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NEWSLETTER

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Priest in charge:

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GIFT:

Before Fr. John left he handed over a series of pictures done by artists from St Andrews Church, Des Moines. These pictures have been presented to St. Johns and will be on show in church from time to time as they coincide with the Church's seasons.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation preparation for adults and teenagers will start on Mon 7th November at 8 p.m. in St. John's House. Please contact Fr. Barry if you wish to join. Anyone already confirmed may join in if they wish - this can be a good opportunity to brush up ones knowledge of the faith.

PEOPLE NEXT DOOR:

We commend for your reading the Bishop's letter in this months Diocesan Leaflet. Plenty are available in church. The course of action planned by the "People next Door" groups will involve all those of you who take your beliefs seriously and want to do something about it. You will be hearing a lot more about it in the coming weeks.

PERSONAL:

We offer our best wishes and God's blessings to Rosemary (nee Priestley) and John Ward on their marriage on September 10th.

This month Mr. & Mrs. A. Pepperdine of Kensington House celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of their wedding. Our congratulations also go to this happy couple.

We pray for these who are in hospital, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hought Mrs. Butts and Mr. Lyall. We are pleased to see Jennifer Lawson home again and coming to church, crutches and all !

RUMOURS:

It has been said that rumours " seep down from people who should know better and crawl up from people who know nothing at all."

With regard to the Vicarage alterations, these are the facts: Since becoming a vicarage it has had less than the required number of bedrooms. When it was known that the vicarage would be empty this autumn plans were made for bringing it up to the required standard throughout the country. This is the responsibility of the Diocese and the Church Commissioners and they pay for it. The parish does not pay a penny. Nor, incidentally, does the parish pay a penny of the vicar's wage.

So we should be grateful for these improvements which we do not have to pay for. This is the best time for it to be done as the vicarage is empty and it would cost a good deal more if it were left for several more years.

Meanwhile, the fact that we depend so much on outside help should make each of us think more seriously about our stewardship of money. We ought to pay our way more than we do.

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Thoughts from Father Andrew

Whatever people are, Christ died for them. All people with whom we come into contact bring to us this recommendation, that they are the brethren for whom Christ died. Whatever trouble comes to us, that trouble is our share in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; and as we learn to glory in the Cross so we can find joy in our share of it. It is our part in our Redeemer's travail in bringing a new world to birth.

CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

Rhodesia and South Africa have been very much in the news. Many Christians may not be aware what the Church thinks and believes about the human issues involved. Here is a recent statement from the Christian leaders in this country:-

" At this time of anxiety for the future of Rhodesia we wish to affirm our conviction that there can be no acquiescence in independence without a settlement acceptable to the peoples of Rhodesia as a whole and reliable safeguards for unimpeded progress to majority rule. In no colony, except South Airica, has Britain surrendered sovereignty to a minority. The last chapter of our colonial record must not discredit the rest. At this critical time when the future of the Commonwealth is in the balance we call all Christians to continue in prayer for the Commonwealth and for all who take part in its deliberations."

So we hope and pray for a just settlement in Rhodesia. As for South Africa here is a living example of what we must not repeat - we must not hand over supreme control to a minority of white racialists. All Christians condemn the philosophy of life of the South Airican government. It is a philosophy which is based on a defective, corrupt and blasphemous view of those members of the human race who happen to be coloured black.

Mr. Vorster, the new South African Premier, has sworn to travel further along the road on which Mr. Verwoerd fell. It would not be at all surprising if he too fell on that road. These words of a black South African are sufficient to remind Christians what should be our approach to this issue: "If you hate me because I am ignorant, teach me. If because I am uncivilised, civilise me. If because I am a heathen, convert me. All these things can be altered. But if you hate me because I am black there is nothing I can do about it."

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OCTOBER DIARY

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<p>2 Sun TRINITY 17 Int: Stapleford Ave.</p> <p>8 Sat Coffee Morning in Blenkin Hall, 10.30 - 12. Proceeds to Diocesan Missionary work.</p> <p>9 Sun DEDICATION FESTIVAL - the third anniversary of the dedication of the Parish church Intercession: Somerset House. Preachers: 9.15 Canon Rathbone 6.30 Rev. K. Hudson</p> <p>16 Sun TRINITY 19 Int: Torrington Rd.</p> <p>17 Mon 7.30 Meeting of Lincoln Council of Churches.</p> <p>18 Tue ST. LUKE 7. p.m. Holy Communion 7.30 Paroichianal Conference at St. Botolphs</p> <p>22 Sat British Summer Time ends PUT CLOCKS <u>BACK ONE HOUR</u>.</p> <p>23 Sun TRINITY 20 Int: Tetney Cl. U.S.P.G. Sunday in Lincoln 6.30 Miss E. Butterfield, an evangelist in the Church of South India will give the address.</p> <p>26 Wed P.C.C. Meeting</p> <p>28 Fri ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>29 Sat AUTUMN FAIR 2.30 ST. JOHN'S HALL</p> <p>30 Sun TRINITY 21 Int: Thurlby Cres.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE AUTUMN FAIR</p> <p>Saturday 29th October 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>STALLS -- AMUSEMENTS -- TEAS</p> <p>COME AND DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING OO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P A R I S H R E G I S T E R -----</p> <p>BAPTISMS Sept 4 Gary Richard Colville Michael Richard Hand Tracey Amanda Sexton Sept 18 Alison Jayne Edwards Martyn Fichard Foster</p> <p>MARRIAGES Sep 3 Geoffrey Eric Coates & Julia Ann Coupland Sep 10 David John Westerman & Sandra Jeanette Scott John Thomas Ward & Rosemary Diana Priestley Sep 17 Keith Eric Berry & Maureen McKenna Franco Tivegna & Christine Ann Vincent. Sep 24 John Edward Jones & Elaine Charlotte Reynolds Terence John Sharman & Dorothy Ann Hull</p> <p>BURIALS Sep 3 Harold Green (53) Sep 28 Winifred Glossop (65)</p>
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