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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear people,

May I wish you all a happy New Year. May 1975 be a year of blessing. It will certainly be a year of testing and quite likely suffering, but that does not stop it from being a blessing. A scholar once wrote 'Prosperity is the blessing promised by the Old Testament and adversity by the New'. The Christian Religion flourishes in adversity and gets ordinary and commonplace when there is prosperity. It is strange how so many Christians expect to be as prosperous as the unbeliever. It is strange to see how many Christians have their treasure in this world and, as a result, their hearts are here. Of course, this grows into a real menace when we teach our children that the things which matter most are what we possess. In a family where the conversation is about bigger and better cars, about bigger and better colour T.V., about fuller and fuller deep freezes, it is hardly likely that the children will grow up with the right values and this is really what it is all about! Let us see that the children are taught not only by word of mouth but by our lives that what matters most is not what we possess or have but what we are. We must see that our boys and girls are warm-hearted and loving, thinking lightly of possessions and not too much obsessed with money and what it can buy. Perhaps if we take Christ seriously the present crisis may be the seed bed of fruitful and happy living.

One of the things which has impressed me in recent years is the change in a person like Malcolm Muggeridge, who for many years has been an important person in the world of the mass media, and what a change I have noticed. All this is due to the glorious example of Mother

Teresa, the nun who was born in Jugo Slavia and is now the symbol of real Christianity and universal love. I have also been impressed by Brother Charles of Jesus who once said, 'The Lord Jesus Christ had no orderly'. Charles had been a brilliant cavalry officer but he gave his obedience to Christ and died a martyr's death. There are others like Amy Carmichael whose life I am reading, Arthur Shirley Cripps who lived a life of poverty and identity with the unprivileged poor of South Africa, and even stranger still a former Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjold who died in a plane crash but whose writings, revealed after his death, show that he lived almost entirely on faith and love. Such people as these show us that the way of Christ can be followed in the 1970's quite as effectively as it was in the early days of the Christian era.

The secret is the same today as it was then. If we would really live, there must be two ingredients in our lives - CONTEMPLATION and COMPASSION - prayer and love to others. This is the thing we must get across and state boldly. A life which has everything the world can give, but lacks contemplation and compassion, is a wasted and useless life. This is the Christian message for 1975 and indeed for any year. Let us see that this may be true of each one of us in the parish of East Bridgford.

+ Bernard Markham

HOLY BAPTISM

December 1 Christopher Philip, son of
Michael Kenneth and Shirley MARSHALL

December 15 Eleanor Jayne, daughter of
Brian and Jacqueline Helen HALLIS

COMING EVENTS

- January 6 Epiphany of our Lord
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.
- January 8 Rural Deanery Clergy come to
East Bridgford for Chapter and
Eucharist at 12 noon followed by
lunch at the Reindeer. We shall
welcome any who wish to join us at
the midday Eucharist. The Clergy
are going to sing Rutter's
setting to Series III.
- January 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity. Eucharist daily at 7.30am
except Wednesday 22 Jan. at 10 am
- January 25 Conversion of S. Paul.
- February 2 Candlemass.
Service of the Five Candles at
6.30 p.m.

1975 is the Holy Year for Roman Catholics and
any others who wish to join them in its
observance.

1975 is the year of the World Council of Churches
Assembly at Nairobi. We ought to be preparing
for this and I hope we shall be able to study
the book 'Jesus Christ Frees and Unites' in
Lent.

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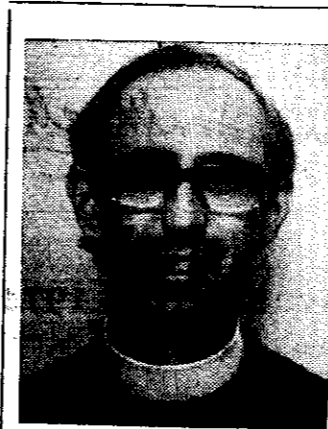
JANUARY, 1975



The Bishop's Letter

1975 — A Year of Challenge

DEAR Friends,—On January 24 Donald Coggan will be enthroned as 101st Archbishop of Canterbury. He brings to this high office a contribution to the thinking of the Church which is timely. In his providence God provides us with the right men to meet particular situations and I believe that our Archbishop is just such a man. He is a fighter for the Christian cause, believing that the faith must not go by default but be offered in all its urgency for men's consideration. He believes too that we must take seriously the implications of our faith for the society in which we live, and particularly for our homes. Taking a lead from him may I say something on my own account?



The Rev. John Burgess who was
instituted Vicar of St. Andrew,
Nottingham by the Bishop of
Southwell on December 20.

Let us make 1975 a year of aggressive
Christianity. "Fight the good fight of the
faith, take hold of the eternal life to which
you were called." (I Timothy 6.12).

Firstly, let us challenge the false assump-
tions being made today. Here is one I
believe to be false. That all religious
faiths are as good as each other. This is
manifest nonsense, implying that the duty
to assess the worth of ideas does not exist.
If I didn't believe that the tenets of the
Christian faith were better than that of
other faiths, I wouldn't be a Christian.
I am not denying anyone the right to
worship his own God; on the contrary, I
am establishing it. If you say differences
of faith are irrelevant, you destroy all
faiths.

We must watch very carefully what is going on in our schools under the guise of religious education. To be a protagonist for the faith requires a firm grasp of that faith and a readiness to engage in confrontation on its behalf. It also requires the production of good teaching aids so that it can be effectively disseminated.

FIGHT FOR DIGNITY

Secondly, we must challenge the assumption that it doesn't matter how you behave in private. It matters intensely. Our private behaviour is "us" behaving as we really are and it is naive to think that "letting ourselves go" in private won't

have any influence on our public attitudes and standards. We have seen over the past years a swift transference of what was assumed to be appropriate private behaviour on to the public streets.

We are being coned into accepting the idea that self-discipline is irrelevant, indeed harmful. We are dehumanising society by our acceptance of decadence in the name of freedom. We have got to fight for the dignity of human behaviour. In Christian homes this is a fight "for the fruits of the Spirit".

SPIRITUAL CALLING

Thirdly, we must challenge the materialism of our day. There is a danger that it will take hold of the Church. In times of inflation it is difficult not to be worried at rising costs. But we need to look out when we start feeling we ought to have an increase of income because we are falling behind others. We need enough to live on, not more than enough . . . and by living I don't mean life at the material level.

We could do with less material comforts and with far more opportunities for the spirit. People are well aware of this. The Church must remember its spiritual calling to provide men with the chance to experience a spiritual dimension to life, to be able to pray and worship, to be able to enjoy beauty and to encourage its growth, to be able to learn about things that are excellent and to discriminate truth from lies, to learn to give as well as to receive, to learn to love our enemies and to protect minorities and not ride roughshod over other people's values. In Christian terms, this is to become Christlike. I for one believe that we should not be ashamed to present the issues in these terms.

Let us pray for our Archbishop and for one another, and pray for the wisdom and strength of God in order to be rightly aggressive. A happy New Year to you all.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Diocesan Synod — November 23 1974

ONCE again, Warsop welcomed us and made us feel at home in the delightful setting of its Parish Centre.

This was the second part of the Synod begun on October 12 and after the major financial issues raised then, these debates concerned the everyday work of the Church.

First the formation of a new Board of Ministry was proposed but this ran into criticism as being both unduly clerical and unrepresentative of the Parish Clergy and Lay People. An amendment was carried to refer this back.

The Rev. Graham Firth, opening a debate on stewardship, asked the Synod to commit itself to Christian stewardship, not merely for the financial benefits, but also in its wider demands for a full Christian commitment of all that we have and are. The Synod accepted this nem con.

This was followed by an excursion into the exalted realms of the Churches' main committee led by Mr. Brian Noake, and a private member's motion proposed by Canon C. S. Bayes asking for more consideration to be given at both Deanery and Parish level to the publication "Holy Week Services".

The Synod ended with a two-hour debate on the work of the Board for Social Action. This ranged widely over the various fields covered by the Board in its report to the Synod, e.g. the care of the deaf and the blind, housing trusts, the need for political involvement and the position and remuneration of the secretary.—
J.T.F.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. David Anthony Bowles, Assistant Curate at St. John the Baptist, Beeston, will be leaving on January 10 to begin a course of training at the USPG College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham, in preparation for a two-year tour of duty as Anglican chaplain in Ascension Island in the South Atlantic.

The Rev. Christopher Gale, Assistant Curate at St. John the Baptist, Bilborough has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Baptist, Colwick.

The Rev. Herman John Crowie, Assistant Curate at St. Giles, Balderton, Newark, has been appointed Vicar of St. Aidan, Basford, Nottingham.

The Rev. Sydney Ernest Allso, Assistant Curate at Bawtry with Austerfield, Doncaster, has been appointed Vicar of Kirkby Woodhouse. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday 7 February at 7.30 p.m.

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Records — Two of the longest serving Diocesan Readers in the Southwell Diocese are Mr. Henry Lawrence Bray of 51 Appleton Street, Warsop, who has been licensed since 5 September 1925 and Mr. George Savage of 15 Ringwood Crescent, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, who was licensed on 2 July 1927.

Nottingham U.S.P.G. Association is holding a Sung Eucharist at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham on Monday 13 January at 7.30 p.m. when the preacher will be the Rev. Ben Hopkinson, who formerly worked in Botswana.

A United Service will be held at St. John's Church, Bilborough, on Tuesday 21 January at 8 p.m. when the preacher will be the Bishop of Southwell.

Teaching Conference. A one-day Teaching Conference will be held under the auspices of the East Midlands Regional Council of Diocesan Evangelical Unions at the Ald. White Secondary School, Chilwell, on Saturday January 25, when the main speaker will be Dr. J. I. Packer, Associate-Principal, Trinity Theological College, Bristol. The theme will be "Christian Doctrine Today". All inquiries to Rev. Colin Buchanan, St. John's College, Bramcote (Tel. 251114).

The Annual Priest's Retreat has been arranged at Morley from Monday 3rd March (tea) to Wednesday 5th March (lunch) 1975. Conductor: Rev. D. Hatter, (St. Mark's, Mansfield). Bookings to Rev. John Thomas, 20 Town Street, Lound, Retford. DN22 8PN. Tel. Ranskill 217. Cost £5.

Christian Unity Bookshop, Oxford Street, Nottingham, Tel. 43260. Open 9.30—5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. New and secondhand books. Browsers welcome.

SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

January 5, Gotham; 6, Edwinstowe (800th Anniversary); 7, Southwell (Ordinands); 8, Church House, Nottingham; 9, Southwell (Staff); 12, Newark Parish Church (Plough Sunday); Elston (Plough Sunday); 13, Church House, Nottingham; 16, Wollaton (Institution); 17-19, N. Devon; 21, Bilborough; 22, St. Matthew, Bestwood (Confirmation); 23, London; 24, Canterbury (Enthronement); 25, St. Jude, Mapperley (Diocesan Synod); 28, Newark (Rotary Club Jubilee); 29-30, London (Bishops' Meetings); 30, Nottingham (NC5); 31, Swanwick (Chilwell Parish Weekend).

CONFIRMATIONS IN FEBRUARY

Sun. 2, 9.30 a.m. Daybrook; Wed. 5, 7.30 p.m. St. Wilfrid, Kirkby-in-Ashfield†; Thurs. 6, 7.30 p.m., Arnold; Sun. 9, 10 a.m., Huthwaite; Sun. 16, 10.45 a.m., St. Peter with St. James, Nottingham; Sun. 23, 10.30 a.m., St. John, Bulwell†; Sun. 23, 6.30 p.m. St. Nicholas & St. Saviour, Nottingham†.
† By Bishop Bernard Markham.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

The Choir resumes singing on January 10.
Sunday January 5 at 3.15 p.m. Lay Clerks sing Evensong.
Monday January 6 at 5.45 p.m. Lay Clerks sing Evensong.
Sunday January 12 at 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN JANUARY

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| 1 Prayers for Christian Unity | 16 Warsop with Sookholme | } <i>David Leaning</i>
<i>Peter Dill</i>
<i>William Godfrey</i> |
| 2 St. Chad, Stuffynwood
(<i>Dillwyn Davies, Michael Bishop</i>) | 17 Warsop Vale | |
| 3 Forest Town (<i>Leslie Standley</i>) | 18 Spion Kop | |
| 4 Newstead (<i>Frank Lyons</i>) | 19 Welbeck Colliery Vill. | |
| 5 Newstead Priory (<i>Frank Lyons</i>) | 20 Averham (<i>Albert Brown</i>) | |
| 6 Epiphany | 21 Kelham (<i>Albert Brown</i>) | |
| 7 Pleasley Hill (<i>Raymond Skinner</i>) | 22 Balderton (<i>Herman Crowie</i>) | |
| 8 Skegby (<i>Geoffrey Maltby</i>) | 23 Barnby in the Willows (<i>Peter Wright</i>) | |
| 9 Stanton Hill (<i>Geoffrey Maltby</i>) | 24 Elston (<i>Norman Todd</i>) | |
| Sutton-in-Ashfield: | 25 Farndon (<i>Walter McBay, Canon</i>) | |
| 10 St. Mary | 26 Harby with Swinethorpe (<i>Roy Palin</i>) | |
| 11 St. Modwen | 27 Hawton (<i>Richard Kirton</i>) | |
| 12 St. Mark, Fulwood | 28 Kilvington (<i>Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon</i>) | |
| | 29 Besthorpe (<i>Frank Wilson</i>) | |
| 13 St. Michael (<i>Terence Short</i>) | 30 Brough (<i>Rupert Stevens, Canon</i>) | |
| 14 St. Bartholomew (<i>Terence Short</i>) | 31 N. & S. Clifton (<i>Frank Wilson</i>) | |
| 15 Teversal (<i>Thomas Richardson</i>) | | |

Your prayers are asked for the Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese
Michael Dobbs (S. Michael, Sutton-in-Ashfield); Allan Scrivener (Warsop);
Jonathan Thacker (Barnby-in-the-Willows) and Robin Walford (Elston).



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READERS AND READINGS

January 19 - Epiphany 2

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| 9.00 (O.T.) | Jeremiah 1,4-19 | Mr.P.Blandy |
| (Ep.) | Acts 26, 1 and 9-18 | Mrs.S.Guy |
| 6.30 (O.T.) | Isaiah 44,6-23 | Mr.H.Russell |
| (N.T.) | Mark 1, 35-end | Mr.D.Gould |

January 26 - Septuagesima

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| 9.00 (O.T.) | Isaiah 30,8-21 | Mr.J.Guy |
| (Ep.) | 1 Corinthians 4,8-13 | Miss S.Guy |
| 6.30 (O.T.) | Genesis 2,4-end | Mr.A.Reid |
| (N.T.) | Revelation 4 | Mrs.J.Jones |

February 2 - Sexagesima and Candlemas

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| 9.00 (O.T.) | Zephaniah 3,14-20 | Mr.K.Finch |
| (Ep.) | James 5, 13-16 | Miss J.Price |
| 6.30 | Special Readings for the Service of Five Candles. | |

February 9 - Quinquagesima

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| 9.00 (O.T.) | Deuteronomy 8, 1-6 | Miss P.Stobbs |
| (Ep.) | Philippians 4,10-20 | Mrs.J.Cornell |
| 6.30 (O.T.) | Genesis 6, 5-end | Mr.A.Curtis |
| (N.T.) | Luke 17, 20-end | Capt.A.Jay |

SIDESMEN

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| January 19 | 9 am Mr.Whittaker | 6.30 pm Capt.Jay |
| January 26 | 9 am Dr.Brooks | 6.30 pm Dr.Brooks |
| February 2 | 9 am Mr.Hand | 6.30 pm Mr.Hand |
| February 9 | 9 am Mr.Reid | 6.30 pm Mr.Curtis |

THE ALTAR GUILD

Over the last few months a number of people have been making preparations for some projects in the Spring.

You may have noticed the Altar rail kneelers which have returned to their place re-upholstered and cleaned up, so that we can see and appreciate the fine needlework done for S.Peter's in the past. In the same way other articles of furnishing in the church can be repaired and renewed and work is going ahead.

We are hunting for suitable materials to enable us to change the panels in the main altar according to the seasons in the Church's Calendar. In addition it is hoped to start making another set of kneelers - first of all for the Lady Chapel and then for S.Michael's Chapel, and if we still are looking for work we can replace the vinyl pads! There is no end to the creative work which can be done and it is hoped that many of us are going to enjoy doing this. It is planned to use 'signs and symbols of the Church' in the design and during Lent we plan to set aside one evening each week to do this work together and get this project started. Which evening suits you best? After six weeks we should all be so well on that we shall be able to finish the kneelers in our own time, meeting perhaps once each month to exchange views and ideas and get wool etc.

Would anyone who would like to make a kneeler on her own - or with someone - please get in touch with Mrs.Reid, either at North Point House, Kneeton Road (Tel:E.B.276) or after church on Sunday mornings?

I hope that there will be a ready response to the above project, and I would like to commend the work of the Altar Guild. +B.M.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute met for their monthly meeting in the hut on Tuesday 10th December. Members watched a fashion show presented by Pauline Burke of Newark. Mrs. Burke brought day wear, evening wear, slacks and suits. Several of the Institute members acted as models which they found hectic, but great fun. Lurex evening wear, those present learnt, was the 'in' thing this year. Several members brought along items to form an exhibition of 'Fashions of Bygone Years'.

The next meeting will be the New Year Party with entertainment by children from Sconce Hills School.
Ticket holders only!

THE SCOUTS

BRIGHTEN UP JANUARY!

Come to a dance in the Village Hall on 18th January from 8.00 to 12 midnight.

Music by 'Twice as Nice'. Tickets £1.00

Proceeds in aid of Cub and Scout funds.

Obtain your tickets from Mr. J. A. Connolly, 9 Magdalen Drive, or from Mrs. E. A. Roffey, 17 Moss Close.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES will hold its Fifth Assembly in Nairobi from November 23rd to December 10th, 1975. 2,000 people, representing 267 member churches will gather - about 50 to represent the British churches. It will be one of the most significant gatherings of Christian churches in the world. Preparations have been in hand for several months - preparations in which Christians everywhere are invited to share.

How? Here are some suggestions.

1. Read the Assembly preparatory booklet, 'Jesus Christ Frees and Unites'. S.C.M. press 50p.
2. Get your church to use the Resource Kit which is available and plan a series of groups which could meet, for example, during Lent.
3. Plan a weekend conference to study the above material.
4. Use the Bible study material in the preparatory booklet for a series of Lenten Bible studies.
5. Use the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January as an opportunity for praying and preparing for the Fifth Assembly.
6. If you have done some preparatory work, invite one of the delegates to share your thinking before the Assembly - or send your results to the British delegates. They are all busy people, but will be glad of all opportunities to hear 'grass-roots' concerns.
Plan also a meeting after the Assembly for one of the delegates to share with you the issues that came to the fore in Nairobi. (A list of all the British delegates is in the Resource Kit and is also available on request from the B.C.C.)
7. Pray for the British delegates who are going, and for the preparatory work of the World Council of Churches in Geneva and of the African churches in Nairobi.

'The centrality of Christ, the liberation of humanity, and the emergence of community at all levels' are the three elements central to the life and work of the World Council of Churches and led to 'Jesus Christ Frees and Unites' as the chosen theme of the Fifth Assembly.

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Lent is early this year. Is Lent one of those things which so many modern Christians want to throw out? It may be for some who think themselves very up-to-date, but the Church of God says quite definitely that Lent is in and on! and says that the last week in Lent is the most important week in the whole Christian Year. We ought to regard Lent as a preparation for Easter. This is what the great S.Benedict wrote in his Rule -

"In these days of Lent let us add something to our usual pattern of service, such as private prayer and abstinence from food and drink, so that everyone of his own will may offer to God, with joy of the Holy Ghost, something above the allotted measure, denying his body somewhat of food, drink and sleep, talking and laughter, and thus with spiritual joy await the holy feast of Easter."

These words were written many years ago when Europe was in a very distressed state and there was much uncertainty. How then shall we who live in these days keep Lent?

Here are some ways - getting up early to give time for real prayer and Bible reading; being present at the Sunday Eucharist not now and then but every Sunday; being selective with the T.V. choosing programmes with care and exercising some kind of discipline with the children about what programmes they see; keeping in check the love of gossip which most of us have, e.g. there might be somebody in our life whom we find very difficult, but deciding in Lent never to discuss that person might be a profitable exercise; giving as much to God (if not more) as we spend on tobacco, alcohol or sweets. These are some positive suggestions. They are only suggestions and perhaps you have already made up your mind. We must also notice that in what S.Benedict says the word 'joy' comes

twice. Remember God loves a cheerful giver and it may be that if we can't give cheerfully it might be as well not to give until we can!

There is a programme of our Lenten activities in this edition of the News Sheet.

We have had a number of deaths recently. The death of Bishop Thompson came very suddenly and very quickly after his retirement. He was a faithful Christian and a devoted Bishop and Priest.

Mr. Basil Aubrey Sowden was not a member of our congregation but a faithful member at Kneeton and a greatly respected member of the community as the attendance at his funeral showed.

Mrs. Speigel was well known in East Bridgford, belonging as she did to a well-known East Bridgford family.

Mrs. Slack, the mother of Peter Slack, lived at Southwell but often visited the parish.

To all those who mourn their dear ones we offer our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers and remembrance.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

January 19 Tracey, daughter of Albert and Joyce McGlen of Newton.

R.I.P.

December 24 Basil Aubrey Sowden (at Kneeton)

January 6 Elsie Jean Speigel (at Wilford)

LENT 1975

<u>Sundays</u>	9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<u>Mondays</u>	7.30 a.m.	Eucharist
	7.30 p.m.	Study Group to prepare for Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Nairobi.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	7.30 a.m.	Eucharist
<u>Wednesdays</u>	7.30 p.m.	Eucharist
<u>Fridays</u>	7.30 a.m.	Eucharist
	7.30 p.m.	Holy Hour
<u>Saturdays</u>	7.30 a.m.	Eucharist
	5.30 p.m.	Rector in church for counsel and consultation.

The Friday Holy Hour will be from 7.30 to 8.30pm
There will be hymns, readings and silent times,
and people can come for the whole or for part of
the time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12	Ash Wednesday - First day of Lent
February 13	8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council meets in the Rectory.
+ February 19	2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union
+ February 20	8.00 p.m. Altar Guild meets at the Rectory
February 23	3.00 p.m. Girl Guides Thinking Day Service.
March 1	Diocesan Synod at St. Jude's, Mapperley.

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The Bishop's Letter

Lent — A Time for Prayer

DEAR Friends,—February, the bleakest month of the year, is this year full of good things. Lent begins in the middle of the month and an early Lent means for me an early summer and that is good on all counts, but Lent in itself is a good thing if taken seriously.

This year we have the enthronement in York Minster of our Archbishop on the Feast of St. Matthias, the day when we pray that we may be "always preserved from false Apostles" and "ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors!" Unfortunately that great Cathedral will not be big enough to accommodate all who would like to be present; the contingent from this county will therefore have to be small. I hope nevertheless that many will attend the Eucharist in their parish churches on that day to pray for Stuart, our Archbishop, and for the life and witness of the Church of England in the Northern Province.



Canon Cecil H. B. Watson,
Rector and Rural Dean of
Gedling, who is Vice-chairman of
the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Those of you who know him will agree with me when I say that our Archbishop is a man of God, one who gets his priorities right, is humble and unassuming and yet is a scholar and a leader. He has been in the forefront of that great ecumenical mission which is named "Call to the North". I believe that he brings to his task those gifts that enable him to take up the work initiated by his predecessor and give it that new direction which our Church needs at this time.

He plans to come to Southwell Minster after Easter for his first visit to the Diocese. I hope to be able to give you details about this next month. He has agreed to fulfil those engagements in the diocese which his predecessor has accepted. If any of you are thinking of inviting him to your local parish I should be grateful if you could first consult me. He is looking to me for help over invitations from this diocese. We must remember that he has a diocese of his own to get to know and to look after quite apart from official engagements in the other thirteen dioceses of the Province.

Let us use Lent well this year. From many people I hear the complaint that the Church is too preoccupied with raising money for its own survival to be able to think of anything else. Lent gives us the chance to think of something else. Of course we have urgently to raise a lot more money if we are going to maintain the ministry of the Church at an efficient level but I believe that we can take this financial problem in our stride if we get it into proportion.

There are over twenty-two thousand people on the electoral rolls of our parishes. If each of these people put into the collection plate each week seventy-five pence and two thirds of that money were used in the parish and one third sent to Church House to meet diocesan expenses including the raising of the stipends of the clergy to an appropriate level, we should have little to worry about in 1976. And so let us take that problem in our stride and spend this Lent on other things.

We have just had a reduction of speed limits on our roads. This enforced slowing down makes it necessary to allow more time for the journey and makes life less of a rush. Impose a speed limit on your spirit this Lent. Make more spaces in life so that you are not exhausted by rushing about or confused by too many things to do all at once.

Both in personal terms and in terms of parochial life this means a readiness to allow more time for prayer, meditation, reading and reflection. But such slowing down is but a psychological device unless we are in fact all the more open to the influence of God's Holy Spirit. There is one thing which every parish can do which could transform parochial life and that is for small prayer groups to come together, not to learn about prayer but to pray. The pattern of such a gathering could be, first, a chat and sharing of news over a cup of tea, then the reading of a few verses from the Scriptures by someone who has come prepared to do so, followed by a time of reflection on what has been read, and then some minutes in which the group prays together by sharing with God and each other the concerns which their previous chat had brought to light. The more unselfish the group becomes, the wider its concerns will become. To start with people may be slow to become vocal but love and trust soon dispel fear. Finish with the Lord's Prayer and then disperse. The whole gathering could take no more than half-an-hour but will soon need longer, though I hope it will always have a definite time for ending.

Make Lent prayerful. In prayer we shall discover God's reality, notice his activity around us, find ourselves caught up in his purposes and be greatly encouraged as a result.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

CONFIRMATIONS IN MARCH

Sat. 1, 7.30 p.m. Carlton-in-Lindrick; Sun. 2, 10.15 a.m. St. Andrew, Nottingham; 3 p.m. Trowell; 6.30 p.m. St. Jude, Nottingham; Sun. 9, 10 a.m. Ranby School; Sun. 16, 6.30 p.m. St. Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham†; Tues. 18, 7.30 p.m. St. Paul & St. Stephen, Hyson Green; Sun. 23, 9.30 a.m. Whatton; 3 p.m. St. Mary & St. Catharine, Nottingham; 6.30 p.m. Eastwood; Sun. 23, 6.30 p.m. St. Paul, Worksop†. † By Bishop Bernard Markham

SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

February 1, Swanwick (Chilwell Parish Houseparty); 2, Daybrook*; Blidworth (Rocking Service); 3, Southwell Minster; 4-7, London (General Synod); 7, Kirkby Woodhouse†; 9, Huthwaite*; 10, Church House, Nottingham; Colwick†; 13, Southwell (Staff); 14, Mansfield; 16, St. Peter, Nottingham*; 17-21, London (House of Lords); 24, London; 25, York (Enthronement); Warsop; 27, Skipton, Yorks. (Call to the North).

* Confirmation † Institution or Licensing

Southwell Minster Choir will be on holiday from Mon. 17 Feb. — Wed. 19.

Death of Bishop Thompson

We regret to record the death of Bishop Kenneth George Thompson, former Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood, in a Boston hospital on Thursday 9 January. He was 65 and retired last year after 28 years' service in the Diocese.

The Bishop of Southwell writes: "The death of Kenneth Thompson has brought great sadness to the whole county and left a great void in our hearts. Our love and our prayers go out to his wife Doreen and to their family in their sorrow.

"It is not yet four months since we officially bade him farewell and so he has not had time to enjoy a well-earned retirement. It was typical of him that he should work ceaselessly to the end of his time among us, anxious to leave nothing uncompleted, nothing which could be a headache to me or his successor.

"For his devotion to his Lord, his devotion to this diocese, his love and care of people, his endless good humour, his priority for simple things, his love of the countryside, his example to us as a family man and as a priest and shepherd of the flock, we thank God with all our hearts. May his soul in the mercy of God rest in peace."

Around the Diocese

Mothering Sunday Cards are available free of charge, and in any quantity, from the Church of England Children's Society. The cards include a prayer for the Society's work and are available from The Rev. Frank Winderbank, Fairview, New Hill, Walesby, Newark (Tel. Mansfield 860036).

C.E.M.S. Conference "Christian Laymen" will be held at Morley from lunch on Saturday 22 February to after lunch on Sunday 23. It will be led by Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith and the Rev. Neville Chamberlain (Social Responsibility Secretary, Lincoln Diocese). Further details from Mr. J. Kitchen, 3 Rose Avenue, Retford.

Choral Scholarships. There will be up to ten vacancies in the Junior Department of Southwell Minster Grammar School from September 1975 for boys who will be over 8 and under 11 on September 1. This department exists especially for boys who wish to become Cathedral Choristers. At 11 they move into the Senior School. The school has a strong musical tradition, and excellent facilities for instrumental playing. Tuition is free and there are good boarding facilities. A Singing Test will be held at the School on March 4. Those successful in this test will be interviewed and examined at the School on March 11. Further details may be obtained from the Headmaster, Southwell Minster Grammar School, Notts., to whom application should be sent as soon as possible. Closing date for entries 25 February 1975.

Christian Unity Bookshop, Oxford Street Nottingham, Tel. 43260. Open 9.30-5 p.m. Mon-Fri. New and secondhand books, Browsers welcome.

Organist retires. After serving as organist at Oxton Parish Church since 25 April 1925, Mr. Arthur Swain, who is 78, has just retired from the post.

For Youth Workers. A useful new booklet on club organisation — the Adult Committee, the Members' Committee, Duties of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. 10p post free from Diocesan Youth Officer, Church House.

Second-hand choir robes. St. Mark's, Woodthorpe, have a number of black choir cassocks and gowns of various sizes, most in fair to good condition, which they will be pleased to pass on to any other Church which could make use of them. Please contact the Choirmaster, Mr. D. Kirk, 19 Thornton Avenue, Redhill, Arnold, Nottingham (phone Nottingham 267427).

Choir Offer. St. Ann with Emmanuel Church, Nottingham, has a few men's and boy's choir cassocks and women's choir robes to offer. Inquiries to the Vicar, the Rev. R. K. Williamson (Tel. Nottingham 55471).

News of the Clergy

The Rev. John Hugh Brincklow, Vicar of St. Jude's, Mapperley, Nottingham, will be retiring on March 31 on grounds of ill-health.

The Rev. Sydney Ernest Allso, Assistant Curate of Bawtry with Austerfield, Doncaster, will be licensed by the Bishop of Southwell as Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Evangelist, Kirkby Woodhouse on Friday 7 February at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Christopher Gale, Assistant Curate at St. John the Baptist, Bilborough, will be licensed by the Bishop of Southwell as Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Baptist, Colwick on Monday 10 February at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Charles Eurwyn Jones, Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Carlton for the past seven years and Priest-in-Charge of Colwick for five years, has been appointed Vicar of Bunny with Bradmore.

The Rev. Fraser Kelvin Flanagan, Assistant Curate at Shirley, Christchurch, New Zealand, has been appointed Assistant Curate at St. Peter and St. Paul, Mansfield.

The Rev. K. Samuel Manickam, Assistant Curate of Christ Church, Newark, has been appointed temporary chaplain at Newark Hawtonville Hospital.

The Rev. Herman John Crowie, Assistant Curate at St. Giles, Balderton, has been appointed temporary chaplain at Balderton Hospital.

The Rev. Richard Arthur Kirton, Assistant Curate at St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, has been appointed temporary chaplain at Newark General Hospital.

Parochial Fees. The Church Commissioners are initiating a review of the current Table of Parochial Fees (for marriages, burials, memorials, etc.) which has been in operation since June 1 1972. They invite comments or suggestions which should be sent to Mr. K. S. RYLE, Secretary, Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, Westminster, London SW1P 3JZ. not later than February 28.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

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| 1 The Archbishop of Canterbury | Raymond Chudley; |
| 2 Southwell Minister | John Roberts |
| (Francis Pratt, Provost; | 16 Coddington (Peter Wright) |
| Eric Roberts, Vice-Provost; | 17 Newark, St. Agnes } (Ronald Thomp- |
| Charles Bayes, Canon; | Mission } son, Canon; |
| Charles Knowles, Vicar Choral) | 18 Newark, } Richard Kirton; |
| 3 The Mothers' Union | St. Augustine's } Raymond |
| 4 Church of England Men's Society | Mission } Chudley; |
| 5 Syerston (Norman Todd) | 19 Newark, } John Roberts |
| 6 North Collingham | St. Leonard |
| (Rupert Stevens, Canon) | 20 South Scarle |
| 7 South Collingham | (Rupert Stevens, Canon) |
| (Rupert Stevens, Canon) | 21 Shelton |
| 8 Cotham | 22 Sibthorpe (Norman Todd) |
| 9 East Stoke (Norman Todd) | 23 Staunton |
| 10 Flawborough | (Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon) |
| (Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon) | 24 Thorney w. Wigsley & Broadholme |
| 11 Girton with Spalford (Frank Wilson) | (Roy Palin) |
| 12 Holme (Herbert Langford) | 25 The Archbishop of York |
| 14 Newark, Christ Church | 26 Thorpe-by-Newark |
| (Samuel Manickam) | (Walter McBay, Canon) |
| 15 Newark, St. Mary Magdalene | 27 Winthorpe (Herbert Langford) |
| (Ronald Thompson, Canon; | 28 Carlton-on-Trent (Peter Chamier) |
| Richard Kirton; | |

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The New Year Party was held on January 14. Members and guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs. C. Atkins. A Roast Beef Dinner was much enjoyed. Sconce Hills School Drama Club provided the entertainment; Mrs. M. Greenwood and Mr. D. Atkins also took part. They were thanked by Mrs. V. James.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The East Bridgford and District Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March in the East Bridgford Village Hall Committee Room at 8.00pm. All members are invited to attend.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs. Bontoft would like to thank everyone for their support in buying Christmas cards. £15.20 was the amount raised.

CAROL SINGING round the village raised £14.30. £7.15 was sent to the Church of England Children's Society and £7.15 to the National Children's Home.

THE 2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIES gave a tea and entertainment to the over 60's as their Christmas good turn.

THE MOTHER'S UNION has adopted Fosse House, a ward of 33 long stay patients at Saxondale Hospital. Christmas cards and chocolates were sent, and it is hoped to send a card and small gift to each patient on birthdays and at Christmas. If anyone has any small gifts which they would like to donate for this purpose, please let Mrs. Lawson or Mrs. Bontoft have them.

THE ALTAR GUILD

Mrs. Blandy is very kindly holding a BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING at Cuttle Hill House on Thursday March 11 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30. Please come and bring your friends and help to raise funds with which to buy materials for the kneelers for the church. It is hoped to have some kneelers on view in various stages of completion so that you can see what is being done.

The FIRST MEETING OF THE GUILD will be held at the Rectory on Thursday February 20 at 8.00 p.m.

PAINTING AND DECORATING, internal or external, domestic or commercial premises, expertly undertaken by Peter Cartledge. Enquiries welcomed. Telephone: East Stoke 471.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Results - First Team

December 7	Porchester Utd.Res.	Home	LOST	2 - 3
14	R.O.F.	Away	WON	3 - 2
January 4	Sherwood Utd.	Home	LOST	1 - 2
11	Rolls Royce	Away	DREW	1 - 1
18	Bulwell Baptists	Home	WON	3 - 1

Results - Second Team

December 7	South Notts.Ath.	Away	LOST	0 - 8
14	R.O.F. 'A'	Home	WON	3 - 2
January 11	Lowdham Utd.	Home	LOST	1 - 5
25	Southwell City 'A'	Home	WON	3 - 2

<u>Fixtures</u>	<u>First Team</u>	<u>Second Team</u>
Feb. 1	-	Parliament St 'A' Away
8	Birnam Away	-
15	Clifton Alb. Home	Padstow Res. Away
22	Keyworth Res. Away	Trent Poly Res. Home

HELP THE AGED

This month many churches in the area will be supporting Help the Aged's bid to get clothing and blankets to old and destitute refugees overseas. Once collected, the items are taken to the docks, sorted, and sent quickly to the points of need.

Bringing warmth and comfort to the world's needy aged is a massive task. In 1973 a thousand tons of clothing and blankets were sent overseas by Help the Aged - and the demand is increasing. Often, old people are reduced to tears of happiness when they receive a warm garment from a relief worker. Just think what happiness is spread around when a whole baleful of clothing arrives!

Please do what you can to support this Help the Aged appeal. You can help to bring a smile to the face of a needy old person by taking some good used clothing or a blanket to one of the centres.

Every day requests for clothing and blankets come into Help the Aged offices from relief workers all over the world. This month's appeal is so important if we are to continue our life-saving work.

THE LOCAL SECRETARY IS MRS. ATKINS WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE GIFTS AT THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ON 18 and 19 FEBRUARY at 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon and 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

SIDESMEN

February 16	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Whittaker
	6.30 p.m.	Capt. Jay
February 23	9.00 a.m.	Dr. Brooks
	6.30 p.m.	Dr. Brooks
March 2	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Hand
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Hand
March 9	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Reid
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Curtis

READERS AND READINGS

February 16 - 1st in Lent

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 30, 15-20	Dr. G. Brooks
(Ep.) Hebrews 2, 14-18	Mr. T. Ashton
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 8, 15-9, 17	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) Mark 14, 1-26	Mr. P. Blandy

February 23 - 2nd in Lent

9.00 (O.T.) 2 Kings 6, 8-23	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.) 1 John 4, 1-6	Miss J. Price
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 11, 1-9	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.) Mark 14, 27-52	Miss S. Marson

March 2 - 3rd in Lent

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 59, 12-20	Mr. P. Slack
(Ep.) 1 Peter 2, 19-25	Miss H. Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 24, 1-28	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.) Mark 14, 53-end	Mr. J. Guy

March 9 - 4th in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 34, 29-35	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 3, 12-18	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 24, 29-end	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.) Mark 15, 1-21	Capt. A. Jay

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SERVICES

Sundays:

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns & short address)
On first Sunday in each
month - Family Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

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

SEE INSIDE FOR SPECIAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

meets at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

There is a story told of a very fervid and direct Evangelical layman who sat next to a priest on a 'bus in London and, having realised he was next to a clergyman said "Do you find peace?" The priest answered "No, I find war!!" In these days we who are Christians, not only by Baptism but by real conviction, are called to take sides and to be prepared to be counted as those who are committed to follow Christ the King wherever He leads. This is not a popular programme and there are many who are not prepared to follow, but I hope that all communicants are such as are prepared to take the risk.

Janet Erskine Stuart who was born at Cottesmore not far from here and who became a great Superior General of a famous Religious Order was a great horsewoman, and she says that if we follow Christ we may come to a ditch where a decision has to be made, and she says the choice may be 'certain death or eternal shame'. Perhaps such decisions may not come to us frequently, but they do come as we approach the greatest season in the Church's Year, Holy Week leading up to Easter. We have to follow Christ to the death on the Cross and die to ourselves and live the new life of the Risen Christ. We in this country have not yet reached the stage of persecution for our Faith, although the time is coming when to be a Christian, not only formally but really, may be the beginning of real ostracism and unpopularity. I am thinking of our young people who have to live in an atmosphere of paganism and worldliness. The practice of prayer and reception of the sacraments is something we do well to learn in our younger days and, if we can develop a really Christian life style in our youth, it will be a real standby in later years.

You might ask me "What do you mean by a Christian life style?" Here are some necessary ingredients - prayer regularly and frequently, reading the Bible and thinking about it, worshipping God with the rest of the Christian family every Sunday at the Eucharist, giving a certain amount of our wages to the work of the Church and to others in need (perhaps a good check to work on would be 5% but this would have to be modified by parents with families and other commitments), to live responsibly and with real care for other people (e.g. not to treat other people as objects rather than real persons). It is significant in these days when we are told that we live in a permissive society that no attempt is made to tell of the long lasting benefits of self control and chastity. This is the Christian way of life and it is becoming clearer and clearer that the alternative is disillusionment, boredom and loss of ideals. The teaching of Jesus remains true for all time, that the way to real life is by the way of the Cross. Those who followed this way would speak with a united voice and say how true this is.

On March 9, Midlent Sunday, we shall have the annual Mothering Sunday Service. On this occasion I hope to baptise the baby of John and Diane Witham - a baby long awaited and in the circumstances miraculously born. I hope all parents will try and be present.

March 23 is Palm Sunday and on that day five of our children will be confirmed at S. Mary's, Nottingham, by the Bishop of Southwell at 3 p.m. Do support them by your prayers.

Easter is the greatest festival in the Church's Year, and this year it is early - March 30, but don't forget to keep the Thursday before (Maundy Thursday) by receiving Holy Communion, and the Friday before as Good Friday - good because it is the annual commemoration of our Saviour's death by crucifixion.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

HOLY BAPTISM

February 16 Daniel Michael, son of
Michael and Mollie Elizabeth Blagg
Rachel, daughter of
Peter James Edward and Jacqueline Mills

R.I.P.

February 13 Henry Newport (at Car Colston)

February 14 Ernest Whitely (at Wilford)

We assure Mrs. Newport and Mrs. Whitely of our sympathy.

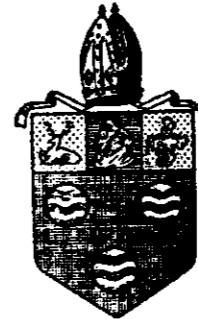
SOME DATES FOR THE DIARY

March 4 East Bridgford and District Branch
Meeting of the Royal British Legion.
Village Hall Committee Room. 8.00 p.m.

March 11 Altar Guild Coffee Morning at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Blandy, Cuttle Hill
House, Kneeton Road. 10.30 a.m. to
12.30 p.m.

March 16 There will be a short Dedication of the
memorial plaque for the Rev. Victor
Johnson immediately after the 9.00 a.m.
Parish Eucharist.

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The Bishop's Letter

What is Expected of Leaders

DEAR Friends,—Several issues drive me to writing this month about leadership and authority. The election of Mrs. Thatcher to the leadership of the Tory Party and the rejection of Mr. Heath; the assumption by our Archbishops of their leadership role in the Church; the debates in General Synod where the place of the bishop in the life and leadership of our Church is constantly being questioned and modified; the discussions in which many people in the diocese have been taking part with our Consultant about the primary task of the Church in the diocese; all these lead me to comment on the expectations of the led in their dependence on their leader.

May I quote some words of Canon R. W. Herrick, our Consultant, taken from the sermon he preached at my Consecration in York Minster on Michaelmas Day 1970:

"Any society which is preoccupied with the human emotions associated with the sense of dependence — and the Church can scarcely hope to avoid that preoccupation — is prone to produce a membership relentless in expectations of superhuman knowledge, superhuman wisdom, superhuman competence and capacity on the part of their leaders. It is, we are told, the members' instinctive assumption that all will be provided for them without effort on their part. And how fickle, indeed how cruel the dependent group can be if disappointed of its expectations! How cruel the cross grimly testifies. Yet disappointed the dependent type of society must be, because it is wholly unrealistic in what it demands."

That comment on part of the dependency culture illuminates the "crucifixion" of Edward Heath, the unrealistic, indeed euphoric way, in which our Archbishops have been greeted as they take up office, the way in which a Church frustrated by its own unpopularity turns to "castrating" its bishops, the way in which the term "Father in God" is used within the diocese.



*Deaconess Matty McQuillan,
who is secretary of the Diocesan
Board of Women's Work.
She is on the staff of St. Ann
with Emmanuel, Nottingham.*

A great deal is being said about restoring confidence in the Church today. Some are interpreting this as requiring a reaffirmation of the old verities, the Book of Common Prayer, the Authorised Version of the Bible, a fundamentalist attitude towards faith and morality, a demand for a lead from omniscient leaders. To think like that is to behave like the speaker who pencilled into the margin of his notes "Argument weak, speak more loudly". Fundamentalism in all its forms is an immature reliance on ideas that are too dangerous to question: it is miles away from faith and reality.

May I quote Canon Herrick again: "It is of the very nature of the bishop's office that he authenticates the framework of our faith, the framework of Bible, Creed and Sacrament, by the model he offers in himself of their use in establishing living relationships with the same Lord in the midst of life today; of their use in making the Church free and strong to interpret the world to itself in every age appropriately to the circumstances of the time. The magnitude of that task in the present world does not fail to demonstrate; the urgency of it is manifested by the world's inability to provide for itself any alternative framework by which to understand itself or to steer towards any meaningful destiny."

Taking the bishop's office as illustrative of all leadership, it is clear that leadership is incarnated in a person who exists to explicate by life and deed all that the institution exists to proclaim. To do it aright is an impossible task; to try to be going in the right direction is an obligation.

THE RIGHT EXPECTATIONS

All leadership is essentially personal. It succeeds if it enables those being led to engage with the leader in the task he embodies in ways that use their full potential rather than making them impotent dependents on his omniscience. As Christians, it is Christ on whom we must depend, and do so in a mature way. Christian leadership must therefore provide the model which enables such mature dependency to take place.

The question for us is whether we can abjure all fundamentalisms and have a faith in Christ which can live freely and dangerously, accepting for ourselves the responsibility for our response to him and helping our leaders, whether bishop or priest, by having the right expectations of them as those who are commissioned to embody for today the leadership function of Christ in his Church while having at the same time the frailties of mortal men. To rob them of their role is to make them irrelevant; to have unrealistic expectations of them is to destroy them. And what holds good for leaders in the Church holds good for leaders in secular institutions too.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

March 1, St. Jude, Mapperley (Diocesan Synod); Carlton-in-Lindrick*; 2, Trowell*; St. Jude, Mapperley*; 5, St. Paul, West Bridgford; 6, Southwell (Staff); St. Mary, Nottingham (Board of Ministry); 7, St. Ann, Nottingham (Liturgical Committee); 9, Ranby School*; Clayworth; Calverton; 13, London (Church Commissioners); 14, London (ACCM); 16, Plymouth; 17, Church House, Nottingham (Bishop's Council); 18, Southwell (Clergy Quiet Day); Hyson Green*; 20, London (House of Bishop's); 21, St. Jude, Mapperley (Pastoral Committee); Bramcote (St. John's College); 23, Whatton*; St. Mary, Nottingham*; Eastwood*; 24, Southwell (S.M. Grammar School); 27, Southwell (Blessing of Oils); 30, Southwell Minster; St. John, Mansfield. * Confirmation.

Deaconess Matty McQuillan, Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Women's Work, writes on—

Opportunity for Women's Ministry

DURING the recent Clergy Conference at Swanwick, I was frequently asked the question: 'Who are you?' 'What are you doing here?' 'Should you not be at the Mothers' Union Conference?'

I was really astonished to find that so few clergy in this Diocese know little or anything of Women's Ministry. Some also wondered just how they would go about finding a woman to join the staff of their parish.

The Board of Women's Work would very much like to see more women employed in parishes in the Diocese. If therefore you are in need of staff and would consider a woman joining your team, please contact us and we will try to help.

There is from time to time a list of vacant posts circulated to all Parish Workers and Deaconesses throughout the country, and so far Southwell Diocese has had only a few openings to offer anyone wanting to work in this area. But we do hope that it will not be long before, with your help we do have something more to offer women who would like to work in this Diocese.

The Rev. Ronald Lacey, the Secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Board for Social Action writes—

Marriage Counselling

The Nottingham and District Marriage Guidance Council is urgently trying to recruit more counsellors. The work in both the remedial and educational field is increasing to such an extent that our present complement of 19 counsellors is fully stretched and cannot adequately meet the demand.

Would you be interested in this work and like to know more about it? If any local group would care to hear a talk from one of our counsellors, we would be glad to arrange it. Or if as an individual you feel that marriage counselling appeals to you, we would send you further particulars. In either case, would you get in touch with the Secretary: Mrs. K. G. Barks, 84 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. (Phone Nottingham 57836).

Centenary Project

In 1976 the Mothers' Union will be 100 years old and various celebrations are in the pipeline both at Diocesan and national level.

It is hoped that there will be a worldwide conference to which a delegate from every overseas diocese will be invited.

Southwell Diocese has links with three overseas diocese — North Queensland, Australia; Papua, New Guinea and Victoria Nyanza in Africa. The Diocesan M.U. Overseas department have decided that their project for 1975 shall be to raise the fare for a delegate from one of the links to enable her to come to England for the 1976 conference.

With this object in mind, the overseas committee are launching the project this spring by holding two Archdeaconry meetings:

April 23rd at St. Ann with Emmanuel Parish Hall, Nottingham at 7.30 p.m. and April 24th at Warsop Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m.

The speaker at both meetings will be Mrs. Chrys Woodman of Birkenhead on the subject of Papua, where she worked with her husband and was diocesan M.U. secretary for two years.

Missionary Giving up over £1,000

Missionary giving in the Southwell Diocese during 1973 totalled £18,238, an increase of £1,128 over the previous year. This represents an increase of about 6 per cent — about the same as the national average and is in fact a decline in real giving due to the inflation trends of recent years. During 1975, if missionary giving is to keep up to the same level as two years ago, we need in fact to give 20% more in terms of £.p. writes Canon Albert Brown, the Bishop's Adviser on Overseas Relations. The figures for the Diocese for 1973 were:

Society	Through Parishes	Direct from individuals	Total
	£	£	£
BCMS	896	194	1,090
CMS	7,395	421	7,816
CMJ	192	196	388
CCCS	250	6	256
JEM	268	28	296
MM	75	21	96
M & S	622	—	622
SPCK	493	86	579
SAMS†	250	407	657
USPG	6,065	373	6,438
	£16,506	£1,732	£18,238

† 9 months only

Each deanery has been asked to discuss the report "Today's Missionaries" and to urge each PCC to take action on that report. In the meantime, the Overseas Support Group of the Diocesan Board wishes to get an up-to-date list of those working overseas from this diocese.



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Put Us to the Test

Says Mothers' Union President, Mrs. D. Worwood

I am very glad of this opportunity to commend the work of the Mothers' Union just six months after the granting of its new Charter by Her Majesty the Queen on September 6, 1974.

The aim of the Mothers' Union is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. The purpose is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian Family Life.

The objects of the Mothers' Union are:

(1) to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding;

(2) to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;

(3) to maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;

(4) to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;

(5) to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Membership is open to all those who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and intend to support and work for the aim, purpose and objects of the Society.

These are exciting days for the Mothers' Union because we have been given a new opportunity to reach out to all families starting where people are, not concerned with what they have been but in what they are trying to become, working alongside them, accepting and loving them.



Mrs. Dorothy Worwood, wife of the Rector of West Bridgford

5,000 READY TO HELP

Those who were present at the 1973 Egham Conference when the large majority voted for a change of emphasis in the working objects and membership rule of the Mothers' Union were aware of the Holy Spirit guiding our thoughts and actions. Because of this the Mothers' Union believes that it has a contribution to make to the life of the Church and I appeal to all clergy to put us to the test by using us just where we are at the point where it matters and the place where it counts — in the parishes.

There are some 5,000 members in this diocese ready and willing to support the parish priest in his task of seeking out families and helping to build them up in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the fellowship of his Church.

Let me tell you something about how we equip ourselves for this task. The Mothers' Union is active in promoting study and interest in marriage, Christian education, social problems, evangelism at home and overseas and in deepening the lives of its members so that they can more effectively involve themselves in living out the objects. Members are also informed by a dedicated band of speakers and by the excellent literature published by the Mothers' Union.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Nineteen Seventy-five is being regarded as an In Year, during which we are seeking to Inform, Inspire and Increase our membership and impact, especially in the potential among the 48 Young Wives' Groups.

In 1976 we shall celebrate the centenary of the Mothers' Union founded by Mary Sumner in the village of Old Arlesford in the Winchester Diocese but now firmly established throughout the Anglican Communion in 68 Dioceses in the British Isles and 130 overseas.

If you are interested in starting a branch in your parish or in becoming a member, please contact Mrs. D. Fryer, our Diocesan Secretary at our centre at Warren House, 1 Plantagenet Street, Nottingham — 'phone 50711, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Benjamin Hugh Lewers, Industrial Chaplain at Heathrow Airport since 1968, has been appointed Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark-on-Trent, Notts. He will also be Priest-in-Charge of Cotham, Hawton, Shelton and St. Leonard's, Newark.

The Rev. John Kenneth Pennington, of 93 Tavistock Drive, Nottingham, has been appointed Lecturer at St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham and Deanery Chaplain. He was formerly Area Secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the Dioceses of Derby and Sheffield and the Nottingham Deanery in the Southwell Diocese.

The Rev. John Brown, Rector of Clabby, Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland, has been appointed Vicar of Dunham-on-Trent with Darlton and Ragnall and Rector of Fledborough, near Newark. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday, April 18 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Julian Henry Waite, Assistant Curate at St. Leonard, Wollaton, Nottingham, has been appointed Assistant Curate at Herne Bay Parish Church, Diocese of Canterbury.

The Rev. Dr. George Leonard Carey, tutor at St. John's College, Bramcote, Nottingham since 1970, has been appointed Vicar of St. Nicholas, Durham, where he will be instituted on Thursday, July 17.

The Rev. Terence Short, Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael and All Angels, Sutton-in-Ashfield, has been appointed Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Carlton.

Permission to officiate:

The Rev. R. J. Spencer of 49 High Street, Sutton-on-Trent.

The Rev. J. G. Burgess of 26 Chapel Lane, Costock, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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Around the Diocese

West Bridgford Women's World Day of Prayer services will be held on Friday, March 7 at All Hallows' Parish Church, Lady Bay at 2.45 p.m. and at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Melton Road at 8 p.m.

Christian Unity Bookshop, Oxford Street, Nottingham, Tel. 43260. Open 9.30—5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. New and secondhand books. Browsers welcome.

68 Years in Choir. For the past 68 years Mrs. Amy Hibbert, an 82-year-old widow, of 9 Lime Close, Nuthall, Nottingham, has been singing in the choir at Holy Trinity Church, Kimberley almost every Sunday morning and evening.

Marriage Guidance. The Bishop of the Diocese wishes to draw the attention of parishes to National Marriage Guidance Week, which is being held during the week beginning Sunday, March 9. If any parishes felt it right to support this work with gifts on that Sunday, which is Mothering Sunday and therefore an appropriate occasion, or on any other Sunday, the money should be sent to the Nottingham and District Marriage Guidance Council, 84 Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Spring Meeting of the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (Northern Area) will take place at Caunton School Community Centre on Tuesday, March 4 at 7.30 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. Ian Savile, Bishop's Adviser on Evangelism and Vicar of Holy Trinity, Southwell.

Blessing of Oils. Oils will be blessed in the Bishop's Chapel on Maundy Thursday, March 27 at 11.30 a.m. It is hoped that clergy who use oils will be present in person, but if unable to be so, please contact the Rev. John Tyson (Nottm. 50508) or the Rev. W. H. Jarvis (Nottm. 605427).

Organist for 20 years. Mrs. Norah Eadson, of Water Lane Farm, Pleasley Hill, last month completed 20 years as voluntary organist at St. Barnabas, Pleasley Hill, and in that time she has missed only four Sundays.

Jerusalem and the East Mission

The Home Secretary of the Mission, Mr. E. Talbot-Ponsonby, will be visiting the diocese in March. Clergy are especially invited to meetings as follows to learn more about the mission of the Church in the Middle East.

Friday March 7th — 10 a.m. at the Vicarage, Clipstone, near Mansfield and 8 p.m. at the Rectory, Barton-in-Fabis, near Nottingham.

The Mission's honorary secretaries for the diocese are: The Rev. Fred Green (Tel. Mansfield 23916) and the Rev. Andrew Woodsford (Tel. Nottingham 830252), who would be pleased to visit parishes to show slides and speak about the Mission's work.

If you haven't yet finalised your holiday plans for this year — how about a pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Andrew Woodsford is leading a pilgrimage from May 24 to 31 and would be pleased to supply further details.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

The Choir will be on holiday after Easter Day until term begins on April 16. Sunday March 2 at 7 p.m. Southwell Minster Grammar School arrange Service. Sat. 15 at 7.30 p.m. Southwell Choral Society Concert — "St. Matthew Passion". Tues. 18 Quiet Day for Diocesan Clergy (in the new Trebeck Hall). Wed. 19 at 2.45 p.m. Pram Service.

Palm Sunday March 23. 9.30 a.m. Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins; 3.15 p.m. Music for Holy Week (Choir and Orchestra) — *The Passion of Christ* (1716): Handel; 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Good Friday March 28. 9.45 a.m. Children's Service; 12-3 p.m. The Liturgical Three Hours. Rev. John Hardy and the Choir of St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield; 8 p.m. United Service in Our Lady of Victories.

Easter Day March 30. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.30 a.m. Blessing of the Easter Garden; Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Mattins in the Nave (Preacher: The Bishop); 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 3.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Cathedral Choir at both Services.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN MARCH

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| 1 Caunton (<i>Robert Neill, Canon</i>) | 16 Bothamsall (<i>Douglas Woodgate</i>) |
| 2 Cromwell (<i>William Snow, Canon</i>) | 17 Clarborough (<i>Colin Perkins</i>) |
| 3 Kneesall | 18 Eaton (<i>John Bishop</i>) |
| 4 Laxton (<i>Graham Firth</i>) | 19 Elkesley (<i>Douglas Woodgate</i>) |
| 5 Moorhouse (<i>Graham Firth</i>) | 20 Gamston (<i>John Bishop</i>) |
| 6 Marnham (<i>Peter Swinn</i>) | 21 Grove (<i>Bill Williams</i>) |
| 7 North Muskham | 22 Hayton (<i>Colin Perkins</i>) |
| (<i>William Snow, Canon</i>) | 23 Littleborough (<i>John Ford</i>) |
| 8 South Muskham | 24 North Leverton (<i>Claude Billington</i>) |
| (<i>William Snow, Canon</i>) | 25 Ordsall, St. Mary's Mission Hall |
| 9 Normanton-on-Trent (<i>Peter Swinn</i>) | (<i>Bill Williams</i>) |
| 10 Norwell (<i>Billie James</i>) | 26 South Leverton (<i>Claude Billington</i>) |
| 11 Ossington | 27 Society of the Sacred Mission |
| 12 Sutton-on-Trent (<i>Peter Chamier</i>) | 28 Lound (<i>John Thomas</i>) |
| 13 Weston-on-Trent (<i>Thomas Swift</i>) | 29 Newstead Sanatorium (<i>Frank Lyons</i>) |
| 14 Babworth (<i>Edmund Jessup</i>) | 30 Ordsall, All Hallows (<i>Bill Williams</i>) |
| 15 Bole (<i>John Ford</i>) | 31 Harlow Wood Hospital |
| | (<i>Robert Warburton, Canon</i>) |

CONFIRMATIONS IN APRIL

Sun. 20, 9.30 a.m. Clipstone; Thurs. 24, 7.15 p.m. Ollerton (at St. Paulinus); Sun. 27, 10 a.m. Woodthorpe†; Wed. 30, 7.30 p.m. Tuxford Deanery†.

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SERVICES, ETC. FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- March 23 **PALM SUNDAY**
9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Preacher:
The Revd. Gerald Pearce -
Rural Dean)
- Monday 24, Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26.
7.30 a.m. Eucharist
- March 27 **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Day of the
Institution of the Eucharist.
7.30 p.m. Eucharist.
- March 28 **GOOD FRIDAY** - Day of the Cross.
7.30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Day.
- March 29 **HOLY SATURDAY**
8.00 p.m. The Liturgy.
- March 30 **EASTER DAY** - Day of the Resurrection.
8.00 a.m. Eucharist at Kneeton
9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
10.30 a.m. Eucharist
6.30 p.m. Evensong

The Rector will be in church for counsel, consultation and confessions on Wednesday at 6.30 p.m., Friday at 5.30 p.m., Saturday at 3.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

THE CHURCH CHOIR took part in the Diocesan Choir Festival at Ruddington Church on a recent Saturday. The occasion was very much enjoyed. 21 choirs took part - a total of nearly 300 voices.

More members are needed for the Choir - all voices, male and female. Anyone interested please get in touch with Mrs. Goddard, our Organist, who will be very glad to hear from them.

READERS AND READINGS

March 9 - 4th in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 34, 29-35 Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 3, 12-18 Miss P. Marson
3.00 Special Service - Readers to be arranged.
6.30 No Service

March 16 - 5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 63, 1-9 Mrs. S. Guy
(Ep.) Colossians 2, 8-15 Mr. P. Blandy
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 4, 27 - 6, 1 Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.) Mark 15, 22-39 Capt. A. Jay

March 23 (Palm Sunday)

9.00 (O.T.) Zechariah 9, 9-12 Miss P. Stobbs
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 1, 18-25 Mr. J. Guy
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 52, 13 - 53 end Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.) Luke 19, 29-end Mrs. J. Jones

March 27, Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m.
March 28, Good Friday 7.30 p.m.
March 29, Holy Saturday 8.00 p.m.

Readers by arrangement.

March 30 EASTER DAY

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 12, 1-6 Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.) Revelation 1, 12-18 Miss E. Slack
10.30 (O.T.) Exodus 12, 1-14 Mr. G. Stobbs
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15, 12-20 Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 14, 5-end Dr. G. Brooks
(N.T.) John 20, 11-23 Miss S. Marson

SIDESMEN

March 16 9.00 a.m. Mr. Whittaker
6.30 p.m. Capt. Jay
March 23 9.00 a.m. Dr. Brooks
6.30 p.m. Dr. Brooks
March 30 9.00 a.m. Mr. Hand
10.30 a.m. To be arranged
6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand
April 6 9.00 a.m. Mr. Hand
6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand
April 13 9.00 a.m. Mr. Reid
6.30 p.m. Mr. Curtis

THE ALTAR GUILD

Don't forget to come and bring your friends to the Coffee Morning being held at Mrs. Blandy's home at Cuttle Hill House, Kneeton Road, on TUESDAY March 11, 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. It is being held to raise funds for Church Furnishings. Any offers of gifts for the stalls or the raffle would be much appreciated by Mrs. Blandy (Tel. E.B. 376).

Work which has been started by members of the Guild will be on view and it is hoped to raise a sum which will enable materials, required for long term plans, to be purchased now.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE held their monthly meeting in the Hut on Tuesday 11 February. Members spent a delightful evening looking at colour slides of well dressings in Derbyshire. Mr. F. Hoskins, who showed the slides, was able to explain in great detail how the people of several Derbyshire villages create the wonderful displays which make up the well dressings.

Mrs. P. Clark won the competition for the best bowl of bulbs.

The next meeting will be held in the Hut on 11 March. This will be the Annual Meeting when the President will be elected and a ballot will be held for the Committee. The evening will end with a film.

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SERVICES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns & short address)
On first Sunday in each
month - Family Eucharist.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I shall be away for most of the month of April in the Bahamas which I am re-visiting at the kind invitation of the Bishop, my successor. It will be interesting to visit once again a country where I spent ten years of my life and enjoyed being the spiritual leader of so many Bahamans and those members of the Anglican Church who were resident there. Since I left, the Bahamas has also become an independent country in the British Commonwealth.

A good question to ask would be 'Is the Christian Religion, and especially that brand of it we call Anglican, transportable or is it just a little thing associated with England?' The answer to this is of course that the Christian Religion is by far the largest in its numbers and can be found in every continent. In certain parts of the West Indies the Anglican Church is one of the strongest, if numbers are any indication. Actually we are realising that, when we talk about the Christian Church, it is wrong to think denominationally. We must learn to think ecumenically, which means of the whole world. We in the Anglican Church share with the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church of the East certain emphases which we regard as essential. These are the Apostolic Ministry, the Catholic Creeds (Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian) and the Sacraments, and we regard these three as essential. The lines get a bit blurred when we think of the Quakers and the Salvation Army who, while possessing none of the above three things, often put many of us to shame by their enthusiasm and loving following of the Christian Way. In between are the Methodist, Baptist, and United Reformed, who would say that some of the things we insist on are not essential, but nevertheless by baptism are Christians. In Nairobi this year in July there

will be the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The General Secretary is a very fine Methodist Minister from the West Indies, called Philip Potter, whom I was once privileged to meet. There will be 274 Christian denominations represented at this Assembly. We shall be represented by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other clergy and lay people from the Church of England.

During the season of Eastertide we think of our Lord's parting words to his disciples - 'All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth' - A CLAIM - 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations and baptise them' - A CHARGE - and 'Lo, I am with you always' - A PROMISE. Shall not we who are at home pray for all the preparations being made for the World Council's Assembly and pray that by its actions the whole Christian witness in the world may be strong and convincing? Here is a prayer I hope you may feel able to use from time to time.

"Father, Maker of all things, you have created us men and women in your own image, you have made yourself known to us in Jesus Christ as loving Father of all. Pour out your liberating Spirit on all who come together to see the world, mankind and each other with fresh eyes. Give us the unity to accept one another in the body of your Son. Give us the freedom to speak, love and suffer as Jesus did that we and all creation may move towards the fullness that you have promised your children in his rising - the Christ, Saviour, Judge and Lord, through whom we pray. Amen."

We were delighted that the Coffee Morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blandy was so successful. We raised £115 which is magnificent. It was a very wet and stormy morning but this increased people's interest and enthusiasm. Congratulations and many thanks to all who helped.

We were glad that Mrs. Johnson and John were able to come on March 16 when we dedicated, after the Parish Eucharist, the memorial stone to the Revd. Victor Kenneth Johnson, my predecessor. It was a very worthwhile occasion and passed off happily.

We assure those who have been bereaved of our prayers, especially Mrs. Hilgrove in the death of her husband.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

HOLY BAPTISM

March 9, at the Mothering Sunday Service, Alistair Luke Reginald, son of John Reginald and Diane Elizabeth Witham.

In spite of torrential rain this was a glorious occasion.

HOLY MATRIMONY

March 8, Richard James Crow and Jennifer Ann Hufton.

We wish Richard and Jennifer every happiness.

R.I.P.

February 27, John Hilgrove
March 10, Cecily Dorothea Haddock.

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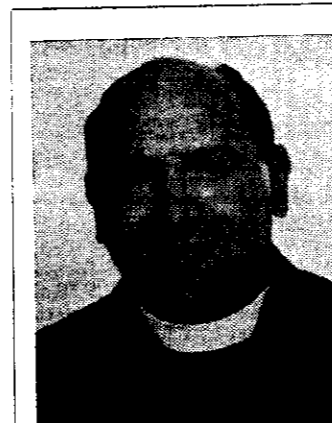


The Bishop's Letter

Minster Welcome for New Bishop

DEAR Friends,—My first and pleasant duty this month is to welcome the Bishop-designate of Sherwood, the Very Rev. H. R. Darby, Dean of Battle. His appointment, announced on February 25, gives me great satisfaction. I have known his work over the past 15 years. All his ministry has been spent as a parish priest in a wide variety of parishes: outer London urban sprawl, new town,

housing estate, rapidly developing small town, country town. He has at one time or another had close links with the Guild of Health and with the Society of Christ the King. I remember him as Chairman of the Youth Council in the Diocese of Chelmsford and as Vicar of Waltham Abbey, where he ministered to a large and lively congregation to which students from Cheshunt Theological College went for training.



The Very Rev. Richard Darby, who will be consecrated on Tuesday, June 24, as Bishop of Sherwood.

His consecration will take place in York Minster on St. John Baptist's Day, Tuesday June 24 at 11 a.m. Despite the fact that this is a working day, I hope that many people from the diocese will be ready to go to York on this occasion. It was a great inspiration to me when so many people from Nottinghamshire attended my own consecration when I too was a stranger. In these days when petrol costs so much, I should be glad if Rural Deans could consider arranging for a coach or coaches to take people from the deanery to York for the service.

We are also planning a Service of Welcome for the new Bishop in Southwell Minster on Friday June 27 at 7.30 p.m. Please make this event widely known. It is fortunate that these events are taking place in high summer when the days are long and travelling is pleasant.

It is not yet decided where the Bishop will live, but it is not my intention that he shall be beneficed as a parish priest and he has agreed to that. Many of you may be wanting to invite him to take part in some parochial event or another. Please remember that he is not in a position to accept any invitation until he is.

aware of the engagements already planned for him as Suffragan. Any requests that he receives will be dealt with in due course after consultation with me.

Most important of all is that we should all pray for him as he prepares for his move to Nottinghamshire and his consecration, and for his wife and family as they make their home among us. He would like to be known as Richard.

May I thank you for putting up with a good deal of uncertainty over the past months. Bishop Markham deserves our special thanks for being ready to take on episcopal engagements so that the load on me has been very tolerable. I know you appreciate his ministry among us as much as I do. We are most fortunate to have him with us.

VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP

There is one other important date for your diaries. On the afternoon of Sunday June 8 the Archbishop of York is going to pay his first visit to the diocese. There will be a special service in the Minster, after which the Archbishop will declare open the new Trebeck Hall which provides for the Minster the much needed accommodation for parochial as well as diocesan events. It is very good of the Archbishop to agree to come so soon to Nottinghamshire. I know people will value this opportunity of seeing and hearing him.

Lastly, I should like to take this opportunity of saying thank-you and wishing God-speed to the Rev. Michael Green who leaves St. John's College, Bramcote, after a very distinguished tenure of the Principalship to go to the significant and demanding job of Rector of St. Aldate's, Oxford. The presence of a theological college is a tremendous bonus in the life of any diocese and St. John's has already won its way into our affections. It is good that Michael Green has recovered after his serious illness. I know you would want me to assure him of the prayers of us all as he goes to his new work.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

CONFIRMATIONS IN MAY

Thurs. 1, 7.30 p.m. St. Martin, Bilborough; Fri. 2, 7.30 p.m. St. Mark, Mansfield†; Sun. 4, 6.30 p.m. St. Giles, West Bridgford†; Wed. 7, 7.30 p.m. Bawtry; Wed. 7, 7.30 p.m. St. Mary, Sutton-in-Ashfield†; Thurs. 8, 3 p.m. Southwell Minster; Thurs. 8, 7.30 p.m. Chilwell; Thurs. 8, 7.30 p.m. Carrington †; Sun. 11, 9.30 a.m. St. Peter & St. Paul, Mansfield; 6.30 p.m. St. Mary, Bulwell; Wed. 14, 7.30 p.m. Southwell Deanery†; Thurs. 15, 7.30 p.m. South Muskham†; Wed. 21, 7.30 p.m. Sutton Bonington; Thurs. 22, 7.30 p.m. Gedling†.

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SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS IN APRIL

April 3, Southwell (Staff); 7-11, House of Lords; 12, Warsop; 13, St. Mark's, Mansfield; 14, Nottingham (Board of Finance), Bunny (Institution); 16, St. Mary, Newark (Institution); 17, Church Commissioners (Board of Governors); 18, Dunham with Darlton & Fledborough (Institution); 19, Southwell Minster (Scouts Service); 20, Clipstone*; 23, Church House, Nottingham (Publicity Cte.); 24, Southwell (Rural Deans); Ollerton*; 27, Surbiton, Surrey; 29 and 30, York Convocation. * Confirmation.

Confirmation Alms, which were donated last year to the Diocese of the Argentine now celebrating its 150th anniversary, amounted to £830. This has been sent to the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. C. J. Tucker, who is a friend of the Bishop of Southwell. This year Confirmation Alms will be given to the Diocese of Ruanda, part of the Anglican Province of Uganda.

DIOCESAN SYNOD—MARCH 1, 1975

Inflation Hits Every Parish

IN his presidential address the Bishop stated as one of the principles upon which society and the Church should be based: "There is a godly mean between affluence and poverty". The effects of inflation might force this principle upon us, whether we like it or not. The seriousness of inflation upon the finances of the Church was brought home in a preliminary consideration of the financial requirements for 1976. Keeping stipends in line with inflation and paying working expenses of the clergy would mean "quota" increases of about 140% in 1976.

Presenting these figures, Mr. Alan Davis, the chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, said that the amount of money required from the Diocese for stipends had risen from £24,750 in 1974 to a probable £107,000 in 1976. The Synod accepted the inevitability of this increase by a large majority, though fully recognising the seriousness of its impact upon every parish in the Diocese.

The Bishop and Canon C. S. Bayes presented their differing views on the rightness of ordaining women to the priesthood, and in the debate that followed it was clear that many Synod members felt that women's ministry had not been properly thought through by the Church, whether or not they were to be ordained as priests.

The motion "That this Synod considers that there are no fundamental objections to the ordination of women to the priesthood", was then put. The Bishop declared himself in favour; The House of Clergy voted—For 24, Against 24, Abstentions 1; The House of Laity voted—For 30, Against 23, Abstentions—Nil. Since it was not carried in the House of Clergy, the motion failed.—J.T.F.

Around the Diocese

The House of Laity will meet at the Parish Centre, Church Warsop, on Saturday, April 12 to discuss the theme "As a layman—Can I do more?" Speakers will include Mr. Martin Conway, Assistant General Secretary of the British Council of Churches; Mr. Ivor Moon, Assistant to the District Secretary of the East Midlands W.E.A.; The Rev. Neville Chamberlain, executive secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility; the Worshipful Bryan Buckle, Chancellor of the Southwell Diocese; the Rev. Ian Savile, the Bishop's Adviser on Evangelism and Mr. Herbert Lloyd from the International Press Centre.

Appeal. If any parish has 18 parish psalters to sell or give to the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Sutton-in-Ashfield, please contact Canon Robert T. Warburton, the Vicarage, Mansfield. (Tel: Mansfield 21600).

A Quiet Afternoon is being organised for the Deanery of Gedling on Saturday, April 19 from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the church of Holy Cross, Epperstone; the conductor will be the Ven. Brian W. Woodhams, Archdeacon of Newark. It would be helpful if those intending to attend could advise Mr. P. E. Bailey, Gedling Deanery Synod Secretary, 5 Greengates Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, NG3 5JQ by Monday April 14.

800th Anniversary. St. Mary's Church, Edwinstowe. All people who have been baptised or prepared for Confirmation in the parish are specially invited to attend the Ascension Day Parish Eucharist on Thursday May 8 at 7.30 p.m. when the preacher will be the Archdeacon of Newark.

Christian Unity Bookshop, Oxford Street, Nottingham, Tel. 43260. Open 9.30-5 p.m. Mon-Fri. New and secondhand books. Browsers welcome.

Parish Records. A one-day course for clergy on Parish Records will be held at the University Adult Centre, 14-22 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham on Wednesday May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tutor: Dr. Alan Rogers. Fee, including meals £1.20. Early reservation advisable.

Clergy Stalls. St. John's, Carrington has for disposal a pair of carved oak stalls in excellent condition. Floor area 4' 6" x 2' 6" approx. Height 4' 6" approx. Inquiries to the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Wilkins. (Tel. Nottm. 604438).

News of the Clergy

The Rev. John Brown will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwell as Vicar of Dunham-on-Trent with Darlton and Ragnall and Rector of Fledborough on Friday April 18 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Roy Akerman will be instituted by the Bishop as Vicar of Ollererton on Friday May 23 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Charles Eurwyn Jones will be instituted by the Bishop as Vicar of Bunny with Bradmore on Monday, April 14 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Benjamin Hugh Lewers will be instituted by the Bishop as Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark-on-Trent, on Wednesday April 16 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Terence Short will be instituted by the Bishop to St. John the Baptist, Carlton, on Tuesday, May 20 at 7.30 p.m.

OBITUARY:

The Very Rev. Alan Richardson, Dean of York Minster, who died two days before the Enthronement of Archbishop Stuart Blanch on February 25, was Professor of Theology at the University of Nottingham from 1953 to 1964.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

The Choir will be on holiday until April 16.

Sunday April 6 at 3.15 p.m. Evensong sung by Bridgewater Parish Church Choir.

Saturday April 12 at 5.45 p.m. Bingley Parish Church Choir sing Evensong.

Sunday April 13 at 3 p.m. South East Notts. Scouts' Parade and Service.

Wednesday April 16 at 7.30 p.m. Organ Recital by Peter Wood, Assistant Organist at Southwell Minster.

Saturday April 19th at 3 p.m. Central Notts. Scouts' and Guides' Parade and Service.

Saturday April 26 at 2.45 p.m. C.M.S. Children's Festival. Speaker: Mr. John Clarke, a missionary from Iran.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN APRIL

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| 1 Ordsall, St. Alban's (<i>Bill Williams</i>) | 16 Mapperley Hospital
(<i>John Brincklow, Stanley Carter</i>) |
| 2 Chilwell Ordnance Depot
(<i>Frank Beech</i>) | 17 Askham (<i>Frederick Wright</i>) |
| 3 Ranskill | 18 Church House (<i>The Staff</i>) |
| 4 East Retford
(<i>Lindsay Shorland-Ball, Canon;</i>
<i>Alexander Morton</i>) | 19 Boughton (<i>Roy Akerman, designate;</i>
<i>David Garratt</i>) |
| 5 West Retford (<i>Colin Neild</i>) | 20 Nottingham General Hospital
(<i>Stanley Lemon</i>) |
| 6 St. Saviour's, Retford
(<i>David Tompkins</i>) | 21 Treswell w. Cottam (<i>John Gibson</i>) |
| 7 Saundby (<i>John Ford</i>) | 22 Sherwood Prison (<i>Gilbert Cheetham</i>) |
| 8 Scrooby | 23 Darlton (<i>John Brown</i>) |
| 9 Serlby | 24 Dunham-on-Trent (<i>John Brown</i>) |
| 10 Sturton-le-Steeple (<i>John Ford</i>) | 25 East Drayton (<i>Thomas Swift</i>) |
| 11 Sutton-cum-Lound (<i>John Thomas</i>) | 26 East Markham (<i>Frederick Wright</i>) |
| 12 Diocesan Board of Women's Work | 27 Egmanton (<i>Graham Firth</i>) |
| 13 West Drayton (<i>John Bishop</i>) | 28 Fledborough (<i>John Brown</i>) |
| 14 Diocesan Board of Mission and Unity | 29 Headon w. Upton (<i>Thomas Swift</i>) |
| 15 N. & S. Wheatley w. West Burton
(<i>John Ford</i>) | 30 Kirton (<i>Hywell Evans</i>) |

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be a Tanzanian Evening on Saturday, April 26th, in connection with the Sunday School project. It will be held in the W.I. Hut from 4 p.m. to about 6 p.m. There will be a film about the work of the Church in Tanzania and also some items by the children.

Fuller details will be announced later.

STEWARDSHIP

The Parochial Church Council will meet the Diocesan Stewardship Officer at the Women's Institute at 8.00 p.m. on April 29. This is a very important meeting and the Rector hopes that all members of the P.C.C. will be there.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on Sunday 27th April, in the church immediately after Evensong. This is an important meeting when, amongst other things, the election of the Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year takes place. Nominations of members of the P.C.C. can be made orally at the meeting or can be made in writing beforehand. Written nominations should be given to the Rector or the P.C.C. Secretary, Mr. A.J. Sainsbury. People wishing to vote at the Annual Parochial Meeting must be entered on the Electoral Roll of the Parish (see note below). In any case come to the meeting and hear a little more about the activities of the Church in this parish.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL is now being revised. If you are over 17, a baptized member of the Church of England, resident in this parish or

a regular worshipper at the parish church, you are probably eligible to be entered on the Roll and take part in proceedings at the Annual Church Meeting. If you are not already registered, please obtain the necessary form from Mr. Sainsbury or from the table just inside the church, complete it and return it to Mr. Sainsbury as soon as you can.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE held its Annual Meeting when the following officers were elected for the year:

President - Mrs. C. Atkins.
Vice Presidents - Mrs. M. Bontoft and Mrs. V. James.
Treasurer - Mrs. M. Chapman.
Secretary - Mrs. E. Meylan helped by Miss B. Glover.

Mrs. Jay, U.C.C., conducted a quiz and Mrs. Bontoft gave a report on the Spring Council Meeting.

Captain Jay showed a film on how commemorative stamps were made.

A COFFEE MORNING will be held at Mulberry Close, Cherryholt Lane, East Bridgford, on Saturday 26 April from 10.30 to 12.30. Proceeds will be applied towards equipping 'Hanson House', the new Girl Guide Residential Training Centre and Pack Holiday House at Linby. Notts. Guides and Brownies have been raising money to buy Hanson House and their total efforts have so far produced £10,345.

EAST BRIDGFORD LIFEBOAT GUILD are holding a Spring Serenade at the Village Hall on Friday 18 April at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that many will come and join in an evening of Springtime music,

a film about the Lifeboat Service, and with the added attraction of Cheese and Wine. Tickets 75p from Mrs. Latty or Mrs. Jay, or, if still available, at the door.

SIDESMEN

April 20 9.00 a.m. Mr. Whittaker
6.30 p.m. Capt. Jay
April 27 9.00 a.m. Dr. Brooks
6.30 p.m. Dr. Brooks
May 4 9.00 a.m. Mr. Hand
6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand
May 11 9.00 a.m. Mr. Reid
6.30 p.m. Mr. Curtis

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THE ALTAR GUILD

A most enjoyable and successful Coffee Morning was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Blandy when £115 was raised. This is a wonderful result due to the support received from so many, despite the terrible weather on the day.

The proceeds will pay for materials already being used and others which it is planned to purchase.

Considerable interest was shown in the work being done and now we can look forward to carrying out the plans envisaged during the coming years. There is plenty of work ahead and it is hoped that you will see and appreciate the results when you see them in S. Peter's.

READERS AND READINGS

April 6th - Easter 1

9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 15, 1-11
(Ep.) 1 Peter 1, 3-9
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 15, 1-18
(N.T.) John 20, 24-end

Mr. P.Blandy
Miss.H.Slack
Mr.H.Russell
Mr.D.Gould

April 13th - Easter 2

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 25, 6-9
(Ep.) Revelation 19, 6-9
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 24
(N.T.) John 21, 1-14

Mr.R.Hunt
Mr.J.Ruff
Mr.J.Guy
Miss P.Stobbs

April 20th - Easter 3

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 61, 1-3
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15, 1-11
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 33, 7-end
(N.T.) John 21, 15-end

Miss S.Marson
Mrs. J.Cornell
Mr.A.Curtis
Mr.A.Reid

April 27th - Easter 4

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 62, 1-5
(Ep.) Revelation 3, 14-22
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 35,30 - 36,1
(N.T.) Luke 16,19-end

Miss S.Guy
Mr.T.Ashton
Capt.A.Jay
Mr.C.Stobbs

May 4th - Easter 5 - Rogation Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 51, 1-6
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15, 21-28
6.30 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6
(N.T.) Luke 10,38 - 11,13

Mr.P.Slack
Miss C.Price
Dr.C.Brooks
Mr.P.Blandy

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB - FIXTURES

	<u>First Team</u>	<u>Second Team</u>
April 5	-	Raleigh Ath.'A' (H)
12	Keyworth Res. (H)	Lowdham Utd. (A)
19	Birnam (H)	-
26	Rolls Royce (H)	-

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SERVICES

Sundays:

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns & short address)
On first Sunday in each
month - Family Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

meets at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

May 1st comes as a reminder of my Institution and Induction to the parish of East Bridgford three years ago. After three weeks in Nassau it was good to be back and see and smell the Spring in East Bridgford. Nassau and the Bahamas was hot, the normal day temperature being 80-85 degrees F. and the lowest rainfall for 20 years. Everywhere there was a sign of this drought but the sun shone brilliantly, the sea was unbelievably blue and the Bahaman people wonderfully hospitable. Of course, I had to preach on quite a number of occasions - once in the cathedral, once in a tent church with the termites crawling on the altar and its surroundings, on other occasions in parish churches with large congregations and a glorious volume of sound. The Bahamans love singing hymns and have a strange addiction to the standard edition of Hymns A. & M. and also hymns with choruses mostly from Baptist sources! One of the great inspirations was to see an organisation founded by me in 1964, the Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.), flourishing and growing not only in Nassau but in most of the Bahaman islands and as far as the Turks and Carriacou Islands. (If you can't find these islands on your atlas, perhaps you ought to get a new atlas!) At first it seemed odd to be there, but after two days I felt I had never left. A friend provided me with an Avis car and each day showed the kindness and hospitality of the Bahaman people, who have responded to Independence in a mature way, but the country has got its share of violence, crime and a new phenomenon - unemployment. Please remember the Church in the Bahamas and my successor, Bishop Michael Eldon, and the clergy and people of his diocese.

While in Nassau we had a visit from the Bishop of Gambia (in West Africa) - perhaps the poorest diocese in the Anglican Communion. I was impressed

and humbled by the Bishop's courage in dealing with almost impossible circumstances and with pitiful resources both in manpower and money. As we think of our Lord's Ascension we ought to pray for the Missionary work of the Church and pray that those who are working for Him may experience His power and strength. On Saturday, April 26th, we had a Tanzanian Evening in the Women's Institute. It was excellently done, but could have done with more support. The Sunday School have been working on this project for some weeks. Do we all realise that the Christian Gospel is not only for us but for all the world? How much do we personally give for the work of Christ in other lands and how often do we pray for the work? Our giving outside the parish has gone up in 1974-75, including over £60 for Mother Teresa, but have we all got the message yet? The truth is that if you are a Christian you should be a missionary and that means that your mission begins not only at home but as you go about your daily lives. The Way of Prayer can travel very far and the Way of Love can break down all barriers.

The Annual Meeting was held on April 27. I am grateful to Mr. Michael Clarke and the Church Wardens particularly for their support. I won't mention any others by name because the list would be endless, but I do rejoice that I have so much co-operation and readiness to help in building up the Kingdom. Let us see that the Kingdom grows and is not static.

May is the month of Mary, the Virgin Mother of the Saviour. We should thank God for her devotion to God and the example of her obedience and purity and love. In these days when there is so much which is unlovely, crude and vulgar it is good to know that there was such a person as our Lady, and the inspiration of her example purified the Middle Ages and could do the same for us in the twentieth century if we will let it.

Don't forget that our Cathedral is the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is an old prayer which has echoed through the centuries and, as it is scriptural and full of real tenderness, we might like to use it - 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'

This combination of the Archangel's words and those of Elizabeth in the scriptures, together with the realisation that Mary like all the Saints is alive in God, can be used to help us to realise that there is another world intertwined with this and that in prayer this unity is exercised and made fruitful. We need also to remember that all our departed dear ones are not dead but alive to God and that, if we take the trouble to try to find God, we shall find them also.

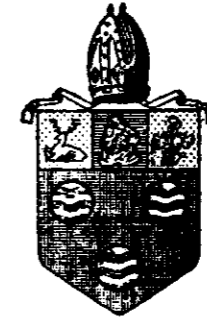
Every Blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

A "GLORY IN THE CHURCH" WEEK-END is being arranged in Nottingham on Friday and Saturday 23rd and 24th May, in co-operation with the Fountain Trust, who seek to further the renewal of the spiritual life of the Christian Church in the power of the Holy Spirit. The aim of such a week-end is to give local Christians an opportunity to meet together for praise and worship and for study and the ministry of the Word, under the leadership of those who have a particular ministry in the area of Renewal in the Spirit. Emphasis is laid on such aspects of the Faith as the power of praise and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit working in power in renewing the lives of Christians and of Churches.

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The Bishop's Letter

Pray Now — Vote Later

DEAR Friends,—It is now almost 30 years since the end of the Second World War, and it is a cause for thanksgiving that the young people of this generation do not have to experience what the young people of my generation experienced. One of the reasons for greater peace within Europe has been the emergence of the European Community, one of whose aims has been "to put an end to the centuries

of natural prejudice, national discrimination and armed conflict in Europe which culminated in two world wars". As the day of what is called the Common Market Referendum draws near, may I venture a few comments?

What is sometimes difficult for us to grasp is that the European Community is a rapidly evolving community, with great idealism and with wide-ranging hopes, but with immediate practical problems and long term worldwide problems to solve. Like any new community, it has problems of adolescence.

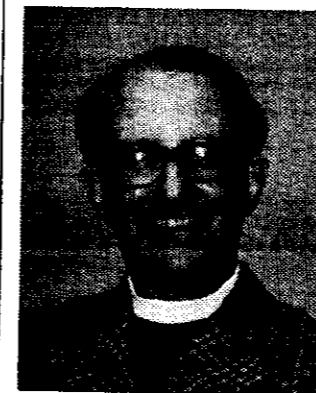
Before voting I suggest that we ask ourselves these three questions:

1. Is our membership a genuine step forward for European people as a whole, rather than it being merely a question of whether Britain will be economically richer or poorer as a result?
2. Will continued membership help us to create a more just society here, or will it hinder us?
3. Will other nations, including those which have looked to us for help in the past and the developing and poorer nations of the world, be helped more by our membership or by our non-membership?

It is not easy to answer these questions but they encourage us to look beyond our own self-interest.

SOVEREIGNTY

There are other problems which need to be tackled and other questions asked, but these are surely secondary to the main issues outlined above, though they cannot be ignored.



The Rev. Benjamin Hugh Lewers, who was instituted as Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark-on-Trent on April 16.

The question of national sovereignty, though this is probably an outmoded concept in these days of NATO and the International Monetary Fund. The question of the sheer size of the Community at a time when people are beginning to want smaller communities and there is some desire for more regional government.

The question of the Community being a "rich man's club", a community of Western European capitalist nations set over against the Warsaw Pact countries. The question of the other nations of Europe who are not members and who outnumber those who are. Questions about the organisation and structure of the Community; for instance, the fact that members of the European Parliament are not elected directly from the people. And so on.

The Churches in England have been in favour of membership, in so far as they have spoken out on it; and several documents have been produced by General Synod and the British Council of Churches over the past seven or eight years. The Churches of Europe certainly want us in, to stand alongside them in their critical support of the European institutions. Christians believe in the oneness of creation, the brotherhood of all peoples, and in the power of Christ to transcend national and racial barriers. In my view, membership of the European Community is one of the ways in which we can give meaning to these concepts.

DAY OF PRAYER

In saying what I have, I am aware that I can be accused of taking sides politically; and to be sure, the Referendum is a highly charged political event. Why are politically motivated people so fanatical about this issue? Perhaps because it could be seen as a conflict between opposing ideologies, between capitalism and socialism, between free enterprise and state control, between Western and Eastern blocs. These are gross oversimplifications, but we cannot escape these implications in our voting and the Church by its prevailing attitudes cannot escape being accused of political bias. It is hard to delineate a "Christian" line: it all depends on your concept of the kind of society which is a just society.

The Archbishops have suggested, and I urge you to go along with their suggestion, that the Sunday before the Referendum should be observed as a day of special prayer. The object of such prayer is not that each of us beseeches the Almighty that "things may go our way" but to encourage us to be wholly honest and unselfish about our motives in voting. It is important to vote in the Referendum: it is equally important to pray first.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

CONFIRMATIONS IN JUNE

Sun. 8, 6.30 p.m. Radcliffe-on-Trent; Wed. 11, 7.30 p.m. Pleasley Hill; Sun. 22, 10.45 a.m. St. Stephen with St. Alban, Sneinton†; Sun. 29, 9.30 a.m. Warsop†.

Confirmation which are unmarked will be taken by the Bishop of Southwell. That marked † by Bishop Bernard Markham.

SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

May 1, Southwell (Staff); NC5 Nottingham; 2, Derby; 4, Rogation Service Southwell Minster; 5, S.M.G.S. Board of Governors; 7, Bawtry*; 8, Southwell Minster*; Chilwell*; 10, Diocesan Synod, Worksop Priory; 11, St. Peter and St. Paul, Mansfield*; St. Mary, Bulwell*; 12, St. John's College, Bramcote*; 15, London; 16, Ridley Hall Council in Cambridge; 18, Nottingham University*; County Council Service, Southwell Minster; St. Cyprian's, Sneinton (40th Anniversary of Dedication); 20, St. John's, Carlton (Institution); 21, Sutton Bonington*; 22, London (Ch.Comm. Board of Governors); 23, St. Jude's, Mapperley (Pastoral Committee); Ollerton (Institution); 28, Nottingham University Council. * Confirmation.

Around the Diocese

Britain and the European Community is the title of a paper written by the Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith, the Bishop's Adviser on Industrial Society. Copies may be obtained from him, price 30p and 8p postage. Write to 65 Newfield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 1HF.

U.S.P.G. The Annual General Meeting of the Nottingham Association will be held at St. Cyprian's, Sneinton, on Tuesday May 6 following Eucharist.

Bishop's Council. The House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod elects seven members to the Bishop's Council. There are two vacancies and nomination forms are available from Church House and these should be returned by Monday May 5. The Diocesan Synod meets at Worksop Priory on Saturday May 10.

Canon George Bennett will speak on the Ministry of Healing on Tuesday June 3 at Wollaton Rectory at 10 a.m. All clergy welcome. Please contact the Rev. John Banks (Tel. 281798) if you wish to attend.

Church Guides. The Council for Places of Worship and the Standing Conference for Local History are holding a competition for the written guides of churches and chapels in England, in support of the campaign of European Architectural Heritage Year 1975. A copy of the written guide should be sent to EAHY Church Guide Competition, All Hallows on the Wall, 83 London Wall, London EC2M 5NA by May 30. Anyone requiring further details should contact the Rev. Geoffrey F. Blackmore, The Vicarage, Scarrington (Tel: Whatton 539).

Cricket Appeal. The Rev. Jim Neill, captain of the Diocesan Team this year, writes; If there are any clergy who are interested in playing for the Diocesan Team and any spectators or retired gentlemen and ladies who would value an afternoon in the sun, perhaps they would write in for a fixture card, either to myself or the Vice Captain (Rev. Alan Haydock) or the secretary (Rev. David Garratt). Any clergy not quite sure of their capabilities should turn up for the practice game on Monday afternoon, April 28 at the High School playing fields, Nottingham.

Christian Unity Bookshop, Oxford Street, Nottingham, Tel. 43260. Open 9.30-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. New and secondhand books. Browsers welcome.

Consecration of Bishop of Sherwood. Tickets for reserved places in York Minster on Tuesday June 24 will be available shortly from Church House. Tel. 46515.

A "Glory in the Church" Weekend is being arranged in Nottingham on Friday and Saturday May 23 and 24, in co-operation with the Fountain Trust. There will be a "Festival of Praise" in the Albert Hall on Friday May 23 at 7.30 p.m. and on Saturday, Seminars and Workshops on the theme "Life in the Spirit", from 10 a.m. till 12 noon at St. Margaret's Church, Aspley. There is also a Conference for ministers on Friday May 23 at 10 a.m. at the Albert Hall.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

The Choir will be on holiday from May 26-29.

Sunday May 4. **ROGATION SUNDAY.** 11 a.m. Rogation Service. Preacher, The Bishop of Sheffield, The Rt. Rev. W. G. Fallows, M.A., 6.30 p.m. Miners' Choir Recital.

Thursday May 8th. **ASCENSION DAY.** 3 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. Sung Eucharist.

Saturday May 10, 5.45 p.m. First Choir Festival.

Saturday May 17, 7.30 p.m. Nottingham Organists.

Sunday May 18, 3 p.m. Nottinghamshire County Council Service.

Wednesday May 21, 7.30 p.m. Organ Recital—Peter Hurford of St. Albans Cathedral.

Thursday May 22, 7.30 p.m. Service for Men's Organisations. Preacher: Rev. S. Charles, Assistant General Secretary of the British Council of Churches.

Sunday May 25, 3 p.m. St. John's Ambulance Service.

Monday May 26, 3.30 p.m. Organ Recital—Kenneth Beard, Rector Chori.

Saturday May 31, 11.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Anglican Association. Sung Eucharist. A.G.M.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Charles John Young, Rector of St. Wilfrid, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, has been appointed Vicar of St. Giles, Balderton. He will be instituted on Monday July 7 at 7.45 p.m.

The Rev. Allan James Brown, Administrator at St. Margaret's Home, Nazareth, Israel, has been appointed Assistant Curate at St. Mary's, Clifton.

The Rev. Kenneth Samuel Brazier, Vicar of Over Kellet, Carnforth, Lancs. has been appointed Vicar of Willoughby with Wysall and P-in-C, Widmerpool.

The Rev. Frederick Oriel Osborn, Assistant Curate at St. Mary Magdalene, Keyworth, has been appointed Vicar of Scrooby with Ranskill, near Retford. He will be instituted on Wednesday June 25 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Stephen John Oliver, Assistant Curate in the parish of Clifton, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Newark. He will be licensed on Thursday June 5 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Hermon John Crowie, Vicar of St. Aidan, Basford, has been appointed part-time chaplain to the Highbury and Heathfield Hospitals. His telephone number is now Nottingham 703483.

The Rev. Peter Winston Dill, Assistant Curate at St. Peter and St. Paul, Warsop, has been appointed Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity, Rhyl, Flintshire.

Canon Rupert John Stevens, Vicar of North and South Collingham, has been appointed Rural Dean of Newark.

The Rev. Harold Arthur Kirton, who has just completed his tenure of the Residential Canonry of Sacrista in the Cathedral Church of Southwell, has been appointed to the vacant Canonry of Norwell Palishall as from March 1. He will be installed on Monday July 7.

OBITUARY

The Rev. Mark Harrison Humphreys, Vicar of St. Paul's, Hyson Green, Nottingham died in Nottingham General Hospital on March 18. He was 51.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN MAY

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| 1 Laneham (<i>Trevor Gibson</i>) | 19 Stokeham (<i>Thomas Swift</i>) |
| 2 Ragnall (<i>John Broten</i>) | 20 Nottingham Children's Hospital |
| 3 Rampton (<i>Trevor Gibson</i>) | (<i>Michael Jackson, Canon</i>) |
| 4 The Army, East Midland District | 21 Holbeck (<i>George Marshall</i>) |
| (<i>Frank Beech, Chaplain</i>) | 22 Lowdham Grange Borstal |
| 5 Tuxford (<i>Thomas Swift</i>) | Institution (<i>Chris Hubbard</i>) |
| 6 Langold (<i>Neil Timberlake</i>) | 23 Nottingham City and Sherwood |
| 7 Walesby (<i>Hywell Evans</i>) | Hospitals (<i>Raymond Gibson</i>) |
| 8 Ascension Day | 24 St. John's College, Bramcote |
| (Confirmation Candidates) | (<i>Colin Buchanan, Acting Principal</i>) |
| 9 The Cathedral Council | 25 St. Paul, Worksop (<i>John Stafford</i>) |
| 10 Blyth (<i>Richard Hall</i>) | 26 West Markham (<i>Thomas Swift</i>) |
| 11 Saxondale Hospital (<i>Gerald Pearce,</i> | 27 Nottm. University (<i>Robert Leaney,</i> |
| <i>William Henderson</i>) | <i>Trueman Dicken, James Kinsley,</i> |
| 12 Barnby Moor (<i>Richard Hall</i>) | <i>Stuart Hall</i>) |
| 13 Budby (<i>Harold Pickles</i>) | 28 Sutton Bonington School of Agri- |
| 14 Carburton (<i>Harold Pickles</i>) | culture (<i>Philip Pemant</i>) |
| 15 Carlton-in-Lindrick | 29 Norton Cuckney (<i>George Marshall,</i> |
| (<i>Antony Lambert</i>) | <i>Mary Blackburn</i>) |
| 16 Clumber Park Chapel (<i>Peter Boulton</i>) | 30 Ollerton (<i>Roy Akerman, David</i> |
| 17 Rampton Hospital (<i>Charles Lord</i>) | <i>Garratt</i>) |
| 18 Edwinstowe (<i>Harold Pickles</i>) | 31 Welbeck College (<i>George Marshall</i>) |

* Your prayers are asked for the following Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese: Stephen Allen, Anthony Evans, Alex Gordon, Robert Charlesworth, Martin Webster and Simon Wilkinson (Nottingham University) and Andy Martlew Carlton-in-Lindrick).

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There will be a "Festival of Praise" in the Albert Hall, Nottingham, on Friday 23rd May at 7.30 p.m.; and on Saturday 24th, Seminars and Workshops on the theme "Life in the Spirit", from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Margaret's Church, Aspley. There is also a Conference for Ministers on Friday 23rd at 10 a.m. at the Albert Hall. Speakers and leaders at these will be the Revd. Tom Smail, Revd. David Smith, and The Fisherfolk (a group of young Christians with a particular ministry through music). Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Further information is obtainable from Revd. John Finney, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Aspley, Nottingham (292920), Revd. John Horner, Albert Hall Methodist Mission, Derby Road, Nottingham (43921), or Revd. David Bartlett, St. Mark's Vicarage, Woodthorpe, Nottingham (267859).

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the April monthly meeting, the Institute welcomed Mrs. Joan Grout, who spoke about Foliage Plants suitable to grow for flower arranging. Mr. R. Grout showed coloured slides of the plants, and specimens were also brought. Mr. and Mrs. Grout were thanked by Mrs. C. Blatherwick. An exhibition of stitched rug work was shown by members.

At the May meeting there will be voting for the resolutions to be put forward. Mrs. Joan Fisher will bring her three gold award items that were chosen for the London Exhibition of handicrafts, and she will talk about how she chose her subjects.

EAST BRIDGFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The tennis season has already started so why not join your village Lawn Tennis Club? Subscriptions range from £5 for a family membership to 50p for under 14 year olds. Please contact Mrs. C. Lewis (Tel: East Bridgford 612) for details.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The usual Meeting of the East Bridgford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held on Tuesday 3rd June in the East Bridgford Village Hall Committee Room at 8 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Roads. Mr. J. Clifton, Chief Technical Officer for Rushcliffe Borough Council, has written informing the Parish Council that the roads will be resurfaced at an early date.

Play Leadership Scheme. This will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week beginning on 22nd July and continuing until 21st August.

Fouling of Footpaths. The School Headmaster, Mr. G. Powell, and others are concerned with the trouble which this is causing. He has asked the Parish Council to help with the erection of signs to deter this annoyance.

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READERS AND READINGS

May 11th - Sunday after Ascension

9.00 (O.T.) Daniel 7, 9-14	Mrs. S. Guy
(Ep.) Ephesians 1, 15-23	Mr. A. Curtis
6.30 (O.T.) Jeremiah 31, 1-13	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.) John 14, 1-14	Mrs. J. Jones

May 18th - Whitsunday

9.00 (O.T.) Joel 2, 23-29	Miss A. Gould
(Ep.) Acts 2, 1-11	Miss C. Gould
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 11, 1-9	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.) Romans 8, 18-end	Mr. G. Stobbs

May 25th - Trinity Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 6, 1-8	Miss E. Slack
(Ep.) Ephesians 1, 3-14	Mr. A. Reid
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 40, 12-end	Mr. T. Ashton
(N.T.) 1 Peter 1, 3-12	Miss S. Marson

June 1st - Trinity 1

9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 19, 1-6	Mr. J. Guy
(Ep.) 1 Peter 2, 1-10	Miss H. Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Hosea 6, 1-6	Mr. R. Hunt
(N.T.) Acts 1, 1-14	Mr. A. Curtis

June 8th - Trinity 2

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6, 17-25	Miss P. Marson
(Ep.) Romans 6, 1-11	Mr. P. Blandy
6.30 (O.T.) Hosea 11, 1-9	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.) Acts 2, 1-21	Dr. G. Brooks

SIDESMEN

May 18th	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Whittaker
	6.30 p.m.	Capt. Jay
May 25th	9.00 a.m.	Dr. Brooks
	6.30 p.m.	Dr. Brooks
June 1st	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Hand
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Hand
June 8th	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Reid
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Curtis

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SERVICES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns & short address)
On first Sunday in each
month - Family Eucharist.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays
10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on third Wednesdays in
each month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear People,

At last the Summer has come and we are having brilliant sunshine while I write this letter. The English countryside looks radiant and glorious. However great the problem may be of looking after a garden, it is true that a garden repays the hard work put into it. East Bridgford is evidence of this. There used to be a devotional book called 'The Garden of the Soul'. It was a very good book and the title causes us to reflect. Are we taking as much care of the garden of our souls as of the other kind of garden? If we neglect our spiritual garden, it quickly gets filled with the nettles and weeds of sin and bad habits. This is one of our biggest problems today. So often we forget, in the desire to be broad minded with our young people, that if we do not sow and cultivate the good seed in their hearts there will be plenty of room for the bad seed to contaminate them. I know it is not easy and some parents are reticent in talking about the thing which really matters, but it would be tragic if our young people failed because their parents let them down. I am concerned about the failure of some of our young people to persevere in their life as communicants. Some may be confirmed at boarding school, the majority here at home, but the seed does need cultivating.

June is a great month and we think especially of the gift of God in the Blessed Sacrament and thank Him for it. June 24 is also the feast of S. John Baptist and on that day our new Suffragan Bishop will be consecrated at York Minster at 11. I did speak about this and the possibility of people going to the Consecration of a Bishop, which is a very fine service but very few were able to book a seat at York Minster. Meanwhile do pray for the Bishop as he begins his ministry among us.

I have been busy with Confirmations lately but this will not continue in the Summer and I shall be more at home on Sunday nights. Of course, our Patronal Festival takes place on June 29 when we honour S. Peter, our great patron - a great example of a weak human being being made strong by divine faith. I hope we shall have a full church on June 29.

We have had much sickness in the parish of late and I hope you will remember our sick people and also those who have been bereaved in your prayers.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

HOLY BAPTISM

May 11 Hannah, daughter of William and Dale WYSALL.

AT THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ON 27 APRIL,

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Stobbs were re-elected as Church -wardens. The following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Mesdames Clarke, Cornell, Dunsmore, J.F. Jones, Lawson, Reid and Slack, Messrs. Ashton, Clarke, Curtis, Finch, Guy, Hand, Moore, Payne, Reid, Ruff and Wilkins.

Sidesmen elected were Messrs. Brooks, Curtis, Hand, Jay, Moore and Reid.

The new Council held an informal meeting on April 29 to meet the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor who talked about various ways of increasing church income to meet our rapidly rising costs. He gave a number of helpful suggestions, based on the experience of other parishes, and the

Council is most grateful for his work.

The next meeting of the P.C.C. will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, when the most important item to be considered will be finance.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May meeting of the Institute was divided into two very contrasting parts. The first part was devoted to discussion of the resolutions to be presented in June at the Annual General Meeting in London. The delegate this year is a member of East Bridgford Institute, Mrs. A. McCullough. In the second part of the meeting, Mrs. Fisher of Shelford showed examples of her exquisite handwork, some of which had been displayed at the 'Tomorrow's Heirlooms' Exhibition in London. She delighted everyone with her creative skill and patience, and with her humorous description of her materials and methods.

Mrs. Chapman gave the vote of thanks.

EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

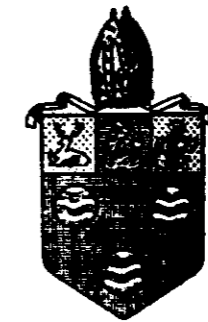
Best Kept Village Competition The Council has agreed that the village will be entered for this competition.

Rushcliffe Borough Council is to offer £10 reward for information leading to the prosecution of anyone damaging Rushcliffe Borough or Parish Council property.

Adoption of Haycroft Way This road was adopted by Nottinghamshire County Council as from 27th March, 1975.

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The Bishop's Letter

Church — "Much in need of Change"

DEAR Friends.—It is perhaps not unfair to say that the present mood of the country is one of bewilderment and anxiety, perhaps even of fear. Nothing seems to be stable, neither the economy, nor parliamentary democracy, nor public security, nor the Church; and those who can are trying to make their own position more tolerable, sometimes at the expense of the general good. Somehow no one seems to be able to do anything to "stop the rot" and this is the greatest fear of all. Certainly we live in times of unprecedented change. Change is always unsettling, whether it is change for the better or for the worse.

In all this, people seem to pin what faith they have in two opposite attitudes: one is to say that change is being forced upon us by events, it is foolish to close our eyes to it and wrong to try to keep things as they were; the other is to say that change is not necessarily progress, that it is folly to disregard the lessons or the experience of the past, and wrong to change things for the sake of changing them, particularly when the changes are being made without due regard to feelings or consequences.

As part of this general debate I should like to comment on change within the Church, and I begin from the assumption that the Holy Spirit is Lord of the Church and that at no time and in no circumstances have we the right to say that what was right in the past is necessarily right now.

To treat the history and traditions of the Church as immutable is to treat God as dead. He by his Spirit is ever active in criticising, cleansing, inspiring and guiding his Church, "leading us into all truth". We may resist the Spirit, or pay no attention to the Spirit, endeavouring to avoid disturbance, but in the end the Spirit leaves us no choice but to face reality.

REVIVAL OF FAITH

There is certainly much in the life and structure of the Church of England which needs to be changed. Does this mean that to resist all change is sinful? My personal belief is that change is being urged upon us beyond what is required and



The Rev. Stephen J. Oliver, who will be licensed Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Newark, on Thursday, June 5 at 7.30 p.m.

at a speed which is excessive. I may be wrong. Revolution may be necessary, by which I mean the sacrificing of all accepted structures in favour of something untried and new. My reading of history, however, does not encourage me to think that this is the way God has guided his Church over the centuries.

Certainly at this time, if information reaching us from countries behind the Iron Curtain is anything to go by, witness to the gospel is being maintained, indeed, is gathering momentum, on foundations of the kind that have always served the Church well, namely the liturgy, the ordained ministry and faithfulness to the truth as handed down to us through the Scriptures and the Creeds.

Certainly, we are seeing revival of faith and enthusiasm through movements of the Spirit in many places, but where these are totally divorced from structures of the kind I have mentioned, they quickly evaporate and sometimes become heretical and divisive. Our greatest need today, as ever, is to be able to "test the spirits" to see what is indeed of God and what is not.

VARIETY OF SERVICES

Two areas of our Christian life need prayerful assessment at this time. One is the area of worship. Here in the Church of England, change is immense. Instead of being a Church with a liturgy and an ordered way of prayer that the layman could rely on as staple diet, we have such a variety of services and all being introduced so quickly that those who are satisfied appear fewer than those who are dismayed. Parishes, in the name of the Holy Spirit, choose to do what they like regardless of what is authorised by lawful authority. The freedom of the Spirit may be identical with change, but never with anarchy. Many people, including those with no strong church links, feel they have lost something very precious by our abandonment of the order of the Book of Common Prayer.

The other area is that of ecumenical relationships. Here we have come to another almost anarchic situation. Of course, it is right for us to be in communion with our fellow Christians of other denominations. But, almost overnight we have reached the state where people are acting as though there was no distinction to be made between Anglican and other ministries; as though congregations should merge without thought of what is being discarded in the merger. Many of the important distinctive contributions of Anglicanism and of Methodism, for instance, are being lost in situations where "only what is acceptable to both" is practised. A dull uniformity of a very drab kind is in danger of becoming prevalent.

There is nothing sinful in diversity of worship and practice, provided that we can be in communion with one another and accept others as being as fully Christian as ourselves, though we may maintain differences of emphasis and sometimes of doctrine. If we let him, the Spirit will constantly challenge our prejudices and our false beliefs so that we shall grow in unity without anarchy. Let us be guided by the Spirit, not just by our emotions or desires.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Archbishop to visit Southwell

The new Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. Stuart Blanch, will pay his first visit to the Southwell Diocese on Sunday June 8 when he will preach at Evensong (3.15 p.m.) in the Minster, and will then officially open the new Trebeck Hall.

PRICE INCREASE

We regret that owing to rising costs of printing and postage, it will be necessary to raise the price of the *Diocesan News* to 2p per copy from and including the July issue. Instructions regarding circulation and distribution should be sent to the printers, George Searson Ltd. (Tel: Nottm. 50876).

Diocesan Synod — May 10

IN his presidential address, the Bishop underlined the importance of Evangelism. The Synod had inevitably spent much time recently on finance "but finance and administration are only the skeleton" within which the work in the parishes continues. Evangelism aimed to "convert men and women to faith in Christ" and to "recreate the structures of society to bring them more into conformity with the Will of God". The quality of church life is all important and a failure in this "can nearly always be traced back to a failure in prayer".

Speaking about the Ossett exorcism case, the Bishop said that the "vast increase in a dangerous interest in the occult" had led to the Church being confronted by terrified people. The great majority did not require exorcism but the normal ministry of spiritual counsel and sacramental confession. However "exorcism is part of the Christian ministry of healing" and "where a priest thinks that exorcism is required, he reports to his Bishop and then, after careful examination, permission is given with guidance as to what action is to be taken".

The debate on Evangelism was generally disappointing, the discussion being dominated by members of the House of Clergy and there was a general failure to grasp the future. However, the Synod broke new ground by adjourning for half-an-hour for a short filmstrip 'Dinah, the Dinosaur', with a Bible reading by the Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism, the Rev. Ian Savile, and a pictorial representation of two parishes — Hucknall and Clarborough. This presentation by the Adviser's Support Group was welcomed as setting the scene for the debate on Evangelism, which centred round the General Synod publication 'Evangelism and the Mission of the Church'. The report was commended for study by the Deaneries who were asked to report by the end of November to Mr. Savile.

BROADCASTING

The afternoon meeting was thin in numbers, as is regrettably true of May Synods generally. Canon C. S. Bayes gave a report on the present position of ordinands and the recently ordained, and he stressed the continuing need for men who would commit themselves to the ministry of the Church in this way, despite the uncertainties of the future.

The subject of 'Broadcasting' provided the most constructive discussion of the day. The General Synod Report 'Broadcasting, Society and the Church' formed the basis of the debate. The Bishop opened by echoing some of the criticisms which had been made in General Synod. Blanket condemnation of the media did no justice to those working within them.

