

SAINT PETER'S



EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH MAGAZINE

JANUARY, 1947

FROM THE RECTOR OF LAMBLEY.

The world is generally interested in the wrong thing. Nineteen centuries ago Bethlehem, a little town or rather village, with some seven or eight hundred inhabitants was in great excitement because of the Census Officer and the Government regulations. All day long any who could claim any connection with David's Royal House flocked to Bethlehem. They had no interest in God entering time and space to visit and redeem His people.

God was so close to their door that He passed unrecognised—they were too occupied in other things; there was no room for Jesus in their hearts. The Shepherds went too to Bethlehem but they went to find Christ.

As it was then so it is now.

We have just been keeping two Festivals. The first the old heathen pagan Festival of the "*Unconquered Sin*" which expressed the relief of our forefathers in passing the shortest day, a festival associated with feasting, dancing and merry making—the observance of the heathen Festival is good so long as it is not indulged in to excess and to the exclusion of the second Festival we celebrate at this time, the *Christian Festival of the Birthday of our Lord*. For we Christians believe that at Christmas God Himself, God who made the stars, entered human life, was born at Bethlehem, and lay weak and helpless on a little straw on the hard board of the Manger of a stable cave.

That is the origin of the Christian Festival and explains why a few people keep Christmas and go to Church to worship and receive Jesus!

What room have we for Christ at Christmas? Or were we so occupied with other things, so engrossed in social pleasure that we had no room for Jesus or at the best a tiny, dusty corner like the Manger of the Stable cave at Bethlehem.

If we are Christians Christ must have the first place at Christmas.

This is my third Christmas at East Bridgford as Priest-in charge and my last letter to you. It has been a happy time in many ways, though I wish I might have done more. It has been a privilege to take Services in your lovely old Church and a pleasure to visit the Schools in the week; it is almost invidious, when all have been so kind, to mention names, but I should like to acknowledge my indebtedness to the two Churchwardens Captain R. Wing and Mr. Rhodes, the Organist Mr. Shardlow, the indispensable Miss Doris Hand and also Miss Sims who nobly decipher my illegible writing; without their help I could not have carried on.

Now may I say a word about your Rector-designate, the Rev. Roger McLean. He has been a personal friend of mine for many years, and I knew, much respected and loved his father who was Rector of Epperstone until 1942.

The new Rector is a man of considerable ability; he took three Triposes at Cambridge, and is a secular lecturer much above the average—he has the flair of getting his subject across and keeping it interesting. During the war he lectured to the Army and Navy. For some years he coached one of the Boat Clubs at Nottingham and it would be good if he could help East Bridgford to put a boat on the River. He is young and charming and his fiancée whom he marries on January 7th, an Ex-W.R.E.N. is pleasing and attractive with artistic tastes. She has already had some of her paintings in the London Galleries.

They should both be an asset to East Bridgford and I am sure that you will take them both to your hearts and give them a warm welcome and all the help you can.

I need hardly say how dependent we parsons are on the sympathy, help and co-operation of the people of the Parish.

The Rev. Roger McLean's Institution and Induction takes place on Friday, January 31st, at 6-30 p.m. when it is hoped we may have a full Church to welcome the new Rector.

My best wishes for 1947.

H. W. PEARSON.

Confirmation.—The following were confirmed in S. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, on S. Luke's Day, 1946, and were made full members of Christ; one Holy Catholic Church:— Winifred Mavis Ellis; Patricia May Browne; Dorothy Mary Paling; Barbara Anne Mallett; Everilde Eva Tracey; Anthea Helen Wales; Edna Hardy, Megan Mary Walsh.

Statement of Magazine Accounts.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Sale of Mag.:	15 6 7	Printing Cover	
Verger's Fees	1 10 0	Home Words	26 13 5
Fee for Curb	2 0 0	Bishop's Letter	
M. D. Fund	7 7		
Balance from previous year	1 12 0		
	<u>£20 16 2</u>		<u>26 13 5</u>
			20 16 2
		Deficit	<u>£5 17 3</u>

May we take this opportunity of thanking the Magazine Distributors, particularly Miss Robinson, who has distributed them for nearly 40 years.
D.H.

East Bridgford Village Hall.—A Social will be held in the Village Hall on Friday January 10th. The Village Hall Committee wish to thank all friends who sent gifts of any kind for their Jumble Sale, which was a great success, the proceeds being:—Raffle and Sale £42 12s 0.

F.M.B.

EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL.

BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31st, 1946.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance in Bank Nov. 1st. 1945	£107 3 0	The Caretaker	£14 14 0
Cash in Hand	3 16 0	Electricity	5 4 7
Lettings of Hall	32 1 5	Water	1 8 0
Profit on Dances	48 1 9	District Rate	4 10 0
Concert for Chairs	18 3 0	Coal & Coke	9 18 5
Whist Drive	9 7 0	Insurances	2 6 11
Concert for new floor	21 4 0	Performing Rights	1 6 9
Sale of Radiogramme	18 15 0	Electric Repairs	2 2 6
Ground Rent K. E. Club	10 6	Purchase of Chairs	19 15 3
Merby & Notts. Electric Power Co.	1 0	Decorating of Hall & cleaning	77 14 6
Donations	1 0 1	Sundry Purchases for Maintenance	5 5 9
		Cheque Book	8 0
		Bank Charges	8 6
		Balance at Bank Oct 31./1946	114 18 8
	<u>£260 2 10</u>		<u>£260 2 10</u>

G. E. WALES, Hon. Treasurer.

F. M. BOYCE, Hon. Secretary.

East Bridgford Players are presenting three One-act Plays in the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, January 24th, and 25th. The plays to be presented are "And so they were married"; "Dark Brown"; and "The Dear Departed". The proceeds are for Earl Haig's Fund.

Women's Institute.—The January meeting takes the form of a Social Evening on Tuesday January 14th. There will be a very full programme of competitions, games, dancing, music and a ballad-mime. Members may invite a friend.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them."—Amen.

December 19th—John Dennis Johnson aged 23 years.

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SACRAMENTS AND OTHER RITES

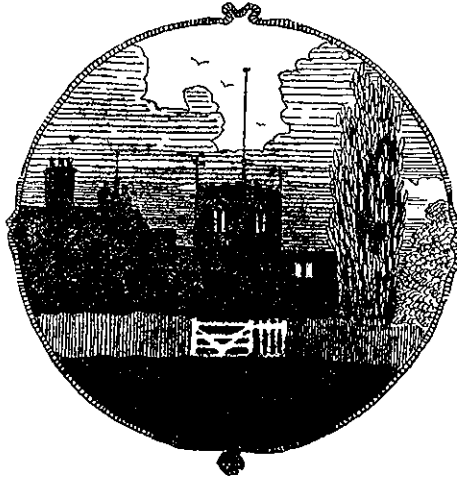
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PARISH NOTES

By the time this Magazine goes into print there should be a new Rector of East Bridgford, but this is being written at the New Year, and it takes a word of greeting and good wishes to all of the parish and particularly to those of whom S. Peter's Church holds a high place in the affection. May 1947 bring fair things for everyone.

It is difficult for a comparative stranger to write closely to those whom he scarcely knows; but he can say this, how much his bride and he are looking forward to belonging to the place. If they seem to have foreign ways perhaps they will be excused in the beginning, for it is the first time one of them has ever actually been a Rector, while being a Rector's wife is a little formidable for the unused to undertake. But the desire to serve the parish is uppermost, as it must be with every parish priest. To come to a place that for so long has been without a resident incumbent holds out great opportunities, particularly a place which, from observation, has maintained itself so strongly. It is perhaps premature to say a word in appreciation of the valiant efforts of those who have kept things going in the hard years of many other calls—that will come better from a new Rector when he has properly arrived. It only need be mentioned how fortunate such a one is who comes into that sort of legacy. And so there is a new start in February, and very soon it will be Lent—Lent regarded by some as rather an irksome time; but not so by the truly spiritual. "Welcome, rear feast of Lent," said George Herbert, one of the best country priests the great Anglican church has produced. For it has one inestimable value, if seriously regarded—that it calls for an overhaul, both spiritual and mental, and the unevennesses of life are traversed the better for it.

It is therefore at a good moment that a fresh face comes to East Bridgford looking to the future. Before he comes, he sends a reminder of these great words to be laid to heart—words that in many ways reflect the durability of the sturdy English countryside—"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Rev. H. PEARSON

At the close of the Rev. Pearson's term of office as Priest-in-charge, the Parish wish to convey to him their thanks for the help he has given during a very difficult time. He has filled the gap very successfully and has taken a great interest in the Church, School and the Parish in general. He has made many loyal friends who hope that he will visit them in the future whenever opportunity occurs. The thanks of the Church officials and Congregation were conveyed to him by the Churchwardens during the services on Sunday, January 26th.

EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall new management Committee is as follows:—

President: Dr. G. O. Brooks, M.C., G.M.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. J. Howitt. Mr. L. Hanson. Mr. W. Harrison.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. E. Wales. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Boyce.

Representatives of Organizations:—

Mr. F. Collishaw. Mr. E. Millington. Mr. H. Foster. Mr. L. Hand.

Mr. J. Johnson. Mr. A. Shipman. Mr. D. Simpson. Mrs. J. Cox.

Mrs. C. Pickford. Mrs. Selby. Mrs. A. Ellis. Miss. Sims.

Miss. Mason. Miss. Ingram.

Independent Members:—

Mrs. Collishaw. Mrs. Newcombe. Mrs. E. Hunt.

Mr. A. Ellis. Mrs. Metcalfe.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Women's Institute.—At the February meeting Mr. Boswell will give a talk on "Nottinghamshire Villages". The Competition will be tearing a map of England from a sheet of newspaper. Maps of local views which are to be mounted and named will form the exhibition.

It is hoped to arrange a Whist Drive in aid of the Madame Curie Cancer Hospital. Members are reminded that Subscriptions for 1947 are due at the February meeting.



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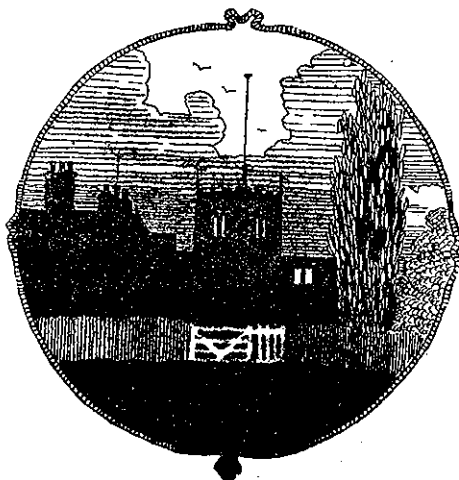
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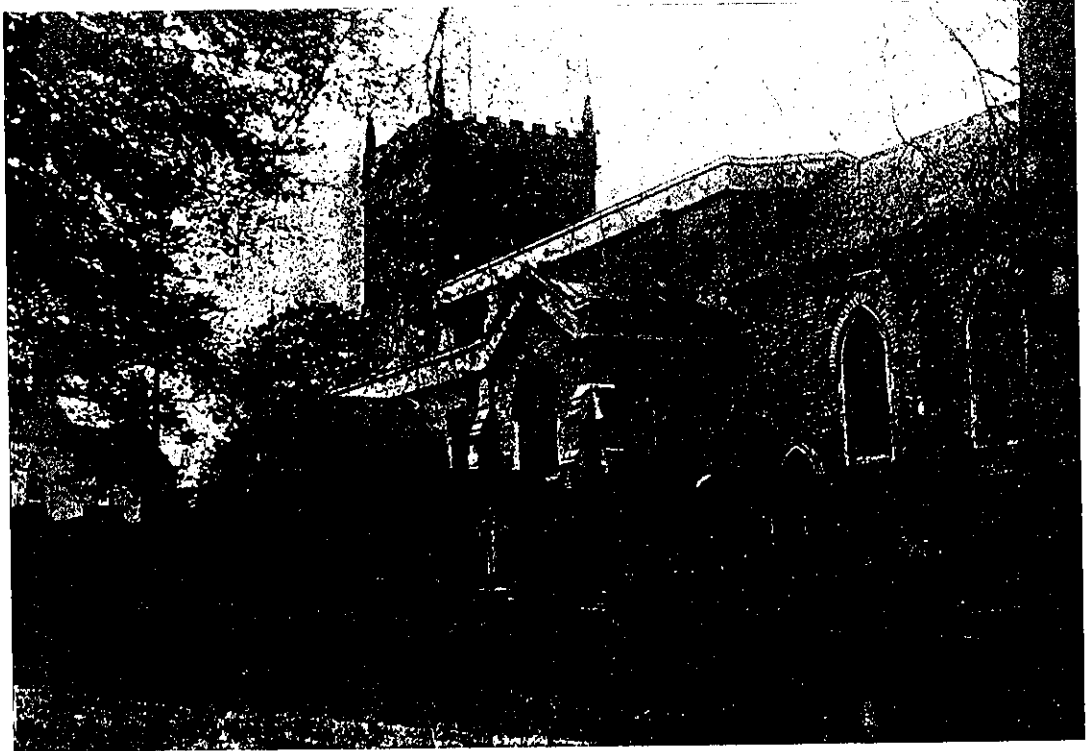
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PARISH NOTES

In accordance with the plans and suggestions of the Church Council the Magazine this month shows several changes. These have been made to attract a little more support and to turn what is a most a most useful thing from a financial liability into an asset. It is to be hoped that what has been done will meet with general approval.

At the time of writing unfortunately the new Rector is not installed in the flats in the Hall, although his arrival is expected shortly. However, the exceptional spell of cold weather has precluded very active operations in any case. It has also hit the village badly in another way, there having been no less than four funerals within a fortnight at the Church, including that of the oldest inhabitant, Mr. Upton, 95 years of age.

Up till Easter at any rate, an experiment is being made of setting the main morning service at 11 a.m. instead of 10-15 a.m. and re-introducing 8 a.m. Holy Communion. The 11 a.m. service will be Sung Eucharist on the 1st. and 3rd. Sundays of the month and Matins on the 2nd. and 4th (and 5th. if any) Sundays. This will give an opportunity of judging which is the better attended and in general the more acceptable to the people of East Bridgford. The Rector would welcome expressions of opinion on this point, and also upon the point of time.

Two needs stand out very glaringly in the Church life of the village—one is for a Sunday School, the other for bellringers. It is hoped soon to be able to re-open the former, at any rate in some form on Sunday afternoons; and for the latter perhaps some new recruits will be able to form themselves around those who are left from among the former ringers. It is a terrible shame and almost a reproach to East Bridgford, that after a long enforced silence, the bells should still hang idle in the tower.

So much for what is actually going on. Before March is out though, once again Holy Week and Passiontide will be here, with the oft repeated messages of the Cross. Triumph over and through suffering is a theme of absorbing interest to the sons of men, and the message is never old, if regarded in the true light. There will be special services in Holy Week, and of course, on Good Friday. It is hoped that many will be able to set aside some time at least to come, as it were, to the foot of the Cross.

THE NEW RECTOR

The Institution and Induction of the Rev. George Roger Dunbar McLean, M.A., to the living of this Parish took place on Friday January 31st, 1947 before a large congregation. The Service of Institution was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Southwell who afterwards gave an inspiring address. The Induction was taken by Archdeacon Wilson. Other clergy present were Canon Allen, Canon Hawkins, Revs. King, Pearson, Weller and Inglis.

We welcome our new Rector and his wife to the Parish and hope their life here may be happy and their work fruitful.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday February 10th, with Mr. Wing in the chair. After the Balance Sheet had been passed and the Secretary's Report read, the Church Council for 1947 was constituted as follows:—

Ex-Officio Members

The Rev. G. R. D. McLean, Chairman.
Mr. R. Wing, Vice-Chairman and Rector's Warden.
Mr. N. Rhodes, People's Warden.

Elected Members.

Mr. Hill.	Mrs. Hunt.	Mr. Jones.	Mr. Shardlow
Mr. L. Hand.	Miss Huskinson.	Mr. Sims.	Mrs. Sumner.
Miss Hand.	Mr. Ingram.	Mrs. Metcalfe.	Mrs. Whyley.

The following were elected to serve as Sidesmen for 1947:—

Mr. Wing (ex-officio), Messrs. G. Sims, E. Ingram, W. Jones, J. Ellse, C. K. Allwood, H. Curtis, G. Bateman, L. Hand.

At a meeting of the new Church Council held on Feb. 17th, Mr. Wing was re-elected Vice-Chairman with Miss McHardy as Hon. Treasurer and Miss Sims as Hon. Secretary.

Offertories for 1947 were allotted as follows:—

Easter Day, April 6th,	-	-	Easter Offering.
Whit Sunday, May 25th,	-	-	Day Schools.
Feast Sunday, June 29th,	-	-	Diocesan Apportionment.
Harvest Festival,	-	-	Fabric Fund.
October 26th,	-	-	National Society
Armistice Sunday,	-	-	Earl Haig's Fund.
December 14th,	-	-	Diocesan Apportionment.
Christmas Day, Dec. 25th,	-	-	Fabric Fund.

EAST BRIDGFORD PLAYERS

As a result of the two performances given by the East Bridgford Players on January 24th and 25th, £13 1s. 10d. has been handed over for Earl Haig's Fund.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the meeting on March 11th, the talk will be "Herbs and Salads" by a Horticultural Lecturer. Sing, Say or Penny Pay will be the Roll-Call during the Social Half-Hour.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them."—Amen.

Jan. 29th.—Charlotte Boyce. Aged 76 years.

Feb. 5th.—Emina Elizabeth Henshall. Aged 77 years.

Feb. 8th.—Robert Hall. Aged 84 years.

Feb. 17th.—George Upton. Aged 95 years.

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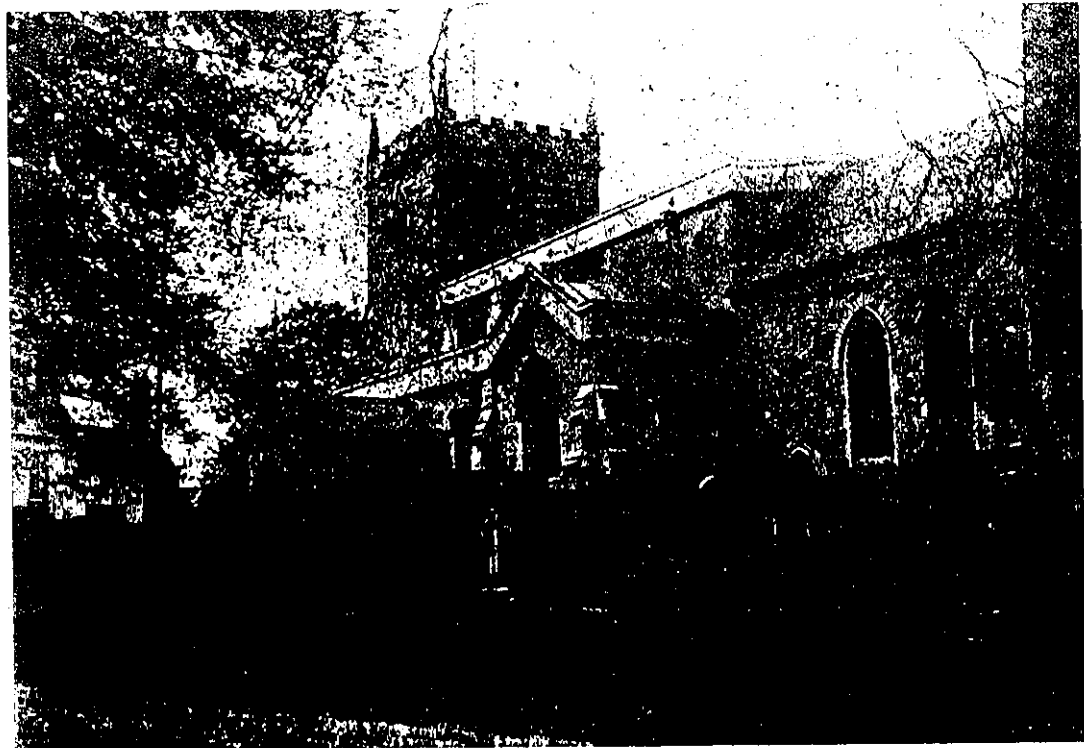
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"Christ is risen". These words have altered the world in a way which it is hard for us to realise to the full. They brought a certainty with them which is now taken for granted. They had little difficulty in sweeping away other outlooks and forms of belief almost in a matter of a few years throughout practically the entirety of the known world.

The reason is that they give point to life. Without them it is a thing to be passed through, put up with, perhaps made the best of. With them it has real purpose. They are our main evidence of something beyond.

And how welcome this particular Easter is! A terribly hard winter, the backwash of shelved and newly insistent problems, the disillusionment of post-war men and women, the reign of austerity, all lend point to and enhance the charm of the great Spring Festival. The flowers are late; but they are here. A reeling world is coming back to normal. "Christ is risen".

During the bad weather the faithfulness of staunch church-goers was particularly refreshing and encouraging. The congregations, though sparse, were always there. And they were a proof of life.

And there are signs now of more life. The Mothers' Union turned out well on Lady Day to participate in a very beautiful special service of Re-dedication. Already some of the bells have been heard ringing again. And on Easter Day there will be a special service for children in the afternoon.

There was also a notable gathering of the British Legion for the first Annual Supper since 1939, with Dr. Brookes in the chair and the Member, Col. Shepherd, the guest of the evening.

The bad weather, however, continued to take its toll; and the passing of John Thomas Dakin of the Mason's Arms, has removed a valuable local figure.

NEEDS—The Church, like many other buildings, suffered in the snow and thaw; and the consequent streams which have come in through unsuspected crevices from the flat roof have brought the question of the re-decoration of the interior to the fore. There is some money in the Fabric Fund; but it will be insufficient for what will have to be undertaken. It is, however, a task which will commend itself to those who are attached to East Bridgford.

In addition, the post of vergger and sexton is still open. Fortunately, able voluntary help has enabled the Churchwardens and the new Rector to carry on. But a good part-time job awaits anyone who is willing and capable. The finances do not allow for full-time job.

But perhaps at the present time the paramount need is for prayer. On all sides there is perplexity and frustration. People are edged in by restrictions. A permit is required for almost everything. It is difficult to go forward with schemes or even life itself, but there is always a way eventually; and continued prayer gets its answers.

AN EASTER PRAYER

O LORD JESUS, who came when the doors were shut and revealed yourself to those who believed in you, enter in through the closed doors of our hearts, strengthen our faith, give us new hope, and bind us in love to each other and to you, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, live and reign for ever.

AN EASTER POEM

Hence they have borne my Lord; behold! the stone
Is rolled away, and my sweet Saviour's gone,
Tell me, white angel, what is now become
Of Him we lately sealed up in this tomb?
Is He, from hence, gone to the shades beneath,
To vanquish Hell, as here He conquered death?
If so, I'll thither follow, without fear,
And live in Hell, if that my Christ stays there.
Of all the good things whatsoe'er we do,
God is the starting, and the ending too.

ROBERT HERRICK

In the last line Herrick actually wrote the Greek words arche and telos, which mean beginning and end.

EAST BRIDGFORD & DISTRICT COLLECTION FOR EARL HAIG FUND

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Church Kneeton.....	1	15	8½	Collecting Boxes	90	14	8½
" East Bridgford	4	17	5	Jumble Sale, Elston	10	0	0
" Elston	1	5	0	Wreath	1	0	0
" Flintham	4	0	0	Donation	10	0	
Methodist Chapel, East Bridgford	1	0	0	Dramatic Society	13	1	10
	<u>£12 18 1½</u>				<u>£115 6 6½</u>		

GRAND TOTAL :- £128 4s. 8d.

Although our result is not quite so large as last year, that is due to the reduced personnel at the Aero Aerodromes in our district. I wish to thank all collectors for their help and all concerned in making our result a very good one.

A. ATKIN, District Organiser.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very enjoyable and successful Whist Drive, Organized by the Women's Institute, was held in the Hut on Tuesday, March 4th, in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Hospital. £15 12s. 0d. has been handed over to the Hospital.

At the monthly meeting on April 7th, there will be a very interesting talk on "Pottery". Will everyone please find "something that Grandmother wore" for the parade?

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PARISH NOTES

May, this year is full of events, "Risen, ascended, glorified". says one of the hymns; and it was sung in East Bridgford Church on Easter morning, after the great Communion. It was a good Easter on the whole, and fine to see so many back in the pews. May 15th, complete these words, which Easter began, for it is the Ascension Day, except for Good Friday, the most important weekday of the year. Christmas to Ascensiontide is the part of the year that is devoted to the study of the Lord's life, career and ministry. This year, May 15th brings that study to a glorious close.

In consequence Ascension Day will be marked by Holy Communion at 8 a.m., the School Children at 9 a.m. in church (followed by a holiday) and Evensong at 7-30 p.m. Just preceding the Ascension Day comes Rogationtide, most pressing this year, when the corps of the country are prayed for and the whole livelihood of a place like East Bridgford is set in our Maker's hands.

Ten days later, May 25th, comes Whit Sunday, the third of the great Christian Festivals. It is greatly hoped that this day will come up to the expectations raised by the Easter attendances. It has always seemed strange that the Day of the Holy Spirit should appear so to fall behind Easter both in communicants and general observance.

