

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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

NEWSLETTER

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ERMINE'S NEW VICAR

The Rev. John Allen will be inducted as the Vicar of the Parish of St. John the Baptist on FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER at 7.00 p.m.

This announcement comes as a pleasant surprise to us all as we thought that the work on the vicarage would hold things up till after Christmas. But Fr. Allen has decided to come to us at the earliest opportunity although this means he will be spending the first month or two in temporary accommodation. He will be living at 327, Burton Rd. until the vicarage is ready. We hope that all our people will be with us on the 18th to welcome him here and pray for the work of God's kingdom under his leadership.

KEEP THE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is a time for us all to be happy and enjoy ourselves. This is the way God wants it. Christians, and others for that matter, should remember why we are so happy at this time. The joys and pleasures of this affluent age are as much God's gifts to us as is the birth of Christ we celebrate at this time.

We should then make every effort to keep Christ and all that he means to us at the centre of Christmas. That is his rightful place. The greetings we give one another at this time are in Christ's name. And we can help to keep it this way by sending Christmas cards which show what Christmas is really about. Some appropriate Christmas cards will be available in church during the next few weeks. Please buy them out and help your Parish at the same time.

Alternatively, it is a good idea to buy your Christmas cards from some Charity such as Oxfam or Christian Action. These people have some excellent cards at reasonable

prices and you can make a choice from the display of several Charity cards in the Ermine Library.

Autumn & Christmas Fair

A good crowd turned out for the Fair and thanks go to both these and the many people who did such a lot of work in such a short time. The proceeds came to nearly £60 and with a donation of £10 this has made a good total for the beginning of the fund for the extension of the Parish Church and the planned link-up with the Hall. The architect is now working on this and we hope to have some specific plans in the very near future.

There will still be a great deal to do but we have done great things in the past and by faith in God we shall continue to do great things.

YOUTH WORK :

Not everyone knows that many organisations for youth exist on the Ermine. At the Methodist Church they are bursting at the seams with the various groups which meet there. At the Community Centre Brownies and Guides meet on Monday nights and Cubs and Scouts meet on Friday nights. We welcome the Cubs and Scouts with us at the 10.45 a.m. Communion Service on the first Sunday of every month.

On the other side, Beat Groups no longer seem to be in heavy demand and the Friday Night Youth Club is now growing with a number of activities open to all over 15. Sunday afternoon soccer matches against the Bishop's Hostel have started again. Unfortunately in this season's first game we suffered a resounding 7-2 defeat.

The Confirmation Club also flourishes for the younger ones. Open to all in their second or third years at secondary school, the youngsters enjoy the activities of a youth group whilst preparing for Confirmation. They meet at 6 p.m. on Fridays in St. John's Hall.

Also in St. Johns Hall the Brownies and Guides meet on Thursday nights. We shall be welcoming them on parade with us at the 9.15 Family Communion on November 13th.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Contrary to the notice in last months letter these preparation classes will now begin on Friday 4th November at 8.15 in St Johns House. Please see Fr. Barry if you wish to join in.

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P A R I S H R E G I S T E R

BAPTISMS

- Oct 2 Deborah Mary Kelly
Ian Andrew Tointon
Doreen Patricia Gail Talbot
Sheila Anne Porter
Jane Katherine Pashley
Ruth Buttery
Raymond Douglas Fox
Richard Jason Alcock
- Oct 16 Merrilee Jayne, Timothy James
and Tracey Angela Mann.

MARRIAGES

- Oct 8 Ivor Pullen & Joan Thompson
Ivor Riches & Valerie Arnold
- Oct 15 Ronald Lewis Wilson and
Rosemary Olga Walters
- Oct 22 Franklin James Chambers
and Carol Holmes

N O V E M B E R D I A R Y

- 4 Fri Adult Confirmation Class
8.15 St. Johns House.
- 6 Sun TRINITY 22
Intercession: Trelawney Ho. & Cr.
- 7 Mon Care Of Elderly Visitors
Meeting for Ermine West
7.30 Methodist Church.
- 13 Sun TRINITY 23
Int: Thoresway Dr.
- 17 Thu Diocesan Conference
- 18 Fri INDUCTION OF FR. JOHN ALLEN
7 p.m. PARISH CHURCH

AND AFTERWARDS IN THE HALL

- 20 Sun TRINITY 24
Int: Tudor House
- 24 Thu) St. Johns Players
- 25 Fri) present
- 26 Sat) OFF THE DEEP END
- 27 Sun ADVENT SUNDAY
Int: Welton Gardens
- 30 Wed ST. ANDREW
Holy Communion at 9.15 & 7.30
PCC Meeting 8 p.m.

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A PRAYER FOR OUR USE AT THIS TIME:

" Grant, O God, that the same mind may be in us that was in Christ Jesus his self-forgetting humility, his interest in common things, his love for common people, his compassion for the fallen, his tolerance with the mistaken, his patience with the slow; and at all times make us continually sensitive to thy guidance and ready for thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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After another year of receiving this Newsletter free of charge we invite all our readers to make any offering they wish to help defray the cost. It costs about 1/- per year for each to receive a copy. Hand your contribution to your deliverer who will see that it gets to us. Or alternatively put it in your Weekly Pledge Envelope. Thank you.

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Don't miss THE ST. JOHNS PLAYERS in OFF THE DEEP END by Dennis Driscoll at 7.30 in St. Johns Hall Thurs, Fri, Sat, 24, 25th, 26th Nov.

Admission 3/- Children & OAPs 1/6