



with this ring I thee wed . . .

Neil Munro and Barbara Cox posed for this picture after their wedding, so that they could have a record of the moment, when in the sight of God and his people, they became husband and wife.

"For richer, for poorer, for better for worse, in sickness and health, until death us do part." These words from the marriage vows are well worth remembering and they can be a source of joy and encouragement for all who have undertaken them.

The priest doesn't marry the couple. The couple marry themselves by giving their vows before witnesses. The priest is there to seek God's blessing on their life together. The priest asks, "who giveth this woman to be married to this man?" and the Father takes his daughter's hand and gives it to the priest, who then joins it with the hand of the Bridegroom. In this age old ceremony, the priest, standing before God gives the bride to the bridegroom, a symbol that they have been brought together by God and that their very love is God's gift.

The vows are made, the ring is given, God's blessing is pronounced, the two are made one, the congregation are solemnly charged, "Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

The bride and groom, husband and wife, then ascend the steps and kneel at the communion rail. Here they kneel alone offering their future life to God. Their first words together as man and wife are, "Our Father".

Under God, a marriage should grow, becoming a deeper union with each year, the gift of children and the comradeship that comes from facing difficult times together.

Some marriages however go through hard times and it needs a helping hand to put things right. That is one of the things that your parish priest is for. Dial Lincoln 25621. "Is that you Vicar? Can I come and have a talk with you"?

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE (ERMINE WEST)

At the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, April 15th the following were elected to serve on the committee: Mr. and Mrs. R. Cook, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Dimbleby and Mr. Duckworth. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Flintham and Mr. Williamson represent the P.C.C. The Chairman is Father John, Vice-Chairman: Mr. Ron Williamson, Hon. Sec.: Mr. Henry Flintham and the Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Cecil Robinson.

Reports were received from the Secretary and the Treasurer and from the leaders of the organisations: Guides (Mrs. Buckthorpe), Brownies (Brown Owl), Cubs (Mrs. Shaw), Evergreen Club (Mr. Parker), Over 21 Club (Mrs. Flintham), Friday Night Club (Father John).

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Destination Ermine

Spring is bringing out the coach parties and for many of them their destination is St. John's Church. Confirmation Candidates from Leicester, Mothers' Unions from Nottingham and Huntingdon and groups of all kinds from our own diocese. On July 5th the congregation from Wales, near Sheffield is coming early in the morning to share in the Family Communion at 9-15 a.m.

Architectural and art students come from all over the country to write about the church in general and Keith New's Window in particular.

Special Preachers During May

May 3rd (6-30 p.m.). The Rev. J. Nunneley, Rector of Raithby and Diocesan Representative for the Additional Curates' Society.

May 7th (7-45 p.m.). Ascension Day. The Rev. J. Woollan, Rector of Waddington.

May 17th (9-15 a.m.). Whit Sunday. The Rev. G. Downing, the Bishop's Hostel.

May 24th (9-15 a.m.). The Archdeacon of Lincoln.

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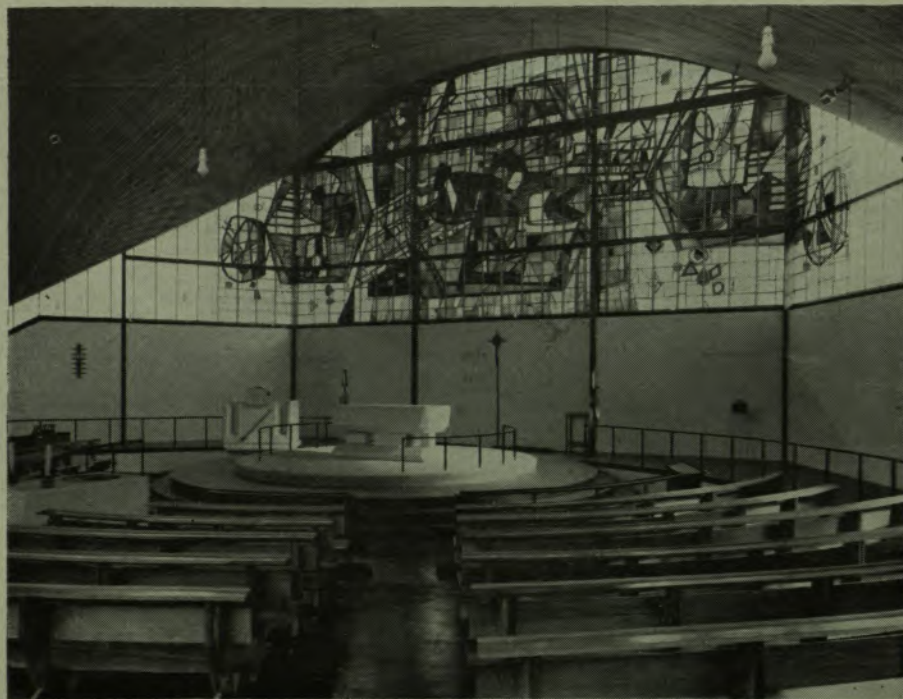
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Evergreen Club (West)

This Club is held every Tuesday throughout the year with the exception of Trip Week and August Bank Holiday period, also Christmas Holidays. It is held from 2-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. John's Community Centre, Queen Elizabeth Road and is undenominational.

There are various speakers who take various subjects and the social side is also catered for. On the first Tuesday in each month it is members

day and they take part in many ways to provide an interesting afternoon.

On May 26th the British Railways will be showing films; on June 23rd the Police will give a talk on Road Safety, illustrated by films; on July 14th there will be a Concert Party from the Co-op Central Guild; on July 21st we shall have a talk by the representative of the R.S.P.C.C. On the dates not mentioned speakers are being arranged.

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Evergreen Club (East)

Recent activities have included a whist drive, travel films from British Railways and songs by men of the Bishop's Hostel.

The Annual Outing has been arranged for a tour of Derbyshire. This will include coffee at Baslow, lunch at Buxton, tea at Matlock and fish and chips at Newark on the way home. All this completely free of charge to members who have 75% attendance since last June. Others will benefit proportionately.

Ermine Townswomen's Guild

Meetings are held at Ermine Junior School on the second Thursday in every month at 7-30 p.m. At last month's meeting the subject was a talk on the Cheshire Homes. This is now to be followed up by a visit to one of the homes at Holbeach.

A Two Day Drama School has been arranged at Riseholme with Mr. Mostyn Lewis and Miss Alison Graham Campbell. Further details can be obtained from the Chairman (Mrs. A. Dixon, 17 Welbourne Gardens).

LIBRARY NOTES

FREDA GOODHEAD

"Have you any reference books on . . . ?" This query, on a variety of subjects, comes fairly frequently to the Ermine Library and one must first answer by saying, more or less, "Well it depends what you mean by reference book."

A reference **library** will contain books of all kinds which have been set apart from the general collection and which are not available for loan; so sometimes 'reference book' will merely indicate that a book may not be borrowed for home reading. **The Study Room at the Ermine Branch is not this kind of library.**

Strictly speaking, any book at all can be used for reference, whatever the author's intention, or wherever it is kept in the library. So a readable book on gardening, photography, music or what-have-you, can either be made into a reference book by being consulted briefly on one or two points while still in the library, or it can be taken home for more thorough reading.

Occasionally it becomes clear that the enquirer means by 'reference book' just a book which is more difficult or like a text-book than most, something one would not pick up light-heartedly and read simply for pleasure. In this way, "Have you any reference books on Australia?" may eventually boil down to, "I have to write an essay for tomorrow on the Great Barrier Reef, and have left my text-book at school", or to, "I am thinking of emigrating".

Some books are never intended for consecutive reading. Telephone directories are fairly obvious examples of these, though one hears stories — mythical, probably — of children reading through volume A — E of the London telephone directory and begging for the sequel. In the Study Room at the Ermine Branch we have a small collection of books of this kind (usually known as quick-

reference books) and it would be worth a few minutes of many readers' time to see what is available. They range from the more familiar encyclopaedias (Britannica and Chamber's) to such things as the confusing-looking, but potentially valuable, "Keesing's contemporary archives: a weekly diary of world events" and "Citizens' advice notes" and include many dictionaries and year-books of different subjects. There are, too, atlases, ordnance survey maps, railway time-tables and classified telephone directories for the whole country.

But the majority of books in the Study Room are for loan. Here, the range is as wide as in the general library, with the addition of music-scores and books on music, books on languages and a small number of books in French, German, Spanish and Russian, and books on commerce and technology. Magazines, not highly technical, but of a sort which normally require closer reading than those we leave in the general library are also provided.

All adult readers are free to use the Study Room. It was intended to be helpful for people needing space, peace and books to work, but its use is not confined to school children and older students. Though the books can be used as tools for study, other readers will often find something to interest them there; again, it is worth spending some time browsing around to see what subjects are covered. It is the one part of the library where real quiet is required from the users. This seems so reasonable in a place designed for study that the few who need supervision and frequent reminding of this can be a constant source of disappointment and irritation. It would be splendid to have co-operation from **all** the users; so many obviously find it very useful now, and many more could.

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 Holy Baptism (First Sunday in the month), 3-45 p.m.
 Evensong, 6-30 p.m.
 (Confirmation Classes for boys and girls 13 and over in Church, Tuesday evenings, 6-30 p.m.)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COMMUNITY CENTRE (ERMINE WEST)

Holy Communion, 8-0 a.m.
 Infants Confirmation School, 11-30 a.m.
 Junior Confirmation School, 2-30 p.m.
 Holy Baptism (Third Sunday in the month), 3-45 p.m.
 Evensong (First Sunday in the month), 6-30 p.m.

BANNS, WEDDINGS, CHURCHINGS AND CONFESSIONS by arrangement.
 (Please give two weeks notice for Baptism. Forms can be obtained from the Vicarage.)

St. John's Register

Baptisms

Mar. 29 Gail Ann, daughter of Barry and Patricia Abbott.
 Andrew Thomas, son of Donald and Elsie Millns.
 April 5 Donna Elaine, daughter of Peter and Mabel Yeates.
 Hugh, son of Oliver and Jessie Simpson.

Weddings

Mar. 21 Neil William Munro and Barbara May Cox.
 „ 28 Melvyn Douglas Chambers and Aileen O'Reardon.
 Geoffrey Alan Ward and Linda Margaret Parker.
 Malcolm Robert McPhee and Linda Rosalind Denton.

Burials

April 3 William Henry Cooling.
 „ 13 Vera Foster.
 „ 23 Shawn Patrick Mitchell.

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Ascension Day

Thursday, May 7th

EVENING COMMUNION

7-45 p.m.

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The Rev. John Woollan

Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall

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Trinity Sunday

24th MAY, 1964

9-15 a.m.

The Ven. A. C. Smith
 (Archdeacon of Lincoln)

6-30 p.m.

EVENSONG

★ (and welcome to Fr. Barry on his ordination) ★

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WHAT'S ON?

May

- 1 Fri. S. Philip and S. James. Holy Communion, 7-30 p.m.
- 3 Sun. **Easter 5.**
Special Prayers for Additional Curate Society.
- 5 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-30 p.m.
- 6 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 7 Thur. **Ascension Day.**
Holy Communion, 7-45 p.m.
- 10 Sun. **Sunday after Ascension.**
- 11 Mon. Combined Church Meeting, Ermine Methodist Church, 7-30 p.m.
- 12 Tue. Visit from St. Paul's, West Bridgford and Great Staughton, Huntingdon, 4 p.m.
- 13 Wed. Lincoln Church Extension Society, A.G.M., St. Paul's Church Hall, Birchwood, 7-30 p.m.
- 17 Sun. **Whit Sunday.**
- 19 Tue. Mothers' Union, 7-30 p.m.
- 24 Sun. **Trinity Sunday.**
Ordination Service at the Cathedral, 10-30 a.m.

June

- 2 Tue. Ruri-decanal Conference, 7-30 p.m.
- 3 Wed. P.C.C., 7-30 p.m.
- 4 Thur. Ermine News Representatives Party, 7-30 p.m.

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