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Looking Ahead

Twelve times during this year you will receive a copy of the *Ermine News* as a present from St. John's Church. This is not an indication that we have a lot of money to throw around, in fact we need another £15,000 towards the new church, but it is the only way that we can ensure that every family is kept in touch with the work of their church and the community within which we live.

1960 is a year of great promise for us. The Estate will be completed in the near future, and for many families the children are growing up, enabling the families to take a much greater part in the life of the church and the community.

Mr. W. Brockie will be coming to us as the Assistant Curate in June,

Gift of £5,250

Following our own efforts through the Planned Giving Canvass, the Diocese has given us even further encouragement towards the building of the Parish Church by making us a grant of £5,250. Further grants and donations should be sent to the Vicar, and perhaps the best help of all is to join our Family Weekly Envelope Scheme. This is our great chance to build, not only for ourselves, but for future generations, and above all, to the glory of God.

Full House

Thursday evenings at St. John's Community Centre have proved to be social occasions which have attracted more people than the hall could hold. Under the able organisa-

tion of Mr. Jagger, "Bingo" has been a great success in every way. In the new year Mr. Williamson will be at the helm, and he hopes to keep Thursday night the happy and profitable occasion that it undoubtedly is.

and I know that he will soon be a familiar and much loved figure amongst us all. Our many youth organisations await his arrival with special interest.

There is a move on foot for the Estate, which at present is classed as a Conventional District, to be established as a Parish, and we also look forward to examining the plans for the Parish Church.

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Under God we face the future with great hope, and look to all our families worshipping together as the Family of God.

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New Leader

The King's Messengers is a club for boys and girls 8-10, who have a real interest in the work of the church overseas. Meetings start again on Wednesday evenings with a new leader, Mrs. K. Garner.

Packed Church

Over 600 people crowded into St. Nicholas' Church on December 9th, for the Confirmation Service which was taken by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

Fifteen candidates were presented from St. John's: Anthony Page, Martin Carter, Trevor Breeze, David Appleby, Neil Burnett, Richard Parker, John Smith, David Alderton, John Shaw, John Jackson, Laura Blyth, Jane Dixon, Rita Credland, Susan Wilson, Patricia Burkitt. The newly confirmed made their first communion at St. John's on the following Sunday.

Boys and Girls 11-12

From Sunday, January 3rd, the Confirmation School for boys and girls in their first year at Secondary Modern or Grammar Schools, will be held on Sunday afternoons at 2-30 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church.

The school will be taken by the Vicar, and the year's course will be based upon the catechism. This will ensure a good grounding before the final year's preparation for confirmation. The Vicar would be pleased to visit any parents who would like to discuss the question of their child's preparation for confirmation.

Joyful Jive

Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore, their helpers and teenage committee are to be congratulated on what must surely be Lincoln's best run Jive Club. The Club meets on Wednesday evenings at St. John's Community Centre, and in the new year they will be able to take just a few more members.

Arrangements are already in hand for summer outings, and on 16th December a grand party was held with an excellent running buffet and their very first Birthday cake. Colour was added to the occasion by Graham Overton as Father Christmas, Basher Burman as Wee Willie Winkie, and Dave Bloodworth as the Commissionaire.

Merry Mascots

Mrs. Maclean's Merry Mascots will give a concert in aid of Evergreen Club funds at St. John's Community Centre on January 11th, at 7 p.m. Admission, 1/6; Children, 9d.

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From the Archdeacon of Lincoln

By good fortune a copy of Ermine News has come my way. May I congratulate you all on the splendid result of your Christian Giving Campaign. It means a great deal of sacrifice and much hard work to raise this good sum of money. But it is a very thrilling work. You will soon be building a Church, which will be the source of blessings untold for many many generations to come, and that is a very very great privilege indeed. And you are going to welcome a newly ordained Deacon to work in your Parish. Do not forget that not only does the Parson help to make the parish in which he lives, but the parish helps to make the Parson too, and he will have his very first ministry among you. Let it be a very happy experience for him, for it will have a very great influence on the whole of his life and work in the Church.

God bless you all.

CLIFFORD JARVIS.

Evergreen Birthday Party

The Evergreen Club (West) held its first Birthday Party on December 14th at St. John's Community Centre. Mrs. Trevor presented Mrs. Priestley with a bouquet of flowers from the members of the club as a gesture of their affection and appreciation for all that she had done for the club during the first year. After tea a concert was given by St. Giles' Co-op. Guild.

Monday, January 11th, will be the occasion of the "President's Tea," given by Councillor F. Ecclesshare. This will be at 3 p.m.

Week of Prayer

January 18th-25th is the world wide week of prayer for Christian Unity. A united service will be held at Wesley Chapel on January 24th, at 3-0 p.m.

I hope that this parish will be well represented at this gathering of the churches. The address will be given by Fr. V. I. Dalby.

Theatre Fans

The Evergreen Club (East) had a party on December 10th, and fifty members then went to the Theatre Royal. On January 4th, 35 members are going to the Pantomime at Coventry, starring Mr. Pastry and Charlie Chester.

Meet the Folks

One of the outcomes of worshipping together is that people want to get to know one another. To meet this need and to increase our Christian fellowship Evensong at St. John Baptist on the 1st Sunday in the month, and at St. John the Evangelist on the second Sunday in the month will be followed by light refreshments and a social get-together.

Children's Parties

At St. John the Baptist the teachers of the Confirmation Schools and the Young Wives' Group have arranged two parties: Infants, January 2nd, and Juniors, January 9th.

The dates of the parties on Ermine West have been changed to 29th and 30th January, but tickets are still to be collected from the Community Centre on January 2nd, as arranged.

Adults

A Confirmation will be held at St. John's before Easter, and the first meeting for adults and boys and girls of 17 or over who wish to be confirmed will be held at St. John's House, on Monday, January 11th, at 7-30 p.m.

Choir

Choir practice is held on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at St. John Baptist. There are vacancies for men, and also for three girls. Anyone wishing to join the choir is invited to come along on Thursday evenings.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST

Family Communion 9-15 a.m.
Evensong 6-30 p.m.
Baptism — 1st Sunday in the month
(two weeks notice to the Vicar)
3-45 p.m.

ST. JOHN EVANGELIST

Family Communion 10-45 a.m.
Evensong (2nd Sunday in the month)
i.e. **January 10th** 6-30 p.m.

Calendar

January, 1960

- 1 **The Circumcision.** H.C., 6-30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship Party.
- 3 **Christmas 2.**
- 5 Mothers' Union Dinner.
- 6 **Epiphany.** H.C., 9-15 a.m.
- 8 Continuation Committee, 7-45
- 10 **Epiphany 1.**
- 11 Adult Conf. Class, 7-30 p.m.
Evergreen Club (West).
- 12 Young Wives' Party, 7-45 p.m.
- 17 **Epiphany 2.**
- 18 St. John E. Management, 7-45
- 19 Sanctuary Guild, 2-30 p.m.
Mothers' Union, 7-45 p.m.
- 24 **Epiphany 3.**
- 25 **Conv. St. Paul.** H.C., 6-30
- 26 Young Wives' Group, 7-45 p.m.
- 31 **Epiphany 4.**

St. John's Register

Baptisms.—December 6th.

Sharon Elizabeth, daughter of John and Jean Howes.
Tracy Annette, daughter of Terence and Olive Bradbury.
Brian, son of Reuben and Anne Brummitt.
Carol Ann, daughter of Victor and Eileen Froggatt.

Burial.

Dec. 3 Randall Morgan (51).

Marriage.

Dec. 26 Geoffrey Hall and Josephine Lesley Johnson.

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