

## 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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## NEWS SHEET

## January, 1973

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## LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear People,

I want to wish you every blessing in the New Year. May 1973 be a year of increasing happiness for all of us and, in any case, may we all be conscious of God's mercy and grace as the years go by. Perhaps one of the most important lessons we need to learn is to live a day at a time. Most of us are apt to be bowled over if we take life in large doses. That is why it is foolish and wearying to try to imagine what the future will be like, but most of us can cope with the present day. To begin the day with prayer and end it with prayer, and during the day to try to see the Hand of God in what happens, is a very good way of living. I have given you a beautiful Orthodox morning prayer in this issue of the News Sheet and three night prayers.

On Sunday January 21 we shall have the Confirmation here at the Parish Eucharist. I hope that all our communicants will be present to welcome these new communicants. We all need encouragement, and not least our young people. To me the preparation of these young people has been very pleasurable and I hope that what I have tried to teach them will bear fruit in the days ahead. The time of the service will be 10 a.m. by request of the Bishop of Sherwood.

January 6 is the feast of the Epiphany when we think of Jesus showing himself to the Gentiles in the form of the wise men. There will be Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. and in the evening at 8 p.m. we shall have Epiphany music by the Sitwell Players conducted by Miss Kate Baxter, with the assistance of a small orchestra. This will take place in church and there will be a collection for Christian Aid. Miss Kate Baxter is in charge of music with the Nottinghamshire Education Committee. She visited the church in

September when Mr. David Fysh was here and she very kindly offered to put on some music for us. I need hardly say that this is something which we ought to support and is a fitting way of responding Epiphany night after having attended the Eucharist earlier in the day.

A new lectionary for Sundays has been prepared and I am printing it in the News Sheet for the benefit of readers. I shall be glad to have the names of readers who would like to read in church.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

For nearly half a century the week January 18 - 24 has been set apart for prayer to bring together in unity the scattered members of Christ's Church that they may be united in the way which Christ wills. There may be various interpretations of this but there is no doubt that the divisions among Christians do a good deal of harm and hinder the Church grievously in its mission. We can thank God that we are now aware of the horror of disunity and we must pray that unity will come.

So at East Bridgford will keep the week of Unity, I hope, in a definite way. On January 18th there will be a unity meeting in the Albert Hall, Nottingham, at 7.45 p.m. to which we are all invited. We shall have a daily Eucharist in St. Peter's beginning on Thursday 18th at 7.30 a.m. and on Friday at 7.30 a.m. On Saturday we shall have an evening Eucharist at 6 p.m. for this object. Sunday is the day of our Confirmation at 10 a.m. by the Bishop of Sherwood. We shall continue our prayers for unity on Monday and Tuesday at 7.30 a.m. and finish our week with an Evening Eucharist on Wednesday January 24 at 7.30 p.m.

Here is a prayer we might say each day. It was composed by the Dean of Westminster:-

"Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast made peace by the blood of Thy cross, and now ever livest to make intercession for us, ever praying that we may be one as Thou art one with the Father in the love of the Holy spirit,

Bring all those who have been baptised unto Thee, bring all those who love thee in sincerity, bring all men into one body at the last. Amen"

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#### FROM THE REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

December 17 Camilla Jane  
daughter of Graham McClaren and  
Cherry Elizabeth Neil

We welcome Camilla into the  
family of the Christian Church

##### Holy Matrimony

December 30 Roger Howard and  
Barbara Margaret Morley

We wish Roger and Barbara every  
happiness.

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#### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6 7.30 a.m. Eucharist  
8.00 p.m. Music for Twelfth Night  
directed by Miss Kate Baxter in  
S. Peter's church. Collection for  
Christian Aid. The Sitwell Singers  
will be assisted by orchestra and organ.

#### A MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace.  
help me in all things to rely upon Thy holy will.  
In every hour of the day reveal Thy will to me.  
Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach  
me to treat all that comes to me with peace of  
soul, and with firm conviction that Thy will  
governs all.

In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and  
feelings, In unforeseen events let me not forget  
that all are sent by thee. Teach me to act firmly  
and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing  
others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of  
the coming day with all that it shall bring.  
Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray Thou  
Thyself in me.

Amen.

#### THREE NIGHT PRAYERS

O God, I thank you for life and being and for all  
the blessings of the past day, for the love I have  
received and given, for all the kindnesses I have  
received from others, for Your grace going before  
and following after me. Above all, I thank you  
for Him through Whom I know Your love and receive  
Your grace ever Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O Lord our God, what sins I have this day committ-  
ed in word, deed or thought, forgive me, for You  
are gracious and You love all men. Grant me  
peaceful and undisturbed sleep, send me Your  
guardian angel to protect and guard me from all  
evil, for You are the guardian of our souls and  
bodies and to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
we ascribe glory always and for ever. Amen.

O Almighty Father, Who in Your divine mercy dost  
cover the earth with the curtain of night that  
all the weary may rest, grant to us and to all  
men rest in You this night. Let Your grace  
comfort and support all who are to spend it in  
sorrow, in loneliness, affliction, or in fear.  
We commend into Your hands ourselves, with all  
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those who are dear to us. Strengthen and confirm Your faithful people, arouse the careless, relieve the sick, give peace to the dying, that Your Holy Name may be glorified in Christ Jesus, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

THE 1st EAST BRIDGFORD GIRL GUIDES express congratulations to Caroline Atkins and Karen Cheetham on gaining their Queen's Guide Badge. Their badges will be presented by the Divisional Commissioner in January.

The Guides and Scouts held a combined Christmas party on December 15 in the W.I. Hut and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. For their Christmas Good Turn, the Guides took cakes to and sang carols for "older" people in East Bridgford.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE had a "Gardeners' Question Time" at their December meeting. On the panel were Mrs. J. Grout, Mr. F. Chapman, and Mr. A. Organ. They were thanked by Mrs. Jay. Mrs. Stobbs won the competition for a plant and, after refreshments, the choir led the carol singing.

The next meeting on January 16 is the party to be held in the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. Tickets from Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Peacock.

The Drama Group is looking for a producer for their play entered for the drama festival in March. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. Bontoft, 47 Main Street, as soon as possible.

THE MOTHERS' UNION will meet on the third Wednesday in the month at 2.30 p.m. at the Rectory. Many thanks are due to the Rector and Miss Render for this kind invitation.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE Collection Week raised £145 which was a record for the Company. Gratitude is expressed to all Old Boys and Friends who contributed. We are pleased to welcome four boys from Kneeton into the Junior Section.

THE KING EDWARD CLUB the final of the Snooker Knock-out Competition was held on Thursday 1 November. The finalists were L. Johnson and Manchester. The winner was L. Johnson and the Cup was presented by the Club Treasurer. Light refreshments were provided by Les Johnson.

#### EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

##### Fixtures

<u>1st XI</u>	Jan. 6	Porchester United	Home
	20	R.O.F. Reserves	Home
	27	Parliament St. Meths.	Away
	Feb. 3	Aspley O.B. 'A'	Home
<u>2nd XI</u>	Jan. 6	Ruddington Reserves	Away
	13	R.O.F. 'A'	Home
	20	Oakwell Reserves	Away
	27	Ascot	Home
	Feb. 3	Dale Olympics	Away

##### Results

<u>1st XI</u>	Oct. 28	v Oxtou (home)	WON	5 - 0
	Nov. 4	v B.S.C. Imps (home)	LOST	1 - 3
	11	v Bestwood Utd.(away)	LOST	2 - 4
	18	v Netherfield R.(home)	LOST	5 - 7
Dec.	2	v Meadows Alb. (away)	LOST	2 - 6
	9	v Parliament St.(home)	WON	6 - 3
	16	v Netherfield R.(away)	LOST	0 - 6
	23	v Fairham B. (home)	WON	4 - 3
<u>2nd XI</u>	Nov. 4	v Gotham Res. (away)	LOST	1 - 2
	11	v Raleigh Ath.A (home)	LOST	1 - 3
	Dec. 2	v Ryecroft Res. (home)	LOST	1 - 10
	9	v Southwell City A (away)	LOST	1 - 3
	16	v Southwell City A (home)	WON	3 - 1

## READERS AND READINGS

Will the readers please note the following points?  
Every reader should begin by saying, "A Reading from the book of.....Chapter.....beginning at the .....verse". He or she should always end the reading with the words, "This is the Word of the Lord".  
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- Jan. 7. 9a.m. 1 Samuel 1, 20-28 ...Mrs. Guy  
Romans 12, 1 - 8 ...Mr. J.F.Ruff  
6.30p.m. Isaiah 40, 25-31 ...Mr. A.Curtis
- Jan.14. 9a.m. 1 Samuel 16, 1-13a ...Miss Pat Stobbs  
Acts 10, 34-48a ...Mr. J. Ashton  
6.30p.m. Exodus 14, 5-18 ...Mr. P.Blandy
- Jan.21. 10a.m. Jeremiah 1, 4-10 ...Miss Sarah Guy  
Acts 26, 1 & 9-18 ...Mr.J.C.Wilkins  
6.30p.m. Ezekial 2, 1 - 3,3...Mr. M.Clark
- Jan.28. 9a.m. Exodus 33, 12-23 ...Miss M. Cornell  
1 John 1, 1-4 ...Dr. G.O.Brooks  
6.30p.m. Numbers 9, 15-23 ...Mr.G.D.Carnell
- Feb. 4. 9a.m. Hosea 14, 1-7 ...Miss P. Marson  
Philemon 1, 1-16 ...Mr.J.McCullough  
6.30p.m. Genesis 32, 3-12 ...Mr.K.Finch
- Feb.11. 9a.m. Joel 2, 15-19,21,22 ...Miss S. Marson  
2 Corinthians 3, 4-11...Mr.D.G.Gould  
6.30p.m.Lamentations 3, 19-26 Mr. J.B.Guy
- Feb.18. 9a.m. Isaiah 1, 10-17 ...Mrs. Reid  
1 Corinthians 3, 18-23..Mr.P. Slack  
6.30p.m. 2 Kings 5, 19b-27...Mr.G.Stobbs
- Feb.25. 9 a.m. Isaiah 30, 18-21 ...Mrs. Finch  
1 Corinthians 4, 8-13..Mr.A.Reid  
6.30p.m. Proverbs 3, 1-8 ...Mr.H.Russell
- Mar. 4. 9a.m. Zephaniah 3, 14-20 ...Mrs. Curtis  
Philippians 4, 10-20 ...Mr.G.Whittaker  
6.30p.m. Isaiah 41, 8-16 ...Mr. A.Curtis.

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My dear People,

Easter is very late this year and so Lent does not begin until the middle of March. Perhaps this will help us to keep it much better. I am so glad we have had such a mild winter on my first winter since returning from the Bahamas. It is good to see so many coming regularly to church and especially to the Eucharist, and I am glad so many were there for the day of the Confirmation on 21st January. It was a very inspiring service and we pray that those who were confirmed will be faithful to Christ for the rest of their lives. To me it was a real pleasure preparing them and after the service I was glad to have all the parents at the Rectory for refreshments and to meet the Bishop. It was the first Confirmation the Bishop of Sherwood had conducted since his operation.

I hope to start a fellowship for our young communicants and so I have invited the Revd. Fred. Green, the Vicar of Clipstone, to come and talk to our young communicants at the Rectory on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30 p.m. about the A.Y.P.A.. I do hope that all our young communicants will come to this. I have also started classes for the Confirmation at Orston church on 15th April. Any who wish to be prepared should give in their names to me as soon as possible.

Christmas passed happily with a large congregation at the Midnight Mass. We were fortunate enough to have the help of Fr. Ralph Martin S.S.M. from Kelham. The music of the Sitwell singers under the direction of Miss Baxter on the

feast of the Epiphany was a sheer delight to those who braved the miserable weather. As a result of this we gave £10 to Christian Aid.

At the Diocesan Synod the question of Marriage and Divorce was the subject of a lengthy debate. At one Mothers' Union meeting we also discussed the problems which are the subject of the Commission. Whatever be the results of these discussions we must all be clear that a good stable Christian home is an essential thing for all our children. I hope that all Church people will keep this matter in their prayers. The Church is here to witness to Christ's teaching about the holiness of Marriage and also to minister to all, especially those who are in distress or unhappiness. There is no doubt that these two things are sometimes difficult to reconcile, but there is a way in which we as Christians can witness to the standard and yet minister to those who find it difficult to live according to the standard. This in practice has meant that, while the Church cannot marry divorced people to a second partner, yet we ought to help those who have contracted a second marriage and want to build up a good home life. Such people need the peace of God in their circumstances and so it is the custom, after the matter has been referred to the Bishop, to receive Holy Communion. Some would say that this is illogical. Yes!, but life is illogical and such things as forgiveness, mercy and love are more important than logic.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in these and all present day problems to witness and to minister!

Your sincere Rector,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

CONFIRMATION at S. Peter's, East Bridgford, on 21st January, by the Bishop of Sherwood who also gave those confirmed their first Holy Communion -

Russell Hunt, David Holland, Sarah Guy, Amanda Cornell, Penelope Marson, Sara Marson, Patricia Stobbs, and Diane Welsh.

Classes for girls are held on Tuesdays at the Rectory at 7 p.m., and more classes can be arranged for other groups.

R. I. P.

25th January. Eliza Ann WIDDISON aged 86.

Mrs. Widdison lived in the parish of East Bridgford all her life. She died on 21st January and was buried on S. Paul's day, the Rector and a former Rector (the Revd. Roger McClean) officiating. We assure the family of our prayers and sympathy.

#### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Please make a note that the Annual Church Meeting will be held this year on 29th April after Evensong.

Is your name on the ELECTORAL ROLL?

If not, why not?

You can get a form from the Rector and have your name put on and so take a full share in the Church's business - and indeed be eligible to become a member of the Parochial Church Council.

(P.C.C. members please note the date of the next meeting given elsewhere in this News Sheet)

#### READINGS AND READERS (Revised List)

Feb. 11 9 a.m.  
Epiphany 6) (OT) Isaiah 1, 10-17 ... Miss S. Marson  
(Ep) 1 Corinthians 3, 18-23 Mr. D. Gould  
(Gsp) Mark 2, 23-3, 6 ... The Rector

6.30 p.m.  
Isaiah 64 ... Mr. J. B. Guy  
Luke 7, 1-10 ... Mr. G. Stobbs

Feb. 18 9 a.m.  
Septuagesima) (OT) Isaiah 30, 18-21 ... Mrs. A. Reid  
(Ep) 1 Corinthians 4, 8-13 Mr. P. Slack  
(Gsp) Matthew 5, 1-12 ... Fr. Botting

6.30 p.m.  
Genesis 2, 4-end ... Mr. H. Russell  
Revelation 4 ... Mr. A. Reid

Feb. 25 9 a.m.  
Sexagesima) (OT) Zephaniah 3, 14-20 .. Mrs. K. Finch  
(Ep) James 5, 13-16 ... Mr. G. Whittaker  
(Gsp) Mark 2, 1-12 ... The Rector

6.30 p.m.  
Genesis 4, 1-16 ... Mr. A. Curtis  
1 John 3, 1-15 ... The Rector

March 4 9 a.m.  
Quinquagesima) (OT) Deuteronomy 8, 1-6 .. Mrs. A. Curtis  
(Ep) Philippians 4, 10-20 Mr. J. F. Ruff  
(Gsp) John 6, 1-14 ... The Rector

6.30 p.m.  
Genesis 6, 5-end ... Mr. P. Blandy  
Luke 17, 20-end ... Mr. M. Clark

March 11 9 a.m.  
Lent 1) (OT) Deuteronomy 30, 15-20 Mrs. M. Jones  
(Ep) Hebrews 2, 14-18 ... Mr. J. Ashton  
(Gsp) Matthew 4, 1-17 ... The Rector

6.30 p.m.  
Genesis 11, 1-9 ... Mr. McCullough  
Mark 14, 27-52 ... Dr. G. O. Brooks.

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2nd XI Dec. 30 v Porchester  
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 Jan. 6 v Ruddington Res.(away) WON 4 - 3  
 Jan. 13 v R.O.F. 'A' (home) LOST 2 - 4  
 Jan. 20 v Rolls Royce  
 Res.(Away) LOST 2 - 7

Fixtures

1st XI Feb.10 Birnham Sports Away  
 17 Bulwell Baptists Home  
 24 B.S.C. Imps Away  
 Mar. 3 Bestwood United Home

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 17 Raleigh Ath. 'A' Away  
 24 Trent Poly. 'A' Home  
 Mar. 3 Keyworth Reserves Away

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EAST BRIDGFORD YOUTH CLUB. On the Saturday before Christmas Day the Youth Club, having spent two club nights decorating the Village Hall, gave a party to which all the old people were invited. Although there were not as many guests as had been hoped, the 30 - 40 who were there thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and were very appreciative of the trouble which the club had taken, both in preparing the meal and in the decorations.

A little late to mention this? Perhaps so - but while we have the chance we must put on record our congratulations to the club for this splendid work.

WIFE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES will be going to Waddow Pack Holiday House, Lancashire, for a week at Whitsuntide. Anyone who has a brown anorak which is not being used, and which they would be willing to pass on to a Brownie, please get in touch with Mrs.Guy. It would be very much appreciated.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE held their January Social in the Village Hall where 98 members, husbands and friends enjoyed a meal and then danced to the music of Mr. R. Howe on his electric organ. The February meeting will include a talk on Windmills. This will be followed by an outing to North Leverton to see a windmill working. The meeting is an open one - anyone interested will be welcome - at the W.I. Hut on 13th February at 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has been sent £23.25p as a result of the making and selling of Christmas Cards by Mrs. Bontoft and Mrs. Guy. Our congratulations to these two ladies for this splendid effort on behalf of a worthy cause.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL will hold its next meeting at the Rectory on Wednesday 21st February, starting at 8 p.m. Please note the date in your diaries.



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Individual notices and the agenda will be sent to members nearer the date.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE

THE "NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SHOW JUMPING SPECTACULAR" will be held on Saturday 30th June from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. at the Newark and Notts. County Showground, Winthorpe, Newark. Prize Money will amount to some £3000, the main sponsor of which are John Player & Sons, J.B. Eastwood Ltd., Raleigh Industries Ltd., The Boots Company Ltd.

In addition there will be a top class DOG SHOW and other interesting and exciting sporting events will take place throughout the day.

Admission 25p. Make a note of the date now. Any enquiries for details can be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. J.L. Holmes, The Grove, Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, Notts. Tel, Blidworth 2182. Proceeds are in aid of the Building Fund of the Salvation Army Social Services Centre at Notintone Place, Nottingham.

Why not help to fill a space like this by letting us have your news items or notices of future events? Contributions for the March issue to the Editor by 20th February, please.

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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Jesus made it quite clear that to follow Him must be a real decision and commitment. As has been truly said, "The Christian Religion is not a philosophy but a life to be lived and a Person to be loved". It is this keeping close to Christ which should be in our minds and hearts as we begin the season of Lent on March 11.

For six weeks we shall have an opportunity of coming closer to Christ. Lent is not a time when we indulge in a lot of rules, but it is a time when we try to come closer by prayer, fasting and giving. Of course, if there is anything in our lives like alcohol or smoking which has become possessive and we are hooked on it, Lent will be a good time to make a special effort to deal with this and get it right, but the positive side is what I would stress. The deliberate attempt to take more seriously our Christian life means more time for prayer and communion and a more generous attitude leading to the use of a Lent Savings Box for the Church overseas or for the additional Curates Society. I shall be glad to supply one of these to anybody who wants to give in this way. The idea may be to cut down our drinking or something which needs discipline and give the money thus saved to God. Let us try this to come closer to Christ and to each other in love during this Lent. Some people are glad of guidance about this.

For those who do not normally come to the Eucharist every Sunday, Lent would be a good time to start. Others might be ready to come to the Eucharist during the week. Beginning with Ash Wednesday there will be an Evening Eucharist on each Wednesday in Lent at 7.30 p.m. with hymns and a short talk. There will also be the Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7.30 a.m.

Another thing which would be good would be to get a new translation of the Bible and read through one of the Gospels day by day. Another suggestion might be to visit some lonely person each week and if we have neglected our aged relatives to start with them!

We now have six girls preparing for Confirmation and first Holy Communion. They are keen and I hope that all of us are praying for their perseverance and also helping those who were confirmed on 21st January in the same way.

May God in all things be glorified.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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### EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH MEETING

The East Bridgford Parish Council asks us to mention that the PARISH MEETING will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday 19th March 1973. Mr. J.B. Whyley will be attending and will speak on the subject 'New Responsibilities of Parish and District Councils'. Mr. Whyley is the Secretary of the South Notts District Joint Committee. This will be a good opportunity to learn something more about the new pattern of Local Government before the elections of members to the new Authorities take place.

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DEATH At Bathley, Newark, on January 5th, William Henry Waterfield, aged 77 years. Bill Waterfield spent his early life in East Bridgford. During the first World War he won two awards for gallantry, one of these being the Military Medal.

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COMING EVENTS

- March 7. Ash Wednesday - first day of Lent.  
The Eucharist at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.  
(also at 7.30 p.m. on every Wednesday  
during Lent)
- March 9. The Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. (and on all  
Fridays)
- Sundays in Lent. The Services at the usual times -  
except for special services on  
Mothering Sunday (see below).
- March 12,13,14. Rector conducting Retreat at  
Morley Rectory.
- March 19. East Bridgford Parish Meeting. 8 p.m.
- April 1. 3 p.m. Mothering Sunday Service  
This is a special service. There will  
not be Evensong at 6.30 on this day,  
but all are invited to come to the  
afternoon service. We shall thank  
God for our mothers, the Blessed Virgin  
Mary mother of Jesus, and for our  
Mother the Church. At this service  
violets will be distributed to the  
children to present to their mothers.  
Let us see that this service really is  
a service of thanksgiving for the  
blessings of family life.
- April 7 Quiet Day for Lay Readers.
- April 8 Confirmation at Orston Parish Church.
- April 29 Annual Church Meeting after Evensong.
- May 2 7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Festival at  
Bingham.
- May 15 7.30 p.m. School Managers
- June 16 One-day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our  
Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. This is  
for the Newark area and will be  
conducted by the Rector.

LENTS AND READERS

- MAR 11 9 a.m.  
(O.T.) Deuteronomy 30.10-20 ... Mrs. Jones  
(Ep.) Hebrews 2.14-18 ... Mr.T.Ashton  
(Gsp.) Matthew 4.1-17 ... The Rector
- 6.30 p.m.  
(O.T.) Genesis 8.15-9.17 ... Mr.McCullough  
(N.T.) Matthew 14.1-26 .. Dr. Brooks
- MAR 18 9 a.m.  
(O.T.) 2 Kings 6.8-17 ... Mrs.Cornell  
(Ep.) 1 John 4.1-6 ... Mrs.A.Curtis  
(Gsp.) Luke 11.14-26 ... The Rector
- 6.30 p.m.  
(O.T.) Genesis 11.1-9 ... Mr.G.D.Carnell  
(N.T.) Mark 14.27-52 ... Mr. G.Stobbs
- MAR 25 9 a.m.  
(O.T.) Isaiah 59.12-20... Miss S.Guy  
(Ep) 1 Peter 2.19-25... Mr.K.Finch  
(Gsp.) Matthew 16.13-26.. The Rector
- 6.30 p.m.  
(O.T.) Genesis 3.1-15 ... Mr. D.Gould  
(N.T.) Romans 5.12-end .. Mr. A. Curtis
- MAR 1 9 a.m.  
(O.T.) Exodus 34.29-35... Miss P.Stobbs  
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 3.12-18... Mr.J.F.Ruff  
(Gsp.) Matthew 17.1-13 .. The Rector
- 3.00 p.m.  
(O.T.) Ezekiel 34.11-16.. Miss S.Marson  
(N.T.) John 10.11-16 ... Mr.P.Slack
- MAR 8 9 a.m.  
(O.T.) Isaiah 63.1-9 ... Miss M.Cornell  
(Ep.) Colossians 2.8-15 ... Mr. J. Guy  
(Gsp.) John 12.20-32 ... The Rector
- 6.30 p.m.  
(O.T.) Exodus 4.27 - 6.1. ... Mr. H.Russell  
(N.T.) Mark 15.22-39 ... Mr.M.Clarke.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE were given an illustrated talk on Windmills of the World, and Mrs. E. Roffey gave the vote of thanks. An outing to South Leverton to see a windmill at work has been arranged for April. The meeting on 13th March will be the Annual Meeting when we ballot for the committee and elect the President. The competition will be a buttonhole made from sweet papers.

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EAST BRIDGFORD YOUTH CLUB meets in the Village Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m.

Results of recent activities:

Boys 5-a-side football - v. East Leake Drew 3-3  
v. Ruddington Won 5-4  
v Kinoulton Drew 2-2

Girls Netball - v East Leake Won 7-0

Calendar for March

14th Boys 5-a-side football v. Keyworth at Gotham  
17th. Saturday Disco 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. (Pyrocoustic  
in the Village Hall  
19th. Girls Netball v Cotgrave at Cotgrave

Forthcoming Attraction

'Top of Pops' visit on 25th April (Wednesday) -  
to be televised on 26th April.

THE CLUB EXTENDS A WARM INVITATION TO TEENAGERS  
IN THE AREA to come along and join them. All Welcom

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THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION

Did you know that at present some 1400 lives are saved each year around the shores by the R.N.L.I.? What is more - it is still a voluntary organisation. The Institution has revised its membership so that now people who are interested in the work

that who are unable or do not want to engage actively in fund raising, can now become members. There are three forms of members:

Life members - a single donation of £60 or over  
Full members - a minimum subscription of £10 a year.

Associate members - a minimum subscription of £1.50 a year.

Anyone interested should contact the Branch Hon. Secretary at 41 Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, or the local Guild Secretary (see below). A programme of social events and interesting occasions is arranged.

East Bridgford has its own Guild and the Secretary is Mrs. Latty, 16 Kneeton Road, Tel.260., and during the two years 1970/71 and 1971/72 a total of over £850 was raised by the Guild.

Capt. Jay is Chairman of the Nottingham and District Branch.

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EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team Feb.3 v.Aspley O.B.'A' Home WON 8-1  
10 v.Birnham Sports Away WON 5-0  
17 v.Bulwell Bapt.O.B.Home WON 4-2

2nd Team Feb.3. v.Dale Olympic Away LOST 1-5  
10 v.Gotham Reserves Home LOST 2-3

FIXTURES

1st Team Mar 17 Trent Poly Res. Away  
24 Highbank Home  
31 Bingham Reserves Away  
Apr. 7 Netherfield Rovers Home

2nd Team March 10 Ryecroft Reserves Away  
17 Ruddington Reserves Home  
31 Rolls Royce Res. Home

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

YOUR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met at the Rectory on 21st February and considered various matters affecting the Parish.

The electrical wiring in the church has to be renewed and it was hoped to include improved lighting and the installation of a heat screen over the south door. Mr. Stobbs submitted provisional estimates showing a total cost in excess of £1000. The Quinquennial Survey is due shortly and is almost certain to require further expenditure on the church fabric. The Council therefore decided to limit the electrical work to rewiring, installing three power points and improving the lighting in the chancel. This should cost between £500 and £600. Detailed estimates are being obtained.

The Treasurer submitted a budget for the ensuing year based on estimated income and expenditure. He pointed out that the proposed electrical work would absorb our present cash surplus. He also emphasised the great benefit of covenanted giving and hoped that people who had helped so generously to increase the church collections would consider using this method of contribution.

As mentioned elsewhere in this New Sheet, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the church after Evensong on Sunday 29th April and the annual revision of the Electoral Roll must be completed at least two weeks before that day. The Electoral Roll officer was asked to contact all known church people who have not registered. Registration forms can be obtained from the Rector, or the Secretary, or from inside the church.

A.J.S.

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Don't forget that only those on the Electoral Roll can vote at the Annual Church Meeting. Some people may not have realised fully that re-registration was necessary when Synodical Government was introduced recently. Make sure that you are on the Roll.

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10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on third Wednesday in  
each month.

HOLY WEEK and EASTERTIDE

See back cover for list of special services, etc.

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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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

My dear People,

This month is the most important in the Church's year, containing as it does the observance of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our God and Saviour. This is a testing time which makes us face up to the implications of our religion. It finds out whether we are prepared to follow Christ right through. A man might come to church on Palm Sunday and then not appear again until Easter Day. Such a man would avoid the consideration of the mighty act of Redemption which happened on the first Good Friday. Another man might turn up to Communion on Easter Day after neglecting the Worship of God for most of the year. No doubt God can sort out all this, but surely for all faithful Christians who take their religion seriously there is one place where we should be in Holy Week - and that is in spirit at the foot of the Cross. Full details of our Holy Week services are included in this News Sheet. Please read them carefully and act on them.

I suppose the least we could do would be to be at church on Palm Sunday morning and to come to the Evening Eucharist on Maundy Thursday and to pray before the Cross on Good Friday and to be at our Communion on Easter Day. As I have said, such attendance would be the least we could do, but keen and committed Christians will want to do more. The idea really is - 'Because Jesus Christ has done so much for me by way of reparation, forgiveness, freedom and joy, I ought to realise that I am in debt to Him and therefore I must try as best as I can to respond to such love and self sacrifice'

"Where the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

The Confirmation will be at S. Peter's on Easter Day at 10.30 a.m. Please pray for those who are to be confirmed.

The Annual Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council will take place on Sunday evening 29th April immediately after Evensong at 7 p.m. Please see that your name is on the Electoral Roll and then come and show your interest and be prepared to accept office and vote. If your name is not on the Electoral Roll, please contact Mr. Sainsbury or myself as soon as possible.

It has been most encouraging to see so many coming to church in Lent, especially to the Wednesday evening Eucharist. We thank God for this sign of real keenness and devotion for Christ and His Church. I am also grateful to those who help by flowers and brass cleaning and other kinds of cleaning in church. We wish Mr. Randsley recovery from the accident which has kept him at home for the past two months. I am always glad to receive requests for prayers for those who are sick or in distress. We are the family of God and we should show that we are members of a family by our love and prayers for each other.

Every blessing,

+ Bernard Markham

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R.I.P.

February 9 at Grantham (Cremation) -

Alfred Harvey of Main Street

Mr. Harvey was greatly beloved and I was very pleased to minister to him. We wish his widow every consolation and blessing.

READERS AND READINGS

April 15 - LENT VI

9 a.m. (O.T.) Zechariah 9, 9-12 Mrs. Jones  
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 1, 18-25 Mr. T. Anblin

6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 52, 13 - 53 end Mr. McCullough  
(N.T.) S. Luke 19, 29 - end Mr. G. Stoll

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April 22 - EASTER DAY

9 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 12, 1-6 Mrs. Guy  
(N.T.) Revelations 1, 12-18 Mr. P. Slade

6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 14, 5 - end Mr. A. Curtis  
(N.T.) S. John 20, 11-23 Dr. G. O. Brown

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April 29 - EASTER I

9 a.m. (O.T.) Exodus 15, 1-11 Miss P. Marston  
(Ep.) 1 Peter 1, 3-9 Mr. K. Whittaker

6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 15, 1-18 Mr. G. D. Carnall  
(N.T.) John 20, 24 - end

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May 6 - EASTER II

9 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 25, 6-9 Mrs. Cornhill  
(Ep.) Revelations 19, 6-9 Mr. K. Finch

6.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 24 Mr. H. Runnall  
(N.T.) S. John 21, 1-14 Mr. J. Guy

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

As stated elsewhere in this News Sheet, the Annual Church Meeting will be held in the church after Evensong on Sunday 29th April. This is your opportunity to ask questions and discuss matters concerning the Parish or the Church in general. It is also your opportunity to elect the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary. Names of prospective candidates may also be proposed at the meeting - but your name must be on the Electoral Roll if you wish to make a nomination or to vote at the meeting.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll was compiled last year in accordance with the Synodical Government Measure 1971. The Roll is now being revised and enrolment forms are available in church or can be obtained from the Rector or the Secretary. Any baptised person, 17 years of age or over, living in the parish, or regularly attending S. Peter's church, is entitled to be on the Roll. A few parishioners failed to re-register in 1972 and it is hoped that they will do so now. Newcomers to the village and younger church members who have reached the age of seventeen are urged to complete enrolment forms, so that they can take their part in church affairs.

A.J.S.

### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Annual Meeting of the Institute, Mrs. C. Atkins was elected President, Mrs. E. Meylan Secretary, and Mrs. M. Chapman Treasurer.

Mrs. M. Bontoft gave a report of the Spring Council Meeting held at Retford. Mrs. P. Clark won the monthly competition.

The April meeting will be a fashion talk by a buyer from Marks and Spencers.

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THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES would like to thank everyone who supported their jumble sale. The sum raised was nearly £50.

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### THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Patron of the Brigade, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited the new headquarters of the Brigade in Parsons Green, London, on 22nd February. The headquarters include a new Hostel for Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade members. This hostel is available for members from this country or from overseas when making visits to London.

Her Majesty and the Duke were received by the Earl of Elgin, President of the Boys' Brigade, and by Lady Nicholson for the Girls' Brigade.

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### EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

#### RESULTS

##### 1st Team

March 3	v Bestwood United (home)	DREW	2 - 2
10	v Bulwell Baptists O.B. (away)	LOST	1 - 3
17	v Trent Poly. Res. (away)	LOST	7 - 1

##### 2nd Team

March 3	v Ascot (away)	LOST	0 - 8
10	v Rycroft Res. (away)	LOST	0 - 2
17	v Ruddington Res. (home)	LOST	3 - 5
24	v Keyworth Res. (home)	WON	3 - 2

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#### FIXTURES

##### 1st Team

April 7	Netherfield Rovers	Home
21	Parliament St. Methodists	Home

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This is another space which could have been used for news from your club or other organisation if you had sent the item to the Editor !



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 15 PALM SUNDAY

9.00 a.m. Procession of palms and Eucharist at which the Passion story from S. Matthew will be read.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

April 16, 17, 18 MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY  
IN HOLY WEEK - 7.30 a.m. Eucharist

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April 19 MAUNDY THURSDAY - Day of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

7.30 p.m. The Eucharist with Sermon.

April 20 GOOD FRIDAY - Day of the Crucifixion

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.30 a.m. Children's Service

7.30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Day with Reading of the Passion from S. John and Sermon.

April 21 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Ante Communion.

8.00 p.m. The Vigil Service of Easter

April 22 EASTER DAY - Day of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sermon.

10.30 a.m. Eucharist with Confirmation - attended by the Sunday School

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

April 23 Easter Monday - 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.

April 24 Easter Tuesday - 7.30 a.m. Eucharist.

NOTES (i) The Rector will be very pleased to take the Holy Communion to those who cannot get to church. Please let him know about anyone.

(ii) The Rector will be in church on Wed. 18 April 3 p.m., Friday 20 April at 11.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Saturday 21 April at 5.30 p.m. to give spiritual advice and counsel to any who wish to see him.

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

I write this after the Easter festival and I would like you to know how delighted I am at the response in Holy Week and Easter. The week began well on Palm Sunday with a good congregation at the Parish Eucharist. Then, as the week advanced, it was encouraging to see how the interest quickened and the services on Thursday and Good Friday were most inspiring. My first Easter Day was one to be remembered - the attendance at the Eucharist, the Confirmation and the evening service.

I am very grateful to all who helped so well, to Miss Doris Hand for all the work which she did in the sacristy, for all who helped by reading the lessons and the Passion, for Russell and David who were so faithful as servers, and for the beautiful decoration of the church on Easter Day. I count myself fortunate to have the support and co-operation of our two churchwardens. In addition to Mrs. Goddard, we had the invaluable help of Mr. David Fysh who delighted us by his visit.

There were two other happenings which helped so much. One was the Day School service on Wednesday when, by the efforts of Mrs. Nolan, we had a service which was just right for the occasion. On the same day we had a visit from Mrs. Cope who showed pictures of the Ober Ammagau Passion Play to the Mothers' Union at the Rectory and not only delighted but inspired those who were there.

So, for a very blessed Holy Week and Easter, we thank God.

I was thrilled with the Confirmation and so pleased to see the response. The refreshments at the Rectory provided by Miss Render, were very welcome and I was pleased that so many parents and relations were able to accept my invitation. We pray that those

who have been confirmed this year will persevere faithfully.

I have asked Mr. Michael Clarke to be a Parochial Reader and I am glad to say that he will be admitted by the Bishop of Southwell Minster on June 23rd. Mr. Clarke, who is a graduate of Liverpool University where he took his B.A. in Classics and after that a student at Aberystwyth where he took his Diploma in Education, is no stranger because he and Mrs. Clarke have for the past year done a fine job with Mr. Stobbs in the Sunday School. I hope that you will support him in this very valuable lay ministry.

I wonder how many of you can tell me what A.Y.P.A. stands for. The A.Y.P.A. now meets each week in one of the members' houses and any young communicant of S. Peter's will be welcomed. The President is Jane Selbourne, the Secretary is Anne Woodhead, and the Treasurer is Beverley Adlington. Notice is given in church of time and place of meeting.

We were sorry to hear of the accident which befell Stephen Backhouse and Helen Cornell, and are glad that Helen is quite recovered and that Stephen is making progress. We must all share with each other by prayer in the crises of life.

I have been quite amazed at the fact that it is now May and I have baptised only one baby this year. Is East Bridgford not having any babies now-a-days? or are there babies but parents are reluctant to have their babies baptised because of lack of belief or possibly casualness? I should be very interested to learn the answer to these questions. We have some very lovely children in the village and our school is doing a very splendid work. I am sure that parents ought to take as much care about their children's faith and religious upbringing as in the other important aspects of education.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

## UP AND DOWN

Some people are mystified by what we say about Jesus in the Church. When we say that He ascended into heaven, do we mean that He went up spatially at a right angle from the earth's surface? If that is all we mean it would create a large number of unanswerable questions and would be difficult to understand in these days when we have ceased to believe (if ever we did) in a three tier universe. Yet in our ordinary speech we use phrases like "going up" without having any measurable distance in mind. A boy might "go up" to form 6 but geographically he might "go down"! Obviously we use such phrases in the sense of change of status or quality, and so when we talk about the Ascension of Jesus we mean that He withdrew from earthly and spatial existence and, after being confined to a particular location in Palestine, became universally present in the world through His Church, so that we may say that Jesus is present in the bodies of Christians throughout the world.

We may say the same of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist. When we receive the Sacrament we are made the dwelling place of Him who was born of Mary, who died on the cross and arose on Easter Day, and this indwelling is not physical but by His Spirit.

So we see that an entirely material explanation of the universe just fails to satisfy. For example, we can hardly be expected to believe that the final qualities of Beethoven are merely pieces of catgut being trailed across a wooden bridge, or that human love is just a glandular reaction. Nor can we pretend that the material doesn't matter. Archbishop Temple once said, "The Christian Religion is the most materialist religion in the world". After all, the Son of God was born of Mary and was made flesh. The

only satisfactory explanation is that material and spiritual have a reality and in this life the way to reality is sacramental, i.e. that spiritual reality is communicated through earthly forms such as water, bread and wine, laying on of hands. These are the outward forms of the action of that great spiritual Reality who has been called God from antiquity and was mediated uniquely in Jesus Christ in the first century of our era.

B.M.

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## HOLY BAPTISM - 15th April

Joanna Lucy, daughter of Joe Patrick and  
Julia Margaret Hartley, 10 Haycroft Way.

CONFIRMATION - on Easter Day, 22nd April 1973, by  
Bishop Bernard Markham -

Beverley Adlington, Michelle Fuller, Lucy Jones,  
Christine Price, Jane Selbourne, Anne Woodhead.

## H.I.P.

March 30 Madeleine Emmerson of Haycroft Way  
Tom Reginald Wilkinson of Close's Side  
Lane.  
April 27 Elizabeth May Thorpe formerly of East  
Bridgford.

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## EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Miss Ailsa Stanley inspired members with her talk and photographs of the London Fashion Fair.

The May meeting will include an illustrated talk "The Changing Bahamas" by the Rector.

The Institute is having a Litter Collection on Saturday 19th May, starting at the home of Mr. and Mrs David Atkins, 23 Colloge Street. The Guides,

Brownies, Scouts, Cubs are taking part and other help will be welcome.

A COFFEE MORNING will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashton, Mulberry Close, Cherryholt Lane, East Bridgford, on Saturday 9th June 1973 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30, in aid of the Portland Training College for the Disabled. Coffee and Biscuits 10p. Plants, pottery, cakes, fancy goods, etc.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE acknowledges with very sincere and grateful thanks a gift of £25 received under the Will of the late Miss M. Owen Taylor.

The Boys' Brigade Branch of the Church Missionary Society is pleased to announce that £30.29 has been sent from the Nottingham Battalion towards the upkeep of the Cot at Omdarman Hospital. £67.80 was sent to the Society from the Junior Section's Christmas Appeal. A record total sum of £3,000 was received by the Society.

#### SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 2 Mothers' Union Festival at Bingham. 7.30 p.m.  
May 6 10.30 a.m. Family Service.  
May 12 Diocesan Synod at S. Jude's, Mapperley.  
May 16 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union.  
8.00 p.m. Preliminary Meeting for Pilgrimage to Walsingham at Newark Parish Church.  
May 22 School Managers. 7.30 p.m.  
May 31 ASCENSION DAY

Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

#### LEADERS AND READINGS

##### May 6

- 1.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 25, 6-9  
(Ep.) Revelations 19, 6-9  
1.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 24  
(N.T.) John 21, 1-14
- Mrs. Cornell  
Mr.K.Finch  
Mr.H.Russell  
Mr. J.B.Guy

##### May 13

- 1.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 61, 1-11  
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15, 1-11  
1.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 33, 7-end  
(N.T.) John 21, 15-end
- Miss S.Marson  
Mr.D.Gould  
Mr.D.G.Carnell  
Mr.A.Curtis

##### May 20

- 1.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 62, 1-12  
(Ep.) Revelations 3, 14-22  
1.30 p.m. (O.T.) Exodus 35,30 - 36,1  
(N.T.) Luke 16, 19-end
- Mrs. Reid  
Mr.G.Stobbs  
Miss P.Stobbs  
Mr. M.Clarke

##### May 27

- 1.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 51, 1-16  
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15,22-28  
1.30 p.m. (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6  
(N.T.) Luke 10,38 - 11,13
- Mrs. K.Finch  
Mr.A.Curtis  
Mr.P.Blandy  
Mr.A.Reid

##### June 3

- 1.00 a.m. (O.T.) Daniel 7, 9-14  
(Ep.) Ephesians 1, 15-23  
1.30 p.m. (O.T.) Jeremiah 31, 1-13  
(N.T.) John 14, 1-4
- Miss Lucy Jones  
Mr.J.F.Ruff  
Miss Sarah Guy  
Dr.G.O.Brooks

##### June 10

- 1.00 a.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 6, 1-8  
(Ep.) Ephesians 1, 3-14  
1.30 p.m. (O.T.) Isaiah 40, 12-end  
(N.T.) 1 Peter 1, 3-12
- Miss Christine Price  
Mr.P.Slack  
Mr.K.Whittaker  
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# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

## ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

During the Easter Term S. Peter's School were shown a film and told the story of the Longhope Lifeboat Station. Class II were so impressed that they organised a collection at the school's end of term concert. On the last day of term, Linda Wilson of Class II presented the proceeds (£5.75) to the Chairman of the Nottingham District Branch of the R.N.L.I., who was invited to the school for this purpose.

The East Bridgford Lifeboat Guild and the Nottingham & District Branch both thank the school very sincerely for this welcome contribution to the work of the lifeboat service.

MORE THAN HALF OF ANGLICANS now live outside England. This fact emerges from mid-72 figures published by the Anglican Consultative Council. The totals are 65.4 million Anglicans, 16.5 million communicants, 560 bishops and 41,300 clergymen.

The following extracts from the membership table are of interest:

Australia	5,115,000	Kenya	780,000
Brazil	50,000	New Zealand	1,219,000
Burma	30,000	Scotland	156,000
Canada	2,877,000	S. Africa	1,870,000
C. Africa	300,000	S. America	150,000
Ceylon	78,000	S. E. Asia	250,000
Cuba	50,000	S. Pacific	260,000
England	32,500,000	Tanzania	572,000
Europe	100,000	Uganda	3,271,000
Ind. Ocean	60,000	U.S.A.	6,450,000
Ireland	480,000	Wales	1,247,000
Japan	150,000	W. Africa	5,420,000
Jerusalem Abp'ric	300,000	W. Indies	1,156,700

There has been a growth to 360 dioceses from the 47 dioceses and 4.2 million Anglicans in 1600.

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## NEWS SHEET

## June 1973

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

One of the most encouraging things in our parish life lately has been the growth of attendance at the Parish Eucharist. It is quite amazing and something to thank God for. The service itself is simple and dignified and the Series 2 form is used with three hymns and a short address. It seems to combine the two necessary ingredients of Christian worship - holiness and homeliness - for while the church building is the Temple of the most high God it is also our Father's House. It is good to have so much participation by the reading of the lessons by members of the congregation. It would be a fine thing if those who worship together could also be together after the service for Christian fellowship and building up of friendship. It is here at this point that we see the need of a building like a Parish Hall or Room where this could be done. The obvious place to have such a building would be in the Rectory garden. In some churches a part of the church building is used and this does obviate the proliferation of building in the local area. In East Bridgford we have a collection of buildings which are not frequently used, so the addition of another one ought to be seriously considered, but I have never had the experience before of being a parish priest without a Church Hall of some kind. At present the Mothers' Union meet in the Rectory and I am glad they are able to do this. The A.Y.P.A. meets in various houses, but by the kindness of Mrs. Jay is going to meet in her flat. All this needs a good deal of thought and will certainly be discussed by the P.C.C.

The Annual Meeting passed happily and we welcome the new members to the Parochial Church Council. We are sorry that Captain Jay and Mrs. Reid decided not to allow their names to go forward

for election, because they have been so faithful during the past year in working with the P.C.C. The first meeting of the new P.C.C. will be at the Rectory on Wednesday June 13 at 8 p.m. We are now approaching S. Peter's Tide and this year on the day itself, June 29, in the evening we shall have the joy of Mr. Priestly and the A Capella Choir from Brunt's Grammar School. The service will be a Sung Eucharist and I hope we shall have a large congregation.

St. Peter is an encouraging patron saint, because he was so human and yet so enthusiastic for Christ. He was very much like all of us, up and down, sometimes keen and faithful, sometimes afraid and faithless. Nevertheless, as we say, he made it and we can do the same if we have his faith and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are so pleased to hear that Stephen Backhouse and Helen Cornell are recovering from the accident which was so overwhelming. We shared in their anxiety and that of their families by prayer in church. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the meeting place of all who need God's grace and comfort. We assure those who have been bereaved of our sympathy and we wish Michael Blagg and his wife Mollie every blessing as they begin their life together.

To all who are going on holiday in June we offer our good wishes and hope that they will return refreshed to their homes.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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HOLY MATRIMONY

May 12 Michael Blagg and Mollie Elizabeth Buckley

R.I.P.

May 1

George Bateman

May 25

Sybil Marjorie Crossland

## PENTECOST

Although our holiday habits have changed and the Bank holiday is the last Monday in May, for Christians this year Sunday June 10 will be Whitsunday or Pentecost and we shall be keeping feast day in honour of the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. Whitsunday or Pentecost is the day when we think of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and how a body of weak men were transformed into courageous missionaries for Christ. Especially was this the case with S. Peter our Patron, who spoke of Jesus and the Resurrection to a crowd of people in Jerusalem who must have known of his cowardice on Good Friday. I am sure that the power and virtue all Christians should have in these days is COURAGE. I looked the word up in the Chambers Dictionary and found this definition - "the quality that enables men to meet danger without giving way to fear". But the word which describes the gift of the Holy Spirit is FORTITUDE or SPIRITUAL (old English Ghostly) STRENGTH. All of us who have been confirmed have this great and glorious gift and so let us use it. Boys and girls at school, men and women at work and in the home must be prepared to be courageous and follow the way of Christ without fear. Sometimes God the Holy Spirit calls a Christian boy or girl to be especially courageous and to respond to the call of God to be a priest, or a nurse, or a monk or a nun, or a missionary, but, whatever the call may be, if God calls He enables. When I was ordained priest in 1931 the Bishop wrote in the Bible he gave me "1 Thessalonians 5.24 - Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" or in the Jerusalem Bible "God has called you and He will not fail you".

B.M.

## READERS AND READINGS

### June 3

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Daniel 7, 9-14	Miss Lucy Jones
	Ep. Ephesians 1, 15-23	Mr. J.F. Ruff
4.30 p.m.	O.T. Jeremiah 31, 1-13	Miss Sara Guy
	N.T. John 14, 1-14	Dr. G.O. Brooks

### June 10

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Joel 2, 23-29	Mrs. J. Finch
	Ep. Acts 2, 1-11	Mr. P. Slack
4.30 p.m.	O.T. Isaiah 11, 1-9	Mr. Whittaker
	N.T. Romans 8, 18-end	Capt. A. Jay

### June 17

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Isaiah 6, 1-8	Miss M. Cornell
	Ep. Ephesians 1, 3-14	Mr. T. Ashton
4.30 p.m.	O.T. Isaiah 40, 12-end	Mr. G.D. Carnell
	N.T. 1 Peter 1, 3-12	Mr. D. Gould

### June 24

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Isaiah 14, 1-5	Miss P. Stobbs
	Ep. Galatians 3, 23-29	Mr. A. Curtis
4.30 p.m.	O.T. Malachi 4	Dr. G.O. Brooks
	N.T. Matthew 11, 2-19	Mr. P. Blandy

### July 1

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Deuteronomy 6, 17-25	Miss S. Marson
	Ep. Romans 6, 1-11	Mr. J. Guy
4.30 p.m.	O.T. Ezekiel 9	Mr. K. Finch
	N.T. Acts 2, 37-end	Mr. A. Reid

### July 8

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Deuteronomy 7, 1-11	Miss P. Marson
	Ep. Galatians 3, 26-47	Mr. G. Stobbs
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Hosea 14	Mr. J.F. Ruff
	N.T. Acts 2, 22-end	Mr. H. Russell

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SPECIAL CONSTABLE If any man living in East Bridgford is interested in becoming a Special Constable, he is invited to contact the Binham Police Station.



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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - 29 April 1973

Mr. J.F. Hunt and Mr. G.T. Stobbs were re-elected as Churchwardens.

Mr. A.J. Sainsbury and Mr. P.H. Blandy were re-elected as Deanery Synod Representatives.

The Sidesmen elected were Dr. Brooks, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Hand, Capt. Jay, Mr. Marriott, Mr. Reid and Mr. Whittaker.

Parochial Church Council - Mesdames Brooks, Clarke, Cornell, Dunsmore, Gibson, J.F. Jones and Slack, Messrs. Ashton, Clarke, Curtis, Finch, Guy, Hand, Reid, Ruff, Payne, Whittaker and Wilkins

N.B. The first meeting of the new Council will be held at the Rectory on Wednesday June 13 at 8 p.m.

THE KING EDWARD CLUB held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 22 May. Officers elected were:

President	Dr. G.O. Brooks
Secretary and Treasurer	Mr. L. Hand
Auditor	Mr. M. Whyley
Games Secretary	Mr. L. Johnson

Anyone interested in Billiards or Snooker are cordially invited to become members - more players are needed in this section. The Club also wishes it to be known that they run a Cash Bingo every Monday evening at 8 p.m. and anyone who would like to come along and spend an enjoyable evening at the Club (rear of the Village Hall) would be very welcome.

THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION. The Parish Council has entered the village for this competition; the preliminary judging is at the end of June and short-listed villages are assessed finally in late July or early August. The appearance and

condition of the Village Hall, playing field, school, churchyard and 'bus shelters, for example, carry high marks. The tidy state of grass verges outside houses, fences, hedges, and gardens all score points. Out of date and untidily arranged posters lose points. The Parish Council asks for the cooperation of all parishioners, not only for the sake of the competition but also to make the village even more pleasant to live in.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Mons says:- June is an important month for our church and village because on June 29 we celebrate S. Peter's Day, S. Peter being the patron of our church and school. On June 30 we have the village show and feast day. This reminds us that many years ago celebrations like feast days were connected with events in the Church's calendar. By the way I do hope you will all try to enter some of the things you have made in the show.

1. Peter was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. This month's competition is all about the disciples. It is for children under 12 years old. Send or take your answers to Mons, 8 Brickyard Lane, East Bridgford before June 18. So go and find your Bible or New Testament and off we go:

1. Who was the first disciple to follow Jesus?  
(S.John chapter 1 verse 40)
2. Which disciple was a tax collector?(S.Matt.9 v.9)
3. Which disciple was not present when Jesus appeared to them after the Resurrection?(S.John 20 v.24)
4. Which disciples went with Jesus into the house of Jairus when his daughter was ill?(S.Mark 5 v.37)
5. Which disciple betrayed Jesus? (S.Matt.26 vv14-16)
6. Who was S.Peter's brother? (S.John 1 v.41)
7. What did S.Peter do when Jesus was arrested?  
(S.John 18 v.10)
8. What did Peter do for the man at the Beautiful Gate?(Acts 3 vv 6 & 7)

Goodbye till next month,  
Mons.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 5 3 p.m. Moral Welfare Gift Service at Southwell Minster.
- June 6 8 p.m. Fashion Show organised by the Friends of East Bridgford School. Tickets 25p include coffee, children 14 and under 10p (At the School)
- June 13 8 p.m. Meeting of P.C.C. at Rectory.
- June 16 Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham.
- June 20 10 a.m. Mothers' Union Eucharist followed by outing to York.
- June 21 Corpus Christi. 7.30 a.m. Eucharist.
- June 23 U.S.P.G. Summer Festival at Edwalton Church, Preacher Bishop Paul Burrough of Rhodesia.
- June 24 6.30 p.m. Feast Service. Preacher The Archdeacon of Nottingham.
- June 29 S.PETER'S DAY. 7.30 a.m. Eucharist  
7.30 p.m. The Eucharist sung by the A Capella Choir from Brunts Grammar School.
- July 1 - 8 Rector away.
- July 10 Rector preaches at Westminster Abbey for Bahaman Independence Service at 10.45 a.m.

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE celebrates the 90th anniversary of its foundation in June, having been founded in 1883 from a Sunday School by the late Sir W.A.Smith. The Christian Education Committee of the Nottingham Battalion have arranged an Evening of "Music in Worship" at S.Nicholas's Church, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, on Thursday June 7 at 7.30 p.m. It will be conducted by Mr. D.R. West, Training Officer for England and Wales.

The indoor meetings at East Bridgford have ended for the session.

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ANY DECORATING NEEDING TO BE DONE? If so ring Peter Cartledge, Painter and Decorator, East Stoke 471.

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

July is a holiday month and I hope all who can will be able to have a holiday and get a change from the ordinary run of things. This is better for ourselves and also for the people with whom we come in contact. I commend to you some words of our Bishop on Integrity in Public Life and also the words of a Parish Priest whom I have known for many years. I believe that both will repay serious attention. I wonder whether the witness we older ones show to our younger people is as good as it might be. It is a source of tremendous joy to me to see our young people coming so well to Holy Communion. Some are accompanied by their parents, some are not. Let us remember that the family which prays together stays together. We need to realise that individual witness is not sufficient; a corporate witness of family and Church is much more effective.

David Holland will be leaving us soon with the family to go to Retford. What a loss to us will David's going be! He has been a wonderfully faithful server and choirboy and regular communicant. His leaving means that Russell is our only server. I should like to appoint some more from our young people, so think it over. A volunteer is much better than one who has to be pushed.

The AYPA meets regularly under the leadership of Mrs. Janet Cornell and with the kindness of Mrs. Jay at the Flat. On July 12 we are having a special speaker, Mrs. Robertson from the Diocesan Board of Moral Welfare, and she will speak to members on 'Sex and personal relationships'. Mrs. Robertson is a very committed Christian and has great ability and compassion.

As Chairman of the Management Committee of the Youth Club I was delighted at the appointment of Mr. Frank Smith from Straws Lane as Youth Leader. He is exactly the right person and I hope will receive much support.

I shall be away for two Sundays in July and I am grateful to visiting priests and Mr. Michael Clarke for help with the services.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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## MIRFIELD

The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield, Yorkshire, have an open on July 14 called Commemoration Day. This has been going on for as long as I can remember and draws over 5,000. Anybody interested can get details from the Rector.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Sister Joyce of the Community of S. Lawrence, Belper, will speak to the Mothers' Union at the Rectory on July 18 at 2.30 p.m. She will talk about the life of a Religious Sister.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on Friday July 20 at 8 p.m. at the Rectory. The last meeting went on until 10 p.m. and members were conscious that there was not enough time for the important matters discussed, such as - Should women be priests?, Do we need a Parish Hall?, Should we move from Series 2 to Series 3? Perhaps the solution might be a monthly meeting.

## CALLING ALL PARENTS

Please show your children the special section for them later in this News Sheet.

THE BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION is holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 1st August from 10.30 to 12.30, at the Hawthorns, Brown's Lane. Admission 10p including coffee. Please come and bring your friends.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB enjoyed an afternoon as guests of the Bowling Club.

AND A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -

A JUMBLE SALE, CAKE STALL and 'NEARLY NEW' CLOTHING STALL will be held in the W.I. Hut on Saturday 7th July, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Admission 3p. All proceeds in aid of the Friendship Club. Any saleable goods will be welcomed by Mrs. Lodder, the Post Office, or Mrs. Russell, The Barn. Mrs. Russell (Tel. 262) will arrange collections if required.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

A beech tree will be planted at Feldon Lodge, the Boys' Brigade Training School to commemorate the 50th year of the 24th Nottingham Company. It will be planted by Mr. D. West, the Brigade's Training Officer, who is an Old Boy of the 8th Nottingham, West Bridgford Company.

There was an obituary notice in the Boys' Brigade Gazette for Group Captain His Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Beandon, Brigade Honorary President and Treasurer. His work for the Boys' Brigade will be remembered with gratitude. We remember him as O.C. of R.A.F. Newton during the war.

BISHOP URGES NEED FOR INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC LIFE

"It is vital that there should be a widespread confidence in the administration of our public affairs", the Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. Denis Wakeling, told the distinguished congregation at the third annual Judges' Service held in Southwell Minster on 19th June in commemoration of the Queen's Birthday.

The service was attended by Mr. Justice Ashworth and Judges T.R.Heald and A.R.M.Ellis, and civic leaders and clerks from most of the local authorities in the county. It had been arranged by the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Mr. A.C. H.H.Scott, who read the lesson. The collection was in aid of the Minster overseas project to provide 1000 Bibles for Czechoslovakia.

"We are witnessing at the moment," said the Bishop, "a sorry raking over in public of the shortcomings of men in prominent positions in this country and across the Atlantic. Standards of personal and political behaviour have been revealed which have shocked us. It is not that men have fallen short of the standards of integrity which we expect that causes the most dismay, but the fact that attempts have been made to cover up and hide from the public the real state of affairs that exists.

"Where there is any attempt to hide or cover things up, then lack of confidence builds up, and where people are kept in the dark they rightly cease to trust those in authority; and where there is no trust, there is no support.

"Does a man's private life matter so far as his public life is concerned? Without question, there can be no double standard, one for public and the other for private life. There must be no double vision, no moral astigmatism whereby a man can say 'It doesn't matter what sort of a man I am, provided I do no public harm'. It is not by a man's efforts but by his intrinsic character that his life develops.

"The first requirement in public life if there is to be confidence in the administration of our affairs, is that of personal integrity on the part of each of us. There must be nothing in us to hide. God knows that through the frailty of human nature all of us, even bishops, fail at

times, but failure is not damaging to integrity; it is the condoning of failure, and the attempt to deny it or hide it. Individually we must be men and women of openness and integrity. Such people inspire confidence.

"The second point I want to make is posed by the question: 'Whose good are we seeking? The good of ourselves and our friends, or the general good?' Confidence in public life comes from our being party but not partisan. It is where any party seeks to be partisan in its aims and actions and to use the opportunities of power to acquire benefits for itself and its own folk at the expense of the general good, that the way of evil lies. I believe that we in this country have become much more aware of the selfishness that can corrupt political life, and we long for unselfish and fair government.

"I doubt whether there is a more important issue for the new councils of this country to deal with than that of the right use of the party system in political life. If we are to have confidence in those who govern us, there must be no partisan policies.

"Confidence grows where participation by all and sundry is allowed. Government must not be remote, but involve us all. The more decisions that we can all be involved in, the less chance there is of fear building up that 'They up there' don't care about 'us down here'.

"The secret of our achieving happiness in the very complicated industrial society in which we are caught up, is that all of us must be allowed to share in the decision-making; all of us must be allowed to share responsibility; all of us indeed must be ready to share responsibility and to be trusted when we do our part.

"It is the very heart of the Christian religion that Christ lives in the lives of his followers.

The ordinary Christian exists to represent Christ in his local situation, indeed to be Christ in his local situation. That is the responsibility and the trust committed to each one of us. Confidence in the administration requires appropriate participation by all, and mutual trust which must be earned and given.

"Let us pray and work for a society which is light and not dark, where confidence replaces fear and each man is encouraged to live out his life responsibly and with integrity. In this way we follow Christ and in this way we establish his kingdom in our midst."

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#### HOW SERIOUSLY DO WE TAKE OUR RELIGION?

By a Parish Priest

When one reads missionary newspapers and other periodicals, we might get the impression that Christ's command on Ascension Day is being carried out effectively and efficiently. Nothing could be further from the truth. I suppose that in our parishes when we raise £15 for some missionary project we sit back and glow with satisfaction because we have "done our bit". A job well done. I repeat, nothing could be further from the truth. We live in a world where a population explosion is taking place.

Take India as an example. There are 570 million people living in that sub-continent, and the population is still growing. As in many other countries of the world, Christian evangelism in India is making little headway. In fact it would be nearer the mark to say that it is losing ground fast.

Where does the fault lie for all this? In the last place where we all look. In the average Christian like you and me. Until we take the teaching of our Lord seriously and practice it to the full in our own lives the work of

proclaiming Christ to the world will go by default. We need to remember a saying of Jesus in the Gospel of S. Luke, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me". In our parishes and in the lives of the average churchgoer, is this command of Our Lord taken seriously? We know it isn't. Our lives are dominated by the spirit of SELF, not by the spirit of SELF-SACRIFICE. Before we ask people whether they come to church, may we ask another question - "Are they fully committed Christians? Just saying, "I am C of E" doesn't make one into a committed Christian. The Trinity many of us worship isn't Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is EASE, LUXURY, AND AFFLUENCE. The Church of England to-day is full of people who offer a token commitment to Our Lord and His Church. This is as far as it goes. The saying of Jesus I have quoted from the gospel of S. Luke is far more searching.

We all know about the people in this country and overseas who are completely dedicated in the cause of making the Gospel known. In an age of specialisation it is tempting to think of the Church's work in this way. It becomes the business of the clergy and other people we dub "fanatics". This is the greatest mistake of all. In Baptism we were all signed with the Cross which makes us messengers of the Gospel - all of us. If there are specialists, then we are all specialists. This is our vocation simply because we are Christians.

So, we want to change the world and bring Christ's power and love into the lives of millions who have never known it. This means being changed ourselves first. Only God can do that. Only God can put into us a new spirit of unselfish and sacrificial giving. Too often the Christian Faith is a plaything or a hobby which we discard when we leave school, or when something upsets us. This is where the big change must take place. This is where commitment must take the place of self-

ishness and greed. The work of conversion must begin at home in us, if it is to be taken and given to the rest of the world in obedience to Our Lord's command on Ascension Day. It will not come about simply by your priest writing a letter in the parish magazine. It will only come about when all those who claim to be Christian reject the modern form of the Blessed Trinity, EASE, LUXURY AND AFFLUENCE, and embrace the true one - FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. On the Day of Judgment I can imagine the Church of England professing solemnly, "We reformed our liturgy into Series 1, 2 and 3, (perhaps one million and three by then) and we changed our form of church government. We used all the new translations of the Scriptures and every kind of trendy gimmick to hand." And I can hear the voice of the Lord asking, "Yes, but did you attempt to evangelise the world, as I commanded?".

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL meeting on 13 June turned out to be a long one, as mentioned earlier in this News Sheet. Several of the items could have formed a complete Agenda in themselves.

After dealing with tree planting in the churchyard and the state of the accounts, the Council decided to make a donation towards the presentation to be made to Mr. T.E. Hyde who is retiring from his post as Secretary to the Diocesan Board of Finance in which he has served the Diocese well for 17 years. It was also decided to make a small contribution towards the expenses of the U.S.P.G, South Notts Association, and some arrangements were made for the visit of the Brunts School Choir on 29th June.

Mr. Blandy and the Rector reported on items which had been raised at the Diocesan Synod on 12 May. These items included the Order of Deaconesses, the increased use which the Church should make of local radio and other modern media, house for clergy in retirement, the repair of beneficed buildings, the three year part-time course for

Ordinands which has recently been started, the Auxiliary Ministry, and the question of whether women should become priests. The Council discussed some of these matters without coming to any momentous decisions about them.

On the subject of the electric wiring in the church a decision was certainly reached. The present wiring is probably not safe and the Council agreed that re-wiring should take place quickly, that improved light fittings should be installed in the chancel, and that a heating arrangement should be provided just inside the south door to prevent cold air coming into the church. It was also agreed to fit some screening doors in the choir vestry under the tower, so as to make conditions somewhat better for the choir when robing and also to prevent the rush of cold air into the church from the western door. Tenders were accepted for these items.

Another important item for discussion was whether there should be a Church Hall to provide a focal point for church social activities, meetings, etc., a facility which is very much missed at the present time. A small group formed to give some detailed thought to this, the group being the Churchwardens, Mrs. Cornell Mr. Curtis and Mr. Reid.

Should we proceed from Series 2 to Series 3 for our Communion Services? Opinions were clearly divided on this issue, but most agreed that a fair conclusion could only be reached after having had some experience of the use of Series 3. It would therefore be helpful if the new service could be used for a few Sundays and then discussed afterwards. Accordingly it was agreed that Series 3 should be used as an experiment in the 9 a.m. services on Sundays during September.

Several items of 'Any Other Business' crowded in at the end of a long evening, but the guillotine had to be applied and proceedings brought to a late conclusion.

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Mons says -

Congratulations to Claire Gould and Alice Gould who answered all the questions in the June Competition correctly. Let us have a lot more entries this month.

I expect you will be having your Sports day soon. No doubt you will want to win the races you are in. Remember, though, that a good sportsman or sportswoman is never bitter or jealous if he or she loses.

S. Paul wrote about a Sports Day. He told us that life is like a race. But the prize is not only for the first to the finishing tape. It is for all who finish the course, and it is the way we run that counts. It is not an easy race, it is so hard that we need help and the help we need to run our lives properly comes from Jesus.

I hope you enjoy your Sports Day when it comes and that you win or lose like true sportsmen.

Now for our competition for the under-twelves. Sort out the message below which is in code. Write it out in coloured lettering on a card, add a pattern or a picture, don't forget to put your name on and deliver it to me, Mons, 8 Brickyard Lane, by July 20th.

Goodbye 'til next month,

Mons.

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

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6.30 p.m.	O.T. Hosea 14	Mr. J.F. Ruff
	N.T. Acts 2, 22 - end	Mr. H. Russell

### July 15

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Exodus 20, 1-17	Miss Sarah (Jay)
	Ep. Ephesians 5, 1-10	Mr. J.F. Ruff
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Joel 2, 1-14	Mrs. Jones
	N.T. Acts 3, 1-16	Capt. Jay

### S. Mary Magdalene - July 22

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Zephaniah 3, 14-20	Mrs. J. Finch
	Ep. 2 Corinthians 5, 14-17	Dr. G.O. Brooks
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Zephaniah 3, 14-end	Miss M. Cornish
	N.T. Mark 15, 40-16, 7	Mr. D. Gould

### July 29

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Hosea 11, 1-9	Mr. T. Ashton
	Ep. 1 Corinthians 13, 1-13	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Zechariah 2	Miss S. Marwood
	N.T. Acts 6	Mr. A. Curtis

### August 5

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Ezekiel 36, 24-28	Miss P. Stobbs
	Ep. Galations 5, 16-25	Mr. G. Whittaker
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Exodus 24, 12-end	Mr. A. Reid
	N.T. Luke 9, 28-45	Mr. J. Guy

Eve of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

June 2 John Richard Selby and Penny (May Corbett) Sands.

June 23 David Redden and Eunice Ann Bateman.

We wish John and Penny, and David and Eunice Ann every joy and blessing in their married life.

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear People,

At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council on July 20 we had a good discussion about the possibility of a Church Hall on the Rectory site. There was a real sense of agreement on the desirability of having such a place of meeting and it would be of great value for building up the sense of family and fellowship in our congregation. It would be useful as a place for the meetings of Mothers' Union, Sunday School, A.Y.P.A., Parochial Church Council and for the congregation to meet each other after the Parish Eucharist and on other occasions. If the parish is going to grow as is expected in population, the Church must be ready to welcome more and more people into its fellowship. It is difficult to see how this can be done without a Church Hall or Parish Room. Of course, the great question is the cost and the figure mentioned is £10,000 - a large sum but not impossible in a parish like East Bridgford. I have already had a firm promise of £1,000 as a gift for the building of the Hall. Have we got others who are prepared to give generously for such a project? I shall be grateful to receive from anybody who can sufficiently a firm promise to make a gift for the building. Such a promise would make it possible for us to assess the possibility of going ahead. Of course, people's circumstances are all different. Some can give more, some can give less. The main thing is for us to know of the firm support of our people who are prepared to commit themselves. If you are one of these, will you please let me know privately and in confidence what you can definitely promise. Such a promise I hope will reach me before September 29. If by that time it is clear that there is sufficient enthusiasm and monetary support we shall go ahead - but not until we are sure of £10,000 !

The visit of the Brunts Grammar School A Capelle choir was delightful in every way. We entertained them to tea at the Rectory, they had a rehearsal at 6.30 and then we had the Eucharist of S. Peter's Day. The music was quite lovely and there was a good congregation. I myself value this link with the School very much and the Headmaster, Miss Gabrielle Lester and the choir are looking forward to a visit in 1974.

I enjoyed my visit to Westminster Abbey for the Bahamas Independence Service on July 10. I had the privilege of staying with the Dean at the Deanery, a delightful and historic house. The service was quite glorious and it would be impossible to describe the majesty and glory of the music, especially the trumpets which were used at various parts of the service. The Duke of Kent was there representing Her Majesty and did his part with grace and dignity. He, like most of the Royal Family, is a keen member of the Church and we are certainly blessed in having a Queen and Royal Family which give us such a lead in the things which really matter. I hear from friends in Nassau that the Prince of Wales made a great impression by his royal enthusiasm at the Independence ceremonies in the Bahamas.

We congratulate Mr. Garth Powell and his wife on their wedding and we pray that they may be truly blessed in their life together. Just a few days before the end of term, Mr. Powell received some delightful and useful gifts for his new home from the teachers and scholars at the school.

We wish Mr. Frank Smith every blessing as he begins his work as Leader of the Youth Club. He lives in Straws Lane and already a real transformation has taken place and there is a new spirit in the Youth Club.

You will remember that I wondered early in this year about the Baptism of children in East

Bridgford. Actually I baptised two children in July and I hope to baptise another baby in August. What an important thing baptism is! It is the beginning of our new life as children of God and members of His Church. When we are baptised we 'put on' Christ or rather God does this for us because so much of our religion is given not achieved. That is the main reason for Infant Baptism. God, so to speak, gets there first and by His Act not our own (because we are just babies) He takes us into the family of His Church. This means of course that Baptism is the beginning not the end and that is why godparents should take their duties seriously, and help in every way, and not least by their example, to see that their godchild is indeed brought up to live the Christian life in the worshipping body of the Church.

I shall be glad to receive the names of any who wish to be prepared for Confirmation and Holy Communion in the near future.

On the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 we have a Family service. This is particularly useful for parents with very young children. The Sunday School children come and take a very large part in the service, but the service is particularly valuable as an introduction for young children to the worship of the Church. We are always delighted to see parents with their children at this service.

Every Blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

#### ABOUT PRAYER

A small boy was struggling up a steep hill with another little boy on his back. A passing stranger remarked, "Well, Sonny, you have got a burden to carry!" Back came the reply, "That's not a burden, that's my brother!"

What a difference love makes in human relationships! When superhuman demands are laid upon those who seem least able to bear them, they come through, buoyed up by an inner strength. Here is a quotation I like; it comes from "The Paradise of the Fathers":

'A certain old man used to say, "It is right for a man to take up the burden for those who are near him..... and, so to speak, to put his own soul in the place of that of his neighbour, and to become, if it were possible, a double man; and he must suffer and mourn with him and finally the matter must be accounted by him as if he himself had put on the actual body of his neighbour.....acquired his countenance and soul, and he must suffer for him as he would for himself. For thus it is written, We are all one body".'

Only Jesus Christ has so perfectly neighboured all the world, for through incarnation, God in Christ has acquired our countenance and soul and suffered for us and made us members of his Body.

Something of his incarnation must be mirrored in us if we are to be his disciples. To put ourselves out for others may be the most difficult thing we are ever called upon to do. It is only by God's love and grace that we can, in any real sense, put ourselves out.

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The above meditation is called 'Incarnation' and it comes from a little notebook put together

by Canon Lindesay Godfrey, who for some years has written regular Prayer Leaflets for the members of the Leicester Diocesan Prayer Fellowship. The notebook, called "About Prayer", is a collection of 91 of these leaflets. Each of them is a little gem of distilled wisdom and they are full of thought-provoking quotations from a wide range of authors. Each one is brief and simple and they form a useful, not to say delightful, aid to meditative prayer. Copies may be obtained (price 30p) from Canon F.L. Godfrey, Forest End, Swithland, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8TH. The proceeds of the book go to Christian Aid. Canon Godfrey, who is Canon Missioner in the Anglican Diocese of Leicester, is also Diocesan A.P.R. Secretary.

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 19th July when it was reported that there had been a surplus of £53 for the past season. The Club is pleased to announce that all matches will now be played at Bull Close again.

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#### PAINTING AND DECORATING

Peter Cartledge would be pleased to give advice and a quotation for your Painting and Decorating work. Telephone him at East Stoke 471.

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#### CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Mons says:-

Congratulations to code-breaker Verity James who won the July Competition. I do hope everybody will have a go this time as there will be two prizes, one for the best entry by someone under eight, and another for the eights to elevens.

I expect that most of you will be going to the seaside in the next few weeks. Jesus spent quite a lot of time at the seaside, by the Sea of Galilee. In fact he once sat in a boat near the shore telling a story to people sitting on the shore. Find out why he was in the boat by reading S. Mark chapter 3 verses 7 to 10.

So the seaside is the theme of this month's competition. I want you to paint a picture of the seaside as you have seen it when on holiday. Your picture must measure at least 12 ins. by 9 ins. (i.e. sketch-pad size or larger). Remember to write your name, age and address on the back. Your entry must reach me at 8 Brickyard Lane on or before August 20th.

Mons.

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#### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION

The East Bridgford Ladies' Lifeboat Guild invites you to

#### A SUMMER SERENADE

at the Village Hall on Thursday 30th August.

Come at: 7.30 p.m. for MUSIC, or join us at  
8.30 p.m. for CHEESE, WINE, A LIFE-BOAT  
FILM and COMPETITIONS.

Enjoy an unusual evening in support of the Life-boat Service. Tickets only 50p from:  
Mrs Latty, 16 Kneeton Road, Mrs. Jay, 21 Main Street, or at the door.

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9.00 a.m. O.T. Joshua 1, 1-9  
Ep. Ephesians 6,10-18a  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Jonah 1 and 2  
N.T. Acts 8, 26-39

Miss Lucy Jones  
Mr. J.F. Ruff  
Miss Sarah Guy  
Dr. G.O. Brown

### August 19

9.00 a.m. O.T. Job 42, 1-6  
Ep. Paul 2, 1-13  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Jonah 3 and 4  
N.T. Acts 11, 1-18

Miss P. Stobbs  
Mr. P. Slack  
Mr. A. Curtis  
Mr. H. Russell

### August 26

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 42, 1-12  
Ep. 2 Corinthians 4,1-10  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Proverbs 1, 20 - end  
N.T. Acts 15, 1-31

Miss C. Price  
Mr. J. Guy  
Miss J. Price  
Capt. A. Jay

### September 2

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 49, 1-13  
Ep. 2 Corinthians 5,14-6,2  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Proverbs 8, 1-17  
N.T. Matthew 4,23 - 5,20

Miss S. Marshall  
Mr. A. Reid  
Mr. K. Finch  
Mr. P. Blandy

### September 9

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 50, 4-11  
Ep. 1 Peter 4, 12-19  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Proverbs 8, 1,22-end  
N.T. Matthew 5, 21 - end

Miss M. Cornell  
Mr. G. Stobbs  
Mrs. Jones  
Mr. T. Ashton

## HOLY BAPTISM

July 15 Scott Paul, son of Christopher Eric and Susan May BROWNSON.

Jonathon Paul, son of Frederick Alan and Maureen Ada Edith AMPHLETT

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I write this when quite a lot of our regular worshippers are away or going on holiday. It is the first time since I came that both Churchwardens will be away. Of course, sidesmen step into the breach, but we might reflect once in a while how much we owe to the faithfulness and devotion to the Church of Fred Hunt and Gordon Stobbs. To me personally they have been a great help and I know that we appreciate all they do for us. Michael Clarke has been accepted from the start as our Reader and I am delighted by his keenness and readiness to help.

During September we shall for a month 'try out' the new Liturgy called Series 3. I am sure we are right to do this. I know that many of you have grown to like Series 2 and it is amazing to see how well it has been accepted. This is a clear answer to those who think that we at S. Peter's are people of closed minds and hearts. But we have been asked by the Church through the Bishops and Synods to try Series 3.

What are the differences -

- (1) In Series 3 we address God as 'You', not 'Thou'
- (2) We say the Creed in the plural - not 'I believe' but 'We believe'.
- (3) There is more participation by the laity, e.g. the acclamation after the Consecration.
- (4) The Liturgy is more ecumenical in that it is akin to other liturgies which are being used in other Christian Churches.
- (5) There is a great deal more variety in regard to the observance of festivals and seasons

Each Sunday in September and on weekdays we shall use Series 3 and then in October take stock and find out where we stand as a congregation. It ought to be realised that, at first Series 2 was regarded as a temporary form of the Eucharist in the transit from the 1662 service to Series 3.

I wrote last month about the possibility of a Church Hall or Room. I have spoken to quite a number of people and there is one impression I get and it is this - that while I think the majority of members of the Parochial Church Council are in favour of trying to build the Hall, we shall not have the support of quite a number of people whose support we should like to have. Some people think there are sufficient meeting places in the Village, some people feel that we shall be separating ourselves from the rest of the Village, but the crux of the matter is that none of the arguments takes into account two things - one is that the Church is the family of people who worship regularly in the name of Jesus and therefore may reasonably have a place to meet for social and friendly gatherings, and the other is that, as the population of East Bridgford grows as it certainly will do, we at S. Peter's are not equipped for that forward movement in our Church fellowship which will be so essential.

At present the A.Y.P.A. meet in Capt. and Mrs. Jay's loft, the Mothers' Union and the P.C.C. at the Rectory, and the Sunday School in the School. As these organisations grow in importance and influence it is desirable that they should have one place to meet which belongs to them. If we carry on as we do now, we are in danger of dissipating our energies. I think also that we ought to be quite frank and admit that the Village of East Bridgford is not a unity. It is already like a small town and is more of a

neighborhood than a community. The Women's Institute, I'm glad to say does succeed in drawing women together from parts of the Village, but that does not mean that there is no need for a strong Church life for those who, while taking part in village life, want to strengthen their Christian Fellowship. I hope that we shall be able to express an opinion to each other openly and charitably and then come to the right decision.

Every blessing,

+ Bernard Markham

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#### THE CHURCH OVERSEAS

Recently Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis of College Street, has gone out to teach at a High School on the island of Nevis in the diocese of Antigua in the West Indies. She has gone out as V.S.O. (Voluntary Service Overseas) and is not the representative of a Missionary Society except the Church. Elizabeth is a communicant and she represents the Church of Christ. I am delighted that she has volunteered in this way and I ask you to remember her in your prayers. I wonder how many of us know where Nevis is and could point it out on a map without a great deal of exploration!

B.M.

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#### HOLY BAPTISM

August 19. Gregory John Bernard, son of John Reginald and Diane Elizabeth Witham  
Jason Richard, son of Errol Geoffrey and Dianna Glenys Manchester

At the Baptism service we had a large congregation, I am glad to say, and I was delighted not only to baptise the babies but also to visit both houses afterwards and join in the celebrations of joy at

the entrance into the Church of these two boys. Manchester is a very well known East Bridgford name. Gregory Witham has already had an exciting history and was fostered by John and Diane almost from the death of their baby Gavin a year ago. But adoption did not become a fact until late July this year and so we could not have the Baptism until the formalities were completed. I feel very happy that Gregory has been given my Christian name and I pray that both of us may really have as much love for Jesus Christ as our great patron the Abbot S. Bernard who served God so wonderfully in the 12th Century. We also had a hymn at the Baptism played by our good friend and member of the Mothers' Union Mrs. Foster.

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#### MICHAELMAS

September 29th is the day of S. Michael and All Angels when we think of those spiritual beings who serve God and us in a different way from us. It seems good to realise that in the world there are spiritual beings who serve God directly and ourselves without the benefits and problems of a human body of flesh and blood. We are surrounded by so many spiritual beings, some good and some bad, but we do know that people like S. Michael are on the side of God. The Society of the Sacred Mission has from the beginning had the Angelic host as its patrons and so it is fitting that the final Eucharist at the great chapel should take place on September 29. After that, the Kelham fathers and brothers will go to new work at places like Milton Keynes, Sheffield and Lancaster. We thank God for all that the Society of the Sacred Mission has done through the years at Kelham and especially for training for the priesthood many young men who would have not been able to be trained because the lack of financial resources.

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THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB thanks all the helpers who made the Jumble Sale on 7th July such a success. Over £72 was raised - a splendid result.

(This item omitted in error from the August News Sheet).

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CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Mons says:-

Congratulations to Ruth and Andrew Carnell who won last month's competition with their lovely paintings of the seaside. You will be able to see them in church on the Sunday School board.

Don't you think we are very privileged to live in the country so that at this time of year we can see the crops ripening and being harvested, apples and plums ready for picking and the grass being cut for hay? When we see all these things it reminds us of how much God loves and cares for us in the way He provides everything we need.

Perhaps you would like to think about all this and then write a prayer thanking God for all He gives us (or if you are very young you could tell Mummy or Daddy your prayer and ask them to write it for you). I should like to see what you write so that perhaps some of your prayers could be used in church at harvest thanksgiving, so do please send me a copy. Send it to Mons, 8 Brickyard Lane, before September 20th if you can.

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A.Y.P.A.

A.Y.P.A. means the Anglican Young People's Association. During the early summer months about a dozen young people between the ages of eleven and seventeen have formed the East Bridgford branch of the A.Y.P.A. We are finding this an interesting and worthwhile venture. Plans are being made for future activities, including a 'Disco' and an outing to York. We need more membe...

to swell the ranks and increase and expand the Christian fellowship. We meet in Mrs. Jay's flat (Main Street) and our meetings will resume in September. To find out which night would be best for everyone, we shall hold a meeting on Thursday 13th September at 7.30 p.m. Come and join us and let's hear your ideas about running your own Christian activities. The more the merrier! If you want any further information before September please contact Miss A. Woodhead or Miss M. Cornell.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -  
7.30 a.m. Eucharist.
- Sept. 11 8.45 p.m. Rector shows pictures of the Bahamas at the Women's Institute.
- Sept. 19 10.00 a.m. Mothers' Union Eucharist and at 2.30 p.m. meeting in the Rectory.
- Sept. 21 S. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist -  
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.
- Sept. 29 S. Michael and All Angels -  
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.
- Sept. 30 6.30 p.m. Harvest Service at the Methodist Church. There will be no evening service at S. Peter's to enable all who can to join in the worship at the Methodist Church.
- Oct. 4 U.S.P.G. South Notts Association at Cotgrave. Eucharist followed by wine and cheese party at Cotgrave Rectory.

Please let the Rector know if you are coming and transport can be arranged. The wine and cheese party will be at a charge of 25p for U.S.P.G.

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FAREWELL - We bid farewell in September to our Rural Dean, the Revd. Alfred Wyatt. I shall miss him so much and have found him a delightful and kind colleague. I hope he will be very happy in retirement at Whittlesey near Peterborough. After the Deanery Synod on September 25 we shall make the official 'good-bye' to him.

B.M.



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### Sept. 16 - Trinity 13

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Leviticus 19, 9-18	Miss P. Marston
	Ep. Romans 12, 9-21	Mr. G. Whittaker
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Proverbs 14, 31 - 15, 17	Mrs. J. Cornett
	N.T. Matthew 6, 1-18	Mr. A. Reid

### Sept. 23 - Trinity 14

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Isaiah 54, 1-17	Miss S. Guy
	Ep. Ephesians 5, 21 - 6, 4	Mr. J. F. Ruff
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Daniel 12, 1-4	Mr. H. Russell
	N.T. Revelations 8, 1-6	Dr. G. O. Brooks

### Sept. 30 - Trinity 15

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Isaiah 45, 1-13	Miss S. Marston
	Ep. Romans 13, 1-13	Mr. K. Finch

No Evening Service

### October 6 - Trinity 16

9.00 a.m.	O.T. Deuteronomy 8, 3-10	Miss P. Stobbs
	Ep. 1 Timothy 6, 6-10	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 p.m.	O.T. Deuteronomy 26, 1-11	Capt. A. Jay
	N.T. John 4, 31-38	Mr. A. Curtis

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My dear people,

There are so many things to write about this month and I think the first is the Harvest. What a wonderful summer we have had and what a great harvest we have this year! There is so much to be thankful for. We shall welcome Canon Sheeran of Edwalton to preach on Sunday night October 7 for our Harvest. In addition we shall of course have the Eucharist at 8 and 9 in the morning. I hope that many will come and that those who have lapsed lately will return to worship God.

While we thank God for the Harvest, we must not forget those who are not so fortunate, especially in India and in Ethiopia and in Mali. In these places there has been terrible hunger and starvation. There is another important matter in which Christians must help in their prayers and thoughts and that is the fact that our entry into the Common Market has meant that the sugar trade with the Caribbean Commonwealth countries is in great peril. It will be terrible if, as a result of our entering the E.E.C., many of our former colonies are left literally high and dry. There is a campaign called Europe '73 which is drawing the attention of Members of Parliament to this possibility and any who wish to sign-in should get in touch with me.

The Bishop of the Diocese has asked me to arrange the Vigil of Prayer for Racial Harmony. This is a world wide action and it takes place on October 23 - 24. In Nottingham we shall begin at 8 p.m. on Oct. 23 at S. Stephen's, Sneinton, with a Eucharist, and then there will be continual prayer and various 'happenings' culminating in a great service at 12 midnight. It sounds a bit late for us in East Bridgford,

but I hope we shall support it. Harmony between the races of the world is not only desirable but essential if there is going to be real peace.

On October 14 we shall remember in our prayers the work of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. October 18 is S. Luke's Day and this has been closely connected with the work of Medical Missions because S. Luke was the beloved physician. The main object of our prayers should be for those who suffer through malnutrition partly because the natives in some countries are carried away by flash advertisements for things like Coca-cola. The U.S.P.G., by its doctors and nurses, helps people to give their children the right food. Please read 'Nuts to You' in this News Sheet.

We are asked on October 21 to think of the Education of our children with special reference to the work of our church day schools. I saw in the Bahamas how much we in England have to be thankful for in our education compared with what is provided for in the West Indies, but we must really support teachers and scholars by our prayers and interest.

On October 28 we are asked to pray for the work of MIND - an organisation which works for those who are mentally ill. We need as Christians to take seriously this question. It has always seemed to me that mental illness is one of the greatest trials that human nature is prone to have and I believe that Jesus has a particular message for those who suffer in this way. Much help can be given by psychiatry and we ought to pray for God's blessing on the work of Saxondale, but more and more prayer and interest is needed. There is something I would like you to read carefully in this edition of our parish News Sheet.

I am so glad the sales of the parish News Sheet

keep up so well, but we could sell more if we tried. We are very grateful to Mr. C. Wilkins who, in addition to editing the News Sheet, plays at the 9 o'clock Eucharist, and we are of course grateful to Mrs. Goddard and the choir who come so faithfully and help in the worship of the church. It was also refreshing to have Mr. David Fysh again to pay us a visit and help us with our church music.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

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#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Rector would like to see anybody who wishes to be prepared for Confirmation and Communion in order to arrange a suitable time for classes to begin.

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#### COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 8 p.m. Parochial Church Council at the Rectory.
- Oct. 4 U.S.P.G. Cheese and Wine Party at Cotgrave  
Tickets 25p from the Rector.
- Oct. 7 Harvest Festival
- Oct. 17 Mothers' Union - 10 a.m. Eucharist  
2.30 p.m. Meeting  
Additional Curates Society -  
Eucharist at 7.30 p.m. at Southwell  
followed by Cheeses and Wine Party.
- Oct. 21 Education prayers.
- Oct. 23-24 Vigil for Racial Harmony, S. Stephen's  
Sneinton.
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#### MOTHERS' UNION

At a meeting of the Mothers' Union on September 19, the following were admitted as members -

Mrs. Lucia Mellors, Mrs. Annie Ward, Mrs. Dawn Church, Mrs. Ruth Sheldrake, Miss Sylvia Wender (Associate).

The decision of the Mothers' Union to admit to membership divorced women who have remarried must lead in time to an entirely new impression of the Union, whose constitution so long resisted this. It will be variously received by members and by Church people generally.

When members were asked last winter for their views, the great majority favoured such a proposal, and at the recent crucial meeting of the General Council the vital motion was carried by 254 votes to 61, or more than 80%.

This undoubtedly reflects the widespread disquiet felt concerning the apparent anomaly of having what had become in most parishes the main women's organisation rigidly closed against those most calculated to be in need of understanding, compassion and Christian fellowship.

By opening its ranks to all women who have been baptised and declare their support for the objects of the society, the Mothers' Union may be seen in a kinder and less critical light. It will not on the other hand continue to be the staunch bulwark of marriage permanency which has served so firmly throughout its long existence. We cannot have it both ways, and it will remain to be seen whether this change is a forward or retrigrade measure.

Full details of all the Central Council decisions will be to hand later, but it is known that by a large majority Five Objects were accepted to replace the former Three:

1. To uphold our Lord's teaching on the nature of marriage.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in faith and life of the Church
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christian women, united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable homes and happy childhood.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

These are entirely commendable. It will also be clearly apparent that observance of the first of them must rest with the sincerity and conscience of each member rather on the automatic judgement of the Organisation.

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#### EUROPE '73 CAMPAIGN

Christian Aid supporters and sympathisers who were among the pioneers of the great 1969 Christmas Sign-In have an opportunity this autumn to lend their weight to a new petition to M.P.'s.

The 1969 campaign secured a million signatures to a Declaration which called upon the Government for more generous and more equitable aid and trade policies. The new campaign is directed towards the European Economic Community of which Britain is now a member.

Organised by the World Development Movement - whose origin and growth was stimulated by the 1969 campaign and other initiatives by Christian Aid and the Churches - this new drive for more enlightened relationships with poor countries is called "Europe '73 Campaign".

Already representatives have lobbied the E.E.C. Commissioners in Brussels. British campaigners linking up with groups from other Common Market countries. And on the specific issue of sugar, British Members of Parliament have been involved

in pressing the case for recognising the economic dependence of Commonwealth producers on their exports to the U.K. - threatened by Britain's Common Market membership.

One of the key issues by Britain's new commitment to the E.E.C. is the intention of the Common Agricultural Policy to make the Community self-sufficient in food production by means of high tariffs against imports.

The World Development Movement makes the point that advocates of Britain's entry into Europe claimed that as a nation we would be able to do much more to help the developing world, but already there are signs that poor countries will be lucky if they do not find themselves worse rather than better off.

Leaflets, posters and other materials are being prepared. During a special 'Third World Week' (November 25 - December 2) the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at an ecumenical service in St. Paul's Cathedral, Barbara Ward will speak in St. Mary-le-Bow, and the drive for signatures on a special petition will be launched in over 800 places.

The petition urges freer access for goods from developing countries, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, and an increase in official aid. Signatures collected will be presented publicly to M.P.'s by their constituents.

Further information about Europe '73 is available from the World Development Movement, Parnell House 25 Wilton Road, London S.W.1.

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#### CATHEDRALS - CHRISTIAN OR CHRISTLESS?

Cathedrals above all are symbols - symbols of what? Certainly they show the glory of God, His greatness, power and magnificence. The eternal splendour of the King of the Ages is preached in sermons in stone, shines in stained glass, is

worshipped in glorious music and solemn ceremony. In the Cathedral, the Lord Bishop, representing Church and State, authority and government, presides in his chair and blesses the established order, both ecclesiastical and secular, social and political, morals and manners and law.

And Christ? Is there any place in cathedrals for Him? Do they symbolise the suffering servant on a cross, the healer, lover and radical protester, the one unknown in the midst, despised and rejected of men, the carpenter from the working-class, the man Church and State, priest and political, had in the end to crush and do to death? Do these great buildings bring out all the wrong responses and prejudices in a critical, anti-authoritarian, revolutionary age?

Today, perhaps cathedrals force on us the question of God. For if God is real, Creator of the world, how shall He not be great, glorious and magnificent Lord and King, Father eternal and the Judge of the quick and the dead? The great question the Church must pose is not "What think ye of Christ?" but "Do we believe in God?" Shall Christians accept the Faith of the Creeds or be atheists who follow Jesus? If we see Jesus as a mere man and no more - howsoever great, radical, revolutionary and loving a man - cathedrals have no future. Even if we do come again to accept both sides of our Faith, the majesty of the Father and the humility of the Son, cathedrals may show only half of the Gospel, however eloquently they proclaim it. The glory of the cross would still need integration in stone and ceremony, in architecture and ritual, as much as in our hearts.

When Jesus comes, shall we find Him in the cathedral worshipping His Father?

(From an Article by David Attfield)

#### NUTS TO YOU

Nuts to you are the almonds in your chocolate, the walnuts on your cake, the salted peanuts in the tub, the last nobbly handful from your Christmas stocking. You feed them to the monkeys at the zoo, to the blue-tits in your garden. They are good for you - though to you they are only a tasty extra. You eat them between meals; and you eat so much else that you would hardly miss them from your diet.

In the developing countries life is short, and in some places half the children die before they are five. The high deathrate has one main cause - malnutrition. Most deaths in the third world are medically attributed to it direct; though a poor diet also means so little resistance to disease that T.B., pneumonia, or any of the epidemic diseases like typhoid and cholera, reap a full harvest....even measles is a great killer in some countries - malnourished children can't fight it off.

A poor diet usually means lack of protein: Mealie-porridge in Africa, cassava in Guyana, a little rice or wheat in India (worse, but not so very different from the diet of 'bread and scrape' that made English children rickety in the depression years). It is in these conditions that a few nuts, an egg, or a bit of fish, can make the whole difference to your expectation of life.

And it is the first few years which are the most important. Feed a baby properly, and he can withstand hunger and infection in his later childhood years without permanent damage. But if he doesn't get off to a good start in his first five years, he never catches up, never reaches the full development of his body and brain, strength and energy, which is the natural basis and prerequisite of abundant life.

The mission hospitals have for years run clinics

to treat the sick, many of whom are suffering from the effects of their bad start. Now the emphasis is moving to 'treatment' before they are sick; above all to education about diet - educating mothers especially to understand how important those nuts, eggs, milk powder, fish and meat are; to learn how to cook them best; to know and make the most of the local resources of cheap food.

You can help to make it possible in more places. The U.S.P.G. supports medical work in a dozen countries in Asia and Africa, sending doctors, nurses, medical workers, and money. As governments take over the hospital work, missionaries are free to pioneer clinics at the grass-roots where the future health of nations is being built.

Yes, the U.S.P.G. supports them - but the Society can't do it with 'peanuts' (as they put it). The U.S.P.G. needs more than that and they make an earnest appeal to us to send them more.

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#### MIND

Did you know that -

- 1 child in 8 can expect to be a patient in a mental hospital at some time or other;
- a million of us will need psychiatric help within the next ten years;
- less than 14% of our Health Service budget is spent on those who are mentally ill and handicapped.

It is true that public attitudes are changing and that people are more aware of the serious problems of mental disorder, but sympathy is not enough - practical help is essential.

MIND provides -

- Schools for maladjusted children;
- Homes and hostels for young people, the elderly and ex-patients;
- Day centres, social clubs and play centres;
- Education, training and casework services.

MIND takes action -

- to improve mental health services
- to mobilize public opinion;
- to support relatives;
- to sponsor research;
- to raise funds for urgently needed local and national services.

But MIND needs money to continue and expand its work. We are invited to give generously towards this important work. The address of MIND (National Association for Mental Health) is 39 Queen Anne Street, London W1M OAJ.

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#### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION

The East Bridgford Lifeboat Guild had a most successful evening of music, a showing of a lifeboat film, and cheese and wine refreshment on 30 August. A surplus of £63 was made for the lifeboat Service and the Guild would like to thank all those who supported the occasion.

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#### HOLY BAPTISM

Aug. 26 Magnus Harry Kaberry Hibbert son of Harry Russell and Susan Hibbert.

Sept. 24 Clare Yvonne daughter of Paul Gregory and Christine Ann Savage.

We welcome these two children into the family of God. Clare Yvonne lives in Walnut Tree Lane and Magnus is the grandchild of John and Madge Ruff, two of our regular communicants.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

Sept. 22 Roger Anthony Bly and Janice Eileen Pike

We wish Roger and Janice every happiness.

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## LESSONS AND READERS

### October 7

9.00 a.m. O.T. Deuteronomy 8, 3-10  
Ep. 1 Timothy 6, 6-10  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Deuteronomy 26, 1-11  
N.T. John 4, 31-38

Miss P. Stone  
Mr. P. Slack  
Capt. A. Jay  
Mr. A. Curlew

### October 14

9.00 a.m. O.T. Deuteronomy 26, 1-11  
Ep. 2 Corinthians 8, 1-9  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Job 5, 6 - end  
N.T. Matthew 11, 2-19

Mrs. Jones  
Mr. J. Guy  
Mr. T. Ashton  
Mr. D. Carnell

### October 21

9.00 a.m. O.T. Genesis 28, 10-22  
Ep. Hebrews 11, 1-16  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Job 19, 1-27a  
N.T. Matthew 11, 20 - end

Miss S. Guy  
Dr. G. O. Brown  
Mr. D. Gould  
Capt. A. Jay

### October 28

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 28, 9-16  
Ep. Ephesians 2, 13-22  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Wisdom 5, 1-16  
N.T. John 14, 15-24

Miss J. Priou  
Mr. P. Bland  
Miss C. Priou  
Mr. H. Russell

### November 4

9.00 a.m. O.T. Genesis 3, 1-24  
Ep. Romans 7, 7-12  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Job 38 and 42, 1-6  
N.T. Matthew 13, 44 - end

Miss S. Marrow  
Mr. K. Finch  
Mr. G. Stobbs  
Mr. A. Reid

## DO YOUR PREMISES REQUIRE PAINTING OR DECORATING?

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

November is the month of the Saints and of the faithful departed. It begins with All Saints day followed closely by All Souls and in the middle, on the 11th, Remembrance Day. How real is all this to you and me? How real are the Saints? What about the departed? Have we forgotten them? Important questions these. To many Christians the Blessed Virgin Mary is a distant relation and they will have difficulty in recognising her when they get to heaven. How real is S. Peter to the people of East Bridgford? The Saints are our brothers and sisters who have made it and are now living a life of joy and fulfilment in our Father's House. The departed who we love are alive unto God although we see them not. A good exercise in November would be to listen carefully to a good record of 'The Dream of Gerontius', words by J.H. Newman and music by Edward Elgar.

We are joined with all these Saints, and others who have died, by prayer and in the acceptable sacrifice of the Altar. I should read that lovely hymn 'And now O Father mindful of the love' to get the idea. Bodies are important, but spirit can communicate with spirit, and when the body decays the spirit lives on in the power of the Holy Spirit. The same Jesus who was born of Mary and died on the cross and rose again is our food in Holy Communion and where He is all barriers are broken down - those in this world and those in the next.

'One family we dwell in Him,  
One Church below, above,  
Though now divided by the stream,  
The narrow stream of death.'

We must realise our oneness in Christ which transcends all barriers. The Book of Common Prayer uses the phrase 'We bless Thy holy name for

all Thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom'. I believe that this is a beautiful prayer and one which we can use for all our departed ones. The question which some people ask is 'can we communicate with the departed?' My own feeling is that there are people who do this but that it can be a dangerous thing, and in any case it seems to me that Scripture suggests that we must go to them and not try to bring them back to us. In Christ we are one and prayer is the place where this oneness operates. I shall be happy to remember at the altar the names of any departed loved ones on their anniversaries if you give them to me. In this way I can make up an Anniversary Book for the church to be used as the anniversaries come year by year.

I am very pleased to report that Stephen Backhouse is now recovered after a long and painful time following his accident. Mrs. Backhouse has asked me to express hers and the family's gratitude to all in East Bridgford parish who have helped so much by their prayers and good wishes and help in other ways. These were a great help at a time when Stephen was so ill and a great incentive to faith that he would recover. I am glad to tell you of this very deep appreciation.

Mr. Leslie Johnson has come to the conclusion, with much regret, that he cannot continue in the choir. We are grateful to Leslie for his great faithfulness. He has been in the choir for forty years. Well done!

The Harvest went happily - a good turn up at the Eucharist and a full church in the evening. The church was beautifully decorated and thanks are due to those who brought gifts and also to those who helped in the decoration and distribution.

Recently I went with a priest friend to visit

Little Gidding. It is just off the A.1. at Sawtry - about one hour and a quarter from East Bridgford. Why not go there when you have a free afternoon? There is a description of it in this News Sheet.

Every good wish,

+ Bernard Markham

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#### FROM THE REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

- October 7 Alistair James Edward, son of  
Edward Ernest Albert and  
Margaret Jean SMITH
- October 14 Jason John, son of David Thomas and  
Jennifer May BONTOFT
- October 21 Stuart Mark, son of Peter Lloyd and  
Pamela Ann WHALEY

We welcome all these boys into God's family.  
Jason John is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs.  
Bontoft in Main Street.

##### Holy Matrimony

- October 20 David Maxwell CARTER and  
Carol Margaret HOBBS
- October 27 John Richard GISBORNE and  
Elizabeth Anne BROOKS

We wish David and Carol and John and Elizabeth  
every happiness in their marriage.

