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SERVICES IN JANUARY

Every Sunday -

9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evenson

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 10.15 a.m.
When Mr. G.T. Stobbs is always pleased to welcome
new members.

NEWS SHEET

January 1972

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THE NEW YEAR

A very happy 1972 to all readers of this News Sheet.

Of course, we all know that the Church's new year began some weeks ago, but it is often the case that the Sundays after Trinity fade away, we say the "stir-up" Collect, and the season of Advent slips quietly in, sometimes without a mention.

Be that as it may, as we enter any new calendar year our thoughts naturally turn to the future. Resolutions are made (Many to be kept for only a short time) and speculations take place as to what the new year holds in store. What changes will it bring? Will it be a "good" year or a "bad" year?

At St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, one question uppermost in our minds is whether 1972 will see a new Rector taking up his office. We have now been without an incumbent for over four months, but there are parishes in this diocese where unfilled vacancies for incumbents have existed for much longer. How long will we have to wait? Will we again have a Rector of East Bridgford residing in the parish, or will some kind of grouping link us with some other parishes? These are some of the thoughts and questions which are exercising the minds of many people.

Many will be pleased, perhaps relieved to know that the Diocesan Board of Patronage appears at least to be inclined to the view that East Bridgford should have a Rector of its own residing in the parish. However, before that inclination can be turned into a reality, at least two requirements have to be satisfied. Firstly, a suitable priest willing to take charge of the parish must be chosen and, secondly, the stipend available must be sufficient to support an incumbent of our own.

The first of these two requirements we can leave with confidence to the Lord Bishop of Southwell, knowing that the matter is receiving his very

earnest attention. The second is a subject which must receive careful thought within this parish, and your Parochial Church Council will be giving it special consideration at a meeting in January. It may well be that, when the P.C.C. has done its sums, there will be a clear indication that a certain amount of additional money will need to be raised each year for this purpose. No doubt it will be possible to say more on this subject after the P.C.C. has investigated the figures and reached a conclusion - so watch next month's News Sheet for possible further information.

In the meantime let us all hope, pray, and resolve to do whatever we can towards securing a pastor who will lead us in the active Christian way of life.

DR. OWEN OGLETHORPE (Rector 1538 - 1557)

In the December New Sheet mention was made of the historical exhibition which is to be held in the Church in May 1972. Since one of the intentions is to illustrate some of the links between East Bridgford Church and notable events in our history, the name of one former Rector becomes highlighted, namely Dr. Owen Oglethorpe who was Rector from 1538 to 1557. In fact one of the organisers of the exhibition has been heard to refer to it as the "Oglethorpe Exhibition". That Rector's connection with the Order of the Garter and the coronation of Elizabeth I was mentioned briefly last month.

A closer examination of the records of Dr. Oglethorpe's time shows that he was at the centre of a number of controversies. Indeed his very institution as Rector of East Bridgford arose from a controversy. At that time it was the accepted arrangement that two patrons, Magdalen College and the Chaworth family, should make presentations to the benefice alternately. The Rector before Dr. Oglethorpe (William Woodward)

had been presented by John Chaworth, but on Woodward's death a great dispute arose between the patrons. It was the turn of Magdalen College to make the presentation, but Sir John Chaworth appointed one John Baylie, claiming that he was the full patron and that the College had only interrupted his right by a temporary agreement. As a result, the Archbishop of York set up a Commission of Inquiry which sat at East Bridgford, and the matter was settled by Sir John Chaworth agreeing to the appointment of Dr. Owen Oglethorpe, President of Magdalen College. The Commissioners decided that both patrons should enjoy the right of presentation by turns, beginning with Sir John Chaworth, who was apparently satisfied that this presentation was his own. This solution might be described as an early example of a good old British compromise; nevertheless the dispute continued in some measure until 1543.

Those were difficult times for the Church, when Henry VIII was combining his zeal for the Reformation with his greed for the plunder of Church property, but the old parochial endowments were not usually interfered with, though doubtless there were some changes. Probably the parishioners of East Bridgford under their resident curate quietly accepted the new English Prayer Book of Edward VI, used for the first time on Whit Sunday 1549. (It was quite common in those times for a Rector himself not to reside in his parish.) One thing is certain, however. From the time of the Reformation, East Bridgford Church was allowed gradually to crumble into near ruin and nothing but minor repairs seems to have been done to the fabric until the middle of the seventeenth century, when some major work was done to the Chancel. The Nave had to wait for another century.

Dr. Oglethorpe took an active part in the events of his time. He was a strong supporter of the old forms of religion and resigned his presidency

of Magdalen (under compulsion) but was afterwards re-elected. When Dean of Windsor, he was one of a select Committee of Oxford and Cambridge divines in a memorable disputation with Cranmer, Latimer, and Ridley. During Queen Mary's reign he was made Bishop of Carlisle in 1557. Nevertheless, when Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne, he was the only one of the Bishops who would consent to set the crown upon her head, and it is understood that he sorely repented his action afterwards because the form of oath which was used gave her the title of Supreme Head of the Church - a title which the Queen herself later repudiated. Bishop Oglethorpe was soon afterwards deprived of his office, died, and was buried in London at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West. He is still commemorated as a benefactor in Magdalen College on 31st December, the day of his death in 1559.

With our exhibition in mind, efforts have been made to borrow a portrait of Dr. Oglethorpe. However, Magdalen College believe that there is no known portrait of him in existence. The College's catalogue of portraits of past Presidents states, "A monument to him in Carlisle Cathedral is noted in 1634, but is no longer extant. Presumably it was destroyed in 1645 when the Parliamentary troops pulled down part of the nave to repair the city walls". Could that be claimed as another link, albeit a very indirect one, between Oglethorpe and East Bridgford?

NOW BACK TO THE PRESENT

Wise Park, at the north of Nottingham, has been made an area of ecumenical experiment under a scheme which is the first of its kind in the district. A building which has been a Methodist Church since it was built in 1968 is the subject of a scheme, organised by the Methodist and the

Anglicans, under which the building will be a venue for Christians of all denominations to worship and act together. The commissioning service was led jointly by the Rt. Rev. Denis Wakeling, Bishop of Southwell, and the Rev. C. D. Bacon, Chairman of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church. Both of them signed the declaration of intent.

In his address, the Rev. C.D. Bacon said, "We must not fool ourselves that we have achieved unity; that is why this is an area of experiment. But the project could be described as a sign of what might be to come."

At present, the Rise Park Church has two ministers - one Anglican and one Methodist - both of whom have duties at other local churches. The church is not open just for those two denominations and there is the likelihood that members of other bodies will be making use of it. The experiment will be watched with interest by many.

ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EXHIBITION AGAIN - A reminder that the organisers wish to know of any men who are prepared to sleep in the Church on one or more nights, and of any men and women who, when the exhibition is open (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) would act as stewards and staff the bookstall. The dates are 5th to 14th May 1972 inclusive. Names of willing helpers, please, to Churchwardon G. T. Stobbs, 44 Main Street (Tel. East Bridgford 536).

ANOTHER RECORD

Almost every fund-raising event in East Bridgford recently seems to have produced a record sum. The BOY'S BRIGADE is no exception - the Collection Week brought in a total of £121.50. On behalf of all members of the Brigade, Mr. E. Bullers

the Captain expresses sincere thanks to all the Old Boys and all the friends and contributors who made this splendid result possible.

THE KING EDWARD CLUB announce that early in 1972 they are holding a Snooker knock-out competition for a cup presented by the Club's President, Dr. G. O. Brooks. New members are always welcome at the Club, and any joining now will be able to take part in the competition. The Secretary is Mr. L. Hand of 93 Main Street.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE'S Annual Party will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th January, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

THE SCOUTS AND CUBS give a reminder about the "Soup and Spud Morning" in aid of Group Funds which is to be held in Mr. D. Atkin's barn in College Street. Many attractions and entertainments. It is still not finally settled whether the date is to be the 22nd or 29th January, because one or two outstanding details will influence the choice of date. Anyway, look out for the posters which will be displayed in the village, and which will give all the information.

AN APOLOGY. It is regretted that, when the Officers of local organisations were listed in the December News Sheet, one of the Society Stewards of the Methodist Church was omitted. He is Mr. W. Merryweather of 61 Main Street, whose name should have been given with those of Mr. and Mrs. D. Atkins, the other Stewards.

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EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

Dec. 4 v Thorneywood (Notts.Cup)(away) LOST 3-5
 Dec. 11 v Netherfield Rovers (home) WON 6-3
 Dec. 18 v Clifton Utd.(Cup replay)(away) WON 3-1

2nd Team

Dec. 4 v Hucknall Coll.Res. (home) LOST 2-1
 Dec. 11 v Fairham Reserves (away) LOST 0-4
 Dec. 18 v Fairham Reserves (home) LOST 2-6

FIXTURES FOR JANUARY

1st Team

1st	v Birnham Sports	HOME
8th	v Morley Youth Club	AWAY
15th	v Ruddington (Cup 3rd round)	HOME
22nd	v Trent Polytechnic Reserves	HOME
29th	v Keyworth United	AWAY

2nd Team

8th	v Bingham Reserves	HOME
15th	v Ruddington Village Reserves	AWAY
22nd	v R.O.F. 'A'	AWAY
29th	v Butlers Hill Reserves	HOME

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Editor is pleased to announce that the Canada Goose (or Gander) reported as found in the December News Sheet was quickly returned to its rightful owner. In fact we received other enquiries (including from other villages) about whether lost or strayed animals and birds might have been found. We were unable to oblige, but it did indicate that the News Sheet is read by many people. Local organisations and residents are invited to submit items for publication to the Editor (name and address on front cover) by 22nd of the month preceeding publication.

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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

6th 9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Service of
 the Five Candles
 (see note inside)

Other Sundays:

9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

NEWS SHEET February 1972

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THE SERVICE OF FIVE CANDLES

February 2nd marks the feast of Candlemas or, to use its other names, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It is the day on which, in many churches, the candles to be used during the following year are blessed. It is also associated with the canticle Nunc Dimittis, which expresses the words of the old man Simeon when the baby Christ was presented in the temple...."A light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel".

Candles and light are central to the various ways of celebrating Candlemas. In East Bridgford we have for several years used the service of the five candles, the basis of which is explained in the following words of a Dean of Truro:

"Some years ago I was telling some blind children that the Christian Faith is putting our hand into the Hand of our Lord, and how He helps us along the road of life. I explained that the Faith is based on five Acts of God stated in the Gospel, contained in the Creed, and commemorated by the five great days of the Christian Year. In order to explain that these historic facts form the pattern of our redemption, we compared them to the fingers and thumb which form the design of a hand. Urging them to hold fast to the Faith, I asked them to take hold of their right hands, and to let the little finger remind them of what happened on Christmas Day, the second finger reminding them of what happened on Good Friday, the third finger of Easter Day, the index finger of Ascension Day, and the thumb, which gives power to the hand, of Whitsunday. This idea seemed to appeal to people of all ages, and help them to understand the meaning of the Creed.

In order to emphasize and illustrate the pattern of the Incarnation, we introduced the plan of a

five-branched candlestick into which could be placed five great candles representing the five facts of our Faith. This was first used at a Family Rally in Gibraltar Cathedral where it proved extremely popular with children and young people taking part. The Service of the Five Candles was first held in England at Truro Cathedral in 1960, when representatives of all departments of the Cathedral Foundation took part. It has been found equally effective in a Royal Navy Establishment, a large Hospital, and a variety of parishes with members of different sections of the community taking part."

Our service in St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, will be at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 6th February, when suitably prepared candles will be introduced at stages of the service to represent Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Whitsun. At each stage appropriate sections of the Gospel and the Creed will be used to illustrate the significance of each Christian Festival, and specially chosen hymns and prayers will be sung and said.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. J.N.D. Perkins of All Saints, Nottingham.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

As Easter falls comparatively early this year, the month of February also contains Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of the Church's season of Lent on the 16th, immediately preceded, of course, by Shrove Tuesday with its various forms of pre-Lent feasting and merriment when the penitence really comes into its own. From Ash Wednesday onwards we embark upon the several weeks of preparation etc. leading up to the major events of Holy Week and Easter Day.

THE VACANCY FOR AN INCUMBENT

Following the report in the January News Sheet, the Parochial Church Council has received further

information and given a lot more thought to matters connected with the appointment of a new Rector of East Bridgford. Some of the P.C.C. discussed certain aspects with the Bishop of Southwell.

Although nothing has been settled yet by the Patron and the Bishop (and hence nothing can be made public) it is safe to say that a certain priest has been suggested for institution. Perhaps it will be possible to make a further disclosure next month.

On the financial side, as things are turning out, it seems that funds might well now be available from various sources to provide an adequate stipend.

YOUTH CLUB

In the December News Sheet, the name of the Youth Club leader was given as Mrs. J. Wisbey of Aslockto. Since that time Mrs. Wisbey has had to give up the work of leader. Many will be sorry to learn this. We welcome as the new leader Mr. Clifford of Holmleigh, Main Street, Hoveringham, who was formerly the assistant leader.

The club meets on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. for many activities and is now running a football team.

NATURAL GAS

An observant parishioner saw someone surveying the area around the school, W.I. Hut, etc., and upon making enquiries discovered that it was an East Midlands Gas Board Engineer. The engineer was apparently making the first preparations for the transfer to North Sea Gas which he said was expected to reach East Bridgford in about one year's time.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On 16th December the Friendship Club enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the W.I. Hut.

On the 21st the club members were entertained by Mrs. Peter Slack, who sang carols accompanied by Mrs. David Atkins. After tea each member received a tin of sweets and, with Mrs. Foster as pianist, there followed a sing-song - more lusty than tuneful but very much enjoyed.

Members were entertained on New Years Eve by the 2nd East Bridgford Brownies to tea and carols. This also was very much enjoyed.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Institute's New Year Party was held in the Village Hall on 11th January. It was well attended by members, husbands, and friends - 70 in all - who enjoyed an excellent dinner and entertainment by the Caunton Costume Players.

The next meeting on 8th February will deal with "The Story of a Lifeboat Station" and a film from the R.N.L.I will be shown by Captain Jay. This is an Open Meeting, and anyone interested will be very welcome at the W.I. Hut at 8.15 p.m.

At the meeting there will also be an exhibition of "Flotsam and Jetsam" and Seashore Treasures. Nominations for members of the new committee will be taken during the meeting.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has written to Mrs. J.B. Guy and Mrs. M. Bontoft expressing sincere thanks for the money raised by the sale of Christmas cards made by those two ladies. Mrs. Guy and Mrs. Bontoft pass on those thanks to all the people who supported their effort by buying the cards. By the way, they could be grateful to receive any used cards and stamps so that they can start making cards to sell next Christmas.

EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH SCHOOL

At their meeting on 20th January, the Managers received a very encouraging report from the Head Master, Mr. Powell, about school affairs. There were 227 pupils on roll at the end of the Autumn Term. New display boarding had been erected in certain parts of the school. The East Midlands Gas Board had almost completed the installation of gas heating in the old building, replacing the rather out-dated solid fuel burning stoves which has served for many years. Progress had been made in games activities such as football, netball, swimming, and chess.

The Head Master, Deputy Head Master, and four parents had laid the base for, and erected a new greenhouse which had been provided by the Local Education Authority.

On the less happy side, it was learnt that the increased fares on school buses had caused some considerable dismay and resentment, but that further consideration which the Education Authority was giving to the matter might improve the position in the future.

Stocks of solid fuel had been exhausted, hence the school had to be closed during week beginning 24th January. The new gas installation would probably have been completed during that week, thus enabling at least part of the school to be used, and possibly some kind of rota of attendance of classes would have to be arranged for the duration of the miners' strike. Details would of course be notified by the Head Master to pupils and parents.

A LEGACY

On behalf of the parish, the Churchwardens gratefully acknowledge an unexpected and splendid legacy of about £1,750 from the Will of Miss M.A.Clough.

Although she had not lived in East Bridgford for several years, Miss Clough was descended from the family who had played an important part in local educational provision. Her forebears ran a private school for boys and a school for girls at Burnham House. It is understood that a school building used by the Clough family, became the home of the King Edward Club when it was founded in 1902 at the back of what was then the Temperance Hall.

We can be assured that our Churchwardens will apply the money to good advantage and keep alive the memory of this generous donor.

20th JANUARY et CAROLUS I

On reading through the notes which were published with the Charles I Exhibition in 1970, the editor saw the following bold claim -

"Permanently and proudly St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford, enshrines not only memorials to and mortal remains of the Hacker family, but also honours the memory of the Martyr King Charles, emblazoning his arms on the West wall and by commemorating his obit every 29th January".

In the absence of a Rector we may have overlooked the occasion this year. However, perhaps this note will, at least in part, make good that omission.

ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

Jan. 1	v Birnham Sports (home)	WON	8-1
Jan. 8	v Morley Youth Club (away)	WON	2-0
Jan. 15	v B.S.C.Imperials(cup-Home)	DRAW	3-3
Jan. 22	v Trent Polytechnic Reserves (home)	LOST	3-4
Jan. 29	v B.S.C.Imp. (cup replay-away)	WON	4-3

2nd Team

Jan. 8	v Bingham Reserves (home)	LOST	1-2
Jan. 15	No Match		
Jan. 22	v R.O.F. 'A' (away)	LOST	2-7

FIXTURES FOR FEBRUARY

1st Team

Feb. 5	v Porchester United	HOME
Feb. 12	v Ruddington Village	AWAY
Feb. 19	v Padstow Youth Club	HOME
Feb. 26	v B.S.C. Imperials	AWAY

2nd Team

Feb. 5	v Keyworth Reserves	AWAY
Feb. 12	v Trent Polytechnic 'A'	HOME
Feb. 19	v Padstow Youth Club Reserves	AWAY
Feb. 26	v Ascot	HOME

EDITORIAL NOTE

The editor (name and address on front cover) is glad to receive from local organisations and residents items for the News Sheet which is published at the beginning of each month. Reports on activities and notices of future events are particularly welcome. Last date for receipt of items please - 22nd of the month preceeding publication.

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SERVICES IN MARCH

Each Sunday:

9 a.m. Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Good Friday (31st March): 7.30 p.m.
Olivet to Calvary. (see note inside)

Easter Day (2nd. April):
8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

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THE NEW RECTOR OF EAST BRIDGFORD

Most readers will already have heard that a new Rector of East Bridgford has been appointed. He is the Right Rev. Bernard Markham, who has been Bishop of Nassau and the Bahamas for the past ten years. Bishop Markham previously carried out his ministry in London, Stoke-on-Trent, Brierly, Ardwick, and Toxteth Park, Liverpool.

In this Diocese of Southwell he will perform some functions as an Assistant Bishop as well as being Rector of East Bridgford.

During the service of Holy Communion on 27th February, the Rev. G.R.D. McLean said that Bishop Markham would probably find it colder in Nottinghamshire than in the Bahamas, but that this would be adequately compensated by the warmth of the welcome which we would give him. Let us hope sincerely that this will be so.

It is not easy for anyone to be a practising Christian within the environment of the 1970's. Being the ordained leader of a group of Christians is certainly no easy task and brings its own particular difficulties for any incumbent if he is to be a true and effective pastor of his flock, guiding them in Christian witness. Our Rector will need and deserve all the genuine support which his parishioners can give him and we look forward to his joining us in due time.

We do not yet know when the new Rector's Institution will actually take place, but as soon as we hear the date we will make it known.

THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

The Synodical Government Measure requires us to compile a new electoral roll this Spring and at six-yearly intervals thereafter. The East Bridgford roll will be revised annually, so that our own parish records are kept up to date. Enrolment application forms will be delivered to all members on the present roll early in March, and you are asked to complete and return them by 20th March if possible. Completed forms should be placed in the box in church, or sent to the Secretary, Mr. A.J. Sainsbury, 4 Haycroft Way. Additional forms can be obtained from the Secretary or from the table just inside the church.

Any baptised person of seventeen years and upwards is entitled to be enrolled if he or she:

- (a) is a member of the Church of England or of another Church of the Anglican Communion, and is not a member of any other religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England, and
- (b) is resident in the parish, or, if not so resident, has habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

If you are eligible, please make sure that your name is included in the new Electoral Roll by completing and returning an application form. NOW is the time to act.

What is the Electoral Roll? It is our parish church's register of electors; it is the list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Church Meeting where elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Synodical government in the Church of England was introduced in recent years in order to give a new opportunity for partnership in the life of our Church, through Parochial Church Councils, Deanery Synods, Diocesan Synods, and the General Synod. The system is intended to be complete, straightforward, and effective, so that church people at every level can feel that they are in touch with the Church as a whole and can play their part in decision making. The laity is now given their place in every aspect of Church government. By enrolling, you become a voting member of the Church and so help to ensure that all the councils of the Church are fully representative of its members.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on Monday 17th April 1972. This is your opportunity to make suggestions on parochial and other church matters and to elect your representatives on the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod. At present, it is the only opportunity in the year for all voting members of the Church in this parish to meet and discuss matters affecting the Church.

A further reminder will be given in the April News Sheet, but PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

ON GOOD FRIDAY (31st March) the COTGRAVE EVENING INSTITUTE CHOIR and Soloists will sing OLIVET TO CALVARY by Maunder. The Conductor will be Mrs. Eleanor Fear and the Organist will be Mrs. Goddard. Starting time will be 7.30 p.m.

Please come and hear this rendering of this appropriate music for Good Friday.

EAST BRIDGFORD BOWLS CLUB is planning a novel fund raising exercise.

On Sunday 23rd April it is proposed to stage a sponsored rural footpath walk over the more attractive public footpaths of East Bridgford and Kneeton. Because of the somewhat more arduous walking conditions, the route planned will take in only 6 1/2 miles of pleasant countryside, starting at the cricket pavilion and finishing at the Reindeer Inn.

A bowling green will add to the amenities of the village and will provide recreation for yet another section of the community.

It is hoped, therefore, that you will join this enterprise on the 23rd April or generously sponsor those who do so. Sponsorship forms illustrating the route are now available from Mr. A. Lodder of 17 Main Street, East Bridgford, who is the secretary of the Bowls Club.

It is also announced that the FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOWLS CLUB will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th March beginning at 7.30 p.m.

THE SCOUTS AND CUBS are delighted to announce that the "Soup and Spud Morning" held in January raised no less than £53 towards Group funds. Sincere thanks are expressed to all the organisers and to all who supported the event and made possible the splendid result. Particular thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. D. Atkin for the use of their premises for the event.

PONIES AND PATHS

The East Bridgford Parish Council has received reports that pony riders have been riding along public footpaths in the village. The Council suspects that it is not widely appreciated that this practice is illegal, apart from the inconvenience which it can cause to members of the public.

The Council has asked the editor to give some publicity to the above matter and to express the Council's hope that the riding on public footpaths will be discontinued.

PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council also wish to announce that the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 20th March 1972 beginning at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

THE EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On 8th February, Capt. A. Jay showed a film from the R.N.L.I. called "The Story of a Lifeboat Station". A Whist Drive planned for funds for the Royal Institute for the Blind raised £12 and a Jumble Sale in aid of W.I. funds raised £16. The W.I. thanks all those who helped in any way to make these efforts a success.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on 14th March, when the President for the ensuing year will be elected, a ballot will be held for the Committee, and yearly reports will be presented. The competition will be a Spring flower arrangement.

THE KING EDWARD CLUB

It was announced in the January News Sheet that a Snooker knock-out competition was to be held. The results so far have been :-

First Round

W. ELLIS	49	:	G. Johnson	16
G. STOBBS	53	:	E. Manchester	50
F. Hunt	41	:	L. JOHNSON	46
V. Manchester	14	:	N. WHYLEY	65
W. WIDDISON	48	:	G. Cummings	32
J. Curtis	45	:	E. COVILL	57
A. Ellis	17	:	J. COVILL	62
E. Summer	45	:	L. HAND	56

Second Round

W. ELLIS	85	:	G. Stobbs	25
W. WIDDISON	36	:	E. Covill	31
J. COVILL	54	:	L. Hand	38
N. WHYLEY		bt.	L. Johnson	

Semi-Final

W. ELLIS	42	:	N. Whyley	35
J. COVILL	39	:	W. Widdison	28

The Final between W. Ellis and J. Covill is now to be played, and the winner will receive a Cup presented by the Club's President, Dr. G.O. Brooks.

THE HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

Arrangements for the Exhibition (5th to 14th May) are proceeding well. Ladies Organisations in the village are now planning the parts they will play in connection with the exhibition. Apart from looking after the bookstall in the Church each day, they are arranging the teas and refreshments and are organising a stall of jams, produce, cakes, etc in Mrs. Jones' drive opposite the Church (weather permitting). More details will be available in

due course.

In the meantime, Mr. Stobbs and Mrs. Brooks would be glad to know of men and women who are prepared to help during the hours of the exhibition. Mr. Stobbs would also like to have some more male volunteers to sleep in the Church on one or more nights during the exhibition for reasons of security.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

Feb. 5	v Porchester United (home)	WON	6-1
Feb. 12	v Ruddington Village (away)	WON	2-1
Feb. 19	v Padstow Youth Club (home)	WON	3-1
Feb. 26	v B.S.C. Imperials (away)	LOST	0-3

2nd Team

Feb. 5	v Keyworth Reserves (away)	LOST	2-5
Feb. 12	v Trent Poltechnic A (home)	DREW	3-3
Feb. 19	v Padstow Youth Club Res (away)	LOST	2-8
Feb. 26	v Ascot (home)	LOST	1-2

FIXTURES FOR MARCH

1st Team

March 4	v Bulwell Baptists	HOME
March 11	v Ruddington Village	HOME
March 18	v Fairnley	AWAY
MARCH 25	v Padstow Youth Club	AWAY

2nd Team

March 4	v Oakwell Rangers Reserves	AWAY
March 18	v Hucknall Colliery Reserves	AWAY
March 25	v Ruddington Village Res.	AWAY

EDITORIAL NOTE The editor is glad to receive items for the news sheet by 22nd of the month preceding publication.

ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

Rural Dean (Bingham Deanery): The Rev. A.H. Wyatt
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(see editorial Note on Back Cover)

SERVICES IN APRIL

Easter Day (2nd April)
8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Other Sundays:

9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

April 1972

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THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A reminder that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday 17th April at 8 p.m. in the Methodist School Room, Main Street. This is the occasion when you elect your representatives on the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod. Take advantage of this opportunity also to come and make suggestions on parochial and other Church matters.

You can vote at the meeting if you are qualified to be placed on the electoral roll and if you have completed the necessary form so that your name can be put on the roll. Have you registered yet? Forms are available in the church for you to take and complete.

EAST BRIDGFORD BOWLS CLUB remind us of the sponsored walk which is being arranged over ten miles of pleasant rural footpaths, starting at the cricket pavilion and finishing at the Reindeer Inn. The date is Sunday 23rd April.

Sponsorship forms and maps of the route can be obtained from Mr. A. Lodder of 57 Main Street (Secretary of the Bowls Club). Please sponsor generously and/or walk to provide necessary funds for the new village bowling green and club.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE elected Mrs. D. Atkins as their President at the Annual Meeting, when Mrs. T. Chapman was elected Treasurer and Mrs. D. Meylan Secretary. Mrs. A. Starbuck talked about new publications issued by the Women's Institute. A competition of a spring flower arrangement was won by Mrs. N. Whyley. The Social Committee arranged a word game to set everyone thinking.

Next month the speaker will be Mrs. M. Arnfield, whose subject will be "Painting for Pleasure". The competition will be a "get well" card designed for a W.I. member.

OUR HISTORICAL EXHIBITION will be held in East Bridgford Church from 5th to 14th May 1972, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., when the following items (and others) will be on display:

ROBES AND REGALIA OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER (by gracious permission of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)

REPLICAS OF THE CROWN JEWELS including the Coronation Insignia (Supplied by H. Samuel)

UNIFORMS OF THE YEOMAN WARDERS ("Beefeaters") OF THE TOWER OF LONDON (by kind permission of the Resident Governor)

There will be FLORAL DECORATIONS in the Church. Nearby there will be refreshments, and on some days stalls of jams, produce, cakes, etc. An exhibition of Handicrafts will be shown in the School and performances will be given by the scholars of Samuel Brunts School, Mansfield.

Watch for the notices which will give all the details of the many attractions of this great event.

THE CUBS AND SCOUTS are organising a Dance (Hoe-Down) on Friday 28th April from 8.30 to 12.30. Dancing for everybody to music by the Hurdy-Gurdy Sound. The place is the Village Hall and the price 50p. Tickets are limited so get yours quickly from Mrs. Devonport at 1 Moss Close.

The Cubs and Scouts also remind us that their annual Job Week will be from 1st to 8th April. Please save those odd jobs and let the cubs and scouts do them when they call. They will be glad to help you and you can help them to swell their funds a little.

THE GUIDES will hold Jumble Sales as follows:-

Shelford Village Hall - Friday 14th April - 7 p.m.
East Bridgford W.I. Hut - Saturday 22nd April
2.30 p.m.

Be generous in turning out your jumble and at the sales.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

March 4 v Bulwell Baptists (home) WON 5 - 2
March 11 v Ruddington Village (home) WON 4 - 2
March 18 v Fairnley (away) LOST 0 - 1
March 25 v Butlers Hill Res(away) WON 3 - 1

2nd Team

March 18 v Hucknall Colliery Res(away) LOST 0 - 3
March 25 v Ruddington Village " (away) LOST 1 - 3

FIXTURES FOR APRIL

1st Team

April 4 v Keyworth AWAY
April 8 v Netherfield Rovers AWAY
April 12 v Padstow Youth Club AWAY
April 15 v Bulwell Baptist O.B. AWAY
April 19 v R.O.F. Reserves HOME
April 22 v Morley Youth Club HOME
April 26 v B.S.C. Imperials HOME

2nd Team

April 1 v Oakwell Rangers Res. HOME
April 8 v Keyworth Reserves HOME
April 15 v Ascot AWAY
April 22 v Trent Poytechnic (A) AWAY

APRIL 29th

CRICKET MATCH

THE KING EDWARD CLUB knock-out Snooker competition was won on 15th March by J. Covill who defeated W. Ellis. The Club's President, Dr. G.O. Brooks, presented the Cup and congratulated the winner. Games Secretary L. Johnson provided the wine for the celebrations.

STOP PRESS

The Right Rev. Bernard Markham will be instituted as Rector of East Bridgford by the Bishop of Southwell on Monday 1st May 1972. Please note the date.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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Kneeton Road.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

9. a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong

Notice of any additional services or any changes will be given in Church and on the Notice Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. when Mr. G.T.Stobbs is always glad to welcome new members

NEWS SHEET

May 1972

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A NEW CHAPTER in the life of East Bridgford Church begins on 1st May with the institution and induction of our new Rector, the Right Rev. Bernard Markham. We extend to him a very cordial welcome and express the hope that he will have many happy years of ministry in this parish and this diocese.

As the period of sequestration comes to an end it is appropriate for us to express our thanks to all those who have kept things going during the interregnum. Appreciation was expressed at the Annual Church Meeting, particularly to the Churchwardens, upon whose shoulders the major share of the organising inevitably fell. We are also grateful for all the help given by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A.H. Wyatt), the Rev. F.W. Stephani, Dr. Pattison, the Rev. G.R.D. McLean (who returned to take the services on so many occasions), the Community at Kelham, and all the others.

AT THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING held on 17th April, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stobbs were re-elected as Churchwardens, and the church members elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year were Mrs. G.O. Brooks, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. J.E. Covill, Mrs. J.F. Jones, Mrs. A. Reid, Messrs. T. Ashton, Clark, J.E. Covill, J.B. Guy, L. Hand, A. Reid, J.C. Wilkins, D. Wing, W.A. Wing, Capt. A.D.H. Jay. Mr. A.J. Sainsbury (Secretary) and Mr. P.H. Blandy (Treasurer) also serve on the Council, of course, and they are still only part way through their three year term of membership of the Bingham Deanery Synod.

THE CHURCHYARD - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All able-bodied men are invited to help tidy up the churchyard on Saturday 27th May. The main enemy is untidy grass, so bring along your bill-hooks, shears, sickles and anything which will help to tackle the grass and to tidy up generally. Come for a short while or long while - every bit of help appreciated. Notice in the church porch will give more details.

HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

There can be no one in the village who does not know about the Exhibition which is being staged in the Church from 5th to 14th May. The Committee members, and in particular their Chairman (Mr. P.H. Blandy), have been extremely active in making all the arrangements. Perhaps attention might be drawn to the following events associated with the exhibition.

EXHIBITIONS AND STALLS IN EAST BRIDGFORD SCHOOL HALL

Exhibitions of Wine Making, Rural Crafts, Art, and Play Group.
Stalls, etc. for Paper-back books (Guides), Crockery and Coathangers (Cubs), Shoe-shine (Scouts) Creche (Brownies)

Days and Times: Saturday 13th May - 2.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Sunday 14th May - 2.30 to 6.00 p.m.
Admission: Adults 10p Children 5p.

A SERIES OF TABLEAUX VIVANTS, in period costume, will be presented by members of the Brunts Grammar School, Mansfield, and will illustrate the connections of the Brunts family with East Bridgford.

Day and Time: Friday 12th May at 7.30 p.m. in East Bridgford School Hall.

Tickets: obtainable from The Forum, Main Street, price 15p. (Doors will open at 7 p.m. and ticket holders may choose any vacant seat) Parents of schoolchildren only may obtain tickets from the Head Master of East Bridgford School.

Note: NO tickets will be sold at the door.

PRODUCE STALL AND REFRESHMENTS will be sited near the Church on every day of the exhibition.

ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE heard a talk by Mrs. M. Arnfield about "Painting for Pleasure" at their monthly meeting. Mrs. Arnfield also judged the competition for a "get well" card for a W.I. member - the winner was Mrs. P.Clark. The Music Festival was held on Saturday 22nd April. East Bridgford came third in the experienced class, and Mrs. P.Slack came first in the solo class.

At the meeting on 9th May there will be a discussion on the Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting, and also some films about the National Trust properties. The competition will be holiday photographs.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

April 4	v Keyworth (away)	WON	3 - 2
April 8	v Netherfield Rovers(away)	WON	4 - 1
April 12	v Padstow Youth Club(away)	LOST	0 - 9
April 15	v Bulwell Baptist O.B.(away)	WON	5 - 2
April 19	v R.O.F. Reserves (home)	WON	4 - 1
April 26	v B.S.C.Imperials (home)	LOST	1 - 2

2nd Team

April 1	v Oakwell Rangers Res.(home)	DREW	4 - 4
April 8	v Keyworth Reserves (home)	LOST	0 - 6
April 15	v Ascot (away)	LOST	0 - 6
April 22	v Trent Polytechnic A (away)	LOST	1 - 3

The 1st Team still has to play Morley Youth Club at home and will meet Padstow in the Cup Final.

THE ANGLICANS AND THE METHODISTS

The General Synod of the Church of England will soon be taking its all important vote (for the second time) on whether to proceed with the proposals for union with the Methodist Church. An overall majority of 75% in favour has to be obtained. Reactions from Diocesan Synods vary, but the general indication leaves some doubt whether the overall majority will be obtained. We shall soon know the decision.

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10 a.m. Holy Communion on the third Wednesday in
each month.

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times see notice board in church porch.

(See also Coming Events on back page).

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NEWS SHEET

JUNE 1972

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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear friends,

I am very pleased to have this first opportunity of writing to you as Rector although, when you read this, I shall have been Rector of St. Peter's, East Bridgford for a month. My first thoughts are those of thankfulness to God for His many blessings and for the happy beginning of my Ministry among you. The first Sunday was most encouraging and, of course, the fact that the Exhibition took place right at the beginning gave me tremendous help, because it meant that in a very short time I met so many of you. I congratulate those who arranged the Exhibition on a wonderful happening and I thank all who have helped both in the Exhibition and the cleaning and polishing of the church afterwards.

A great German Christian Bonhoeffer says that Jesus Christ was 'the Man for others'. How true this is, but we must remember that He was 'the Man for God' first. These two aspects of Christ's Ministry I hope I shall be able to fulfil. We must put the worship of God first and then, as a necessary second, the service of our neighbour. I hope that all who claim to be faithful members of the Church will be regular in their worship - and especially at the Holy Communion because this is the Christian Service instituted by Our Lord Himself - and then I hope we shall work together in love to make everybody with whom we come in contact conscious of Christ's love for them and for us.

As I said on my first Sunday, I am your servant for Christ's sake. I hope to visit your homes and I shall welcome you at the Rectory whenever you want to come and see me. Please let me know of any member of East Bridgford who is in any special need, and I shall be glad to visit any sick members of the community in hospital. Where there is human need, I shall be glad to go, irrespective of whether the person is a member of the Church of England

or not !

May I repeat the motto I gave you on May 7th? :-

ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD
EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD

Your friend and Rector,

+ Bernard Markham.

ANGLICANS AND METHODISTS

Readers will know that, at the meeting early in May, the General Synod of the Church of England did not obtain the required majority in favour of going ahead with the proposals for re-union of the two churches. The question is - where do we go from here? The Bishop of Southwell makes some observations about the position in his monthly letter and acknowledges that we now need some months of reflection in which to see how we can go forward. He points out that all of us, those who voted against the scheme as well as those who did not, are agreed that unity must come eventually with the Methodists and indeed with all other Christian people. It is not the principle of ultimate unity which is in question - it was the particular scheme which produced the marked differences of opinion.

Shortly after the General Synod vote the chairman of the Methodist District, the Rev. Christopher Bacon, sent a telegram to the Bishop of Southwell which read:-

"Nottingham and Derby Methodist Synod meeting at Mansfield deeply regrets that the way has not yet been found to bring our Churches into fuller unity. We nevertheless remain committed to common action, worship and witness wherever possible and assure our fellow Christians in the Church of England of our desire for continuing and growing fellowship with them".

The Bishop described this as a "courteous and sympathetic" message, and the Southwell Diocesan Synod, meeting in Southwell on Saturday 20th May, sent the following reply to the Nottingham and Derby Methodist Synod:-

"The Southwell Diocesan Synod meeting at Southwell thanks the Nottingham and Derby Methodist Synod for the generous and positive message sent to us following the announcement of the result of the vote on the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme in our General Synod. We want to assure you of our whole hearted commitment to the cause of reunion with you, and of our determination to pursue with you the best way of achieving this with integrity".

CHURCH AND STATE

At its meeting on 20th May the Diocesan Synod also gave consideration to the report on "Church and State" which had been prepared by the Commission set up by the former Church Assembly. By a large majority the Synod expressed itself in favour of early action by the General Synod to implement the recommendations of the Church and State Commission regarding control of worship and doctrine.

There was a sharp division between clergy and laity, however, on giving the General Synod permanent powers to replace the 1662 Book of Common Prayer or to prohibit the use of any of its services. While the Clergy voted in favour, the majority of the laity were against. With the exception of this contentious issue, the Diocesan Synod did agree that the General Synod should be given permanent powers to order forms of worship in the Church of England.

The question as to whether the present method of appointing Bishops in England was the correct method also arose from the Commission's Report, as did the general matter of the "establishment" of the Church of England. A related problem is whether the General Synod, as at present constituted,

is a competent and acceptable authority for the appointments of bishops. Although the present system in England is certainly not perfect, it does seem to work pretty well. People with experience in countries where Bishops are elected by Synods admit that that system is certainly not free from imperfection.

Clearly the matters raised in the report of the Commission are of great importance to the Church, and debates on its contents will continue,

EAST BRIDGFORD BOWLS CLUB

Because of the limited ground lease, the Bowls Club has not been able to obtain any substantial grant aid, either from the Nottinghamshire County Council or the Nottinghamshire Playing Fields Association. However, this has been largely overcome by the manual efforts of a number of enthusiasts, combined with the various fund raising activities. The sponsored walk was of great help in this connection.

For those wishing to join the Club, full individual membership is available for £2.50 - Husband and Wife £4. The Secretary is Mr. A. Lodder of 57 Main Street, and the Treasurer is Mr. F. Sumner of 11 Crossways Drive.

EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES

<u>1st XI</u>	June 3	Gedling	Home
	10	Plumtree	Away
	17	Bingham	Home
	24	F.S. Grantham 2nd.	Home
	July 1	Keyworth	Away
<u>2nd XI</u>	June 3	Gedling	Away
	10	Papplewick and Linby	Home
	17	Fiskerton	Away
	July 1	Hoveringham	Home

THE HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

All who saw the Exhibition which was staged in the church from 5th to 14th May cannot fail to have been impressed, and all voted it a great success. Thanks and congratulations are due to all the very many people who organised and took part in the event, and a special word of appreciation must be given to Major P.H. Blandy who was Chairman of the organising committee and who has devoted so much of his personal time and energy over several months towards the project.

Some 7,000 people visited the Exhibition, and among them were about 1,700 children from various schools in the City and County. On the financial side the result has been quite remarkable. Present figures show an approximate total of £700, which can be broken down as follows:-

	£
Donations (in the carboy, etc.).....	380
Net proceeds from the ladies' produce stalls and refreshments.....	201
Bookstall	118
Exhibitions in the School Hall	63
Car Park	18
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	£780
<u>Less</u> various expenses	80
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	£700
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Thanks must therefore be expressed also to the many people who supported the exhibition and contributed so generously towards this splendid total. Nevertheless, much of the value of the exhibition was the focal point which it provided for so many people from far and wide who thus came to our church and village - many for the first time.

Although Major Blandy received letters from the Chairman of the County Council and from the Queen's Secretary about the exhibition, top marks for the quantity of fan mail received must go to Capt. Jay.

He received numerous letters from children who had attended, some of them illustrated by drawings in many fine colours. It was Capt. Jay who showed many of the children round the exhibition and talked to them about the historical connections. A typical letter from a six-year-old in Clifton read-

"Thank you for letting us come to East Bridgford Church. I think your Church will stay up as long as it can stay up. Your Church is beautiful. Thank you for letting us come. It was a very nice exhibition". Another child of the same age referred to the "fantastick exhibition".

We were told that, for some of the young children living in certain parts of Nottingham, it was their first real visit into the country and their first sight of certain animals and birds. This may be a surprising fact for some of us who live in the country and perhaps travel into Nottingham daily. But it does serve to illustrate the benefits which many people obtained, in different ways, from visiting East Bridgford between the 5th and 14th May.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the May meeting the resolution for the Annual General Meeting in London were discussed, Mrs. Meylan being the delegate. Mr. Meylan then showed two National Trust Films. The Newark Show competition was displayed, also the crafts that were shown at the handicraft exhibition.

In June 13th a cookery demonstration will be given by Mrs. R. Machin. The competition will be for four scones.

ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

COMING EVENTS

- Wed. June 7th 2 p.m. Speech Day at St. Peter's School
- Fri. June 9th Mothers' Union trip to Lincoln Arrangements by Mrs. Lawson the Enrolling Member.
- Sat. June 10th The Bell Ringers of the Diocese will ring from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sun. June 11th TRINITY II and St. Barnabas A. The preacher will be the Revd. Warren Rolle, who is a Bahamian priest whom Bishop Markham ordained three years ago and who is now studying at King's College, London, to take the B.D. degree.
- Wed. June 21st 10 a.m. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion. 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Meeting in W.I. Hut.
- Thurs. June 22nd 3 p.m. Mothers' Union Overseas Festival at Southwell Minster. Preacher: The Right Revd. Bernard Markham.
- Sun. June 25th TRINITY IV. FEAST SUNDAY. Remembrance Ceremony and Service 6.30 p.m.
- Thur. June 29th. ST. PETER'S DAY - PATRONAL FESTIVAL.
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion with Sermon.
Preacher: The Revd. Michael Cooper Parish Priest of St. Paul's, Croxteth, Liverpool.

NOTE: Items for the July News Sheet will be gladly received by the Editor (name and address on front cover) by 22nd June.

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NEWS SHEET

July 1972

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends.

As I have now been your Rector for approaching 3 months, I am beginning to realise that I belong. The process of 'getting to know you' can be a long business, but I am glad to say that it is not so difficult in East Bridgford because almost everybody seems to want to have a word and also to welcome me into their homes. I need hardly say that I am glad to welcome anybody who comes to see me at the Rectory and I know that, even if I am out, Miss Render will be pleased to take the message. Apart from visiting your homes, I also go quite often into St. Peter's School and also visit Hawtonville Hospital to see some of our people there, and of course I visit the Women's Institute, the Youth Club and the various organisations.

The Show on June 24 was quite magnificent and after much rain we had a fine day. I was so pleased to see that many of our Church people were competing and I would like to congratulate those who won prizes. We are here to create community and anything we can do together we should. Anything which divides us is not a good thing and may be due to an accident of history, but ultimately the cause of division is human sin.

There is one binding force which we must take seriously - and that is prayer - and by that I don't mean a lot of words or a special posture but a reaching out of love to God and to each other. If you read your Prayer Book, you will see that, at any rate, the parish priest is expected to do the Common Prayer in the parish church every day and provision is made for daily Morning and Evening Prayer - and it is good to know that this is going on day by day. It may be in the cathedral at Southwell or some big city church or our own village church here. But apart from the services in church

I hope that all of us do pray in our homes. I am glad that Mrs. Clarke has offered to look after the distribution of Scripture Union notes for those who are prepared to take their Bible seriously and I would commend to you what she has written in this magazine this month. There is also a notice in the porch.

Another important way is to come and offer the Eucharist with a special need in mind. On Tuesdays we remember the diocese and all Religious Communities and those who are to be ordained. On Wednesdays we remember the Mothers' Union and the work of the Church of God overseas. On Fridays we pray for our parish and especially for the recalling to Christ and His Church of those who have lapsed and fallen away from the worship of God. Perhaps we ought to remember in our prayers more frequently than we do the boys at Whatton Detention Centre and those at Lowdham Hall.

I hope that all of you will be able to get a holiday. Sometimes we don't bother to arrange to go away or possibly cannot afford to do so, especially with a family, but nevertheless it is a very necessary thing to have a break from the normal time-table. I sometimes think that the real test of our health, both spiritual and mental, is whether we are able to use our leisure time happily and creatively. Some people are afraid of leisure and the holiday can be a real test, but this is something we ought to deal with. Jesus found it necessary to get apart at such times as the Transfiguration, a feast we keep on August 6. We lose our sense of proportion if we are always hard at it. The best way really to see, for example, the Minster at Lincoln is not to stand in the south porch, but to put a distance between ourselves and it. We may get our lives more in focus by getting away on holiday.

Every blessing,

+ Bernard Markham.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday July 23. I shall confirm Robin Arnfield at the 9 o'clock Eucharist. He and the family are removing to Southwell almost immediately afterwards, much to our regret, but no doubt we shall keep in touch.

Sunday July 30. The preacher at Evensong will be Father Sidney Holgate of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham.

B.M.

HOLY BAPTISM

May 21 DARREN DAVID, son of David and Barbara White
(1 Millgate)

IAN PATRICK, son of Douglas George and
Patricia Smith (59a Kneeton Road)

June 18 ALEXANDRA KATE, daughter of John Lacey and
Josephine Chapman (7 Haycroft Way)

RICHARD GERALD, son of Stephen Gerald and
Shirley Maureen Backem (8 Crossways
Drive)

June 13 at the City Hospital

GAVIN JOHN, son of John and Deanne Witham
(Fosse Farm)

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

June 16.

Gavin John Witham (child)

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMENS' INSTITUTE

An evening visit to Brackenhurst for a cookery demonstration for buffet meals was much enjoyed and ensured that the village had some experienced cooks wishing to enter for the show.

The monthly meeting was also a cookery demonstration by Mrs. R. Machin. Mrs. N. Bontoft won the competition of four scones. Mr. Downs then showed slides of the Church Exhibition and the Handicraft Display.

A visit to a Nottinghamshire dairy was arranged for June 28. The July meeting is a visit to Newstead Abbey - the 'bus leaves the church at 6.45.

EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES

<u>1st XI</u>	July 8	Gunthorpe	Home
	July 15	Notts County Officers	Away
	July 22	Bottesford	Away
	July 29	Basford Hall O.B.	Home
	Aug. 5	Chilwell	Away
<u>2nd XI</u>	July 8	Schoolmasters 2nd XI	Away
	July 15	Plumtree	Home
	July 22	Weirfield	Home
	July 29	Bairnswear	Away
	Aug. 5	Chilwell	Home

THE LORD'S PRAYER MAY BE CHANGED AGAIN

There will be a changed version of the Lord's Prayer if a proposal due to come before the July meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England is agreed. For instance, in place of the contentious phrase "Lead us not into temptation" the Liturgical Committee, after consultation with other churches in Britain, proposes the alternative phrase "Do not bring us to the time of trial". This could be used in the revised Holy Communion service for an experimental period. Another phrase suggested for possible use is "Do not bring us to the test".

The word "hallowed" in the first part of the Prayer is not now likely to be changed to "holy" as was previously suggested. The translation "hallowed" is regarded as more accurate.

Further experimental changes are proposed also in the Confession. In fact it is believed that the revision of the Prayer Book is likely to continue until at least 1976, and the current method of doing it by public debate is seriously questioned by many members of the General Synod. The Synod has 31 amendments to consider at its meeting on 9th July.

THE MOTHERS' UNION AND DIVORCE

If proposals published recently are accepted, divorced women who have not remarried will be eligible for membership of the Mothers' Union. However, it is to be left to the M.U. itself to decide whether to continue to exclude divorcees who have married again.

A ten-member commission which has been sitting under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Willesden has found itself unable to come to a common mind on this key question. Hence it has been decided to submit it to the M.U. itself. Three members of the Commission (including the chairman) favour the continuance of the existing rule maintaining the principle of the life-long permanence of the marriage vow and the consequent exclusion from membership of remarried divorced women. Six members of the Commission favour the admission to membership of the M.U. of all baptised women who declare themselves able to support the objects of the Society.

THE UNITED SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL estimates that almost a third of the world is closed to missionary entry. This was stated by Bishop Shevill, the Society's Secretary, at the recent Annual Meeting. China and Burma were now closed to missionary entry, and in other places, such as India, Sabah and parts of the Caribbean, entry was being restricted by the existence of work permits.

Nevertheless, while doors had been closing through government initiatives, they had been opening through advances in technology. Some seventy radio transmitters had been established by missionary agencies, and many of the overseas bishops had indicated their need for radio programmes and training of overseas personnel. The USPG had therefore appointed a radio producer and already Archbishops

and other leaders of Christian thought had recorded contributions - the first series of recordings deal with the Creed.

THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES have had a very busy time since February, when they celebrated Thinking Day by acting a pageant specially written for them. In April they enjoyed a week in Derbyshire at a Pack Holiday House. In May they produced over £60 worth of home made sweets for the church exhibition and these proved to be very popular with the young visitors.

In June they dressed dolls and made scrap books about countries all over the world for an international exhibition at Wollaton Park. The money collected from this project will go to the Friendship Fund to help poorer countries to form Guide and Brownie Packs.

A very busy time indeed - and one which deserves the congratulations of all of us.

THE EAST BRIDGFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB visited Woodhall Spa on June 1st. Members had tea at the Petwood Hotel and enjoyed the gardens where the rhododendrons and azaleas were at their best.

THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE invite you all to a COFFEE MORNING to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, The Barn, East Bridgford, on Saturday 8th July from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30. Plenty of attractions - Cake Stall, Bring and Buy Stall, ~~with~~ Elephant Stall, Pony Rides, Raffle, etc., etc., etc.

Please come and support this effort. Even if it rains don't be put off - because it will then be held in the Village Hall.

Admission only 10p. (children 5p)

ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST NEWS LETTER TO THE EDITOR
BY 20th JULY PLEASE.

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear Friends,

As I write this letter it is pouring with rain and I realise that quite a number of our people are setting off for their annual holidays. We have had some glorious sunshine lately and I hope it will return soon. The school holidays have just begun and a number of our boys and girls have left St. Peter's School for good and will go to other schools - possibly in Nottingham but for the most part in Bingham to the Toothill Comprehensive School. I hope that next term I shall be able to visit this School because it has become very obvious to me that it has a tremendous influence on most of our older boys and girls. From what I hear it is a fine school with increasing possibilities. As Rector of East Bridgford I am, however, aware of the fact that when our children go there they cease to have much interest in our Church life. Recently I was on Cross Lane at about tea time, just when the Bingham school 'bus was emptying. I realised that I didn't know any of the people who were returning to their homes in the parish. This made me feel sad because, although I know that I have only been here about three months, yet I feel that in a town or city parish we should be having such senior children in some way connected with the Church.

This brings up a very important point. How shall we influence and care for the adolescents of our parish? I know there is Youth Club in the Village Hall which meets each Wednesday and Friday nights. I have the greatest respect for those who are able to run a Youth Club successfully. It is a tantalising job and demands so much of the Youth Leader. The question I ask myself is, "Ought the Church to have its own youth organisation?". Something like the A.Y.P.A. (Anglican Young People's Association) or the C.Y.F.A. (Church Youth

Fellowship Association). We must, I think, face the fact that this is necessary if we are going to supply all the help needed for our young people. Will you please think this over and talk about it?

This does bring up another matter and that is the need for a pleasant and relaxed building for our organisations. I am realising that we must use the School more in the evenings in lieu of a Parish Hall which could be so useful. In saying all these things I am not unaware of the magnificent work being done for our younger children by Cubs and Brownies and by the Guides, but these do not deal with the big problem of the adolescents.

The Church has always realised the need for helping people at all stages of their life to live the Christian life as fully as possible. For many years we have regarded the Sacrament of Confirmation as the Sacrament for young people and this is a very important factor. In this Sacrament a baptised person makes a public commitment to the service of Christ, and, through the laying on of the Bishop's hands, the gift of the candidate is ratified by the special gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is really the completion of the baptismal gift and, in the early days of the Church, Baptism and Confirmation went together because, as you will realise, most of the new Christians were adults when they began their Christian life. I hope most sincerely that all who read these words and have not been confirmed will seriously consider it. I shall be very pleased to discuss the possibility with them and, in addition to the children's instruction classes, I shall be glad to start one in September for adults. Please do give this matter deep consideration. The times of the Confirmation Instruction Classes will be given out in church and put on the porch notice board.

In connection with this, it was a real delight to have the Confirmation of Robin Arnfield just before the family left the parish. At this service his mother read the Epistle. May God bless them as they go to live in Southwell.

Congratulations to Mrs. Russell on the coffee morning and to the Friends of East Bridgford School on their Summer Fayre. Both were blessed with fine weather and were much enjoyed.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

FROM THE REGISTERS

CONFIRMATION

July 23 Anthony Robin Arnfield

HOLY MATRIMONY

July 22 Andrzej Czubkowski of Newark and
Susan Dachtler of this parish

THE VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING held at The Barn, East Bridgford, realised £158. Mrs. Russell and the Village Hall Committee wish to thank all those who helped, came and gave their support, or contributed in any other way to this splendid result.

AN INTERESTING PROJECT

Some weeks ago Mr. Gordon Stobbs suggested that the senior children in the Sunday School should try and find out about the Religious Communities in the Church of England. Some very interesting correspondence followed. I was visited by the Mother Superior of the Community of the Sisters of the Church recently. She said to me, "Have you a girl called Amanda in your school? We have had a letter from her". I realised that it was Mandy Cornell who had been writing. As a result of their efforts, the Sunday School made contact with the Kelham Society of the Sacred Mission, the Benedictines at Nashdom, the Sisters of the Church at Ham Common, and the Society of S. Francis. It is good to hear that we have in the Church of England such dedicated men and women. In common with the rest of the Church, such Communities are being renewed, but the spirit of undivided consecration and dedication is still the spring of all their activity. We ought to remember the local Community housed at Kelham near Newark - the Society of the Sacred Mission.

+ B.M.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE spent a very enjoyable evening at Newstead Abbey. After a guided tour of the Abbey, refreshments were served in the cafe. A walk round the gardens on a pleasant summer evening made a fitting end to the summer term. There will be no meeting in August.

On 12th September, the work of the River Police will be the subject of the talk, and the competition will be three suggested topics for W.I. meetings - here's a chance to put forward all your good ideas.

THE SCOUTS

At the Nottingham Festival Event held at Wollaton Park on Sunday 16th July, the 1st Shelford and East Bridgford Scout Group Supporters Association gained the honour of being the most imaginatively dressed group out of 16 entries depicting mediaeval village life. They have been awarded £250 prize money. Entries for the event were from schools, community centres and other scout groups.

This was the first event organised by the Supporters Association which had been formed two weeks earlier on Monday 3rd July. The aim is to raise £2800 or thereabouts for the purchase of a Hall for use by Cubs and Scouts, and the success in this event gives a very good start. Every thanks must be extended to the Chairman and his wife, Tony and Betty Connolly, whose house looked like a theatrical prop. store for a week before the event.

The white flag with red concentric rings (the Festival emblem), which was flown from the church tower at the end of July, was presented to the Group by Alderman Wm. Derbyshire at the Festival.

Negotiations are in hand for the purchase of a hall in Shelford. However, should any reader have a plot of land they would be prepared to sell or lease for building a new Scout Hall, please contact Derek Devonport, Group Scout Leader - Tel. East Bridgford 437.

CHANGES IN THE LORD'S PRAYER

The General Synod of the Church of England has recommended that, in the series 3 version of the Lord's Prayer the phrase, "Do not bring us to the time of trial" should replace the phrase, "Lead us not into temptation". A final version of the prayer, which would be agreed by the Churches of the English-speaking world, is still being discussed.

READERS OF THE EPISTLE AT 9 a.m. AND 1st LESSON

AT 6.30 p.m.

The Rector would be grateful if the following would read on the dates indicated:-

	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<u>6.30 p.m.</u>
Aug. 6	Mr. G.Stobbs	Mr. P. Blandy
Aug. 13	Dr. G.O.Brooks	Mr.A.J.Sainsbury
Aug. 20	Mr. J.B.Guy	Capt. A. Jay
Aug. 27	Mr. M.Clarke	Mr. A. Reid
Sept 3	Mr. P.Slack	Mr. D. Wing
Sept 10	Mr. K. Finch	Mr.J.C.Wilkins

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BINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Conductor - Neville Ward.

The first rehearsal of this new Choral Society will be held on 5th September in the Concert Hall of Toothill Comprehensive School, Bingham, beginning at 7.15 p.m. Anyone who is interested would be very welcome (without any obligation at this stage). There is no formal audition and experience is not essential. Further enquiries can be made of Mrs. D. Francis, 12 Moss Close, Tel. E.B.400.

Make a note of the date and, if you would like to join or find out more about the Society, come along to Toothill on the 5th.

The forthcoming programme is still to be finalised, but suggestions so far include:-

December	Concert of Christmas Music
February	The Messiah
May	A concert to be arranged.

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	Aug. 19	Chilwell	Home
	Aug. 26	Orston	Away
	Aug. 28	B.H.M. Farndon	Home
<u>2nd XI</u>	Aug. 12	Gedling	Home
	Aug. 19	Chilwell	Away
	Aug. 26	South Muskham and Little Carlton	Home
	Aug. 28	B.H.M. Woodborough	Away
	Sept 2	Bairnsweare	Home

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(Name and address on the front cover)

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A great Christian writer Rosemary Haughton, who combines a keen Christian outlook with a large family and an ability to write good books, has something to say on our present day problems and goes on to claim that to the Christian the only right way is the way of LOVE. This applies to family life, in education and community relations, but she doesn't ignore the costliness of it. For example, here is something she says:

"Although what people are taught about their obligations towards each other is obviously important in determining who, and when, they love, the actual occurrence of love as a force, both cohesive and goal-orientated, depend on other factors. If effective teaching on the importance of compassion and brotherly

concern were sufficient to bring it into existence, the continuous, imaginative advertising campaign on behalf of famine and war relief organisations would have resulted in the virtual overturning of the world economic system in favour of the 'developing' countries. In fact, no such out-break of love has occurred or is likely to occur, otherwise such advertising would probably be forbidden by law, since the economic stability of the Western world depends on the non-development of the 'developing' countries. A serious out-break of love in the world would bring the markets crashing down. This may sound shockingly cynical, but an examination of the figures for world trade confirms it."

("Love"- Pelican)

I'm quite sure that we must care a great deal and not develop a complacent attitude. How many of us pray for the Government and the Trade Union leaders in our private prayers? How many have prayed for President Amin? How many have prayed for William Whitelaw? This is the kind of caring we must practise. Why not deliberately come to the Eucharist on a weekday to pray especially and to show you care about these problems and relate them to Jesus Christ?

I begin the Confirmation Classes this month. I would like to make quite clear that nobody is forced to be confirmed and, even if they attend the classes, they are free to postpone their Confirmation. Any boy or girl, man or woman, who has been baptised can be confirmed but, of course, I myself would not present them unless I was sure that they really did intend to be true and faithful disciples of Our Lord and were willing and ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to keep faithful.

We should pray for the boys and girls who are leaving S. Peter's School and going to other schools in Bingham and Nottingham - and of course for those who are going to boarding schools. These young people need all the love and encouragement they can get and we who claim to be mature Christians should show this by our prayers.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

WHY A NEW LITURGY?

Why can't they leave the old Communion Service alone? It was alright as it was. Who wanted it altered anyway? Remarks like these sum up the feelings of some Church people about Liturgical Revision. We are creatures of habit. Many love dearly the old familiar form, the well known words of the Holy Communion. We dislike change, for most of us are at heart conservative, whatever political party we support. But the last accepted revision took place more than 300 years ago in 1662. Speech and ways of expression have altered greatly in three centuries. Worship for the people today should be in the language spoken today - the best language.

Compromises had crept into the Liturgy. Between 1546, when the first Book of Common Prayer was issued in the English tongue by Archbishop Cranmer, and 1662 when the book we know and are still using today was produced, there were half a dozen revisions, each the result of a tug-of-war between opposing groups trying to assert their views and to insert them into the Liturgy.

Incidentally, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer was a native of these parts and there is a good monument to his memory in Whatton church which is well worth a visit

Today the Church is trying again. This time the whole Church is being consulted - not just the bishops or just the clergy. The service of Series 2, which we use, was issued in 1967 and will be

used until 1974. When you come to Communion you will be given a copy of the service which will help you to take your full part in the service.

What are the new features of the new Liturgy?

There are quite a number of these, although the Liturgical Commission has been quite conservative and you will recognise quite easily the old forms and prayers.

1. Outdated speech, exaggerations and repetitions have been eliminated. For example in the General Confession we used to say that the burden of sins was intolerable! In actual fact that was not true of most of us and it is bad to keep on saying something which is exaggerated and possibly untrue. The prayer for the Church, the prayer of Consecration, and the Thanksgiving prayers after Communion have been simplified and expressed in direct language.

2. Brevity - our speech today is more concise and terse and less flowery than was customary three hundred years ago. The new prayers reflect this. The repetitions have been taken out and the service is much more clear.

3. A more logical and in some cases a more ancient arrangement of the parts of the Liturgy has been included. For example, the 'Glory be to God on high' has been restored to the beginning, which was its old position. The prayer 'We do not presume' is put where it belongs with the penitential part of the service, instead of between the Preface and the Prayer of Consecration.

4. The congregation is given a more active part. The first part of the service, called the Ante-Communion, takes place among the people - sometimes with the priest standing at the East side of the Altar and facing the people. We at S. Peter's have the Ante-Communion at the

chancel steps with the priest facing the people and he does not go to the high altar until the actual offering of the gifts of bread and wine and the Prayer of Consecration. The congregation is encouraged to join in by saying the prayer at the beginning with the priest and by responding during the Prayer for the Church which is in Litany form. The Prayer 'We do not presume' is said by the people as is the final prayer before the blessing.

5. Flexibility - for the trial period many of these re-arrangements are matters for local usage and it will be good for us to get together in a year's time and see how the new Liturgy has worked.

Of course, the best way to do this is by regular Sunday attendance at 9 a.m.

On the Sunday of the Harvest Festival on 8th October, there will be a special arrangement: 8 a.m. Holy Communion and 9.30 Parish Communion. It may be that 9.30 is a better time in the autumn and winter.

On great festivals there will be an additional celebration of the Communion at 8 a.m. which will be said without hymns or address. We now have hymns and a short address every Sunday at the Eucharist and, from what I hear, these additions have been cordially welcomed.

We have also made another change in that a lay person is now reading the Epistle for us. Up to now all these readers have been men, but there is no reason why women should not read. Actually this statement ought to be modified, because on 23rd July the Epistle was read by Mrs. Arnfield on the occasion of Robin's Confirmation. The list of readers is given on another page. The Epistle and Lesson at Evensong may be read from an authorised modern translation like the Revised Standard Version, the Jerusalem Bible, or the New English Bible.

+ B.M.

LIST OF READERS

	<u>Epistle at Eucharist</u>	<u>First Lesson at Evensong</u>
Sept.	3 Mr. P. Slack	Mr. D. Wing
	10 Mr. K. Finch	Mr. A. Reid
	17 Mr. A. Curtis	Mr. H. Russell
	24 Mr. J. Ashton	Mr. A. Cornell
Oct.	1 Mr. McCullough	Mr. Gould
	8 (9.30) Mr M. Clarke	Mr. G. Stobbs
	15 Dr. G.O. Brooks	Mr. A.J. Sainsbury
	22 Mr. J.B. Guy	Capt. A. Jay
	29 Mr. A. Reid	Mr. M. Clarke
Nov.	5 Mr. P. Blandy	Mr. A. Curtis
	12 Mr. P. Slack	Mr. D. Wing
	19 Mr. K. Finch	Mr. J.C. Wilkins
	26 Mr. H. Russell	Mr. J. Ashton
Dec.	3 Mr. A. Cornell	Mr. J.B. Guy
	10 Mr. Gould	Mr. McCullough
	17 Mr. G. Stobbs	Dr. G.O. Brooks
	24 Mr. A.J. Sainsbury	Mr. P. Slack
	25 (Mid-night) (9.30) Capt. A. Jay Mr. A. Reid.	

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

August 20 Ryan David son of Geoffrey Frederick and Vera Sandra BETTON
Neville Shaw son of Anthony George Patrick and Dian Ruth MOONEY
Alison May daughter of David William and Sheila Margaret FOSTER

Holy Matrimony

August 12 Gerald David Robbins and Carol Elizabeth Judge

FROM THE REGISTERS (continued)

R.I.P.

July 23 Albert Dickinson aged 77
July 24 Sybil Scarborough aged 68 years

We assure the families of our prayers and sympathy and we commend Albert and Sybil to God, praying that they may rest in peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A reminder that Sunday School re-starts on 3rd September after the summer recess - but please note that the place will now be in S. Peter's School. The time is the same - 10.15 a.m.

EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB

The season is now reaching its end but the following FIXTURES remain to be played in SEPTEMBER

(a) Saturday Games

<u>1st XI</u>	9th	v Olds C.C.	Home
	16th	v Forman's Athletic	Away
<u>2nd XI</u>	2nd	v Bairnswear	Home

(b) Sunday Games

	3rd	v Notts. Amateurs	Home
	10th	v Balderton	Home
	17th	v Saxondale Hospital	Away
	24th	v Brockhillians	Away

Soon the football season will be in full swing, and we hope to publish fixtures and results as during last season.

C.M.S. CONGRESS IN NOTTINGHAM

After an absence of over twenty years spent roaming round the North of England, the Church Missionary Society Northern Congress returns in October to Nottingham. This annual assembly of C.M.S. members and friends takes place at St. Jude's Church and Parish Centre, Mapperley, from Friday to Sunday, October 27 to 29. Delegates from all over the north will gather for the first time in Congress history at a weekend, to follow the theme "Shapes in the '70s". Among the contributors will be the Rt Rev. Denis Wakeling, Bishop of Southwell, and Dr. J.V. Taylor, General Secretary of C.M.S.

The Congress begins on the Friday evening with a Civic Welcome by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and a thematic address from the Bishop on "The Shape of the Church". Meetings and study groups will continue through Saturday and Sunday mornings, but a visit to Southwell is planned for Saturday afternoon, for a reception at Bishop's Manor and the Congress Rally at 7 p.m. in the Minster.

The Minster Rally will be presented under the rather ambiguous title, "The Shape of the Missionary". It will feature a dramatic presentation by a group of young C.M.S. members, followed by an address by John Carden, the C.M.S. Asia Secretary, with contributions from one or two C.M.S. missionaries now home on leave.

Congress membership is open to all, within the limits of available accommodation. The Rector has some programmes and registration forms. For those unable to attend the whole congress the rally is open to individuals and parties.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

(Object: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.)

The Annual Council Meeting of the Boys' Brigade will be held at Nottingham University from 8th to 11th September. The Earl of Elgin, Brigade President, will preside. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the affairs of the Brigade, to receive reports and make decisions affecting the work of the Companies, and to share in the fellowship and inspiration of other officers. Over 800 officers will be attending, including some from the mission field and overseas.

The East Bridgford Company opens its new session during September - see the notice board on the Club premises in College Street. Membership is open to all boys from 7 years old upwards and new members will be very welcome. The Boys' Brigade has so much to offer.

Incidentally, Mr. E. Bullers (71 Main Street) and his officers would be very pleased to hear of more helpers who would be willing to assist in the work of the Brigade. Anyone interested is invited to contact Mr. Bullers, Mr. J. Allwood, Mr. J. Covill, or Mrs. T. G. Higgs.

BINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Another reminder - that the first rehearsal of this new Choral Society will be held on 5th September in the Concert Hall of Toothill Comprehensive School, Bingham, beginning at 7.15 p.m.

There is no formal audition and anyone who is interested is invited to come along on the 5th. Experience is not essential.

CHURCH EVENTS

September

- 7. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Boys at the Rectory.
- 6. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Girls at the Rectory.
- 7. 7.30 p.m. Rector preaches at Patronal Festival at Worksop Priory.
- 10. 11.00 a.m. Rector preaches at Festival at Warsop.
- 11. 7.30 p.m. School Managers
- 12. 8.00 p.m. U.S.P.G. meeting to inaugurate Association for the three Bingham Deaneries.
- 13. 7.30 p.m. Confirmation Class for Girls.
- 14. 7.30 p.m. Confirmation Class for Boys (Please note the day).
- 15. 3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism.
- 16. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Boys.
- 17. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Girls.
- 8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council.
- 18. S. MATTHEW A.M. Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.
- 10.00 a.m. - 12. Coffee Morning at Mrs. Reid's
- 2.45 p.m. Rector preaches at South Bingham Mothers' Union Service at Edwalton Parish Church.
- 19. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Boys (Please note the day)
- 20. 8.00 p.m. Rector preaches at S.Cyprian's, Carlton Hill.
- 21. 7.30 p.m. Rector preaches at S. Stephen's, South Kensington, for the Nassau Festival.
- 22. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Girls (Please note the day).
- 23. S.MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS - Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. Rector preaches at Harvest Festival at Tuxford.

FUTURE EVENTS (continued)

- Oct. 1. 10.45 a.m. Rector preaches at Ordination Service at S. Mary's, Nottingham.
6.30 p.m. Rector preaches at Harvest Festival, at S. John's, Carlton.
2. and 3. Clergy Conference at Swanwick.
4. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Girls.
5. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class for Boys (Please note the day)

Mothers' Union

- Sept. 20. 10.00 a.m. Eucharist
2.30 p.m. Service in church, followed by tea at the Rectory.

EAST BRIDGFORD YOUTH CLUB - direct from our record 'Top of the Pops' appearance.

The Youth Club meets twice weekly in the Village Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. A very warm welcome is extended to all members. There are snooker, table tennis, netball, football, other organised games, darts, etc. Disco each night and soft drinks. Successful outings were arranged this year to London (Top of the Pops), Skegness (Annual Trip), and Crich Tramways Museum in Derbyshire.

Why not join in the fun ?

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear Friends,

I am writing this on September 29th (S. Michael and all Angels) commonly called Michaelmas Day. I have not yet seen any Michaelmas daisies, but I am sure there are thousands in East Bridgford for those who have eyes to see. September is a beautiful month and for me has many associations. It is the month when I was made deacon in 1930 and priest in 1931. Today as I write this is the forty second anniversary of the day when I first stood at the altar of God and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. September is also the month when I was instituted to be Rector of S. Benedict's, Manchester, and when I was enthroned in Nassau Cathedral in 1962. On S. Matthew's day I think with sorrow and yet with thankful joy of my mother who passed to her rest on that day. So many associations; so much to be grateful and thankful for. I often think of the old mission hymn, 'Count your blessings, count them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done'

I have also learned to thank God for calling me to be Rector of East Bridgford and for many kindnesses received since I came. After living in busy city parishes and being Bishop of a West Indian diocese, to come to a Nottinghamshire village was quite a big thing and one needing adjustment by the Grace of God. But God's grace is all sufficient and I pray that the power of Christ may rest on me. Perhaps one of the best things we can do to-day is to cultivate thanksgiving day by day, and Sunday by Sunday. The

chief service of the Christian Church has always been the service in which Christ gives His own life to His people in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. The service has many names - The Communion, The Mass, The Liturgy, and others - but the one used most frequently to-day is THE EUCHARIST. Like so many of our words, this comes from the Greek language and it means, quite simply, giving thanks. I am glad that more of our people are coming every Sunday to THE EUCHARIST to offer the Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving for the wonderful life, death, and mighty Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Of course the Evening Service is a lovely service, but we should try and come every Sunday to the Lord's own Service, every Lord's Day, to meet the Lord Himself in the Lord's own way!

I have been happy to baptise so many children. Every third Sunday I do this and I'm glad to say there have been several candidates for Baptism. I have also been happy to marry so many couples since I came. We wish them every happiness and joy in their life together. A great event to look forward to is the Confirmation which will be on January 21st 1973, at our own church at the Parish Eucharist, and the confirming Bishop will be the Bishop of Sherwood. Please support the candidates by your prayers. Here are their names - Russell John Hunt, David Anthony Holland, Sarah Guy, Patricia Stobbs, Amanda Cornell, Dianne Welsh, Sara Anne Marson, Penelope Jane Marson.

Miss Render is now recovered from her operation sufficiently to return home, and would like to say thank you for all your prayers, visits and good wishes. We were sorry to hear of Mrs. Elsie Cox's death at Highbury Hospital, and we do assure the family of our prayers for their consolation.

May I wish you every blessing.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

September 17 Cheryl Frances, daughter of Colin Francis and Sarah Jane SPAULDING
Andrea, daughter of Alan and Janet RICHARDSON.

Holy Matrimony

August 26 Ronald Duncan McGuinness and
Prescilla Mayard Newcock
September 9 Byron Henry Walmsley and
Rosanne Nichola Hanson
September 27 Carl Frank Gordon Baxter and
Jill Stanspeed
September 30 Terence John Horbay and
Daphne Gillian Smith
September 30 David Edwin King and
Jennifer Eileen Newcombe

R.I.P.

October 2 Elfie Cox of Kneeton Road and
member of the Mothers' Union.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Annual Report (1971) of the Boys' Brigade Branch of the Church Missionary Society records that a total of £3,531 was raised. Of this the Nottingham Battalion contributed £29.50 for the Omdurman Mission (that was what East Bridgford contributed towards) and a further £51 was also contributed by Nottingham Battalion Companies.

A 'HOE - DOWN AND MIXED DANCE' will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 20th October. The time is 8 p.m. to 12 midnight and the admission charge of 50p includes refreshments. Music will be by Dave Morton. Come and enjoy yourselves at this event and, at the same time, help to support the Group Cub and Scout Funds, on whose behalf the Dance is being organised. A bar Licence has been applied for.

THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES enjoyed giving a tea and entertainment to the Friendship Club on 31st August. All of us congratulate the Brownies for the many ways in which they help people, and it was good news to hear that they won the swimming cup for 1972 - 73.

Milk bottle tops are now being saved for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund. Please give your bottle tops to any Brownie or take them to Mrs. V. James in Main Street.

Christmas Cards may now be ordered from Mrs. J.B. Guy of Lammas House, Kneeton Road, or Mrs. Bontoft. These cards are sold in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. The money from Boxes for this worthy cause was £21 and Mrs. Bontoft would like to thank everyone for their generous help.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB members were delighted to be entertained to tea by the Brownies on 31st August at the home of Mrs. John Guy, and they would like to place on record their appreciation.

THE EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB announce that all home matches will be played at Gunthorpe until further notice, because the ground at East Bridgford is being levelled and reseeded.

THE EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE heard an interesting talk given by Sergeant Meads about the work of the River Police. Mrs. V. James gave the expression of thanks on behalf of members. Mrs. R. Morris won the competition which was for three suggestions for next year's programme.

A special interest meeting for enamelling was held on 19th September.

The October speaker is Mr. C. A. Borritt who will talk about 'Our Food'. The competition will be an arrangement of Autumn Leaves.

A BONFIRE PARTY is being arranged for Saturday 4th November in Mr. Hunt's field. The organisation of this event is being undertaken jointly by the Church and the Youth Club. Look out for further details.

THE BIBLE ON A POSTAGE STAMP?

Not quite, but the more stamps received by the British and Foreign Bible Society, the more Bibles they can print in the many languages of the world.

A branch of the Bible Society's fund-raising Stamp Corner is being launched at St. Peter's. Will you help in the vital missionary task of providing Bibles and Christian literature for the world?

What to do. Just remove stamps from your envelopes and parcels by cutting or tearing them (NOT by steaming them off) leaving a margin of about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch round them. Put British and Foreign stamps in separate bundles and bring them to church to put in the Stamp Corner box. When sufficient quantity has been collected, the stamps will be sent off and sold to stamp dealers and the money used by the Bible Society.

LIST OF READERS

	<u>Epistle at Eucharist</u>	<u>First Lesson at Evensong</u>
Oct. 15	Dr. G.O. Brooks	Mr. A.J. Sainsbury
22	Mr. J.B. Guy	Capt. A. Jay
29	Mr. A. Reid	Mr. M. Clarke
Nov. 5	Mr. P. Blandy	Mr. A. Curtis
12	Mr. P. Slack	Mr. D. Wing
19	Mr. K. Finch	Mr. J.C. Wilkins
26	Mr. H. Russell	Mr. J. Ashton
Dec. 3	Mr. A. Cornell	Mr. J.B. Guy
10	Mr. Gould	Mr. McCullough
17	Mr. G. Stobbs	Dr. G.O. Brooks
24	Mr. A.J. Sainsbury	Mr. P. Slack
25 (Mid- night) (9.30)	Capt. A. Jay Mr. A. Reid	

All readers please note:- The Epistle for the Sunday Eucharist is that appointed for the Sunday or Feast Day in the Book of Common Prayer.

The First Lessons at Sunday Evensong are as follows:

Oct. 15	Ruth 2. 1-20 & 4. 13-17
Oct. 22	Daniel 1.
Oct. 29	Daniel 2. 1-23
Nov. 5	Daniel 2. 24-45
Nov. 12	Micah 4. 1-5
Nov. 19	Zechariah 9. 9-16
Nov. 26	Malachi 3. 1-6 & 4.
Dec. 3	Isaiah 2. 10 to end.
Dec. 10	Isaiah 5. 18 to end.
Dec. 17	Isaiah 26. 1-13
Dec. 24	Zechariah 2. 10 to end
Dec. 31.	Isiah 12.

ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

COMING EVENTS

- October 8 HARVEST FESTIVAL
8.00 and 9.30 Holy Eucharist
6.30 p.m. Evensong
- October 14 Haydn's 'Creation' at Southwell
Minster
- October 18 Mothers' Union Service and Meeting
- October 19 7.45 p.m. Rector preaches at U.S.P.O.
Eucharist at S. John's, Carrington.
- October 21 Diocesan Synod at S. Jude's,
Mapperley.
- October 26 7.30 p.m. Education Institute
- October 27 7.30 p.m. British Legion Dance.
- October 28 SS. SIMON AND JUDE AAMM
7.30 a.m. Eucharist
- October 29 Celebrant and preacher at 9 a.m.
will be the Revd. John Burt
(Wollaton Parish Church)

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- 10.15 a.m. First Sunday in each
month Family Service in the Church
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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear People,

The month of November is usually associated with the Saints and with all those who have passed from our sight and this world but not from our prayers. We thank God for all the blessed Saints and we pray that God will grant to all the faithful departed His peace, fulfilment and rest. As we grow older we are conscious that the number of our friends beyond the grave grows, while those in this world grow less. The great bond between us is prayer. This prayer, when it is associated with the offering of the Holy Eucharist, has a very real and moving association.

Some of you may know 'The Dream of Gerontius', a magnificent piece of music based on the beautiful text of John Henry Newman. In it we get a glimpse of the soul, set free from the limitations of this life, being purified by the blood of Christ and brought into the nearer Presence of God. Of course, I realise that here we are dealing with a vast subject. Recently a friend lent me a book which is very well written, purporting to be messages from a departed friend who in this life lived a life of love and self sacrifice in the service of Jesus and her fellow men and women. Of course we have no way of verifying such messages, and the Bible keeps a reticence about the departed, except to say that they are with Christ. Nevertheless I am sure it is right and proper to remember them frequently in our prayers. There is one very important principle and it is this: the nearer we get to Christ, the nearer we get to each other in Him. In Christ we all meet. I shall be pleased to remember by name any of our departed relations and friends, especially at the weekday Eucharist, so do let me know if you would like me to do this.

I am going to the House of the Resurrection, Wirfield, for my own Annual Retreat this month and also going to Stone in Staffordshire to conduct a Retreat for the Clergy of Stoke-on-Trent. I am also hoping to ordain two Bahaman ordinands at Salisbury Theological College early in Advent. Please remember these two young men in your prayers. Their names are Delano Archer and Louis Dames. The Bishop of Sherwood will be in hospital at this time and so I shall be taking some Confirmations in the diocese for him. The Confirmation in our church will be on 21st January and I hope that the Bishop will be sufficiently recovered to take this for us. Do remember in your prayers also the Ugandan Asians, especially those coming to live in the Nottingham area. I shall be glad to pass on any gifts of money for their assistance if you wish to contribute. You can either do this personally or put your gift in an envelope marked B.U.A.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

I hope that we shall give our full support to Poppy Day, both as a church and as individuals. This is a most worthy cause and is real action to show gratitude and to remember the sacrifice of those who served and suffer as a result of the two great wars.

B.M.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

August 26	Ronald Duncan McGuiness and Prescilla Mayard Newcombe
September 9	Byron Henry Walmsley and Rosanne Nichola Hanson
September 27	Carl Frank Gordon Baxter and Jill Stansfield
September 30	Terence John Horberry and Daphne Gillian Smith
September 30	David Edwin King and Jennifer Eileen Newcombe

DO YOU KNOW?

- that there are 65 million people in the world who claim to be Anglicans.
- that the number of Anglicans increased by 1.1 million in 1971.
- that in 1900 there were $\frac{1}{2}$ million Anglicans in Africa.
- that in 1972 there were 13.1 million Anglicans in Africa.

It is good to know these facts which are based on figures supplied by the Declaration of Human Rights Organisation. There is no cause for complacency and it is important that we should see that as far as we are concerned Anglicans should be real believers and people who practise their religion sincerely and keenly.

MISSION - S. Andrew's Day, Thursday November 30th, is usually associated with prayer for the oversons mission of the Church. There will be a Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

IRISH EUCHARIST

We have now been using the Series 2 form of service for some time and I think we can say that it has proved a good thing. One of the things about it which is especially good is the more active and vocal involvement of the congregation. The Eucharist is an act we do together. I am grateful to all those who have helped by reading the Epistle (and also of course to those who read at Evensong).

In the Series 2 Service, provision is made for the reading of an Old Testament Lesson as well as the Epistle and Gospel. We shall do this in Advent and I shall be grateful for any further offers to read. It is important to realise that in the Church we welcome the participation of all and I hope that some of our women communicants will come forward and offer to read the lesson. Please let me know if you would like to read. There may be more men who would like to be added to our list of readers. We shall be pleased to have their names.

