IDEAS!

(1) The Church isn't a club for those who like that sort of thing." The Church is a world-wide family to which YOU belong by the very fact of your baptism.

(2) Jesus Christ didn't give His Church a lot of new rules, but a new life and a new outlook. He didn't say don't do this and don't do that, but "Love God . . . and love your neighbour."

(3) Religion isn't just another hobby, but the vital working out of God's will for us in our work, our homes, and the community in which we live.

(4) Those who go to Church don't claim that they are better than those who don't. They know full well their weaknesses and shortcomings, and they draw near to God in order that He may change and strengthen them. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us."

(5) Church Services are not dull or long winded occasions, but the gathering together of God's family to offer joyful worship, and to receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(6) The Holy Communion isn't an occasional service. In the New Testament we find that the Lord's People met at the Lord's Service on the Lord's Day. One of the few commands that Jesus gave was, "Do this, in remembrance of me."

THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH MEETS EVERY SUNDAY  
AT 9-15 A.M.

**COME!**

## WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CHURCH!

### St. John's Evergreen Club

The aim of this new venture is to provide a mid-week meeting for you who are the elder members of our Estate. The first meeting is on THURSDAY, MAY 24TH, when you can meet for a chin-wag and a tea with old friends, and perhaps make some new ones. Sometimes we shall arrange a film-show or a whist-drive, or maybe an afternoon out. The meetings will be every Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m.

### St. John's Fellowship

In September we hope to start a weekly meeting on Wednesday nights for the whole family, (except, of course, for the younger children). There will be a varied programme to cater for all tastes, and the fellowship created at the Family Communion will find expression in the Wednesday Night Fellowship. September is still a long way off so we are holding a Social Evening and Dance on Wednesday, May 23rd. (Admission, 1/6, including refreshments).

### St. John's Young Wives Fellowship

This Fellowship meets alternate Tuesdays at 7-45 p.m. The next meeting is on TUESDAY, MAY 22ND.

### St. John's Junior Fellowship

Boys and girls who attend the Confirmation School and who are over 10 years old meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. This night will be changed in September, and also, a Fellowship will be started for older children.

### Welfare Clinic

On Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, and on all future Wednesdays a Welfare Clinic will be held in St. John's Hall.

A doctor will be in attendance to examine the children, and advice can be sought from the Health Visitors, who are qualified nurses.

Welfare foods will be on sale, and the necessary stamps can also be obtained from the clinic. If you wish, your children can be immunised against diphtheria and whooping cough, and vaccinated against small-pox.

### The Confirmation School

When children are baptised at Church of England fonts their God-parents promise "that they will be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him; so that, strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit, they may come with due preparation to receive the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and may go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of his church."

Boys and girls join the Infant's Confirmation School at four years of age, go up to the Junior School at 7 years and then to the Senior school for their final three years of preparation at 10½. But of course the best preparation of all is for parents to bring their children to the Family Communion week by week. *The family that prays together stays together.*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### THE FAMILY COMMUNION

9-15 a.m.

### EVENSONG

6-30 p.m.

### HOLY BAPTISM

1st Sunday in the month at 3-30 p.m.

(Forms of application should be obtained from the Rev. J. Hodgkinson, St. John's House, Sudbrooke Drive, at least two weeks in advance).

### THE CONFIRMATION SCHOOL

Infants (5-6 years)	Sundays at 2 p.m.
Juniors (7-10½ years)	2-45 p.m.
Seniors (10 and upwards)	10-20 a.m.

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