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#### LITTLE GIDDING

Little Gidding is one of England's holy places, a tiny little place of holiness and peace tucked away in a remote corner of Huntingdonshire. In 1625 Mary Ferrar, forsaking a comfortable, wealthy and easy life in London, gathered her family together and, with her son Nicholas (a deacon - he never proceeded to the priesthood) started to live a community life in the old Manor House of Little Gidding. There were some 30 of them, dedicated to a life of tranquillity and simplicity based on the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer; but also with ample supplies of fun and games, archery and fishing for the children. Three times a day the Ferrars walked across a field from the Manor House (long since disappeared) to the church, say Matins (6 a.m.) the Litany (10.a.m.) and Evensong (4 p.m.) When they first arrived in 1625 the Church was being used as a barn, stuffed with hay from the floor to roof; and the vestry was a pig-sty. At every hour, in the House, a short service was held; and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nicholas led the adult family in a Vigil during which they recited the Psalms. But the Ferrar's life of worship was no escape from the world. They established a school for the neighbourhood children as well as their own; (it was unheard of in those days for poor village children to be educated). They ran a little almshouse for poor widows, an infirmary for the sick of the neighbourhood; there was free milk in summer and gruel in winter. It was a kind of mini-Welfare State for the surrounding country population; it was a keeping of our Lord's commandment 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself'. But the Ferrars put the first and greatest commandment first: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength'. They loved, because they knew that God first loved them.

King Charles 1. the Royal Martyr who later gave his life to save the episcopal Church of England and succeeded - visited Little Gidding three times the last time as a fugitive, seeking sanctuary from Cromwell's armies. Doubtless what he saw there typified his own dream of state welfare for his subjects, a dream which sprang from his own love of God; and which was relentlessly opposed by worldly, self-interested Puritan Parliaments.

For nearly 40 years the peace and hard-working piety of Little Gidding flowed on through the Cromwellian Rebellion, and it became a place of pilgrimage. The tiny church remains today much as the Ferrars made it. The cedar-wood Altar is the one before which they worshipped. Now the church has the Ferrars' tombs all round it - Nicholas' altar-shaped tomb before the west door. Their prayers are built into its very stones. Little Gidding stands for Christian family life at its very best. The order at Little Gidding was the right one, based as it was on the teaching of Jesus in the Holy Gospels: Love of God, then outward-reaching Love of Neighbour, of all men, for God's sake. You have to search for Little Gidding, hidden in its isolation; but once there, you know what the poet T.S. Eliot meant when he wrote after visiting it:

'You are not here to verify,  
Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity  
Or carry report. You are here to kneel  
Where prayer has been valid.'

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1st SHELFORD AND EAST BRIDGFORD SCOUT GROUP - VENTURE SCOUTS invite young men 15½ - 20 yrs to join their Venture Scout Unit. Future activities include canoeing and opportunities to learn sailing, gliding, and caving. If interested, telephone Lowdham 3783.

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#### COMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 4<br>(Sunday)  | 10.30         | Family Service. Miss Shore will speak about the Christingle service for the Church of England Children's Society.   |
| Nov. 5<br>(Monday)  |               | Cubs and Scouts Fireworks Display (see separate notice)   |
| Nov. 6<br>(Tuesday) | 8.00          | Friends of East Bridgford School Fashion Show (see separate notice)   |
| Nov. 11<br>(Sunday) |               | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. The British Legion will come to Church for the remembrance service after the ceremony at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m.                       |
| Nov. 21<br>(Wed.)   | 10.00<br>2.30 | Mothers' Union Eucharist<br>Mothers' Union meeting at the Rectory. Speaker: Mrs. Rhodes.  |
| Nov. 23<br>(Fri.)   |               | Rich Man - Poor Man Dinner at the University. Tickets £1. Some get a good dinner; some a bowl of rice!! to make money for the starving people of the Third World. |
| Nov. 29<br>(Thurs)  | 7.30 p.m.     | Vigil of S. Andrew. Eucharist. Come and pray for the overseas Missions of the Church.   |
| Nov. 30             |               | S. Andrew A.M.  |

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THE FRIENDS OF EAST BRIDGFORD SCHOOL are holding a FASHION SHOW at the School on Tuesday 6 November at 8.00 p.m. Mrs. Sarah Harris of "25-40 Limited" of Newark will talk on Fashion in Autumn and Winter 1973, to be followed by a display of clothes from the shop. Everybody welcome. Admission 25p including coffee.

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THE SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION OF SHELFORD AND EAST BRIDGFORD CUBS AND SCOUTS will be holding a Firework Display in the Reindeer Field on Monday November 5th. Come and enjoy yourselves.

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## LESSON AND READERS

### November 11

9.00 a.m. O.T. Genesis 12, 1-9 Miss M. Corran  
Ep. Romans 4, 13-25 Mr. J. F. Ruff

(Special arrangements for Remembrance Service)

6.30 p.m. O.T. Jeremiah 5, 20-end Mr. A. Curtis  
N.T. Matthew 14, 13-33 Mr. J. Guy

### November 18

9.00 a.m. O.T. Exodus 3, 1-15 Miss P. Murrell  
Ep. Hebrews 3, 1-6 Mr. G. Whittaker

6.30 p.m. O.T. Jeremiah 10, 1-16 Mrs. J. Corran  
N.T. Matthew 16, 13-end Mr. A. Rold

### November 25

9.00 a.m. O.T. 1 Kings 19, 9-18 Miss Lucy Ann  
Ep. Romans 11, 13-24 Mr. A. Curtis

6.30 p.m. O.T. Malachi 3, 1-6 and 4 Mr. K. Fidd  
N.T. Hebrews 11, 17 - 12, 2 Mr. P. Slane

### December 2

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 51, 4-11 Miss P. Stott  
Ep. Romans 13, 8-14 Dr. Brooks

6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 2, 10 - end Capt. A. Jay  
N.T. John 3, 1-21 Mr. G. Stott

ADVANCE NOTICE - THE EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE announce that the Christmas Fair in aid of Village Hall Funds will be held on Saturday 1st December. Doors open at 2.30 p.m. Please come and give your support.

DECORATING - Internal or external; domestic or business premises; telephone Mr. Peter Cartledge (East Stoke 471) who will be pleased to discuss your requirements and give a quotation.

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December means that Christmas is very close and I want to wish you a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year. Whatever changes may come, this remains true - Christmas tells of faith, hope and love. We believe that God has indeed entered into this world as the Babe of Bethlehem who became the Man of Nazareth and the Person who died on the Cross and rose from the dead, and is now universally present as Lord of the Universe. We hope that the people of the world will recognize the Rule of God and that we ourselves may live such lives as shall be worthy of such a King, and we love each other because God has so loved us. As Christians we don't regard Christmas as the only time when we are kind and loving but we try to live in the power of Christ's love at all times.

I was pleased to hear of the response of the people of East Bridgford to the Poppy Day appeal and also to the Collection for the Church of England Children's Society. The response to the S. Luke's Tide appeal for the U.S.P.G. was also encouraging. I find that the number of appeals I receive appears to be never ending and I might be tempted to say we can't cope with all this, but I am sure we have to be selective and decide what we can give to and give generously to that for Christ's sake.

We are having a visit again from the Sitwell Singers under the capable leadership of Miss Catherine Baxter. They will come to us on Sunday December 16 at 6.30 p.m. so there will not be the usual Evensong. The same will apply on December 23 when our own choir will be singing carols.

Do make the effort to come to the Eucharist at

Christmas and I hope the children will come. One of the most disappointing things I have found in my ministry has been the neglect of the children of the Church of the great festival of Christmas. So often they are so busy at home that they forget to come to welcome Christ on His birthday in church.

May God bless you all at the holy season.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

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### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve December 24

12 Midnight. The Eucharist

Christmas Day December 25

(8.00 The Eucharist at Kneeton)

9.00 Parish Eucharist

4.00 Children's Carol Service.

The Rector will be in church to give counsel and spiritual advice at the following times:

Saturday December 22 at 5.30 p.m.

Sunday December 23 at 3.00 p.m.

Monday December 24 at 11.00 a.m. and  
8.00 p.m.

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### KNEETON

The Bishop has asked me to be Priest in charge of S. Helen's, Kneeton from November 1. I have already begun my ministry there. The services there are:-

First Sunday in the Month - the Eucharist at 8 a.m.  
Second and Fourth Sundays - Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

All this has been made possible by the great help of our Lay Reader Mr. Michael Clarke and the ready co-operation of the P.C.C. of Kneeton Church. I hope that all these arrangements will prove a blessing to both parishes.

B.M.

### EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT POPPY APPEAL 1973

The Royal British Legion has announced the following results:-

1. <u>POPPY SALES</u>	£. p	£. p
(a) R.A.F. Newton		31.02
(b) East Bridgford -		
Women's Section	63.53	
Inns           ...	6.55	
Shops           ...	13.29	83.37
(c) Rest of District -		
Shelford       ...	23.05	
Car Colston...	13.90	
Screveton     ...	7.44	
Flintham      ...	10.69	
Newton        ...	5.01	
Kneeton       ...	3.28	
Fosse          ...	17.84	81.21
Total Poppy Sales	.....	£195.60
2. <u>CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS</u>		
East Bridgford	21.43	
Shelford       ...	6.00	
Car Colston...	4.00	
Screveton     ...	4.40	£35.83
3. <u>SALES OF WREATHS</u>	....	£34.65
<u>FINAL DISTRICT TOTALS</u>		
R.A.F. Newton...	45.02	
East Bridgford	119.55	
Rest of District	101.51	£266.08

In East Bridgford this represents a contribution of 8p per head of population - 7.6p in the rest of the district, excluding R.A.F. Newton. On the night of 9th November the contents of two collecting tins were stolen amounting to £6.60. Poppy sales were well up on last year and the final total was 11% higher than last year. The Legion thanks all who in several ways helped to achieve another record.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION also gives notice of a FUR AND FEATHER BINGO in the Village Hall, East Bridgford, on Friday December 14 at 7.45 p.m. Come along, try your luck, and enjoy yourselves in a Full House.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE regret that they were not able to undertake the Annual Envelope Collection this year. They will, however, be pleased to receive Donations towards their Company funds and these may be given to Mr. J. Allwood, 14 College Street. The Company is also in need of additional help at the meetings on Tuesdays - anyone willing to lend a hand please contact Mr. E. Bullers at 71 Main St.

A Parade and Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Nottingham Battalion was held at Southwell Minster on Sunday October 28. More than 1,000 boys marched from Borage Green to the Minster for the Service conducted by the Provost of Southwell, the Very Rev. J. F. Pratt. The address was given by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven. B. W. Woodhams. The salute was taken at the March Past by the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Cdr. M. B. P. Franklin.

### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs. Bontoft would like to thank everyone who holds a Children's Society Box for their generous contributions. £27.54 was the total this year.

Christmas Cards and Parcel Tags are now being made and may be bought from Mrs. Guy or Mrs. Bontoft.

PAINTING AND DECORATING undertaken expertly by Peter Cartledge (Tel. East Stoke 471). Give him a ring to discuss your requirements and obtain his advice and quotation.

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#### WHAT'S THAT MAN FOR?

(An article by the Bishop of Liverpool, extracted from the Liverpool Diocesan News).

On St. Matthew's Day 1973, at St. Katharine's College, Liverpool, Bishop William Scott Baker celebrated the 30th anniversary of his consecration as bishop and 48 years altogether in the ordained ministry. A week later six young men were ordained priest in Liverpool Cathedral and four were made deacon in Walton Parish Church - a "generation Gap", so it would seem, of massive dimensions. In those forty-eight years our understanding of the Church and of the role of the priesthood in it has changed almost beyond recognition, producing in some cases an acute sense of strain in the minds of the clergy and not a little bewilderment in the Church generally. It is not for nothing that the Additional Curates' Society this year has constructed its regional conferences round the theme "Confidence in Priesthood". Many of us are in danger of losing it - but only if we insist on treating the priesthood as if it were solely concerned with the needs of men and judging success by our ability in meeting them. Men's needs change, habits alter, conditions vary, and the outward role of the priesthood varies with them. But the priesthood is at least as much concerned with God as it is with men and this inner aspect of the priesthood remains unchanging and indispensable to the life of the Church. It has been the peculiar glory of the Church of England priesthood that it has taken its pastoral responsibility to our people so seriously. Perhaps it is time to recover once more the sense of our prior responsibility to God. The priest is

a man for God before he can hope to be a man for others. To recover this emphasis would, I believe, do much to restore "confidence in priesthood". It would encourage vocations to the sacred ministry and would help to locate the priest more securely in the life of the total community.

"What's that man for?" the child once asked as the vicar walked down the aisle at the beginning of the service. That man is for God.

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

##### Results

##### 1st Team

22 September	v Bulwell Baptists	WON 2 - 0
6 October	v Parliament Street Methodists	LOST 1 - 2
13 October	v Trent Polytechnic Reserves	WON 4 - 3

##### 2nd Team

8 September	v R.O.F. "A"	LOST 2 - 4
6 October	v Southwell City	LOST 0 - 7
13 October	v Padstow Reserve	LOST 0 - 16
20 October	v Bingham Reserves	WON 2 - 0

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THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES celebrated their seventh birthday by inviting Newton Brownies to a tramp supper. A home made sweet stall at the Village Hall Fair is being stocked and run by the Brownies.

Carol singing and tea for the Friendship Club is being arranged for the New Year.

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LESSONS AND READERS

December 9 - Advent II

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 64, 1-5 Miss S. Marson  
Ep. 2 Timothy 3.14-4,5 Mr. A. Curtis  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 11, 10-12 Mr. McCullough  
N.T. Luke 1, 1-25 Mr. J. Guy

December 16 - Advent III

9.00 a.m. O.T. Malachi 3, 1-5 Dr. G. O. Brooks  
Ep. Philippians 4, 4-9 Mr. Whittaker

December 23 - Advent IV

9.00 a.m. O.T. Zechariah 2, 10-13 Miss P. Marson  
Ep. Revelation 21, 1-17 Mr. K. Finch

JANUARY 1974 NOT AVAILABLE.

December 25 - Christmas

Midnight on Christmas Eve -

O.T. Isaiah 9, 2-7 Mr. P. Slack  
Ep. 1 John 4, 7-14 Mr. G. Stobbs

9.00 a.m. O.T. Micah 5, 2-4 Miss P. Stobbs  
Ep. Titus 2, 11-14 Mr. A. Reid

December 30 - Christmas 1

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 49, 7-13 Miss J. Price  
Ep. Ephesians 3, 1-6  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 12 Miss M. Cornell  
N.T. Philippians 2, 1-11 Mr. H. Russell

January 6 - Epiphany

9.00 a.m. O.T. Isaiah 60, 1 - 6 Miss S. Guy  
Ep. Ephesians 3, 1-12 Mr. J. Ruff  
6.30 p.m. O.T. Isaiah 60, 9-end Mr. Gould  
N.T. John 2, 1-11 Mr. Blandy.

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