B.M.

CRISIS! AN APPEAL FROM 'FAMILY FIRST'

Ugandan Asian families deprived of home, work and pride by a tragic crisis will be as hard working in Britain as they were in Uganda - given the chance. Giving that chance depends on how much we care. Imagine your family in their situation. Go without just one meal. Wait for one or two weeks more for that new coat. Smoke a few less cigarettes and send the money to the FAMILY FIRST TRUST to help a family start again.

The most urgent need of these families is housing. Without a home, the children especially will suffer.

FAMILY FIRST is appealing for £500 for the deposit on a house to be used by a Ugandan Asian family. They are asking schools, students, individuals, churches, clubs, etc., to help in this way as their contribution to helping in this crisis. They may be able to get more than one house!

Crises need special action and extra effort. FAMILY FIRST is a registered voluntary Housing Association able to turn your gift into the maximum help in the minimum time.

Please send your gift to FAMILY FIRST TRUST (Alexandra Park Housing Association Ltd.), The Croft, Alexandra Park, Nottingham.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr. C.A. Borritt gave an interesting and lively talk on 'Our Food'. He was thanked by Mrs. Curtis. The competition - and arrangement of Autumn leaves - was won by Mrs. Reacock.

The Group Meeting was held on 18th October at Bingham. Those attending heard about the R.A.F. escaping society and had an "any questions?" session.

At the Special Interest meeting on 24th October, Mr. J. Bagguley gave a talk on Paper Sculpture.

On 14th November, Mr. G. Bond will talk on English Porcelain and Furniture. There will be an Exhibition of Old China.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB very much enjoyed a conducted tour around Player's factory in Nottingham.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MRS. ELSIE COX wish to thank friends, neighbours, Mothers' Union, the Friendship Club, Cricket Club, Royal British Legion (Women's Section) and the Royal British Legion for their floral tributes, cards and letters of sympathy in their sad loss.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE Annual Collection Week will be held from 18th to 25th November. The organisers would be most grateful for support. The collection is world-wide and all Companies are asked to take part. A small part of the collection goes to the London Headquarters to insure all members. Already gifts of £20 have been received from past members living away from this village.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Last year an increase of about 22% over the previous one was achieved and 18% over the previous best year (1969). This good result may have been helped by the change in currency and, in any case, it cannot be expected just to happen again. Efforts must be made for a further increase of about 10% to allow for inflation and for increasing demands on the poppy fund, as more and more Legion members get older and older. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

At East Bridgford the Legion will be parading at 10.50 a.m. at the church on Sunday 12th November and Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, and Boys' Brigade are being invited to join the parade for the cenotaph service followed by Matins in the church.

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COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY - 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Nov. 2 ALL SOULS' DAY - 7.30 a.m. Requiem Eucharist.
- Nov. 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY -
9.00 Parish Eucharist
10.50 Remembrance at the Cross followed by Service in church.
6.30 Evening Prayer
- Nov. 30 S. ANDREW'S DAY - 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

MOTHERS' UNION

- Nov. 15 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 2.30 at Rectory when the Revd. F. Green, Vicar of Clipstone, will talk about and show pictures of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land this summer.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB - RESULTS

- 1st XI Sept. 2 Porchester Utd. (away) LOST 4 - 6
16 R.O.F. (away) WON 2 - 1
Oct. 7 Aspley O.B.A. (away) WON 10 - 1
14 B.S.C. Imps (home) WON 4 - 2
21 Birnham Sports (home) WON 9 - 0
- 2nd XI Sept. 9 Porchester Res. (away) LOST 4 - 9
23 R.O.F.A. (away) WON 3 - 1
30 Bridgford Alb. (away) LOST 3 - 12
Oct. 7 Oakwell Res. (home) LOST 0 - 2
14 Bulwell O.B. (away) LOST 0 - 1
21 Trent Poly (away) WON 3 - 1

FIXTURES

- | | <u>1st XI</u> | <u>2nd XI</u> |
|--------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Nov. 4 | B.S.C. Imps (home) | Gotham Res. (away) |
| 11 | Bestwood Utd. (away) | Raleigh (home) |
| 25 | Trent Poly Res. (home) | Keyworth Res. (away) |
| Dec. 2 | Highbank (away) | Ryecroft Res. (home) |

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear People,

How quickly time passes! We are rapidly approaching the holy season of Christmas and soon we shall have to put 1973 on our letters instead of 1972. This will be my first Christmas as Rector of S. Peter's and I want to wish you all a very happy and blessed time at Christmas. The weeks before are called Advent, which means 'Coming', and we should regard Advent as a preparation for the Festival. We must not be swamped by commercialism and start keeping Christmas long before it comes - and then forget it immediately afterwards.

What does Christmas mean? It means that at a certain moment in time, at a certain place in space, the great God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of the whole Universe, entered into that universe in the Person of His Son as a little child! It means that Mary the Blessed Virgin was the mother of Him who is God the Son, Jesus Christ. The words of the hymn tell a true story -

He came down to earth from Heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all.

Of course, this happened a long time ago but, having visited this world, God never left it without His Presence and one of the most obvious ways in which He does this is suggested by the name of His birthplace - BETHLEHEM. This is a Hebrew word and means 'HOUSE OF BREAD'. Doesn't this suggest to us that one of the most unmistakable ways in which Jesus reveals His Presence is in the Holy Eucharist?

When we receive the Holy Sacrament we receive, under the form of bread and wine, the true life of Jesus who was born of Mary on the first

Christmas Day. But we can go further and realise that we can also find the same Jesus in our fellow men and women. If we only find Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament but are unaware of, or reluctant to realise His Presence in our fellow men and women, we make a great mistake which could be really serious if what Jesus says in the last parable in St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 25 is taken into account.

Shall we then do these two things? Come and receive the Blessed Sacrament at Christmas and have a great love in our hearts for our fellow men and women. This can take a tangible form by helping the Church of England's Children's Society or some other fund. We must never forget that in a way Jesus was the great outsider. He was born away from home and there was no room for him in the inn.

Will you remember in your prayers all refugees and homeless people at this time?

May God bless your Christmas.

+ Bernard Markham.

MOTHERS' UNION

The meeting on 15 November was a great success and the Rectory Drawing Room was filled with 39 people - mothers, children, and two priests. We are all grateful to Fr. Fred Green of Clipstone for his most interesting talk on the Holy Land with slides.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

November 19 Robert Edward, son of
Alfred Edward and Susan Mary Smith

Holy Matrimony

November 25 Hugh Edward Polehampton and
Jane Margaret Brookes
conducted by the Revd. G.R.D. McClean.
We wish them every blessing in
their life together.

The Rector has had quite a number of extra engagements recently due to the illness of the Bishop of Sherwood. We are glad to know that he is now home. He is grateful for our prayers.

THE FAMILY FIRST TRUST, in addition to its other activities, has two shops in Nottingham - one in Woodborough Road and the other in Hyson Green. Items sold in these shops help to produce finance for the excellent work which this organisation does in connection with the housing and welfare of families in need. Gifts of items of clothing and household equipment (in reasonable condition please) would be very gratefully received - particularly children's cloths and baby equipment for which there is a great demand.

Any such articles which you can spare will be thankfully received by Mrs. V. James of 67 Main Street, East Bridgford (Tel. E.B. 512). Collection will be gladly arranged if necessary.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the November meeting, Mr. G. Bond spoke about English porcelain, silver and antique furniture. An interesting talk in itself, but one which was made even more interesting by the way that Mr. Bond commented about items brought by the W.I. members. He was thanked by Mrs. M. Bontoft. The lucky winner of the raffle was Mrs. R. Curtis.

An outing to the Stratford-upon-Avon Memorial Theatre to see "Comedy of Errors" has been arranged.

The December meeting will be a Gardeners' Question Time. This is to be an open meeting and anyone who is interested is invited to come to the W.I. Hut on 12th December at 8.15 p.m.

COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH. This is a lunch cooked by W.I. members for the village on 14th December. The place is the W.I. Hut. The price is 45p each. There will be two sittings - one at 12 noon and the other at 1 p.m. The Menu will be Soup, Turkey, etc. Mince Pie, and Coffee - all for the price stated above!!

AN INVITATION TO THE OVER SIXTIES

The 2nd East Bridgford Brownies invite all people over sixty years of age to come to tea and see a Nativity Play on Friday 5th January at 4 p.m. in the W.I. Hut. Please come - you will be most welcome.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Once again Mrs. Bontoft and Mrs. Guy have made lots of Christmas Cards and now have them on sale in aid of this worthy cause. Hurry before they are all gone!

EAST BRIDGFORD POPPY APPEAL 1972

The Royal British Legion is most grateful to all who helped by giving, buying, selling and organising, and thereby contributed to the result summarised below.

<u>(1971 figures)</u>		<u>1972</u>
£		£
	1. <u>POPPY SALES</u>	
(51.97)	R.A.F. Newton	37.36
	East Bridgford:	
	Women's Section	55.41
	Inns	5.23
	Shops	<u>8.54</u>
(67.86)	Total	69.18
<u>(63.55)</u>	Rest of District	<u>61.15</u>
(183.38)	<u>Total District Poppy Sales</u>	167.69
(41.97)	2. <u>CHURCH COLLECTIONS</u>	
	<u>AND DONATIONS</u>	45.43
(25.95)	3. <u>SALE OF WREATHS</u>	25.95
<u>(251.30)</u>	GRAND TOTAL	<u>£239.07</u>

The reduction in population at R.A.F. Newton resulted in a lower contribution from that area which just about matches the drop in the total sum raised in the district compared with last year. The overall increase of 10% which had been hoped for was not achieved, unfortunately. Nevertheless, all the income is gratefully received and reflects credit on all who collected as well as on those who contributed.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Nottingham Battalion announces that Mr. E. Bullers has been made an Hon. Vice-President of the Battalion in appreciation of his membership of the Boys' Brigade for 49 years and for his work for the East Bridgford Company which is now 50 years old. Our congratulations go to Mr. Bullers for this honour which he richly deserves and to the East Bridgford Company which, under his guidance, has notched up a half-century.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Fixtures for December

1st XI

Dec. 2	Highbank	Away
Dec. 9	Bingham Reserves	Home
Dec. 16	Netherfield Rovers	Away
Dec. 23	Fairham 'B'	Home
Dec. 30	Fairham 'B'	Away

2nd XI

Dec. 2	Ryecroft Reserves	Home
Dec. 9	Southwell City 'A'	Away
Dec. 16	Southwell City 'A'	Home
Dec. 23	Rolls Royce Res.	Away
Dec. 30	Porchester Res.	Home

ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY NEWS SHEET will be gratefully received by the Editor - but please let him have them by 20th December.

CHRISTMAS 1972

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

6.30 p.m. Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel to which we are all invited.

Christmas Day:

12 midnight. Holy Eucharist with hymns and short address.

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist

4.00 p.m. Children's Service in church.

December 26 - S. Stephen M. - Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

December 27 - S. John A.E. - Eucharist at 10.0 a.m.

December 28 - Holy Innocents - Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

Note: The Rector will be in church on

Wednesday December 20 at 7.30 p.m.

Friday December 22 at 11.0 a.m.

Saturday December 23 at 6.0 p.m.

to give spiritual advice and counsel to any who may wish to see him.

COMING EVENTS

December 15 - 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. End of Term Exhibition for the Evening Institute in the School.

December 16 - 2.30 p.m. Children's Society Christingle Service at Southwell Minster. A purse will be presented by two of our school children. Bishop Markham will receive the gifts in the Minster.

S. Peter's School

December 13 2.45 Infants' Christmas Service

December 14 7.30 Juniors' Christmas Service

December 18 1.30 Infants' Party

December 19 1.30 Junior Children's Party.

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SERVICES

Sundays:

9 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns and short address)
10.15 a.m. on first Sunday in each
month - Family Service
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon

Weekdays:

7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist on third Wednesday in
each month.

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily -
for times see notice board in the church porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

meets at 10.15 a.m. in St. Peter's
School each Sunday except on the first
Sunday in each month when they attend
the Family Service in church

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