ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ERMINE

Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Sudbrooke Drive, Lincoln. St. John the Evangelist Church Community Centre, Ermine Vest, Lincoln.

NEVSLETTER DECEMBER 1965

Vicar : Rev. Robert Kem, St. John's Vicarage, Ermine, Lincoln. Curate : Rev. Barry Etherington, St. John's House, Ermine, Lincoln.

THE SEASONS OF JOY

The Christian Seasons of joy are

Advent is a time of home and joy. Standing at the beginning of a new Church Year, Advent proclaims the fact that God is King. He is the Sovereign of the Universe. It is God who reigns in heaven and earth. He is The Power of the universe. God is Ruler and King.

In Advent we look to the coming of God's Special Son, Jesus Christ, to this world in the Person of Jesus of Mazareth. In Advent we are reminded of His Second Coming when He will come to judge the

world.

Jesus Christ is both Judge and Saviour.

In another four weeks, at Christmastide, the world will celebrate the Birth of Jesus at Bothlehem. God wanted to make Himself better known to us, so He took the form of a humanbeing. He spoke a language which we humans could understand by becoming one of us. We call this the Incarnation... the coming of God to man "in the body."

The message of Christmas is that God is come. He is with us. He has come in human flesh. He has taken our human nature upon Him. He has come to His own...to you

and to me.

May our response to these Seasons of joy be one of adoration and worship. During Advent and Christnastide may we worship God each Sunday in His Church and by self-surrender to Him in our daily lives.

FIRST ROYAL VISIT ...

Ermine's first Royal visitor, the Duchess of Gloucester, paid several calls on the Estate on Tuesday 23rd Fovember. Among her calls was one to Mrs. S. Sharp of Chatterton Avenue. Mrs. Sharp has been virtually housebound for two years and regularly receives Holy Communion at home.

CHRISTMAS 1965

CHRISTIAS IVE

5.30 p.m. Meet at church to go carol singing at St. George's Hospital.

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15 a.m. Family Communion

10. 45 a.m. Family Communion at St. John the Evangelist.

FIRST SUMD Y AFTER CHRISTMAS

9.15 Family Communion (Said scrvice with hymns)

10.45 Family Communion (Said)

6.30 Carol Service in Parish Church.

As well as visiting Ermine
House, the Duchess paid an unscheduled visit to the church which
she couldn't resist seeing.
Needless to say it met with her
approval. She asked about the
east window and the architect.
Fr. Bob and Mrs. Kem were introduced to her by Mrs. Jean Scott,
county borough I.V.S. organizer.
The Kems will not forget this
meeting on their return to the U.S.

We were sad to hear of the death of Mr. Tom Coney after a short illness. We shall miss this faithful man who at the age of 80 was still cycling to Church every Sunday morning no matter what the weather.

MORSHIP GOD EVERY SU'DAY IN CHURCH

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Right Rev. Kenneth Healey, Bishop of Grimsby, will visit St. John's on Saturday December 11th to confirm the members of the fall confirmation classes.

Sixteen children and ten adults will be presented from St. John's. There will also be others

from St. Giles and Scampton.

Please make a special effort to be present to support the new confirmees, to welcome them into full membership of the Church and to welcome Bishop Healey on his first visit to us. The Bishop is to retire at the end of the year.

BRILF POINTS :

The Church Of England has just published a film strip on the work of the ordained ministry. Much of it was filmed in Lincoln and some of it is our Parish. The film will be shown in place of the sermon at Evensong on Sunday 12th December.

One of our enjoyable jobs at Christmas cach year is to go carol singing at St. George's Hospital. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for an hour and half on Christmas Eve. Meet at the church at 5.30pm transport provided.

We are urged to shop early and to post early for Christmas. But it's not too late to pop into the library and choose some very good Ohristmas cards. They are sold by various charities and the profits go to charity. As Christians we should try to keep the true spirit of the season. We do this by sending the right sort of Christmas cards rather than those which show nothing about the real meaning of Christmas.

WELCONING MENCONERS TO ST. JOHN'S Leaflets velending newconers to St. John's and telling of the worship services are available for distribution by members of the Church.

If you have not taken any leaflets, please do so and give them to senole or drop them off at the homes of people who have

near you. Help St. John's be a friendly and growing Church Family.

MAKE A MEKLY PLADGE TO SUPPORT THE JOR! OF YOUR CHURCH.

VOTE VOTE PLEDGE PAID UP-TO-DATE.

ON THE SOCIAL SIDE, we have a Wine and Cheese Party coming up on Sat. 4th December at 8 o'clock in the

There is too the regular /ednesday Night Dancing Club for all "old timers" still interested in ballroom dancing.

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THE MONTH AHEAD

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1 Vcd PCC Meeting (on West) 4 Sat St. John Evangelist Sunday School Party. Wine and Cheese Party in Parish Hall 8 p.m. - 10p.m.

5 Sun ADVENT 2 Int: Hardwick Pl. 11 Sat Confirmation by the Bishop of Grimsby 7.30.p.m.

12 Sun ADVENT 3 Int: Hampton Ho. 6.30 pm Filmstrip on the Work of the Ministry.

19 Sun ADVENT 4 Int: Haydor Ave.

2.30 Carol Service for Vest Sunday School.

21 Tue ST. THOMAS H.C. 7.30 p.m.
24 Fri CHRISTMAS EVE see
25 Sat CHRISTMAS DAY separate
26 Sun CHRISTMAS 1 announcement & ST. STEPHEN announcement

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1 Sat NE / YEARS DAY H.C. 9 15 a.m. 2 Sun CHRISTMAS 2 Int: Hackthorn Pl.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Nov 7 Timothy Grosse Mandy May Newcomb David McCulloch Munro Karen Losley Mackinder

Nov 21 Sarah Louise West Joanne Ruth Milson David Paul Gaylard ADULT BAPTISM Nov 21 Frances Susan Bean

MARRIAGE

Oct 30 Allen Rudkin & Ann Gray Nov 13 Ian Elliott and Sandra Carolyn Butt

BURIAL

Nov 24 John Thomas Concy (80) 00000000000000000

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS