

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ERMINE

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

NEWSLETTER

JUNE

1967

VICAR: The Rev. John Allen, St. John's Vicarage, Sudbrooke Drive. Tel: 25621.

Dear People of St. John's,

Since I last wrote to you our Treasurer has informed me that our financial situation is even worse now than it was last month owing to the arrival of a number of large bills, e.g. for electricity. Our debts have consequently risen and so, like the country itself, we are literally bankrupt and living on borrowed money. This means, of course, that the more we have to borrow from the Bank, the more we have to pay in interest charges.

Naturally, we hope that the current Stewardship Canvass will result in an increased income but, even so, it is hardly likely to make us financially solvent overnight in view of the extent of our debts. The Parochial Church Council, who are responsible for the finances of the Church, will have to give their minds and attention to this problem. Meanwhile, perhaps those of you who read this leaflet but who do not attend St. John's would like to give a donation to the Church. Your gifts - however small - will be most gratefully received and, if you could make a regular donation, e.g. weekly or monthly, it would be a great blessing, and help us to become financially solvent. But do please do your best to send at least one gift, either to me at the Vicarage, or direct to the Treasurer - Mr J. Wright, 93 Yarborough Crescent, Lincoln.

In view of our financial position, it would seem that God is not going to send us a Curate at the moment, for we could not even afford to pay him the small proportion of his stipend as required by the Diocese. Certainly there is no sign of anyone coming here in the immediate or near future which means that I am unable to do anywhere near as much visiting as I would like. I am doing what I can in this respect but, if I haven't yet called on you and you would particularly like me to do so, please do not hesitate to let me know, and I will come as soon as I can.

Billy Graham Crusade T.V. Relay.

As I mentioned in last month's Newsletter, the Billy Graham Crusade at Earls Court from 23rd June to 1st July will be relayed each evening by closed-circuit television to the Ice Stadium, Nottingham. There will be special buses from Lincoln to Nottingham from June 26th to July 1st, inclusive. The cost, including 1/- for a seat reservation, is expected to be 5/- return. If you would like to join those going from St. John's on Friday, June 30th, please contact me by June 5th.

Patronal Festival and Confirmation.

The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, our Patronal Festival, falls this year on Saturday, 24th June. As the Bishop of Lincoln is kindly coming to St. John's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.30 p.m. on this day, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.15 a.m. I hope that all those of you who love and value St. John's Church will be able to come at this time to give thanks to God for our Patron Saint and Church, and again in the evening to pray for, and support, those who will be Confirmed, and to welcome the Bishop.

With Christian greetings and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN ALLEN.

PARISH DIARY

DO YOU CARE?

June

- 2 Fri. Assembly of God, Newark Rd.
Billy Graham Film, 7.30 p.m.
- 4 Sun. TRINITY 2.
New Stewardship Envelopes begin.
Int: Carlton Grove and Walk
- 6 Tues. Lenton Green. H.C. 9.30 a.m.
Mothers' Union 7.30 p.m.
- 7 Wed. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
West Management Committee 7.30 p.m.
- 11 Sat. TRINITY 3.
Int: Cabourne Avenue.
- 13 Tues. West Parade Methodist Church.
Billy Graham Film Strip 7.30 p.m.
- 14 Wed. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
C.C. - Hall, 7.30 p.m.
- 18 Sun. TRINITY 4.
Int: Clarendon Gardens and View.
- 20 Tues. Mothers' Union 7.30 p.m.
- 21 Wed. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
- 24 Sat. TRINITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
CONFIRMATION SERVICE 7.30 p.m.
- 25 Sun. TRINITY 5.
Int: Arnwall House.
- 28 Wed. Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
- 29 Thurs. ST. PETER
Holy Communion 8 p.m. at Cherry
Willingham.
- 30 Fri. Billy Graham Crusade, Nottingham,
7.30 p.m.

Conversation overheard:-

"I don't go out much, I daren't. I'm so afraid of bumping into lamp-posts or of getting into the wrong gateway, and there is so much traffic on the roads nowadays".

A year later:

"It's marvellous, I feel a new person. I've started going into town and going for walks around the Estate and I can even get down to the Inn for a drink without depending on someone else all the time. It's like being born again. Of course I couldn't do it without Jess, my Guide Dog".

This speaks for itself, doesn't it?
We are a Christian Community.
Should we care?
Do we care?

The children of St. John's Sunday School do. They are trying to buy a Guide Dog (the cost of which is £250) by collecting silver paper. This, when sent to a factory by a representative of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, is bought and melted down into ingots and used again in the manufacture of various metal goods. The money goes direct to the Guide Dog Association.

£250 sounds a lot of money but not when you know how much is involved in the training of these specialised dogs. First of all, when puppies, they are placed with a family where there are children, to get them used to being handled and to make them feel at home when on buses or in shops, then comes their training which lasts about three months. Here they are taught to recognise stationary and moving vehicles, when to sit, stand and move forward at a command, and finally to walk by the side of their trainer in the special harness provided.

When they have completed training, the dogs go to a blind person, but not without the prospective owner being first invited to the centre for a month where he is found a dog which is suitable to him alone. As many blind people are not in full employment a nominal charge only, is made for the dog. Periodically, too, a representative from the kennels visits the dog regularly for after-care.

WILL YOU HELP?

It may take us years to buy one of these dogs on our own, but the process could be speeded up if YOU were to help us too. There is a chart in Church which shows how many 5/- sacks of silver paper we have collected up to date. Will you help send up the mercury by leaving your contributions in the sack nearby?
JEAN THOMPSON.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, BRACEBRIDGE HEATH
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - JUNE 4TH TO 10TH 1967

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. the Hospital will be open to receive any visitors, friends of the Hospital and interested parishioners. The week's programme includes an open Church Civic Sunday Service (preacher Bishop of Grantham), exhibitions, film shows, afternoon teas, etc. and final dance.

THE PARISH SISTERS.

BAPTISMS:

- May 7th. Nicola Darg. Helen Tracy Baker.
Richard Anthony Cousins.
Julie Amanda Ginstall.
Stuart Ian Marshall and
Linda Jane White.

WEDDINGS:

- May 6th. Gerald Leonard Brown and
Helen...

THE PARISH REGISTERS (contd.)

FUNERAL: