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ERMINE from ABOVE



Mr. Toyne, of 8 Queen Elizabeth Road, is a keen amateur photographer, and he took this photograph from 10,000 feet. The extreme east and west portions of the estate, are not shown, but it should be possible to work out the date on which the photograph was taken. (See page 4).

Parish Council Combines East and West

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish on Tuesday, January 27th, two major resolutions were passed to provide for the fact that there are now two altars within the parish: at St. John the Baptist and at St. John the Evangelist. This means that within the larger Family of the parish there are two centres of worship, and that it would be necessary to elect four Churchwardens. It was agreed that Wardens should be elected for a term of office of two years. Mr. K. Priestley and Mr. T. Moore were elected as Churchwardens of the parish, and Mr. R. Williamson and Mr. J. Flintham as Wardens for St. John the Evangelist.

The second resolution was that with effect from the next A.G.M. the elected members of the Parochial Church Council would consist of equal numbers from the two churches.

The elected members for this current year are: Mrs. Johnson, 35 Ermine Close; Mr. E. Kirby, 2 Ruckland Avenue; Mrs. Spring, 44 Clarendon Gardens; Mrs. Williamson, 23 Queen Elizabeth Road; Mr. S. Appleby, 37 Chatterton Avenue; Mrs. D. Barsley, 52 Laughton Way; Mr. E. Daines, 10 Swaby Close; Mrs. L. Bailey, 32 Bassingham Crescent; Mr. H. Harrison, 28 Hatcliffe Gardens; Mr. M. Lound, 38 Keddington Avenue, Mr. L. Smith, 10 Barkston Gardens, Mr. L. Wilson, 18 Torrington Road.

Mr. S. Appleby was elected Secretary, and Mr. L. Smith re-elected as Treasurer. Mr. F. L. Borley, of 60 Chatterton Avenue, was co-opted on to the P.C.C. and elected to serve on the St. John's Community Centre Management Committee, together with Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. Flintham, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kirby, and Mrs. Spring.

Whist and Jive!

St. John's Community Centre Management Committee have appointed two sub-committees. One is to arrange Whist Drives and the other Dances and Socials. Whist Drives are now held every Tuesday night at 7-30 p.m. and the Socials which were held on Saturday nights have now been transferred to Wednesdays, and have been pepped up into Jive Nights during the transfer.

Whist Drives are also held on Wednesdays at St. John's Hall at 7-30 p.m.

United Action

Ermine Congregational Church and St. John's are working together to try and prepare for the nation-wide "Christian Aid Week" to be held in April.

St. John's Men's Fellowship was the host to a combined meeting of the two churches when the film, Like Paradise, was shown, and a small committee appointed to arrange a larger meeting on April 11th.

The plight of 50 million refugees lies heavily on the conscience of all Christian men and women. The churches are tackling this together as a joint problem, and your support will be much appreciated.

Lambeth Film

On Sunday, February 21st, Mr. Martin, the Area Secretary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (S.P.G.), made two visits to St. John's. In the morning he showed two films connected with the Church overseas, to the Junior and Senior Confirmation School.

Instead of an address at Evensong, Mr. Martin introduced and then showed the excellent colour film "Lambeth 1959." This impressive film showed the world-wide Anglican Communion coming to grips with the problems of our day and age. The Bishops, of many colours and races, conferred on these problems at Lambeth during last Summer, and their report is still being studied in the churches.

VARIETY CONCERT

On February 4th a most enjoyable Variety Concert was given by Mrs. Cartwright of St. Giles, and her Company, in the St. John's Community Centre. It was well attended and voted by all to have been a grand two hours' entertainment. Mrs. Cartwright presents these shows free for Charities and we are very grateful to her. A vote of thanks was given by Mr. R. Spring, and the hope expressed that they may be able to come again in the not too distant future. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Bradley for introducing the Concert Party to us.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

* Services at St. John the Evangelist, Ermine West.

Evensong—Daily, 6-0 p.m.		Wednesday		Easter Even	
Monday		Holy Communion	9-15 a.m.	Ante-Communion	8- 0 a.m.
Holy Communion	6-30 a.m.	Maundy Thursday Evening		Evensong	6-30 p.m.
Compline	9-15 p.m.	Family Communion	7-45 p.m.		
		Good Friday		Easter Sunday	
Tuesday		Morning Service	9-15 a.m.	Holy Communion	8- 0 a.m.
Holy Communion	9-15 a.m.*	Family Service	10-45 a.m.*	Family Communion	9-15 a.m.
Compline	9-15 p.m.	Popular Service at Cathedral	6-30 p.m.	Family Communion	10-45 a.m.*
				Children's Service	2-30 p.m.*
				Evensong	6-30 p.m.

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What's Different?

The priest is facing the congregation and is celebrating the Holy Communion from behind the altar. This may be different from what most of us are used to, but it is by no means new. In fact, it is what the majority of Christians were used to for many centuries. The idea of the priest celebrating with his back to the people goes back to the days when the service was becoming a private affair for those surrounding the altar: something done for the ordinary people by experts, rather than something in which they played an essential as well as an active and intelligent part. And it didn't matter if the priest was not speaking in their direction, for he was using a language which the majority of them didn't understand, anyway.

In more and more churches the Holy Communion is once more becoming the great Family Service, where the whole Family of God, priest and people, gather round the altar to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Communion together.



Many new churches are so designed that the altar is more or less in the middle of the church, and when you come to think of it, why not?

For some time now, the Communion has been celebrated across the altar at St. John the Evangelist, Ermine West, and many people have commented on how this helped them to enter into the service. As for the children, they now feel that they cannot understand what is happening, and play their own important part.

THE HOUSE-CHURCH

During Lent the members of the church have been meeting in one another's houses to try and understand what it means to be the "church in the street." The parish falls into six areas or neighbourhoods, and it is hoped that the church will gather once a month at this more intimate and local level. Here is the chance for the church to meet people where they are—in their homes. In a house where a young babe keeps its parents very much tied, the baptism may well be followed by a celebration of Holy Communion in their home.

The vicar of a parish where the house-church has been at work for some time can write:—

"With the development of the house-church here there has come a new sense of belonging. Baptism is being rescued from superstition and individualism, and it is no longer felt tolerable that people should be baptized and not have the challenge of Communion put to them by the

Church going out in the context of the Communion service to proclaim the fullness of Christian initiation. We have come to a new sense of togetherness, we belong to each other and therefore we want to do things together. We come together to baptize because we are the community in which Christ baptizes, we come together to break bread because we are the community in which Christ breaks bread and we come together to bear witness because we are the community in which Christ is to witness. A miner who had never been to church in his life before, three days after a Communion service in his house asked to be prepared for Confirmation, and a house Confirmation class was held in his house. An invalid who had been receiving Communion for ten years, reserved at the celebration in his parish church, became one of the power houses of the parish through the Church going to his house.

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Our next Church Parade will be held on Easter Sunday, 29th March, and all members are asked to parade near the Lincoln Imp at 8-50 a.m. Preparations are in hand for an 'Open Night' in April, the date of which will be announced later. This is the opportunity for parents and friends to come and see the Company at work. A week-end outing to Skegness is being arranged for 25th-27th September and early reports indicate that this is likely to be well attended.

Young Wives' Group

On 28th January, thirty of us set out by bus for Nettleham when we were guests for the evening of the Nettleham Young Wives' Group. The group was celebrating its first anniversary and we enjoyed helping them to eat their birthday cake and other refreshments.

The evening of Old Tyme Dancing with instruction by Mr. and Mrs. Darley on Tuesday, 3rd February, proved very successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by the Young Wives and their husbands.

On 3rd March, we will be holding a joint meeting with the Mothers' Union and Men's Fellowship to see a film show entitled "The End of the Affair." The Congregational Women's Forum have also been invited.

We are very pleased to see so many new Young Wives attending recent meetings and look forward to seeing many more.

Evergreen Club (East)

On February 5th Fr. John conducted a Service of prayer and healing for the sick. The club is growing more and more conscious of its need to help the sick and invalid members of the parish who cannot get out to meetings. Mrs. Clayton, a member of the Ermine Congregational Church very kindly played the piano for us during the service.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on April 2nd, when nominations will be asked for the committee for the next twelve months. A report on the year's work will be given, and there will be a time for questions and suggestions.

