

JANUARY, 1950

SAINT PETER'S, EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH MAGAZINE



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DEEP strike thy roots, O heavenly Vine,
 Within our earthly sod,
 Most human and yet most divine,
 The flower of man and God!
J. G. Whittier.

THE Christmas services were well attended and very fine. The Church was beautifully decorated, even if too cold, and 1949, so memorable a year, came to a memorable close. In East Bridgford, unfortunately, a sad tragedy marred the end of the year. On New Year's Eve, Mr. John Taylor, well-known to everyone from the days of Mr. Lewis' 'bus to Nottingham, was found in the road exhausted after seeing a relation off on the Mansfield 'bus, and died before the ambulance could arrive. Just in the prime of life, this came as a terrible shock to all who knew him. It is a dreadful bereavement for his widow, and it has removed a familiar figure. The event came as a grave reminder of the transitionness of life just as the Old Year was about to pass away.

January is the month of the fresh start. The annual Church Meeting will be held towards the end of it, and new officers will be elected, and a new Parochial Church Council. 1950 will be something of a landmark in the village; for one thing, with additional street lighting, the 30-mile-an-hour speed limit will automatically be imposed from the Cross Lane corner on Toll Bar Lane, right down the length of Main Street and up Kneeton Road to the Cherryholt Lane junction. For another, two of the great churchyard beeches have been condemned, one a little way down Trent Lane, and one upon Kirkhill. Although replanting will be done, it will be long before the wonderful array of foliage round the Church will be restored.

Readers will be interested to hear that the last Rector, the Rev. H. L. O. Rees, has been appointed an Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief in the Royal Air Force, and his friends will be particularly pleased at this not entirely unexpected (and early) promotion. All congratulations go to him.

Congratulations are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Kemp on the success of their daughter at the Nottingham General Hospital, where she is a nurse, one of the finest professions open to women and one of the most ill-rewarded. It is all the more gratifying that a Bridgford girl should be singled out as one of the best nurses of the year.

In addition, Mr. Dennis Rhodes has obtained a post in the British Museum, which will give scope for his scholarship, and which is in itself a high distinction. All wishes for his good success go with him from Bridgford.

The Rector wishes to thank all those who have contributed their stamps during 1949 on the calendars in aid of the parish's Diocesan Quota (or Apportionment as it is now called). The amount raised by this means was £7, a considerable help towards the large total of £40 asked for. The whole sum has been discharged for 1949, the first time for many years (if ever), and East Bridgford has at last left the dwindling company of defaulters. Many thanks to everyone.

Amongst the many worthy efforts made in Bridgford from time to time, the collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes must be mentioned, Mrs. Young collecting the sum of £4/2/0 during the year.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO.

1919 (*continued*): Mdme. Pelgrims and her four daughters, after spending four years as Refugees, left in February to return to their home in Antwerp, to which M. Pelgrims returned some years before.

March 17th: A Confirmation held in the Church by the Bishop of the diocese.

The Horticultural Society held its 53rd Annual Show on Tuesday in Feast Week, July 1st. This show was not held in 1916, 1917, 1918 on account of the war.

Sunday, July 6th, was marked by a special Thanksgiving Service in the evening for the signing of the Treaty of Peace on June 28th at Versailles.
 —from "The Rector's Book."

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EAST BRIDGFORD—
 NOTTINGHAM

TIME TABLE

	From East Bridgford	From Nottingham
MONDAYS	11-5, 2-45, 5-55, 8-15 9-40	10-25, 1-52, 3-40, 6-45, 8-55, 10-5, 10-30
TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS	8-20, 10-0, 2-20 (Wed. only), 4-15, 5-30, 5-55 8-30	9-0, 1-7, 3-0 (Wed. only), 4-45, 5-10, 6-40 9-10, 10-30
SATURDAYS	8-20, 10-20, 1-10 2-30, 5-0, 6-45, 8-25 10-0	9-15, 12-7, 1-7, 1-45 3-37, 7-37, 9-7, 10-7 10-30

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SUNDAYS	1-45, 4-15, 7-50, 9-20	2-37, 5-10, 8-37, 10-5 10-30
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS	7-0, 8-0, 1-45, 5-10 6-30, 7-20, 9-0 (Wed. only)	7-25, 7-45, 12-7, 2-40 4-15, 5-50, 6-20, 8-10 9-37 (Wed. only) 10-30
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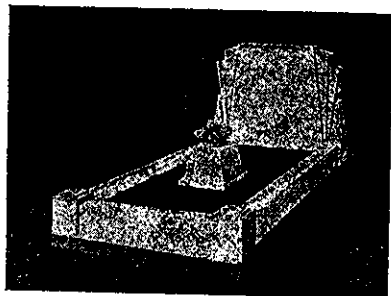
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NEWARK TO NOTTINGHAM

OPERATING FROM BUS STATION, BEAUMOND CROSS, NEWARK

	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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R. and Ms Works	7 0																			
NEWARK dep.	7 17	7 40	8 59	9 5	10 5	11 45	12 4	1 45	2 45	3 45	4 45	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10
Farndon L.E.	7 10	7 45	9 10	10	10 5	11 50	12 50	1 50	2 50	3 50	4 50	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10
East Stoke	7 15	7 50	9 15	15	15	12 05	13 05	14 05	15 05	16 05	17 05	18 05	19 05	20 05	21 05	22 05	23 05	24 05	25 05	26 05
Elston	7 15	7 55	9 10	10	10	12 05	13 05	14 05	15 05	16 05	17 05	18 05	19 05	20 05	21 05	22 05	23 05	24 05	25 05	26 05
Syerston L.E.	7 19	8 09	9 19	19	19	12 12	13 12	14 12	15 12	16 12	17 12	18 12	19 12	20 12	21 12	22 12	23 12	24 12	25 12	26 12
Syerston R.A.F. Station	7 21	8 19	9 21	21	21	12 12	13 12	14 12	15 12	16 12	17 12	18 12	19 12	20 12	21 12	22 12	23 12	24 12	25 12	26 12
Flintham	7 21	8 39	9 21	21	21	12 12	13 12	14 12	15 12	16 12	17 12	18 12	19 12	20 12	21 12	22 12	23 12	24 12	25 12	26 12
Red Lodge Inn	7 24					12 10	13 10	14 10	15 10	16 10	17 10	18 10	19 10	20 10	21 10	22 10	23 10	24 10	25 10	26 10
Screveton	7 24	8 10	9 25	25	25	12 15	13 15	14 15	15 15	16 15	17 15	18 15	19 15	20 15	21 15	22 15	23 15	24 15	25 15	26 15
Car Colston	7 26	8 15	9 30	30	30	12 20	13 20	14 20	15 20	16 20	17 20	18 20	19 20	20 20	21 20	22 20	23 20	24 20	25 20	26 20
Bridgford L.E.	7 28	8 17	9 32	32	32	12 22	13 22	14 22	15 22	16 22	17 22	18 22	19 22	20 22	21 22	22 22	23 22	24 22	25 22	26 22
Gunthorpe Road	7 30	8 20	9 35	35	35	12 25	13 25	14 25	15 25	16 25	17 25	18 25	19 25	20 25	21 25	22 25	23 25	24 25	25 25	26 25
Bingham	7 30	8 20	9 35	35	35	12 25	13 25	14 25	15 25	16 25	17 25	18 25	19 25	20 25	21 25	22 25	23 25	24 25	25 25	26 25
Saxondale Cross Roads	7 34	8 25	9 40	40	40	12 30	13 30	14 30	15 30	16 30	17 30	18 30	19 30	20 30	21 30	22 30	23 30	24 30	25 30	26 30
Radcliffe Post Office	7 34	8 25	9 40	40	40	12 30	13 30	14 30	15 30	16 30	17 30	18 30	19 30	20 30	21 30	22 30	23 30	24 30	25 30	26 30
Radcliffe Bypass (Cropwell Road)	7 34	8 35	9 50	50	50	12 40	13 40	14 40	15 40	16 40	17 40	18 40	19 40	20 40	21 40	22 40	23 40	24 40	25 40	26 40
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* From R and Ms Works only when required to 9 5 pm

NOTTINGHAM TO NEWARK

OPERATING FROM HUNTINGDON ST. BUS STATION, PLATFORM 4.

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WILT Thou forgive that sin which I begun,
 Which was my sin, though it was done before?
 Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run
 And do run still, though still I do deplore?
 When Thou hast done, Thou has not done,
 For I have more.

John Donne.

THE Epiphany Nativity Scenes presented in Church by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society were effective and beautiful beyond all hopes and anticipations. Four things combined to make this an outstanding performance—the use of darkness and special lighting (for which great thanks are due to Mr. Falconbridge), the blending of the colours of the costumes, the quiet but lovely singing of the choir, and the reverence of all the performers. It almost seemed that Bethlehem was re-created in the impressive setting of the chancel of the Church. To Mr. Shardlow also, who did a great deal of his playing in the dark, much of the atmosphere was due.

January has seen the Annual Church Meeting, and the accounts are appended below. The list of office-holders and representatives must be left over until the March issue, but the Rector would like to record his thanks to all who have supported the Church during 1949 in their many different ways.

Lent and the General Election are now looming up. Both require a looking at things squarely and a heart-searching; and if the second calls for clear heads, straight words and a concern for the country, the first equally calls for clean hands and pure hearts as the year begins to don its life and strength.

It had been hoped to run a Church Social on Shrove Tuesday; unfortunately a political meeting was already booked for the Village Hall. However, 1951 has already been earmarked for this function.

BAPTISMS.—January 1st: Jennifer Emily Wilkinson and Gwyneth Joy Thurman.
 January 29th: Robert Thornton.

WEDDING.—January 14th: Clifton Wontner-Smith and Ann Verity Towers Coates.

BURIAL.—January 5th: John Taylor (aged 44 years).

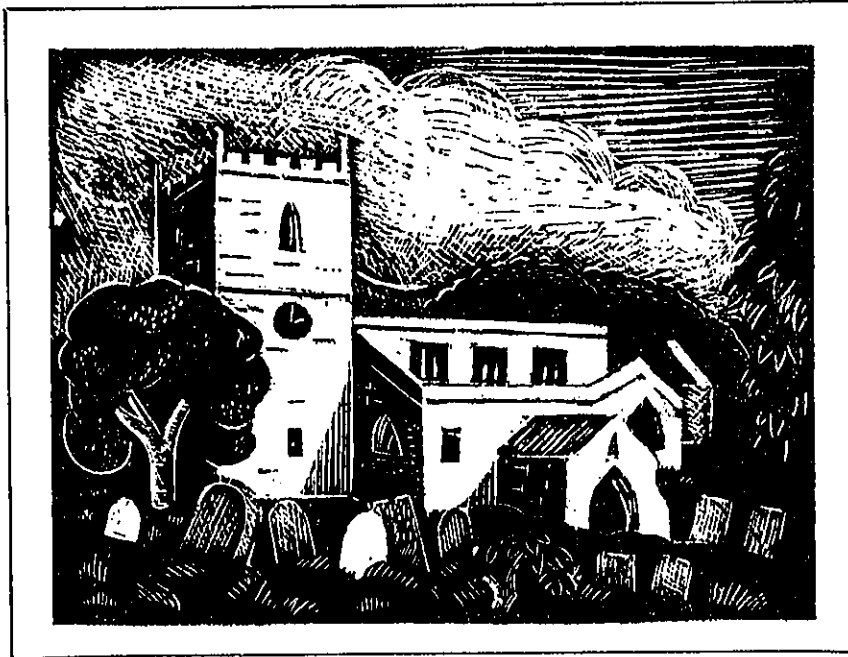
EAST BRIDGFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1st January—31st December, 1949.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance Brought Forward			149	1	9
„ Church Collections ...			132	12	4
„ Special Collections:—					
April 1—Fabric Fund ...	3	13	6		
„ 17—Easter Offering	14	11	10		
May 8—Hospital Sunday	4	11	3		
„ 22—(Evening)					
Education Sunday	4	0	0		
June 5—Day School ...	3	12	11		
„ 26—Fabric Fund ...	7	0	11		
Oct. 6 & 9—Diocesan					
Quota ...	10	5	0		
Nov. 6—Earl Haigh Fund					
(Evening) ...	4	7	8		
Dec. 4—Missions ...	5	13	1		
„ 11—Fabric Fund ...	3	0	0		
„ 18—Diocesan Quota	2	5	8		
„ 25—(part) Sunday					
School ...	2	10	0		
			65	11	10
„ Special Donations ...			17	5	1½
„ Freewill Offerings ...			7	17	0
„ War Graves Commission			0	15	0
„ Whist Drive Proceeds ...			12	1	5
„ Southwell Diocesan Board					
of Finance—Churchyard			4	6	0
			£389	10	5½
To Transfers to Nottm.					
Trustee Savings Bank ...					
„ Special Contributions:—					
Fabric Fund £3 13 6,					
£7 0 11 & £3 0 0 ...	13	14	5		
Easter Offering ...	14	11	10		
East Bridgford Red Cross					
Clinic ...	4	11	3		
East Bridgford School ...	7	12	11		
Earl Haigh Fund ...	4	7	8		
S. P. G. Missions ...	5	13	1		
Rev. G. R. McLean					
Sunday School ...	2	10	0		
Diocesan Quota ...	12	10	8		
			65	11	10
„ Southwell Diocesan Board of					
Finance—Diocesan Quota			20	0	0
„ Salaries—Organist ...			30	0	0
„ „ —Church Cleaners			15	12	0
„ „ —Labour in Churchyard			27	7	0
„ Heating and Lighting ...			11	12	5
„ Water Rent ...				14	6
„ Organ Tuning ...			4	10	0
„ Insurance ...			6	17	9
„ Visitation Fee ...				18	0
„ Hymn and Prayer Books			15	14	3
„ Hire of Hut ...				7	6
„ Church Commissioners ...			5	0	0
„ Choir Remuneration ...			1	2	0
„ Tools for Churchyard ...				19	5
„ Repairs ...			31	17	3
„ Bank Charges ...			1	17	6
„ Altar & Verger Requisites			6	18	9
„ Stationery, Books & Papers			1	18	9
„ Coffin Bands & Bell Ropes			5	17	4
„ Surplices ...			14	12	6
„ BALANCE—					
Cash £7/7/5½, Bank £81/14/3			89	1	8½
			£389	10	5½

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts with the Bank Pass Book, certificate of balance, and vouchers and that I have found them correct.—R. BENTLEY, 12th Jan., 1950. H. ASHTON HILL, Hon. Treas.

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I lose all, and must endure
 The proverb'd griefs of holy Job,
 I care not, so I may secure
 But one green branch and a white robe.

Henry Vaughan the Silurist.

MARCH is always a Lenten month. This year it leads on to the beginning of Passiontide on the last Sunday. It is a wonderful unfolding of the Christian life from the discipline of the wilderness and the wrestlings of Jacob with the angel to the threshold of the command of life and victory over death which the Lord's steady progress to Jerusalem typifies. And just as the bare winter earth begins to show its promise, so the struggle is lit up with vision of the angels ascending and descending the ladder of Jacob's dream.

At the Annual Church Meeting at the end of January, the following Church Officers were elected or appointed for 1950:—Rector's Warden, Mr. R. Wing; People's Warden, Mr. H. Curtis; Sidesmen: Dr. G. O. Brooks, Messrs. G. Bateman, R. Bentley, A. V. Dent, F. Green, L. Hand, E. Ingram, G. Russell, C. L. Westley and F. Young; Church Councillors: Mesdames Hunt, Metcalfe, Westley and Whyley, Miss McHardy, Dr. Brooks, and Messrs. Ashton Hill, Bentley, Hand, Ingram, Rhodes, Russell, Shardlow, Westley, White and Young. Mr. C. L. Westley was elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. N. Ashton Hill, Hon. Treasurer to the Church Council.

An admission service was held on Friday, February 3rd, for the branch of the Girls' Friendly Society and the following were admitted:—Betty Baguley, Evelyn Curtis, Ann Goodwin, Joyce Goodwin, Barbara Mallett, Mary Thornton and Julia Thorpe.

FABRIC FUND—NOTTINGHAM TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK.

(Omitted from last month.)

1949	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
March 29—By Transfer for				31	0	0	To Balance Carried Forward	45	5	6
Church Funds										
„ Special Collections:										
April 9	3	13	6							
June 27	7	0	11							
Dec. 11	3	0	0							
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Nov. 20	„	Interest	...		11	1				
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Examined and found correct—R. BENTLEY, 12th January, 1950.

N. HINTON HILL, Hon. Treasurer.

BAPTISM.

February 4th—Gillian Kay Goulsbra.

BURIAL.

February 9th—Henry Crossland (aged 87 years).

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO.

1919 (continued)—July 19th, Saturday, Peace Celebrations were held. A Pageant Procession with decorated drays, etc. The school children entertained at tea at 4-0 p.m. with races and sports in Butt Close. At 5-0 p.m. an oak was planted on Cuttle Hill by the oldest and youngest inhabitant (Mr. John Green in his 90th year, and the son of Mr. Chas. Allwood born on the day peace was signed). At 6-0 p.m., 50 Service and ex-Service men were entertained at tea, when the Rector read the King's message of greeting and thanks. Sports in Butt Close 7-0 to 9-0, and proceedings closed at 11-0 by a brilliant Navy flare: a bonfire and fireworks (with the Central Committee) was lighted. Men and women over 60 were entertained at tea on Monday, 21st, and we fired a supply of rockets from Admiralty stores which did not arrive in time for Saturday.

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OUR hearts burn in us as we go ;
Stay with us : break our bread ; so, for our part
Ere darkness falls haply we may rejoice,
Haply when day has been far spent may know.

—Edward Dowden.

BY Eastertide the old is finally discarded and the new put on. This is true both of the old year which died in the winter and of the new year now surging into life ; it is also true of each person—none the same as twelve months previously, no spring (for all the similarities) exactly the same, the world itself gradually evolving into something different.

At one time in these islands the spring festival was held much earlier—at the beginning of February—and it was held in honour of St. Bride, originally a pagan goddess taken over by the early Christian Church. The early spring this year was reminiscent of this older festival, which was a woman's affair altogether, and when the coming fruitfulness was in everyone's mind. Christian Easter is the festival of the spring in all its fullness, standing halfway between February first—spring St. Bride and May Day (the old beginning of summer). It is also the festival, in every sense, of new life.

The decay in the observance of Lent has greatly weakened the significance of Easter. It is a pity that, often for good reasons and in good causes, so many organisations and individuals hold their celebrations and dances (and sometimes weddings) during the season of Lent, when the new and better life of the fresh year is being prepared for by the strengthening of character. The Easter tradition of joy is still strong in England, but when all that precedes it is decaying, the significance of the festival itself will also decay.

It has been pleasant to have the church warm again for the last part of the cold weather and much credit to Mr. Leslie Johnson, who has now taken on the job of sexton. At a recent conference at Bingham for Church Councillors and others, one point was made very strongly, that no keen Church member should consider himself so unless he undertook some task for the Church—many do this. The Rector however is most anxious to commence Confirmation Classes, and he has no one to whom he could confide the Sunday School for a few weeks. Would anyone volunteer ?

On Mothering Sunday, March 19th, at the Holy Eucharist, the following children received Sunday School prizes for the year 1949 :—Betty Baguley, John and William Hayday, Norman Green, David Latham, Peter Green, John Westley, John Metcalfe, Freda Young, Antony Westley, Mary and John Bateman, Elaine Grey, Jennifer Hill, Christopher Bateman, and Raymond and Susan Thornton.

BAPTISM.

March 5th—Rosemary Eileen Rich.

WEDDING.

March 18th—George Richard Eric Knight and Norah Jeffs.

BURIALS.

March 2nd—Bianca Welch (aged 88 years).

March 14th—Annie Harvey (aged 74 years).

March 23rd—Charles Ellis (aged 68 years).

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO.

1919 (*continued*). On July 22nd the Midland Association of Change Ringers rang 5,040 changes on the Church bells in 2 hrs. 50 mins., in several minor methods, conducted by W. White. This was the first complete peal on our bells. Rev. A. D. Hill, Rev. C. F. Stanton (Orston), G. Proctor (Grantham), A. Mackears (Long Bennington), F. F. Spenser (Radcliffe) and W. White (Cotgrave) rang.

A very dry summer. Rain fell on July 19th after three months' draught. Frost on September 20th. December 22nd—War-time Special Constables demobilised.

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IMMORTAL honour, endless fame,
Attend the Almighty Father's name :
The Saviour Son be glorified,
Who for lost man's redemption died :
And equal adoration be,
Eternal Paraclete, to thee.

—*John Dryden.*

THE problems of the Church and of Churchpeople are very many today. There is the problem of the encroaching State; the increasing difficulty of maintaining Christian standards, such as the holiness of Sunday and a high moral tone; the lack of young men coming forward for the Ministry; and all the problems of money being tight. Certain things are however being tackled. There is shortly to be a scheme for the preservation of Churches throughout the country, most of which are both beautiful and historic, but some of which, in small places, cannot meet large sums for restoration and upkeep. Interest is also being quickened in missions, in church councils, in the Service of Holy Communion and in reorganising and regrouping parishes.

With regard to missions, the parishes of the deanery are all combining on Saturday, June 10th, in a Missionary Festival at Bingham Rectory. Most will have already seen the leaflet, and it is hoped that many from Bridgford will make this their objective on that Saturday. This parish has been asked to run a produce stall (together with Shelford) on that day, and Mrs. Hunt would be very pleased to receive anything for it. The proceeds of the effort, which includes good speakers, a play and Evensong in the Church, will be divided equally in three portions between the two great Missionary Societies, the S.P.G. and the C.M.S., and the smaller societies. On the previous Sunday, June 4th (Trinity Sunday), there will be special preachers and the collections on that day will be given to the S.P.G. The preacher at Evensong will be the new Rector of Cotgrave, the Revd. A. H. Wakefield.

The Rector will be away on Sundays, June 11th and 18th. There will be no early Holy Communion on June 18th, but Bishop Weller will be at the 11 o'clock Eucharist on that Sunday. Feast Sunday is this year on June 25th, the day following S. John the Baptist's Midsummer, when the Flower Show will be held.

As the list of burials below shows, there have been a great many deaths recently, the last being of a first-class farmer and old tenant of the glebe, Mr. Foster Thornton. Churchpeople will particularly miss Mr. Green, who was often in his place on Sunday morning. Sympathy is extended to all the relatives.

BURIALS.

- April 12th—Sarah Ann Manchester (80 years).
- April 17th—Daniel Mansfield Kemm (69 years).
- April 18th—Mary Alvey (92 years).
- April 20th—Frank William Vincent Green (78 years).

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

1920. The parish magazine which has lately been supplied without the inset papers, on account of expense, will now be issued as before with the "Dawn of Day" magazine, but will be sold at 2d. instead of 1d. The cost of printing has greatly risen.

The "Enabling Act," passed December 23rd, 1919, will now come into force. The first Parochial Church Meeting held April 6th. [Note. A Parochial Church Council has been in existence here from 1899. It has now legal authority under Diocesan Rules of Procedure.]

The Cricket Club has erected a Pavilion and levelled a Cricket Pitch in Butt Close.

[To be continued.]

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SAINT Peter, when the cock crew clear,
Went out, and wept his broken faith;
Strong as a rock through strife and fear,
He served his Lord till death.

Mrs. Alexander.

BY a generous gift the new "Hymns Ancient and Modern—Revised 1950" will shortly be introduced into the church. It is a very fine book with a number of hymns introduced from other collections. It is based upon the old book with the omission of a great number of little used hymns. A few favourites will be missed (about half-a-dozen), but they will be amply outweighed by the gains both in music and additional hymns. It is clear that the new volume will virtually become the official hymn book of the Church of England for many years to come, and it is splendid that it should so soon be brought into use in East Bridgford.

A most interesting visit will be paid by the Church Army to the village in July—to be precise on Saint James' Day, Tuesday, July 25th. A number of columns will shortly be starting from Worcester Cathedral to march to the sea, where missions will be conducted on the sands. The one heading for Cleethorpes will pass through East Bridgford towards the end of its journey (taking the train for the final lap from Newark). It will consist of a party of eight, bringing its own bedding and asking for meals during its short stay (dinner, tea, supper and breakfast.) It will arrive from Radcliffe about noon, meet its hosts and/or hostesses at a very short service of welcome in church, and after dinner start on its work. There will be a service for the school children, a meeting for mothers and women, quick house-to-house visiting, and a service at 7-30 in the evening for everybody. Next morning there will be Holy Communion and after breakfast, the road is taken for Newark. It is fine to have this visit, and new friends should be made. Hostesses for two are still required. But in any case they are sure of a good welcome.

Feast Sunday falls this year on June 25th, one of its earliest dates. If the glorious weather of last year repeats itself, it will be a wonderful day, succeeding upon the Flower Show (the 90th) to be held on Midsummer Day (S. John the Baptist).

BAPTISMS.

May 7th—Michael John Fletcher.
May 28th—Winifred Freda Alliss.
May 28th—Linda Mary Marshall.

BURIALS.

May 3rd—Foster Thornton (63 years).
May 27th—Robert Goodman (89 years).

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

1920 (contd.). June 27th—Feast Sunday. The Memorial Cross was dedicated at 3 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Nottingham. The Church Choir, accompanied by the Choirs of the Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Chapels, proceed from the Church to the site at the East end of the churchyard, led by a crossbearer. Over 50 ex-Service men were present under Lt. H. P. Goldston. The Archdeacon gave an address, after Prayers arranged by the Rector. . . . The material of the cross is Derbyshire gritstone from the Pillough quarries. It was carved and erected by Messrs. Ward and Adkins of Nottingham, from the design of Mr. C. E. Ponting, the architect of the Church Restoration. It is founded on a solid block of concrete.

The total cost was £217, raised by voluntary contribution.

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FROM all vain pomps and shows,
 From the pride that overflows,
 And the false conceits of men ;
 From all the narrow rules
 And subtleties of schools,
 Poor sad Humanity
 Through all the dust and heat
 Turns back with bleeding feet,
 By the weary road it came,
 Unto the simple thought
 By the great Master taught ;
 And that remaineth still :
 Not he that repeateth the name,
 But he that doeth the will.

—H. W. Longfellow.

AT the end of this term the senior scholars will cease to attend the school in East Bridgford ; they will travel daily to the new temporary school at Flintham. Only junior and infant children will henceforth be accommodated in the old buildings. This will occasion both satisfaction and regret—satisfaction that the overcrowding will now be relieved and that greater and wider opportunities will be available at the new school for the older pupils, regret at the removal of village children from their own village and at the break in a long tradition of upbringing (eighty-seven years) at the new school in Howet's orchard. It will ultimately mark a profound change in village life. To wish the departing scholars God-speed, a special school service is being held on Sunday, July 23rd, in the evening.

For two Sundays in August—the 13th and 20th—the priest in charge will be the Rev. C. W. Wheatley, M.A., Headmaster of Eggar's Grammar School, Alton. Mrs. Wheatley and he will be occupying the Rector's flat, while they will see a good deal of their daughter (Mrs. Robin Morris) and grandchildren.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO.

1920. August 29th—A memorial window in the chancel (south side) was dedicated in memory of Captain Harold Augustus Hodges, killed in action on the Ham-Epperville Road, March 24th, 1918.
1921. Improvements in the school were carried out in the summer holidays, viz. 300 square yards of asphalt paving in the yard round the school : a sliding partition between the two large rooms : various repairs to the floor, etc. : outside painting : clearing and forming drains for surface water : costing in all £153, which will be defrayed by voluntary contributions.

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FAR is the time, remote from human sight,
When war and discord on the earth shall cease ;
Yet every prayer for universal peace
Avails the blessed time to expedite.

Hartley Coleridge.

THE visit of the Church Army men was an event of great interest ; it was also impressive. That a group of young men should be dedicating their lives to the service of God, having discovered that that was the only thing which was really worth while, was in itself a witness. The team work was excellent also, and one supported another. At the service in church, one of the team took the service, one sang a solo anthem most beautifully and one, the youngest of all, preached his very first sermon. It was only a pity that their visit was so short.

The Deanery Missionary Festival at Bingham was very successful. The gross takings amounted to some £67, and when a few expenses were deducted, £63 was available for distribution. One-third was given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, one-third to the Church Missionary Society and one-third divided equally between the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge and the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. It is hoped to make this an annual event. Many thanks are due to those from Bridgford who helped to bring about this good result.

The Harvest Festival services will be held on Thursday, October 5th, and the following Sunday, October 8th. Gifts of produce, fruit, corn and flowers will be most welcome in the church on Tuesday the 3rd, and Wednesday the 4th. Also more people willing to decorate (and later to de-decorate) are really needed.

The Bingham Ruri-Decanal Conference will also be held in October—Wednesday the 25th, at 7-30 p.m. in the evening in Bingham Church Hall. Plans for local observance of the Festival of Britain will be discussed at this meeting, as well as schemes for young people in country districts.

BAPTISMS.

July 2nd—Geoffrey Paul Savage.

July 16th—Gerald Bernard Morley.

WEDDINGS.

July 15th—Wilfred George Henry Marshall and Mary Bridgett Walker.

July 22nd—Albert Arthur Roberts and Jean Isabel Willis.

TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO.

1921.—November 18th. Mr. W. A. Hodges, J.P., presented the King's Medal to the seven Special Constables, viz., Messrs. J. Allwood, C. Bullers, E. Coville, J. Mussell, J. Pickford, W. R. Sharman, J. Wilkinson.

At a Whitsuntide fête on May 17th, the Women's Institute arranged a Fancy Dress Parade with about 60 characters, some on drays : a Play by Mrs. Nicholson : Maypole : displays by Girl Guides, at the Hall garden.

A lecture by the Rector on November 14th to the Allotments Association, and afterwards repeated to the Women's Institute on East Bridgford History with special reference to agricultural developments.

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For Truth to thrust her sickle in?
Where flock the souls, like doves in flight,
From the dark hiding-place of sin?

J. G. Whittier.

THE Harvest Festival services are upon the second Sunday in October and upon the preceding Thursday. The preacher on Thursday, October 5th, at 7-30 p.m., is Canon L. S. Hawkes, lately the Diocesan Director of Education, who has now moved to the South of England. On Sunday evening, the 8th, at 6-30 p.m., the new Archdeacon of Nottingham and Vicar of Radcliffe, the Ven. J. H. L. Phillips, will be paying his first visit to the parish.

There is much activity in October. The Bingham Ruri-Decanal Conference will take place on Wednesday, the 25th, at the Church Hall, Bingham, when plans for the Festival of Britain will be discussed. Then on October 31st, All Hallow E'en, the Deanery Musical Festival will be held—the service being at 7-30 p.m. in Bingham Church. The choir is working hard for this and some of the fruits of their labours will be apparent at the Harvest Festival and upon other occasions.

The Parish Council and others are very concerned at the amount of paper and rubbish in the village streets, especially near the omnibus stopping places. Residents and parents are reminded that it is an offence to strew litter, and that there is a penalty for it, if any charge be pressed. An appeal is therefore made to **all** to do what they can to check this and to help to keep Bridgford, which is a great source of pride, tidy and clean.

BAPTISM.

August 6th—Paul Berrow Gibbons.

BURIAL.

August 10th—Poynts Blagg (aged 49 years).

Owen Oglethorpe, Rector, 1538-1557. Readers may like to have some further information of this, the most distinguished, of all the Rectors of East Bridgford, than what is supplied in Rector Hill's History of the Parish. It comes from the Rev. H. Bairstow, Rector of Newton Kyme in Yorkshire, where Owyn, son of a farmer Oglethorpe, who lived at Oglethorpe Hall, was baptised in 1504. The boy proved a brilliant scholar of Magdalen College, becoming President in 1535. While Rector of East Bridgford, although he never seems to have been resident, he wrote a famous book for Henry VIII, an "Exposition of those things that are necessary to the Institution of a Christian Man." In Edward VI's reign, however, he was imprisoned for "persecuting the godlie and favouring the papists." He was later released, had dealings with two great Reformers, Martin Bucer and Peter Martyr, and in 1551 assisted Miles Coverdale in the translation of the Bible into English. While Rector of East Bridgford, he also held the Deanery of Windsor, and from 1540 to his death in 1559 he was in addition Rector of his native Newton Kyme, where he built a hospital, a school and almshouses for the people of Tadcaster. He was the Marian Bishop of Carlisle, and he was the only one found to crown Queen Elizabeth in January, 1559. But he died the following December, after being deprived of his bishopric.

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HELP with thy grace, through life's short day
Our upward, and our downward, way ;
And glorify for us the west,
When we shall sink to final rest !

William Wordsworth.

THE problem which is uppermost at the present time is that of peace. It is naturally always foremost at the season of remembrance, when many whose lives were given that it might be established are brought yearly to mind by their friends and comrades. This year, as a prelude, there is a National Day of Prayer on the subject, since the authorities, without saying much, indicate a critical period until next Summer. It is really a tragedy that efforts to establish peace on a sound basis have not been conspicuously successful, and constant aggression by constant attrition is taking place all the time. The victory in Korea is a notable but a single achievement ; and maybe there must be others if the world position is to be maintained. All this calls for much prayer, and a deeper realisation that the message of Christianity must be proclaimed more strongly and by more people : for only upon that foundation can peace be established. This is a thing which affects the lives of all. There is no need for fear : but there is much need for righteousness and faith.

Winter activities are now in full swing. The Evening Institute has come to life again, with classes in singing and dancing. There is also a University class in English Literature. Many whist drives also are being held ; indeed there is some activity every single night of the week.

The Rector would be very pleased to have names of candidates for Confirmation, as he will shortly be starting classes. The preacher at Evensong on Sunday, November 5th, will be the Revd. M. F. Giles, Rector of Wollaton.

BAPTISM.

September 3rd—Barbara Sandra Crouch.

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO.

1922.—A Freewill Offering scheme, to provide for Church expenses, in addition to weekly collections, was initiated. The Church accounts are now to be made up to December 31st, instead of Easter. The Bishop's request for a self-denial week was accepted for April 1st to April 8th. The Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation on April 10th.

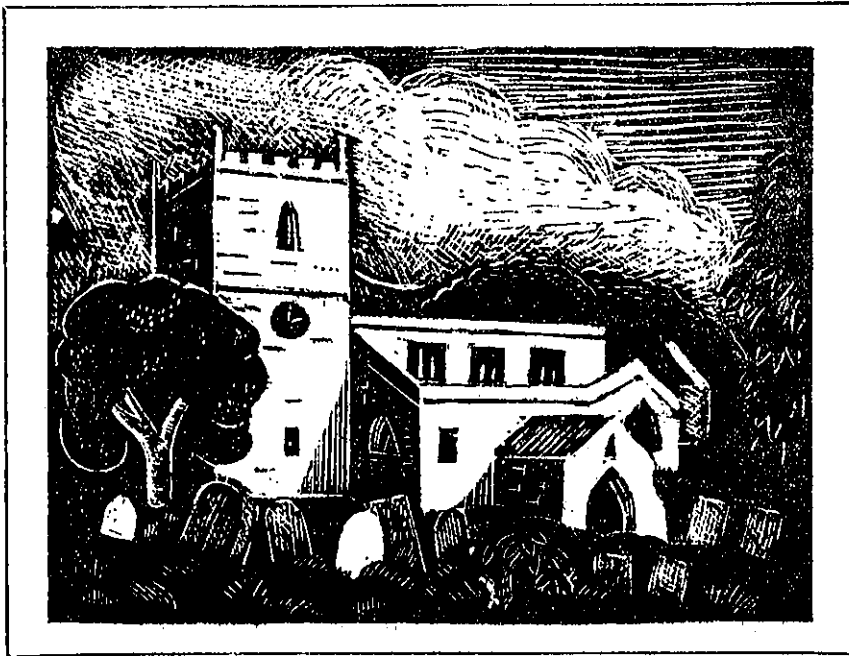
September 17th. By the fall of 33ft. of wall along Kirkhill, the two younger children of Mr. Edwin Fox, Alice May (10) and Walter Edwin Norman (6) were crushed to death, and a cousin, Joseph Gilbert, of Car Colston, severely injured, about 12 o'clock on Sunday morning. The wall has been for a long time leaning outwards and was probably pushed by the growth of tree roots. The funeral took place on September 20th.

New surplices and purple cassocks were used on October 15th. The cost, £57/4/6, has been defrayed partly by a special fund and partly by the Church Parochial Council out of Freewill Offerings and Expenses Fund. A choir concert, with handbell performance, was given in aid on December 14th.

—from "The Rector's Book."

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ACROSS the sea, along the shore,
 In numbers more and ever more,
 From lonely hut and busy town,
 The valley through, the mountain down,
 What was it ye went out to see,
 Ye silly folk of Galilee?
 The reed that in the wind doth shake?
 The weed that washes in the lake?
 The reeds that waver, the weeds that float?—
 A young man preaching in a boat.

Arthur Hugh Clough.

A FAMILIAR figure every Sunday evening in the front pew below the crossing is no longer there. No service of the people in East Bridgford Church seemed complete without him: once a chorister in the same church, he had been to many places and seen much. Always he had worked hard; and always in these latter years he lent a graciousness and even courtliness to his church duties. He was for many years a sideman, and it was his proudest moment when he was elected People's Warden nearly two years ago. Harry Curtis will therefore leave a big gap in church life. It is not given to many in a village to die in public office; and the suddenness and unexpectedness of his tragic fall were a deep shock to his friends. His standards were unwavering, but underneath there was a goodness and kindness often possessed by men who live and learn in a hard school and who maintain the virtues of thrift and upright behaviour. He had both East Bridgford and its Church very near to his heart and spared no time or trouble in their service; and all sympathy goes to his courageous widow and to his daughter.

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Both the Harvest Thanksgiving Services and the Deanery Musical Festival Service were impressive. It was disappointing not to have visiting preachers after all at the former, but the Church was beautifully decorated, and the General Hospital was grateful for the produce. The collection at the Bingham Musical Service amounted to some £8, which went to the Diocese; and the massed voices sounded very lovely in the anthems. The Rural Dean, Bishop Weller, preached on the place of music in worship. The festival will be held again next year at Radcliffe.

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BAPTISMS.

October 7th—Rosemary Ann Luttrell Graeme-Evans.
 October 22nd—Elizabeth Pamela Ashton Hill.

WEDDING.

October 4th—Bernard Anthony Cooper and Alice Elizabeth Brown.

BURIALS.

October 7th—Fanny Gertrude Vine (85 years).
 October 11th—Henry Curtis (69 years).

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