

ST JOHN'S CHURCH ERMINE

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SUDBROOKE DRIVE, LINCOLN.
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ERMINE WEST, LINCOLN.

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1966

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dear People of St. Johns,

Greetings to you all - especially if I haven't yet met you personally. This will, inevitably, take some time, as I am sure you will appreciate for the Parish of St. Johns is very large. I am told that there are over 3,000 houses in it with a population of over 8,000.

I am also handicapped by being unable to live in the Vicarage owing to the building operations and at the present rate of progress it looks as though it will be some three months before I am able to do so. Meanwhile I am staying at the above address until December 19th when the College closes for the Christmas holidays. Where I shall lay my head after this date remains to be seen at the time of writing. So it is a question of living a day at a time at present, and doing the best I can in the circumstances.

However, I have so far been able to visit all the members of the Parochial Church Council. I am now about to visit other members of the congregation whose names and addresses have been given me by Fr. Barry to whom I am greatly indebted for all his help and kindness in initiating me into the life of the Church and Parish.

I have also been greatly blessed and encouraged by the warm welcome which I have received from all those whom I have so far met at St. Johns. Thank you so much, and may God continue to bless us all as we seek together to do his will and carry out His work in this Parish.

With every good wish and blessing for a very happy and holy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,
John Allen.

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PARISH CHURCH
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SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER:

6.30 p.m. CHILDREN'S & PARENTS
CHRISTMAS SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE:

11.30 p.m. Blessing of the Crib
& MIDNIGHT MASS.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

9.15 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION

12 noon Evensong (said)

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COMMUNITY CENTRE
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CHRISTMAS DAY:

10.45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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The Children's and Parents Christmas Service on December 18th will take the place of the usual Nine Lessons and Carols. This follows the success of the Children's Easter Service we had this year. It will be very much like a Nine Lessons & Carols but the children of the Sunday Schools at the Parish Church will be taking most of it along with some choir items.

For some weeks they have been preparing work on the theme of "Homes" and this will form an appropriate setting for our Christmas Service. We hope that all will come and share with the children this special Christmas Service.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

BY

MRS. MACLEAN'S CONCERT PARTY

ST. JOHN'S HALL

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

AT 7.00 p.m.

Admission - 2/6 & 1/6

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UNITY - 1967

One happy piece of news for us all is the formation of a joint representative body of all the Churches on the Ermine. This is doubly happy because Fr. Weaver and our friends from Our Lady's Church are in on this with us and so it truly involves ALL Christians on the Ermine.

We were pleased to see Fr. Weaver and some of his parishioners with us at the Induction. Now we can go forward in hope and faith to help bring a greater and deeper unity to Christ's Church.

We are coming to see that the desire for unity is not just for those Christians who are keen on this sort of thing - it is God's Spirit moving in all His People urging them to witness to Him in love and unity. This desire for unity is not an 'optional extra' - it is one of the urgent things in which being a Christian involves us in these days.

The Joint Council meets initially on Monday 12th December with representatives from all Churches and will seek ways to bring us closer together. Please pray for all its members and its work.

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PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers:

Four adults who will be confirmed on December 14th at St. Giles: David and Lauren Spencer, Joan Whitfield and David Kirk.

Those who are sick or in hospital: Hilda Marshall, John Parker and Alfred Pepperdine.

Those involved in bringing about a true and just settlement in Rhodesia and a peaceful outcome to the war in Vietnam.

Those without homes or food - and at Christmas time make a special gift through OXFAM.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Nov 6 Edwin Colin Smith Paul George Finn

BURIALS

Nov 21 James Arthur Smith (19) Nov 26 Andrew Beecham (73)

THIS MONTH - DECEMBER

- Sun 4 ADVENT 2 Intercession: Windsor House
Sat 10 'Alice in Wonderland' - Concert by Janet Ashton Dancing School at 2.30 & 7.00 in St. John's Hall Admission - 3/- and 2/-
Sun 11 ADVENT 3 Int: Woodhall Dr.
Mon 12 Joint Council of Ermine Churches 7.50 p.m. Back Room
Wed 14 Mrs. Maclean's Concert Party 7.00 p.m. St. John's Hall Admission: 2/6 and 1/6
Sun 18 ADVENT 4 Int: Woodburn Cl. & Vw. 6.30 p.m. Children's & Parent's Christmas Service.

Wed 21 ST. THOMAS Holy Communion at 9.15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE See separate
CHRISTMAS DAY announcement

Wed 28 HOLY INNOCENTS Holy Communion at 9.15 a.m.

JANUARY 1967

Sun 1 CHRISTMAS 1 Int: Waddingworth Grove. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Play The St. John Players will present 'PASSION IN PARADISE STREET.'

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'ALICE IN WONDERLAND' A Concert by THE JANET ASHTON DANCING SCHOOL in St. John's Hall on Saturday 10th December at 2.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Admission: 3/- and 2/-