Two good things deserve a welcome; first the arrival of the new sexton, Mr. R. Bagnall, on a part-time basis; second the establishment of the 1st. East Bridgford Troop of Girl Guides (a joint effort with Shelford) who will be seen in church on the morning of May 18th. It can also be mentioned now that every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. there is a Children's Service—an attempt to fill a long-established need.

It is with deep regret that the passing of Catharine Robinson, at the wonderful age of ninety years, on Good Friday, must be announced. The simple gathering of some of her friends in church on Easter Monday was a sufficient token of the affection in which that devoted Churchwoman was held. She will be greatly missed.

To redress the balance, Mr. Ashton Hill has been presented with a son, with whom he is justly delighted; and Whitsuntide will see a church wedding—always an event in East Bridgford.

Another encouraging sign is the return of the bells—in the evening for the present. All six were heard on Easter Day; and since then a Saturday visit has been paid by some neighbours (two from S. Mary's, two from Radcliffe, one from S. Peter's and one from Sandiacre.)

The Rector wishes to thank all those who so generously contributed to the Easter Offertory, for their kind support and encouragement in these none-too-easy days. He also would like to announce that from May 1st, he has been appointed officiating Chaplain to the Royal Air Force at Newton, and will usually be devoting Thursdays to work in the aerodrome.

A WHITSUN PRAYER

O Holy Spirit of God, that moved before time upon the face of the waters and caused all creation; fill us, we pray thee, as of old, with thy inspiration and life-giving power, and grant that we may be creator of good in our generation in thy strength, who with the Father and the Son art one God for evermore. Amen.

AN ASCENSION POEM

O glory of the heaven!
O sole delight of Earth!
To thee all power be given,
God's uncreated birth!
Of mankind lover true,
Endurer of his wrong,
Who dost the world renew,
Still be thou our salvation and our song!
From top of Olivet such notes did rise,
When man's Redeemer did transcend the skies.

William Drummond of Hawthornden.

ST. DUNSTAN'S—The Appeals Organiser of St. Dunstan's wishes to thank the people of East Bridgford most sincerely for their very generous donation as a result of the House-to-House Collection. £11 13s. 7d. has been sent to the Headquarters.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—At the May meeting Mrs. Devereux will give a talk and demonstration on Carpet Repairs. The Competition will be a Utility Apron made from odds and ends, old and new. Folk Songs and Dances will conclude the social half hour.

HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

Easter Day April 6th—Derek Walter Ellis

Mary Jane Cox

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them."—Amen.
April 7th—Catherine Mary Robinson, aged 90 years.

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PARISH NOTES

A most wonderful May seems to be ushering in "flaming June," and although everything is very late, the weather seems to be trying to make amends for the winter. All former East Bridgfordians will be glad to hear that the village is looking her best.

This year, June starts off with Trinity Sunday, the last of the great Christian Festivals, when the doctrine of God, unfolded gradually from Advent to Christmas, reaches its final point in the full Majesty of the mystery of the Three-in-One. It is a marvellous thing that this doctrine should have stood unshaken for nineteen hundred years, and should still be found to be the most complete explanation and exposition of the universe of which men are a part.

June also has three other festivals—S. Barnabas, the "Son of Consolation", S. John the Baptist (Midsummer Day) and Bridgford's own S. Peter. Feast Sunday falls this year on S. Peter's Day itself, and if the memorable turn-out of the Service men of the village of last year be repeated, it will be a great day.

May was full of interesting events. Pre-eminent was the beautiful and reverent worship of the children from the school on Ascension Morning. Their singing was very noteworthy and their behaviour excellent. It may also be of interest to record a visitor's verdict of one of the Whit-Sunday Services—"Very lovely. We shall try to come over again".

A great deal of this is due to the Choir and Organist. It is good news to hear that they are to have a well deserved outing to Cleethorpes on July 12th.

In passing, the Rector would like to say a public "thank you" for the very beautiful, but unsolicited, red vestments which arrived on Whitsun Eve and were used on Whit-Sunday. They were a wedding present from two priests of the Diocese and are a most worthy addition to the Worship of the Church.

Perhaps in these difficult days, the most important thing for Christians is rightness and clearness of judgement—or so it seemed on Whit-Sunday. Slowness to wrath and slowness to condemnation are marks of these in whom charity and Christian love dwells. All things and all behaviour have to be regarded *sub specu acternitatis*. from the point of view of eternity. In that way, everything falls into its true perspective and any matters of doubt are then in the hands of "One that judgeth" and judgeth righteously.

Cricket is now in full swing; and two teams sometimes represent the village... Old glories are being revived.

ST. PETER'S DAY

My God, I am as sand;
Of weakness, hid or known,
Convicted if men mock;
Yet have I heard that sand
By pressure may grow stone:
Make Thou my sand Thou rock.

Bishop Gilbert White.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. At the monthly meeting on June 10th, Mrs. Baldwin will give a talk and demonstration on Cookery. The two competitions:—

- (1) Best breakfast tray for an invalid, and
- (2) Salad Dressing with recipe,

will also be judged by Mrs. Baldwin,

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY. A Bring and Buy Sale will be held in aid of the Medical Aid Depot and Sun Ray Clinic at "Topley," Main Street, on Saturday, July 5th. The attractions will be Produce and Flower Stall, Bring and Buy Stall, Second-hand Stall, etc. Gifts of any kind will be most gratefully received by members of the Detachment.

HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

May 24th—John Walter Lovell Westley
Anthony Charles Dennis Westley
David Norman Ashton Hill

May 25th—Elizabeth Hayday

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them."—Amen.

May 9th—Emma Hall, aged 84 years



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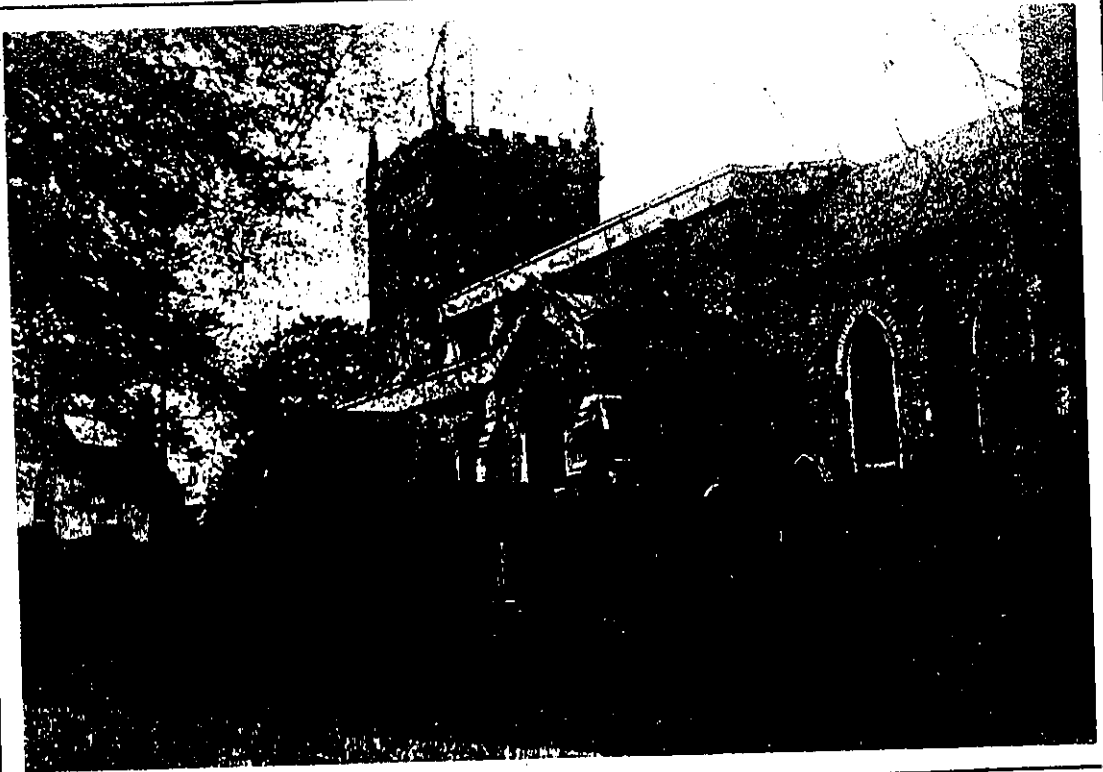
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PARISH NOTES

"Founded upon a rock". So stands the Church, upheld by countless devoted lives of service in the past and by the nonpareil power of Christ himself. She is founded as well as she can be. But even a rock can be shaken or worn gradually away by continual flux; and even a well founded institution needs continual renewal and enlivenment.

The Church has never stood in utter peril (always there were some ready to preserve and keep faith) since the day of her beginning. But she has often been beset; and she has often lapsed into decay. To-day there is danger of both things happening.

It will be well, therefore to examine some of the desruptive and dangerous forces which are now at work, that enemies may be routed and inward decline averted. Here is one of them.

EVILS OF THE TIMES. I.

The first place amongst the real evils of the day must be taken by *football pools*, mainly because they appear to be only mildly dangerous. What is wrong here is that though a small bet may seem a little thing, a string of small bets becomes a great thing. It is when the aggregate is viewed that the immensity of the waste becomes apparent. The football pool is like a tap left running—a continual drain on the resources of families and individuals and the country. It is wrong, not merely because it is so monstrously wasteful; it is wrong because it is the *false ideal* of something for nothing, which is uppermost. Were the lives of people today utterly miserable, empty and devoid of interest, there might be some excuse for an escape from them, even if it were a chasing of a will o' the wisp. Gambling is today largely regarded as a sin and fraught with danger. Football pools are all the more perilous in that they appear to be not very wrong. It is this insidiousness that makes them into Public Enemy No. 1.

On July 6th, the National Day of Prayer, the special form of Service appointed by the Archbishops will be used at both the morning and evening services.

The state of the fabric of the church is causing some uneasiness to the Rector and Church-wardens, mainly on the score of present day high costs. This is a matter which must have first priority however, and an appeal is at the moment in course of being issued to every inhabitant and friend of East Bridgford. Rising costs of upkeep also can only be met by rising income; which adds force to the appeal.

Yet, amid much that is disquieting, there is much for which to be thankful today—a nation preserved; a wonderful summer; better prospects. Such things almost compel men to be cheerful; and when men are cheerful, in one direction at least, they are "not far from the kingdom of God".

A PRAYER

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
O God Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

A POEM

Only a sweet and vertuous soul
Like season'd timber, never gives;
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Then chiefly lives.

George Herbert : 'Vertue'

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The July monthly meeting will be a Member's Evening, when several will give a short talk or demonstration. After the refreshments a sum will be paid to the garden of the Old Hall, by kind permission of Mr. Farmer. The Summer Outing is fixed for Tuesday, July 29th, when members hope to make a tour to Harrogate. On the return journey calls at Fountains Abbey and Ripon will be made, and about two hours will be spent in York, for visiting the many places of interest in this beautiful old city. The 'bus leaves East Bridgford at 8-30 p.m. returning at approximately 9-30 p.m. Will all those members wishing to go to Harrogate please give their names at the July meeting?

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HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

April 27th—Ivor Frederick Birkin

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

May 31st—William Ellis and Joan Towers

The Rector is now editing the magazine, and will be very grateful for contributions and other matter, all of which should be sent to him. A debt of gratitude is owed to Miss Sims for her work in keeping the magazine going, and it is with regret that her decision to relinquish the editorship has been received.



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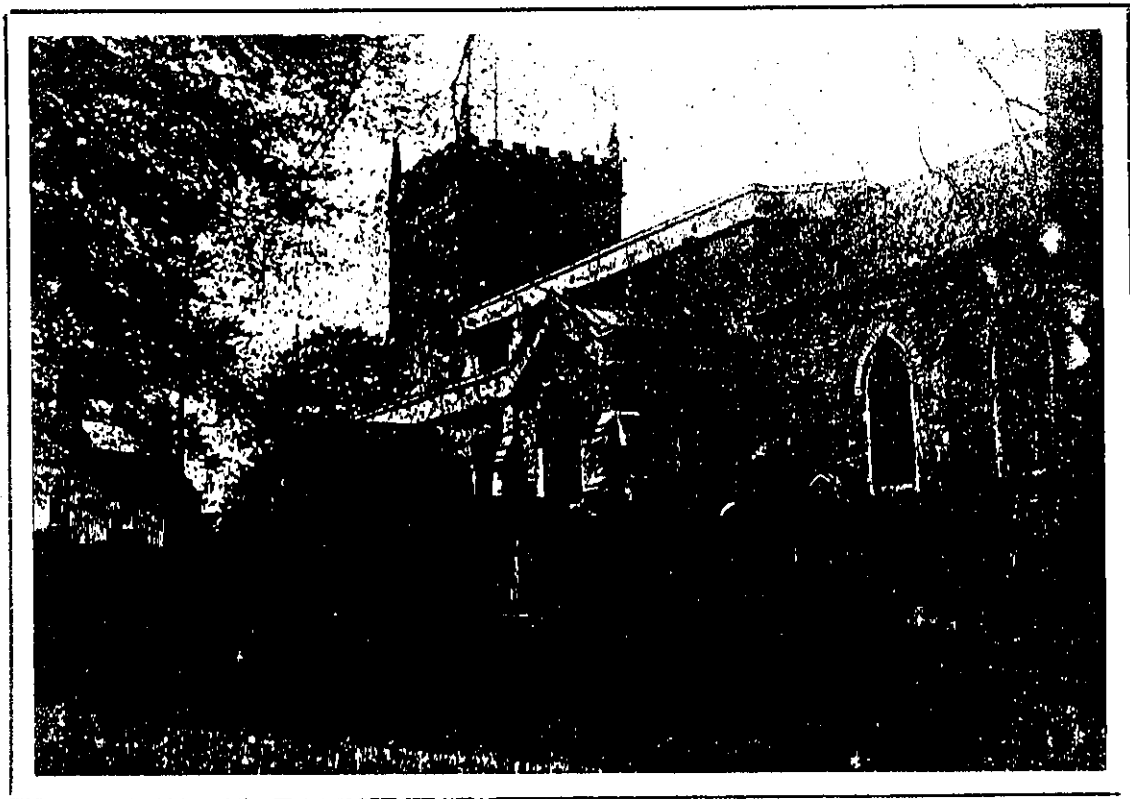
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PARISH NOTES

“And the people shall give their assent.” These words were in the special form of service issued for the National Day of Prayer last month. They followed a rehearsal of the Law—that Law which ensured that Israel, as a nation, should survive, although homeless and unsettled in the wilderness. Because it is that Law which also will ensure the survival of this nation in these days of trial and perplexity.

Yet it cannot be done unless the people give the assent—nor indeed can any of the way of democracy survive without this condition.

EVILS OF THE TIMES—II

For *Apathy* (though an abstract thing) is probably the greatest general enemy at the moment—apathy about religion, apathy about the country, apathy about neighbours (unless they actually be in sight). And this is largely due to lack of vision, lack of a definite aim, lack of a working towards a Promised Land. Only steps taken with a constructive end in view will get anywhere. Every action, and every activity, must have a positive purpose—the rebuilding of strong healthy life and outlook. For this the inspiration must be, and can only be, the Church. Apathy is Public Enemy No. 2.

“And the people shall give their (active) assent.”

A letter from the Rector and Churchwardens is at the moment being circularised in the village. It sets out the rather serious position from a financial angle in which things are. The sum asked for this year is £150 minimum. Already some money has come in and more is promised. It is always unpleasant to make appeals to the pocket; but unfortunately buildings and institutions cannot be supported indefinitely of themselves. This generation can scarcely do less than maintain the very wonderful heritage of the past, which left such a building as the parish church behind it.

The Harvest Festival this year will take place on Thursday, October 2nd, with a service at 7-30 p.m. The Archdeacon of Nottingham (Ven. R. P. Wilson, Vicar of Radcliffe-on-Trent) will be the preacher. It will be continued on Sunday, October 5th, when the Rev. H. W. Pearson will preach in the morning, and the Rev. R. W. King, formerly Rector, in the evening. The Church Council has decided to make a special appeal this year for produce. It will not, as in the past, be taken to the Nottingham General Hospital, because of the glut of supplies pouring in at that time of the year; instead it will be auctioned after the festival, and the proceeds divided equally between the Hospital and Church funds.

Two visits of interest were made to East Bridgford last month. First, a contingent from S. Mary's, Nottingham, came over, had tea at Gunthorpe, and walked up to Evensong on July 20th. Second, on the following Wednesday, July 21st, the Old Mansfield Society made pilgrimage in great numbers to the memorials to the Brunts family in the Church, when a brief sketch of the Church and the family was given by the Rector.

The Rector will be away for two Sundays in August—the 17th and 24th. The Rev. H. W. Pearson, Rector of Lambley, has very kindly consented to take services on these days, which will be at the old time of 10-15 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. The Rector of Lambley will also be available for any emergency duty.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE—The Annual Meeting of the Boys' Brigade Council will take place this year at Nottingham from September 5th, to 9th, at University College. The opening service will be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Mellor, O.B.E., (1st. I.J.E. Btln.) Nigeria. The Rev. R. L. Challis, Raio tonga, will give the B.B. Overseas Report.

The Church Parade Service will be held at the Albert Hall—preacher, the Provost of Bradford. The Devotional Service will be conducted by Canon R. H. Hawkins, M.A. (Vicar of St. Mary's)—preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Tuam.

The Nottingham Battalion Display will be in the Empire Theatre. At the end of the meetings there will be a Motor Coach Excursion to Newstead Abbey and Southwell Minster.

A PRAYER

Teach me, my God and King
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for thee.

A POEM

My God and King! to Thee
I bow my knee;
I bow my troubled soul, and greet
With my foul heart thy holy feet.
Cast it, or tread it! it shall do [too.
Even what thou wilt, and praise thee
Henry Vaughan.

HOLY BAPTISM

July 13th—Gladys Ann Whittaker
20th—Philip George Bateman
21st—Anthony Keenahan

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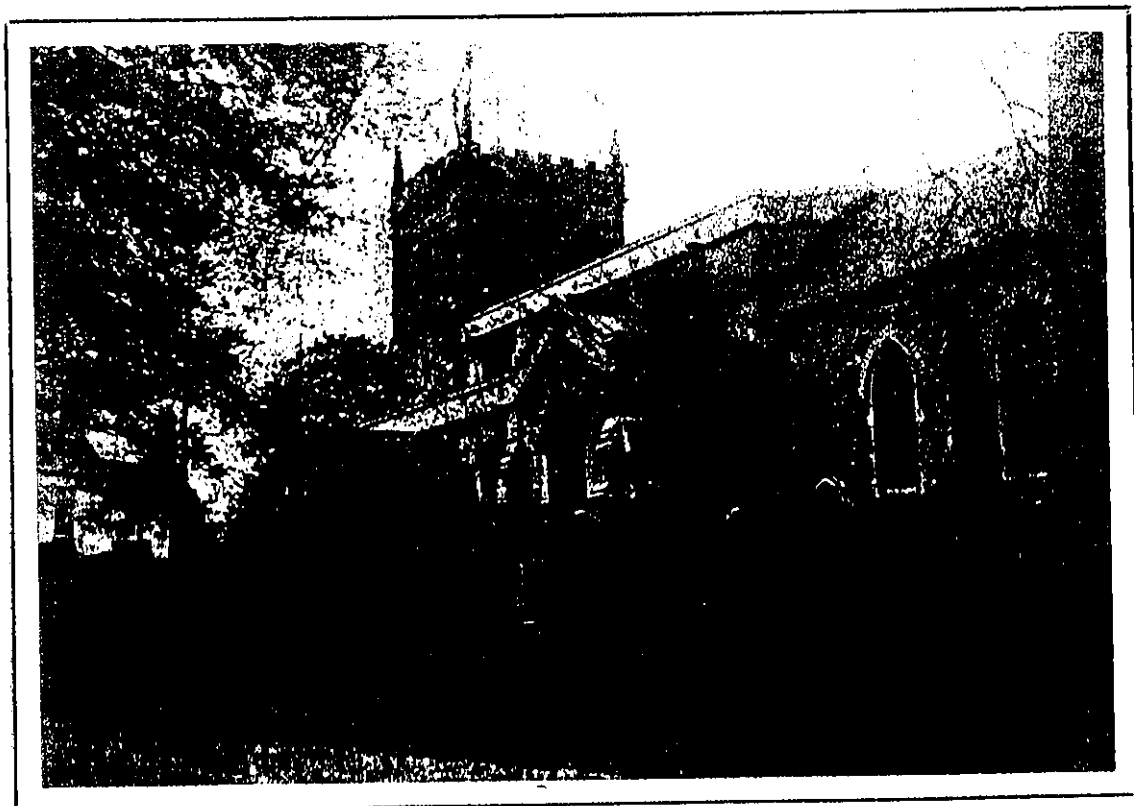
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PARISH NOTES

ENGLAND has always been a mixture. She is one of the most settled and untroubled countries in the world, her people steadily working on the land or in the town or city. But she is one of the most travelled, her sons and daughters scattered across the seas. One result has been a far-flung stability and a far-flung religion.

There is a reminder of this great influence at Iona, the most sacred place in Scotland, an island scarcely a mile broad and three miles long, to which Christianity came from Ireland long after it had been expelled by invaders from ancient Britain. It came to Iona and gradually tamed a people as wild as its mountains, spreading down over the north of England to the great Midland plains. Saint Chad of Lichfield, the great Mercian bishop whose spiritual rule once held sway over Nottinghamshire, was a son of this movement, which joined hands with that other which came from Pope Gregory at Rome and Saint Augustine at Canterbury.

So great was this changing influence upon the life of men that Iona, minute and remote, became the spiritual centre of the northern world for a great span of time; and the last remains of kings, princes, bishops and lairds are there in such profusion, that, with the exception of Westminster Abbey, there is no comparable resting place in the whole of these islands.

The magic name connected with Iona is that of Saint Columba, like David a shepherd prince, whose followers went out by twos as missionaries to the Europe of the Dark Ages.

The secret is tranquility and nearness to God, in spite of the Atlantic winds and waves; in spite of the buffettings and ups and downs of life. The English village too has something of it—nearness to the soil and to nature, some people call it, but all country people have that; nearness to what lies beyond the soil and nature, that is to God, is really the secret.

This is what makes the harvest festival so real a thing in the country, because it gives outward expression to this inner spirit, which goes forth from small places and pervades the world.

FORTHCOMING DATES:

Friday September 26th. 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Barlow of University College, Nottingham, will lecture in the school.

Thursday October 2nd. 7.30 p.m. Harvest Festival Service.

Preacher, the Ven. R. P. Wilson, Vicar of Radcliffe - on - Trent.

Sunday October 5th. 11 a.m. Rev. H. W. Pearson.
6.30 p.m. Rev. R. King.

The youth who to the ringer's art's inclined
Shall ever with us hearty welcome find.

*from the rhyming orders of 1788 for the belfry of the Parish
Church of KirkbyKendal, county town of Westmorland*

An Iona Prayer,

O God our Father, who didst give unto thy servant Columba the gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness and didst send men forth from Iona to carry the Word of thy Gospel to every creature: Grant, we beseech thee, a like Spirit to thy Church in these islands, even at this present time. Further in all things our purposes that hidden things may be revealed to us and new ways found to touch the hearts of men. May we preserve with each other sincere charity and peace, and, if it be thy holy will, grant that a Place of thine Abiding be established once again to be a Sanctuary and a light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* There is a Presbyterian Community on Iona at the moment busy restoring the Cathedral and Abbey buildings and going forth to work in such places as Glasgow. This is adapted from their prayer. The Cathedral is a fine Norman and Gothic building, and there are many Celtic carvings and crosses.

HOLY BAPTISM

July 27—Ida May Yates

BURIAL

Aug. 9—Edith Clark, aged 71 years

The Rector and Church Wardens wish to express their thanks and gratification to all who have supported their recent appeal, and particularly to the collectors for their hard work. Money is still coming in. The response has been very good, and over £100 has already been banked.

The Rector announces that he will shortly begin confirmation classes, and would be glad to receive any names.

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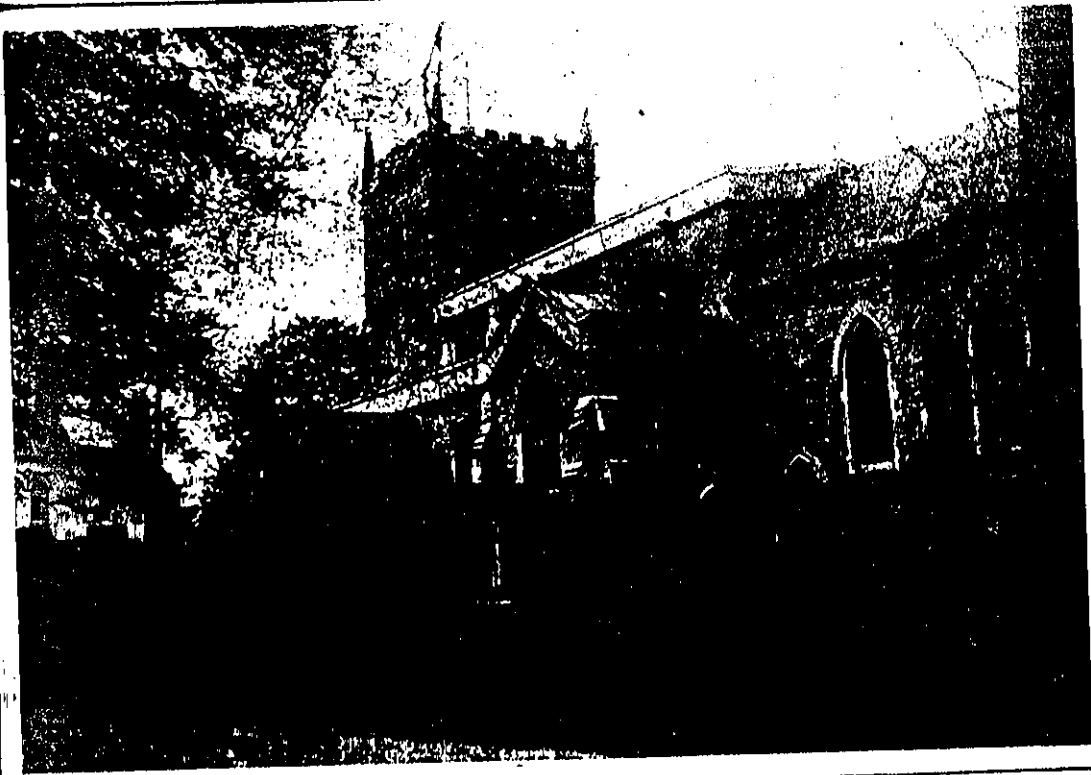
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PARISH NOTES

"A good harvest, but a light one." Such has this year brought with a winter unprecedently hard and summer most marvellously glorious. And although perhaps some of the thankfulness is qualified, yet there are many blessings to be counted.

East Bridgford, as any visitor can see, was very prosperous in the days when land meant wealth. She is well-built and pleasantly-built; her inhabitants are hard working and thrifty—good stock of prosperous inheritance. To-day she is more prosperous than for a long time, thanks to Government subsidies and to a belated emergency appreciation of food producing communities. So that, in spite of the apparent greater well-being of urban populations, she does not suffer much by comparison. There is, therefore a great deal for which to be really thankful.

Harvest thanksgiving has a true meaning in the country. People are supposed to be less prone to give thanks than to ask for more, like Oliver Twist. But at harvest time this is not so. Good wages and an abundant store of fruit should help greatly in another "austerity" winter.

But still great trust and faith in God are needed. For other places and countries have suffered grievously through winter and drought; and there is insufficient to go round. Each one who has enough can be indeed grateful. Each one who has helped to produce something this year can really feel that he has been essential to the world.

The response to the appeal of the Rector and Churchwardens has been so good that work will soon be started on redecorating the church; and although a little more is needed, they are confident that a few efforts this winter will provide what is needed.

This is most encouraging, as is the steady attendance at Evensong on Sundays. There are still naturally some deficiencies—notably the poor appearances at the early celebrations of Holy Communion, and the need for male as well as female voices in the choir, and for one or two further bell ringers. The enlarging of the choir, however, must wait upon new surplices and cassock and they in their turn wait upon coupons.

East Bridgford bells are famous in the district. A visit was recently paid by ringers from St. Mary's, Nottingham, in addition to those of the Minster.

In all ways therefore there is thankfulness in retrospect and confidence in looking forward.

A PRAYER

O HEAVENLY Father, Accept our thankgivings for the blessings of this year. Grant that we may re-dedicate ourselves to thee, that our work may be good, that

our life may be healthy, that our souls may be strong. Bless our country in its diversity, and assist us in all our endeavours to establish thy kingdom on this earth who with the Son and Holy Spirit, livest and reignest Lord Almighty, world without end. Amen.

A POEM—St. LUKE

Christ, I have read, did to his chaplains say,
Sending them forth, "Salute no man by the way":
Not that he taught his ministers to be
Unsmooth, or sowre, to all civilitie;
But to instruct them to avoid all snares
Of tardidation in the Lord's Affaires.
Manners are good but till his errand ends,
Salute we must, nor Strangers Kin, or Friends.

Robert Herrick

FORTY NINE YEARS AGO

1898. The Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill was instituted May 4th, by Bishop George Ridding. The institution was delayed about two months owing to a bicycle accident which occurred to the new Rector, in his parish of Downton, Wilts. His induction took place at East Bridgford church on July 9. by the Ven. Archdeacon Richardson. An annual parish tea instituted Dec. 29, 1898—Held in Temperance Hall. *from "The Rector's Book."*

BAPTISMS

January 30th—Dolores Fernley (private)
September 13th—David John Bontoft
September 14th—Carole Anne Brown
September 28th—John William Atkin

MARRIAGES

September 13th—Bernard Grayson and Doris Gertrude Allister
September 17th—Thomas Morton Lewis and Diana Louise Brown

BURIAL

September 12th—Dolores Fernley (aged 7 months)

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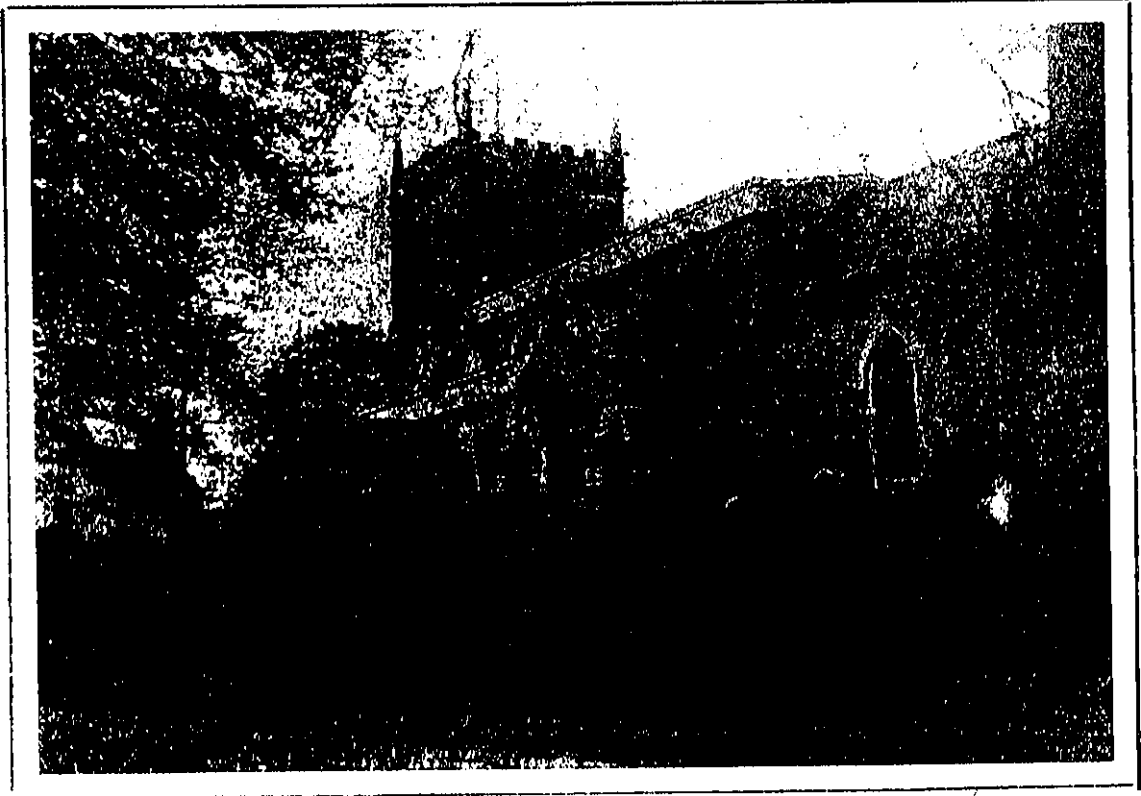
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PARISH NOTES



November is the month of remembrance—the quiet evening of the year. All Saints—glorious and triumphant —All Souls—in hands that created them—and the warriors of these times, make a splendid background to the thoughts of this season of autumn ploughing and the disposal of rubbish on the bonfire. For in spite of all that is gone and all that is gathered in, life still goes on, and becomes richer in experience than before.

And so, in addition to the past, there is the looking forward—looking forward always to better things.

At the end of the month comes Saint Andrewstide, and this year authority asks that thoughts should be especially directed towards the coming visit of all the bishops of the Anglican Church to Lambeth, about which the inset will have much to say. Saint Andrew is the missionary saint, and the sense of oneness will be particularly strong at this time.

In East Bridgford, many things will be under way by the time this is in print. The Girls' Friendly Society is starting up again on Wednesdays in the Methodist School-room and hopes to have an instructor in handicrafts. They would greatly appreciate additions in the way of associates who would help to supervise. The Mothers' Union is embarking on its programme of speakers and hopes to have really friendly and helpful meetings. Mrs. Hunt would be delighted to hear of new members. The Boys Brigade will be in full swing; while the King Edward Club and the Women's Institute continue. An adult education class on "Local and Central Government," taken by Mr. Myers, on Wednesday evenings in the School, is now established.

