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

JUNE 1966

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

MOVEMENTS TO AND FRO...

Fr. Bob and family are on a well earned holiday on the Continent - they left London on Sat 28th May - despite the Seamen's strike \ and will be visiting Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France. They will return on Saturday 11th June.

It will then be only a month before they leave for home and Des Moines - but for your diary please note that after Evensong on July 3rd Fr. Bob will be showing us the various slides he has taken of St. John's in action and which, no doubt will be shown all over the States.

July 10th will be Fr. Bob's last Sunday with us and he will be preaching at both services.

They sail from Southampton on July 15th on the S.S. France and will be spending a day in New York with Fr. John and family.

Fr. John will be arriving at Southampton on the same ship on Tues 26th July. It is not yet known when his Induction at St. Hugh's, Old Brumby, will take place but he will be with us for at least a month so we will still hear plenty of his American experiences.

With all these comings and goings the work of the Parish will still go on. One job with which Fr. Barry would like some assistance is with the mowing of the grass around the church. It takes only a couple of hours a week or so so would all willing and able men pleases sign up for duty on the rota on the church notice board.

THIRTY THOUSAND CUPS OF TEA...

...thats just about the amount that has been drunk on Thursday afternoons in St. John's Hall over the last ten years, by the Evergreens. It was on May 24th 1956 that the Rev. John Hodgkinson, the then newly appointed and first vicar of St.Johns founded the Evergreen Club for the senior citizens of the estate. He felt that this was an essential need in a community like ours and it has certainly proved to be a popular and successful venture.

To celebrate their tenth birthday the members held a tea party on 26th May in the Hall. A large number were there including some nine members who were there on that first afternoon ten years ago. During the course of the afternoon the opportunity was taken to present to Fr. Bob and Mrs. Ken a number of souvenirs of Lincoln as tokens of appreciation for their help and interest during their stay at St. Johns.

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Please pray for these who are ill in hospital :

Mrs. Hilda Marshall
Miss Dora Stocks
Ronald Herbert

We are pleased that Mrs. Lillian Jones is now home again and to hear that Jennifer Lawson is progressing well at Branston after her operation.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Coleman have now moved to Tragby Rd. but will still be a part of the family here at St. John's.

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MOTHERS UNION COFFEE MORNING ST. JOHNS VICARAGE THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 10. 30 a.m. CAKE STALL

FATHER JOHN WRITES...

Dear Friends,

From the days of the covered wagons, and the early settlers, the stranger has always been someone who mattered. And even today, the welcome and hospitality shown to the newcomer is sincere and heart warming.

Along with this friendliness there is also an informality which has no place for class distinctions and the barriers of social conventions. "Come in and make yourself at home." Jean and I love the informal sing-songs which just happen whenever a few people gather together, whether at home or in a bar. Most of us try and harmonize so that it is sometimes difficult to persuade someone to take the tune.

Last night I went to the Des Moines "Barber Shop" Society. There were sixty men singing the old Barber Shop songs in close harmony, and I found myself in the section singing the top (or Falsetto) part. there is not much voice left this morning, but it was great fun.

There is a wonderful mingling of the nations in the U.S.A. and it is this mixture of Swede, German, Italian, French, English and others that builds up a culture which is full of variety. Progress tends to bring uniformity, but each town or community can still be recognised as having a pronounced Dutch, German or Swedish influence.

Vacation time is approaching. The schools close down for June, July and August, except for some special classes. Many families take off for their vacation homes in the mountains and by the lakes, and church life therefore continues at a much steadier pace during the summer. We mark the beginning of the summer session here by spending a Sunday at the Diocesan Camp and Conference Center. Many will camp out but we will all join together for a Service in the open air and for a picnic.

We look forward to seeing you all soon,

Yours sincerely,

John Hodgkinson.

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WHAT'S ON

JUNE

1 Wed 8 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
5 Sun TRINITY SUNDAY
Int: Ruckland Ave.
10.45 Scout & Cub Parade
Ermine West
6.30 Preacher: David Atkinson of Bishops hostel.
7 Tue Ruridecanal Conference at St. Botolphs
8 Wed PCC Meeting
11 Sat ST. BARNABAS
Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
12 Sun TRINITY 1 Int: Redbourne Dr.
6.30 Preacher: Francis Buxton of Bishops Hostel.
15 Wed Confirmation Service
7.30 at St. Matthias.
17 Fri Diocesan Conference
19 Sun TRINITY 2 Int:Reticf Cl. & V.
CLB Parade
6.30 Film of USPG work India.
23 Thu Mothers Union Coffee Morning
10.30 a.m.
Vicarage garden if fine
Church Hall if wet
24 Fri NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST
Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
26 Sun TRINITY 3 Int:Risehelme Rd.
6.30 Preacher: Rev. F. Barker
29 Wed ST. PETER
Holy Communion 9.15 & 7.30pm.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

May 1 Rory James Talbot
Joanne Loraine Hobson
May 15 Deborah Ann Harris
Paula Diane Otter
Keith Smith
James Anthony Tucker
Anthony James White
Philip Arthur Whitfield
Robert Ian Wingell
Edward John Wingell
Janette Lesley Wingell

MARRIAGE

Apr 30 Leslie Stewart Benton and Maureen Stacey

BURIAL

May 13 John Willian Turk (67)

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FAMILY COMMUNION

EVERY SUNDAY

NINE FIFTEEN

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE ?