

New Estate Church

This poem on the building of a church in a new estate is by Randle Manwaring, a friend of Fr. Bill, and is reprinted, by kind permission, from the Magazine *The Layman*.

I

The fields have given way, the trees are down,
New homes are here and work for everyone;
A people's life reborn in this new town,
Old industries transplanted, some begun.

And here amongst the shops and highways rise
The concrete walls of a church making a start
With the new community; around her lies
A system needing a Christo-centric heart.

To the greater glory of God new talents bend
To build the fair with truth and with courage,
With sentimental clutter at an end.
Simplicity the key-note of the age.

Now in the shrine with grace and dignity
Modern materials and methods mix
In this expression of Christian artistry,
Nothing that's mock or pseudo about the bricks.

There was a time when simple man could look
On coloured manuscripts of fresco style;
The stained-glass window was his picture book
Which many a sermon-time did then beguile.

II

The eastern aspect of the church
Speaks of the coming of the Christ
Into the darkness of the world
And of His second coming when,
As the lightning shining from the east,
He shall in glory re-appear . . .
So build, for the rising of the Son,
Risen with healing in His wings,
Build with the glass to welcome the light.

III

The rich men bring their thousands,
The poor men bring their pounds,
The artist brings a beauty
Breaking utility's bounds;
The architects and craftsmen
Have brought devoted skill
To foster the work and witness
Of the City set on a hill.



On July 23rd, 1962, The Bishop of Lincoln laid the Foundation Stone of Ermine St. John's Parish Church

MISSION TO LINCOLNSHIRE

MISSION YEAR

For the last year and more articles have appeared in the paper about the Mission to Lincolnshire. Over a period of three years all the parishes in the diocese are trying to make a forward movement. In the City of Lincoln all the parishes are working together. During the autumn there will be several combined events for all Anglicans in the city. These include a training weekend at the Bishop Grosseteste College in Newport and a Communion Service at St. Faith's Church.

The Communion is at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 5th. It is hoped that as many as possible will represent St. John's, so make a note *now* in your diary.

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In St. John's Hall, Laughton Way, on Saturday, September 22nd from 3—5 p.m. there will be a Tea Dance. At the Dance will be a Stall of Holiday Gifts. These are gifts which we are all asked to bring back from our holiday. Come and buy or just dance and have your tea. Admission will be 1/6, including refreshments, and the proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Please give your Holiday Gifts to

Mrs. E. A. Johnson, 35 Ermine Close.

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Mrs. Maclean and the Merry Mascots

A concert will be given in aid of the St. John's Church Building Fund by Mrs. Maclean and the Merry Mascots on Friday, September 21st, at 7 p.m. in St. John's Hall. Admission will be 2/-. The Merry Mascots are no strangers to the Ermine and we are very grateful to them for coming to help raise funds for the church. We hope the Hall will be bulging at the seams because so many people come to watch the Merry Mascots.

Make a note of these two events and help to make them happy and successful.

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Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes begin on September 9th for boys and girls at their secondary school. There will be three terms each of eight weeks in the year. The date of the Confirmation is March 30th in St. John's. Those who are in their third year and wish to be confirmed on that date must join the Class by the end of September. The class meets at 11-45 in St. John's Hall, Laughton Way. It is hoped that all candidates for confirmation will make an effort to attend Family Communion at 9 in St. John the Baptist or at 10-30 in St. John the Evangelist; this should be possible, especially when the class itself is not meeting.

Friday Night Club

During the holidays the Friday Night Club has visited the *Echo*, where some people even managed to get their faces on the front page of the next edition, and toured the Cathedral with Canon Cook. Unfortunately we lost in the final of the City of Lincoln Junior General Knowledge Quiz to the St. Giles Methodist Youth Club. We had a tennis tournament, a cup being given by the Management Committee of St. John the Evangelist Community Centre; the singles was won by George Garfitt and the doubles by Byron Bromham and David Dowty.

Other Club Trophies are held as follows: Jive Cup, Diana Lee and David Dowty; Dancing Cup, Linda Briggs and Barbara Freeman; Twist Cup, Tony Lawson and Peter Blyth; Table Tennis, David Dowty.

The Club also holds the Trophy won at the rally held at Kettlethorpe during the summer.

The Friday Night Club re-opens with a party for Members only on September 7th at 7-30 p.m.

This year the Club will be limited to 50 members. Those who wish to join may come at 7 p.m. on September 14th to the second meeting of the Club at which the Lincoln Judo Club is giving a demonstration.

The Club is open to children living on the Ermine Estates who are at their Secondary School and have not yet had their 15th birthday. The subscription is 3d. per week; if a member misses three weeks running without a good reason, membership is forfeited and someone on the waiting list is admitted in their place.

Oddments to Note

Mr. Jack Harrod, the Headmaster of the Ermine Junior School, will be our preacher at Evensong, 6-30 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th. Mr. Harrod is a Methodist Lay Preacher and we are very glad that he is coming.

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The Young Wives' groups of Lincoln have arranged a family picnic to be held at the home of Captain and Mrs. Fane at Fulbeck. Sports and games will be provided for children. It is on Saturday, September 8th and a bus leaves St. John's at 2-15.

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Rehearsals for the Drama Group's next production, *The House by the Lake* are going well under the direction of Eric Griggs and Marjorie Bailley. The play, which is a very dramatic thriller, will be on Thursday and Friday, 8th and 9th November.

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Thirty-six members of the Church Lads Brigade are spending a week camping near Biggar, Lanarkshire in Scotland. During the camp the boys are going on a trip down the Firth of Clyde.

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The Friday Night Club group 'The Citizens' made its first public appearance at the end of July. It will be playing at the Club's opening party on September 7th in St. John's Community Centre.

Monday Evenings

There will be a meeting in the Vicarage on Monday, September 10th from 8-9 p.m. This follows a discussion at the P.C.C. on the formation of a small group which would meet for a set number of evenings to discuss a variety of topics. At this first meeting we hope to discuss the scope and aims of the group.

New Minister for Ermine West Methodist Church

Our friends of the Ermine West Methodist Church this month welcome their new Minister, the Reverend Peter Michel. We trust that Mr. Michel will have a happy and fruitful ministry in Lincoln and that it won't be too long before we get to know him. Mr. Michel's previous charge was in Lincolnshire.

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WHAT'S ON?

September

- 2 Sun. **Trinity 11.**
 7 Fri. Friday Night Club Opening Party.
 8 Sat. Bricks on Sale in the High Street.
 Young Wives' Garden Party at Fulbeck.
 9 Sun. **Trinity 12.**
 Sunday Schools re-open.
 Mr. J. Harrod preaching at Evensong.
 12 Wed. P.C.C. Meeting, 7-45, St. John's Hall,
 Laughton Way.
 16 Sun. **Trinity 13.**
 21 Fri. Mrs. Maclean's Merry Mascots, St.
 John's Hall, Laughton Way, 7 p.m.
 22 Sat. Tea Dance, St. John's Hall, Laughton
 Way, 3-5 p.m.
 23 Sun. **Trinity 14.**
 29 Sat. St. Michael and All Angels. H.C.,
 7-30 a.m.
 30 Sun. **Trinity 15.**

October

- 1 Mon. C.L.B. Annual Inspection.
 5 Fri. Deanery Communion, St. Faith's, 8
 p.m.

St. John's Register

Baptism

- July 8 Caroline, daughter of Thomas and
 Barbara Luff.

What Do You Know?

- Q. Monks Abbey on Monks Road: was this ever
 a monastery or abbey and did monks ever live
 there?
 A. Monks Abbey is really called St. Mary
 Magdalene's Cell and belonged to the Abbey
 of St. Mary at York which was given land
 here in the time of William the Conqueror.
 The cell of Monks Abbey was small and had
 a prior and two or three monks only. They
 belonged to the Benedictine order, the 'Black
 Monks' so-called because they wore a tunic
 cowl and hood of black material. The prior
 and monks were mainly concerned in collect-
 ing rents of the lands which had been allotted
 to them. It was dissolved along with other
 religious houses by Henry VIII—the lands
 were valued at £23 6s. 3d.
- Q. What does 'Bight' as in streets East and
 West Bight mean?
 A. 'Bight' is a Danish word meaning an 'elbow
 bend', or a lane with a bend in it.
- Q. How did Tentercroft Street get its name?
 A. It is one of many trade names in Lincoln
 streets. Where the trade was done and the
 workers lived. Here the 'tenters' tentered
 their cloth, pulling it tight with their special
 hooks (hence the expression "being on
 tenter-hooks"). Many people carried on their
 particular trade where they lived.
 Other examples in Lincoln are Flaxengate, the
 home of the flax workers; Saltergate, the home
 of the salters; Walkers Lane (now altered to
 Water Lane) was where the cloth was
 'walked' in the vats to help stretch it; Hun-
 gate was originally Houndgate, as in York.
 The street of hounds.
- Q. How high is the Central Tower of the
 Cathedral?
 A. Height to top corner of the pinnacles is
 271 feet. High as it is, it once served as a base
 for a tall spire of timber (525 feet) which was
 blown down in 1547.
- Q. From where did the Roman City of Lindum
 get its water supply?
 A. From Ermine, i.e. springs, at the Roaring
 Meg. The aquaduct started in the field just
 outside Boundary Hedge, Nettleham Road,
 and lead to the Upper Roman City. (Plan in
 book with Fr. Bill if you wish to see it.)
- Q. What Lincoln treasure, being sent for display
 to the World Fair, New York, in 1938, was
 not returned until 1946 and where is it now?
 A. The Lincoln Cathedral copy of Magna Carta,
 which is now in the Cathedral. Its return was
 delayed during the war years.
- Q. The Galilee Porch of Lincoln Cathedral was
 built about 1235 as the State entrance for
 the Bishop. It is enriched by the repetition of
 the 'dog-tooth' ornament. How many of these
 dog-tooth pieces are there in this Porch?
 A. The dog-tooth is repeated 5,355 times.

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