It is also pleasant to record a slight increase in the Sunday School and the re-establishment of the one at the Aerodrome.

The Harvest Festival Services were very well attended, and the Church was beautifully decorated—"the best ever seen in East Bridgford,"—to quote one church member.

All this augurs well for a good winter with plenty going on and a slow building up taking place.

The total amount so far received in response to the appeal of the Rector and Churchwardens is £116 5s. 6d., a very good effort. It has been found inadvisable to commence work on the redecoration of the Church until the building is completely dried out. Subscribers will however have noticed the fresh appearance of the clock and the good appearance of the churchyard. Negotiations are in progress with the Nottingham Corporation on the matter of water supply. Total expenditure so far has amounted to £43 10s 6d (Clock £15 12s 6d Churchyard £27 18s 0d) leaving a balance of £72 15s. 0d. Sincere thanks are tendered to all those who have done so well.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.—The Annual B.B. Week Collection will be held from November 30th. to December 7th. Once again an appeal is made for generous support. This year completes 25 years' of the Company and it is hoped to celebrate the event. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years are invited to be enrolled, while a Junior Section is open for boys of 8 to 11 years.

A PRAYER

O LORD GOD, who dost give so many good things to thy children: Grant us a true thankfulness and a clear understanding. Let love abound; let hope be strong; let faith increase. And above all grant thy Holy Spirit in all we do, or think, or say, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the same Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THE KING EDWARD CLUB held its General Meeting on October 8th., Dr. G. O. Brooks presiding over a good attendance. Mr. J. Kemp with 15 years as Treasurer gave a very satisfactory report showing a balance in hand. During the close season the outside of the club has been painted and repaired, the billiard table recovered and a snooker set obtained. The great need at the moment is new members. It is hoped to start small whist drives again, and also to hold the Hospital and Boxing Nights, as last year.

FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO

1899 The Parish Magazine started in January of this year. A Choral Society gave its first Concert Jan. 26. Mr. W. E. Fox came to live at the Hall, which has been vacant since the death of Mr. Milward. Mr. George Beaumont died Mar. 17. June 29.—Garden Fete and Sale at the Manor, for Church Restoration (at Mrs. Bouverie's). May 25—A Church Council formed. The Boer War began. First Choral Communion. Gifts to the Church by C. H. Bell, Esq., a paten and a Bread box, also Litany Desk. *From "The Rector's Book"*

BAPTISMS

October 19th—Janet Widdison

26th—Ronald William Morton

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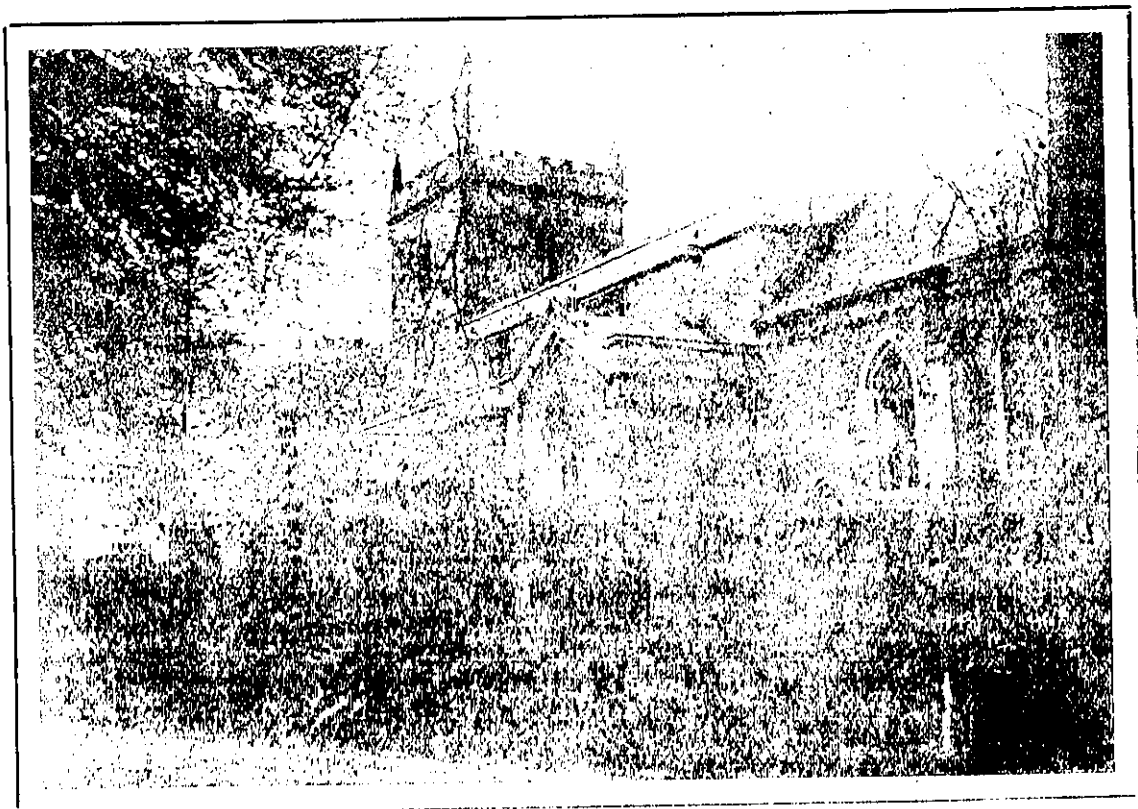
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The Son of God, th' Eternal King,
That did us all salvation bring,
And freed the soul from danger;
He whom the whole world would not take,
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,
Was now laid in a manger.

Ben Jonson.

This comes to wish all a very happy Christmas. It is extraordinary how transcending the festival is--however hard the times, however difficult the problems, however dreadful the circumstances, Christmas always seems to blot them out for a moment. May it always be so, and may there be especial happiness this year for old and young alike.

The services on Christmas Day itself will be at 7, 8, and 11 o'clock; there will also be a quiet evening service at 6-30 p. m. for any who may not have homes or parties to which to go. It is also hoped to have some form of carol service on the Sunday after Christmas.

The old year will be rung out on December 31st, and to mark the occasion a watch night service will be held at 11-30 p. m. Many like this custom; and the indefatigable efforts of the ringers deserve special mention and thought.

On the occasion of the recent Royal Wedding, a peal was rung at 12-30 just as the Prince and Princess would be leaving Westminster Abbey; and the following telegram was sent just before that time:—

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Buckingham Palace.

“On behalf of the people of East Bridgford the Rector and Bellringers send loyal greetings and best wishes on this day.”

A Whist Drive is being held on December 4th, in aid of the ...
Four weddings are in the offing, and congratulations go out to the respective pairs, although it is sad to lose Joyce North to distant Devonshire. The choir pays it's annual visit to the pantomime on the afternoon of New Year's Eve, and richly deserve the outing. The Women's Institute is particularly to be congratulated on it's thirtieth years of existence. It plays a great part in the village. An account of the proceedings is given below.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

O God, who makest us glad with yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen. (*Collect for Christmas Eve*)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Tuesday, November 4th, was a great day in the life of the Institute, when a party was held in the Village Hall to celebrate the 30th birthday of the Institute. East Bridgford is the second oldest Women's Institute in the County. Many guests were invited including the County President, Lady Mabel Argles (unfortunately unable to be present), members of the Executive Committee, members from the Institutes in the Fosse Group, and from Gunthorpe, Crowtham, Burton Joyce and Shelford.

After the singing of “Jerusalem”, the President, Miss Sims, welcomed the guests and read messages of congratulation and good wishes. Before the 100 members and guests sat down to tea Mrs. Davies, the County Treasurer, and Miss Sims, were presented with sprays of pink carnations by Miss Huskinson and Miss Helen Wales, the oldest and youngest members respectively. The beautiful birthday cake was made by Mrs. Hodges and iced by Mrs. Boyce, and was surmounted by 30 red and green candles which were lit during tea.

The entertainment which followed was devoted to a musical item, “The Quinns”; a charade-mime, “Hope”; a short play, “Mechanical Jane” and singing and dancing.

FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

1900.—Floods in Trent from melting snow in February. May 24th.—New Joint Station opened in Nottingham G.N. and G.C. Railways. Public meeting on Church Restoration, the President of Magdalen College, Mr. Herbert Warren, in the chair. Mr. Ponting's (the architect) report read. *From “The Rector's Book”*

BAPTISM

November 23rd—Brian Christopher Blewitt.



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