A Jumble Sale was held on Saturday, February 21st, in aid of the Annual Outing Fund.

(West)

Over fifty people spend an enjoyable afternoon every Tuesday at 3 p.m. at St. John's Community Centre, and the numbers continue to grow.

A bring and buy sale was held recently and the excellent response brought in the sum of £3.

Mrs. Priestley is to be congratulated on the interesting and varied programmes which she has arranged. Mr. Eccleshare gave a film show on February 17th, which was very much enjoyed.

Guide Notes

On Friday, 20th February, our Guide Company was invited to the Thinking Day Celebrations which were held at Mount Street School.

The lighting of the candles which were in the shape of a Guide badge proved most effective. Each candle represented a County. After the last candle had been lit, we in the candlelight had a most enjoyable evening singing camp-fire songs.

We congratulate Sandra Scrimshaw and Brenda Stacey on passing their 2nd Class Test.

St. John's Youth Fellowship

On Sunday, the 1st February, our football team went to Morton Hall to play the Borstal boys. The sun was shining when we all boarded the 12-45 p.m. train and on alighting at Swinderby Station we enjoyed a pleasant walk to the Hall. St. John's team started the match off well by scoring two goals in the first few minutes. They were our only goals, though. The Morton Hall boys scored one, two and then three goals and the final score was about six to our two. We were informed that the team we were playing was not the first team but a reserve team! When the game ended we were all taken to the canteen and given a large mug of hot tea each. We were then taken by lorry to North Hykeham where we caught a bus back into Lincoln. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and we hope that the Borstal boys will be able to play us again in the near future; this time on our field.

Still on the subject of football; on the 8th of February we played a match against a team at Lincoln Barracks. The result was a win to the Army boys.

The Youth Council in Lincoln is planning to run a "Pick of the Shows" competition in which we are hoping to take part. We have quite a number of various acts and we are anticipating getting a small show together permanently. At the Sunday School party on Saturday afternoon, the 7th February, the Youth Club was asked if they could get a small show together to amuse the children before they had their tea. We only had a few days' notice before the party and on the evening we planned to have a rehearsal the pianist was unfortunately ill. We hoped he would be better again by the time Saturday came round but as he was not we had to put the show on without any music at all. The children did not seem to mind, though, and we hope they enjoyed our little show. We certainly enjoyed entertaining them.

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What's on this month

Events marked * at St. John's Community Centre.

March

- 1 Sun. **Lent 3.**
 3 Tue. Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.*
 4 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
 5 Thu. Men's Fellowship.
 7 Sat. St. John's and Congregational Combined Church Meeting, 6-30 p.m.
 8 Sun. **Lent 4** (Mothering Sunday).
 9 Mon. General Meeting of the Drama Group, 32 Basingham Crescent, 7-30 p.m.
 10 Tue. Mothers' Union.—St. John's House, 7-45 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.*
 11 Wed. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
 15 Sun. **Lent 5** (Passion Sunday).
 17 Tue. Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.*
 Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m.
 18 Wed. Ruridecanal Conference, "Christian Giving," Girls' High School, 7-30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 7-30 p.m.
 22 Sun. **Lent 6 (Palm Sunday).**

For Holy Week, see page one.

St. John's Register

Baptisms

- Feb. 1 Heather Margaret, daughter of George and Evelyn Mitchell.
 „ 22 Leslie Donald, son of Donald and Jean Critchley.

Burial

- Feb. 19 Phyllis May Hodson (54).
 „ 21 Edith Stimpson (72).

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| 8 | Mr. and Mrs. Altoft | Mrs. Daines |
| 15 | David Alderton
Laura Blythe | Mrs. Potter |
| 22 | Mr. and Mrs. A. Dixon | Mrs. Roberts |
| 29 | Mrs. Cattle | Mrs. Thompson |
| April | | |
| 5 | Mrs. Gott | Mrs. Parsons |
| | Mrs. Moller | |

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John the Baptist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 9-15 a.m.
 EVENSONG, 6-30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist

FAMILY COMMUNION, 10-45 a.m.
 CHILDREN'S SERVICE, 2-30 p.m.

Holy Baptism is held on the first Sunday in each month at St. John the Baptist, and two weeks' notice should be given to the Vicar.

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