Mr. Ian Gall, of Radio Nottingham, stated politely but firmly that the churches were not making full use of local radio. More people in the county hear 'Thought for the Day' than go to churches of all denominations on a Sunday. Broadcasting should 'inform, educate and entertain', and in his view religious broadcasting should show that "Christianity can meet the needs of all men at all times".—J.T.F.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. William Alfred Williams, Rector of All Hallows, Ordsall and Priest-in-Charge of St. Helen, Grove near Retford, is to retire on August 31. He and his wife plan to spend their retirement at Bramcote.

The Rev. Kenneth Samuel Brazier, Vicar of Over Kellett, Carnforth, Lancs., will be instituted as Vicar of Willoughby with Wysall at Willoughby on Saturday 21 June at 7.45 p.m. He will also be Priest-in-Charge of Widmerpool.

The Rev. Geoffrey Graham Dow, Assistant Chaplain of St. John's College, Oxford, has been appointed Lecturer in Christian Doctrine at St. John's College, Bramcote from September 1.

The Rev. Michael Edward Hall, Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Divine, Bulwell, has been appointed Vicar from May 13.

Confirmation Alms will be sent to Ruanda

THE Diocese of Ruanda, part of the Anglican Province of Uganda, but politically a separate and independent Republic, is the object of our Confirmation Alms for 1975 writes Canon Albert Mark Brown, the Bishop's Adviser on Overseas Relations. Those who were present at the Ordination held in Southwell Minster on St. Peter's Day last year will remember seeing the Bishop of Ruanda who was visiting Worksop at that time.

Bishop Sebunguri takes a particularly keen interest in his Diocesan Theological College and in the men who are in training there and it is toward the work of this College that our Alms are to go.

This year at Gahini College, Ruanda, there are six men training for Ordination, a three-year course in which their wives take a full part with them. Whilst their husbands follow the normal courses of theological training the wives are helped to prepare for their own vocation as clergy wives and leaders of women's work in the parishes. Also, in the College there are a further twenty-three men in training as full time Lay-readers, a one year course that will equip them to be in charge of a small rural Church. The normal parish in that part of Africa has often up to thirty small daughter Churches from the Parish Church, and as there is normally only one Ordained man in the Parish, the continuing work of the pastoral ministry depends greatly upon the trained Lay-Readers.

This small Theological College in the centre of Africa relies completely upon the offerings of church members inside the Diocese of Ruanda, and any extras that are received from friends overseas are always particularly welcome and most carefully used. We do commend this project to our parishes for the 1975 Confirmation Alms and our Prayers.

Confirmation alms should be sent direct to Canon R. T. Warburton, secretary of the Board of Mission and Unity, The Vicarage, Mansfield, Notts.

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A year ago, Ron Lacey, secretary of the Diocesan Board for Social Action wrote on the plight of the single homeless man in Nottingham — now he writes this sequel.

Shelter in Demand, but Money is Urgent

AT the end of January 1975, a night shelter for single homeless men was opened in the Huntingdon Street area of the city. In an old school kitchen, rented from Nottingham District Council, this 14-16 bed shelter has already proved that many more men are sleeping rough than was estimated even by the Nottingham Help the Homeless Association, the pioneers of the experiment. In the first month the place was swamped with up to fifty men a night. Considerably under half could be given a bed, but the rest could only be given food, warmth and company on a winter's evening.

The heroes of the night shelter are four young people, voluntary workers for the Cyrenians of Canterbury, who man the shelter from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. for pocket money plus board and lodging. After a month, even they couldn't go on at such a hectic pace so the shelter committee, of which the writer is chairman, reluctantly decided to close the soup kitchen facilities and concentrate on the welfare of those for whom beds could be provided. A time limit of five consecutive nights was imposed on any individual man, after which period it was sometimes possible to find permanent accommodation for those with a genuine desire to settle down — the rest returned to "skipping" — at least for a night or two.

Money remains the main problem, for only about 20 per cent are able/willing to pay the 65p a night charged for supper, bed and breakfast. The Supplementary Benefits Commission has been very generous in funding the project but hopes that the local authorities will put their hands in their pockets as they have a responsibility for the homeless and particularly the homeless from the city.

The County Council Social Services have given a grant, but there is still quite a large deficit, perhaps £2,000 a year to be met. It is to be hoped that the Nottingham District Council will give substantial help since if they do not, the life of the Shelter can be measured in terms of weeks. It would not be right to look to the taxpayer or ratepayer to foot the whole bill, which means that voluntary fund raising must go on. So far about £500 has been raised this year, mainly from the Nottingham University Union of Students and the Churches.

Offers of help, not only cash, but bread, vegetables, men's clothing and help in the evenings at the shelter should be made to the writer at Rolleston Vicarage, Newark (Southwell 812150) who is always ready to give more information on request.

SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

June 1, Porchester; Littleborough; St. Mark, Woodthorpe; 3, Southwell Minster (Women's Offering Service); 4, Church House, Nottingham (Licensing); 5, Southwell Staff Meeting; Christ Church, Newark (Institution); 8, Nottingham All Saints (Dunkirk Veterans); Southwell Minster—Archbishop of York to open Trebeck Hall; Radcliffe-on-Trent*; 10, Beeston Deanery Quiet Day; 11, Liverpool (Enthronement of Bishop of Liverpool); 12, Southwell Board of Ministry; 13, Derby (Bishop Lonsdale College); 14, Southwell (Readers' A.G.M. and Service); 15, Southwell Minster (Judges' Service); Thurgarton (Southwell Deanery Service); 17, Pleasley Hill*; 18-19, London (Bishops' Meetings); 21, Southwell (Southwell Minster Friends' A.G.M.); 21, Willoughby with Wyal (Institution); 22, Southwell Minster (Royal British Legion Service); 24, York (Consecration of Bishop of Sherwood); 25, Southwell Rural Deans; 25, Scrooby (Institution); 27, Welcome to Bishop of Sherwood (Southwell Minster); 29, Southwell Minster (Petertide Ordination); 30, London (General Synod).

*Confirmation

CONFIRMATION IN JULY

Sun. 13, 3 p.m. Bluecoat School (St. Mary), Nottingham.

Consecration of the Bishop of Sherwood

Over 400 members of the clergy and laity in the Southwell Diocese are expected to make the journey to York Minster on Tuesday June 24 to witness the consecration of the Very Rev. Harold Richard Darby, Dean and Vicar of Battle, Sussex, as the new Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood.

The new Bishop will be presented to the Archbishop of York by the Bishops of Southwell and Leicester. The epistle will be read by the Bishop of Wakefield, and the gospel by the Bishop of Ripon. The sermon will be given by the Vicar of Leeds, Canon Graham Foley.

Tickets for reserved places in the Minster are available on application to Church House, Park Row, Nottingham, which will be closed on June 24.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Tues. 3, Women's Offering Service (3 p.m.); Wed. 4, Concert by the English Sinfonia (8 p.m.); Sat. 7, Choir Festival (5.45 p.m.); Sun. 8, The Archbishop of York will preach at Evensong (3.15 p.m.) and will then officially open the new Trebeck Hall; Sat. 14, Readers' A.G.M. (2.30 p.m.) followed by Admission Service at 4.15 p.m.; Sun. 15, Service attended by Her Majesty's Judges (11 a.m.); Wed. 18, Organ Recital by Kenneth Beard (7.30 p.m.); Sat. 21, Friends of Southwell Cathedral A.G.M. (3 p.m.) after which Dr. Norman Summers will speak about the Archbishop's Palace during a conducted tour; Sun. 22, Service for Mentally-handicapped (2.45 p.m.), Royal British Legion Service (6.30 p.m.); Thurs. 26, Young Members' Service (Mothers' Union) (8 p.m.); Fri. 27, Welcome to the new Bishop of Sherwood (7.30 p.m.); Sun. 29, Ordination (10.45 a.m.).

The Choir will be singing throughout June.



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Around the Diocese

Arthritis Week — June 1 to 7, has been called by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, which finances 100 separate projects at a cost of over £800,000 to find a cure. On Sunday June 1, churches are invited to pray for all sufferers and for a cure to end their suffering. For further information contact Mrs. A. E. Marrow, 5 Western Terrace, The Park, Nottingham.

Canon George Bennett will speak on the Ministry of Healing on Tuesday June 3 at Wollaton Rectory at 10 a.m. All clergy welcome. Please contact the Rev. John Banks (Tel. 281798) if you wish to attend.

Churchyard Memorials. A one-day course for clergy on Churchyard Memorials will be held at the University Adult Centre, 14-22 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham on Wednesday June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tutor: Dr. Alan Rogers. Fee, including meals, £1.20. Early reservation advisable.

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Used Stamps. There must still be many readers of the "Southwell Diocesan News" who throw away used postage stamps from their mail. The Church Army collects and then sells in bulk these stamps to help pay for its work of Evangelism and Social Action. The Society can also make very good use of unwanted postage stamp collections, perhaps of the kind that the children have long since discarded, also trading stamps. So why not do your bit towards "Posting the Good News." Send your stamps please to Captain W. R. Waters, 30 Park Lane, Castle Donington, Derby.

The Women's Offering Service this year will take place at Southwell Minster on Tuesday June 3 at 3 p.m. when the preacher will be the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Ven. Harold Lockley. The offerings will be received by the Bishop of Southwell, who proposes to use the money for "Outreach by the Board of Social Action".

Mr. Colln Slater, Information Officer for the Nottinghamshire County Council since April 1969 and churchwarden at Chilwell, has been appointed chairman of Nottingham BBC Local Radio Council. The Rev. Wilfred B. Wilkinson, Rector of Clifton, is also a member of the Radio Council.

Miss Margery Bell, who was the first full-time woman worker at St. Jude's, Mapperley, has temporarily joined the staff at St. Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham, for increased experience.

A Flower and Music Festival will be held at St. Peter's, Farndon from June 27 (Festival Service at 7.30 p.m.) to June 29. Choirs, soloists and Drama; gardens open; floral decorations; refreshments. Ring Newark 71597.

Festival of Worship, Music and Flowers in Saint Andrew's Skegby. Thursday June 5 at 7 p.m. Evensong sung by the A Capella choir; 9.45 p.m. Poetry for a Summer's Evening. Friday June 6 at 7.30 p.m. Concert of local musicians. Saturday June 7 at 7.30 p.m. Concert by the Cantamus Ensemble, 35p. Sunday June 8 at 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist, 6.30 p.m. Evensong with Rt. Rev. T. R. Parfitt as preacher (formerly Bishop of Madagascar). Church open daily until 9.30 p.m. Teas 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Salad teas to order (via Skegby Vicarage).

Sea Sunday. The Bishop wishes to encourage parishes to observe Sunday July 13 as Sea Sunday, when churches throughout the country are invited to remember in their prayers seafarers and their families and to consider the responsibility of the Church towards them. This year is an especially significant one, because for the first time Roman Catholic and a number of Free Churches will be joining with us. A pack of promotional material for use on the day is being prepared and will be sent four weeks before the day on request to The Missions to Seamen, 159 Manthorpe Road, Grantham, NG31 8DH.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN JUNE

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|---|--|
| 1 Southwell Minster Grammar School
(The Staff) | 16 Chilwell and Inham Nook (John Williams, Charles Emmett, Brian Walker). |
| 2 Perlethorpe (Robert Baily) | 17 Bramcote (James Hamilton-Brown, John Richardson) |
| 3 Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare | 18 Nuthall (Kenneth Gratton) |
| 4 Scofton w. Osberton (Arthur Brown) | 19 Broxtowe (Derek Shewring, Malcolm Tudor) |
| 5 Worksop Priory (Peter Boulton, Anthony Snasdell, Kenneth Yates) | 20 Awsworth w. Cossall (Leslie Cowley) |
| 6 Shireoaks (Herbert Newton) | 21 Kimberley (Ernest Banks) |
| 7 Organists, Choirs and Bellsingers | 22 Vergers and all who serve and maintain our churches |
| 8 Worksop St. John (Albert Brown, Canon) | 23 Bilborough, St. John (Alan Haydock) |
| 9 Wellow (George Firth) | 24 Worksop College (Chaplain & Staff) |
| 10 The Council of Christians and Jews | 25 Trowell (Arthur Marshall) |
| 11 Beeston, Beeston Rylands and Valley Church Mission, Beeston (Jack Johnson, David Bowles) | 26 Nottingham Children's Hospital (Michael Jackson, Canon) |
| 12 Bilborough, St. Martin w. Strelley, All Saints (Derek Shewring, Malcolm Tudor) | 27 Stapleford, St. Helen (Alfred Graham, Thomas Slater, Sister Peggy Smith C.A.) |
| 13 Worksop, St. Anne (Arthur Brown) | 28 Church of England Men's Society |
| 14 Southwell Diocesan Readers' Association | 29 Ordination Candidates |
| 15 Attenborough and Toton (Frank Beech) | 30 The care of Clergy Widows and dependents |

Your prayers are asked for the following Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese: Peter Bellamy-Knights (Stapleford), John Kerr (Beeston), Lance Clark (Broxtowe), Christopher Johnson (Bramcote) and Tony Luckcuck (Nuthall).



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READERS AND READINGS

June 15th - Trinity 3

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| 9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 7, 1-11 | Mr. K. Finch |
| (Ep.) Galatians 3, 26-4,7 | Mr. R. Hunt |
| 6.30 (O.T.) Hosea 14 | Mr. A. Curtis |
| (N.T.) Acts 2, 22-42 | Mr. D. Gould |

June 22nd - Trinity 4

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| 9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 20, 1-17 | Miss P. Stobbs |
| (Ep.) Ephesians 5, 1-10 | Capt. A. Jay |
| 6.30 (O.T.) Joel 2, 1-14 | Mr. J. Guy |
| (N.T.) Acts 3, 1-16 | Miss A. Gould |

June 29th - Trinity 5

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| 9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 24, 3-11 | Dr. G. Brooks |
| (Ep.) Colossians 3, 12-17 | Miss S. Marson |
| 6.30 (O.T.) Joel 2, 15-27 | Mr. A. Reid |
| (N.T.) Acts 4, 1-22 | Mr. P. Blandy |

July 6th - Trinity 6

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| 9.00 (O.T.) Hosea 11, 1-9 | Mrs. J. Cornell |
| (Ep.) 1 Corinthians 13, 1-13 | Mr. G. Stobbs |
| 6.30 (O.T.) Zechariah 2 | Mr. H. Russell |
| (N.T.) Acts 6 | Mrs. J. Jones |

SIDESMEN

June 15th	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Moore
	6.30 p.m.	Capt. Jay
June 22nd	9.00 a.m.	Dr. Brooks
	6.30 p.m.	Dr. Brooks
June 29th	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Hand
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Hand
July 6th	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Hand
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Hand
July 13th	9.00 a.m.	Mr. Reid
	6.30 p.m.	Mr. Curtis

EAST BRIDGFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Don't forget that the Horticultural Society will hold its Annual Show on 28th June, 1975. This is a big annual event so please come along and support it.

In addition to the Flower and Vegetable Shows, and the many attractions, there is to be a large Homecraft Section. Schedules for this are available and the classes fall into the following groups:

- Flower Arrangement (with added foliage)
- Cookery
- Preserves
- Wine
- Handicraft
- Painting
- Children's Section

EAST BRIDGFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB remind residents that the season has started and invite those interested to become members. Subscriptions range from £5 for a family membership to 50p for under 14 years.

Mrs. C. Lewis of 7 Moss Close (Tel: 612) will be glad to supply further details.

CANADA WANTS WOMEN PRIESTS !

Eleven of the 28 dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada want women priests. The General Synod is to debate the issue next month for the second time, and if the vote is again favourable steps will be taken to ordain women.

A FAMILY BARBEQUE is being organised by the Liberal Association on 5th July. It will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, The Hollies, Kirk Hill, beginning at 5.30 p.m. Admission is only 10p each - free for children under five years of age.

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable time.

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SERVICES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns & short address)
On first Sunday in each
month - Family Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays
10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on third Wednesdays in
each month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Whatever may be the outcome of our present crisis, we may be sure that the solution will not come without blood and tears. It is a strange fallacy which leads people to think that this world is meant to be a comfortable place with the minimum of effort and a complete absence of self sacrifice. The Bible and all good literature make it perfectly plain that nothing worth having is given to us except at cost, sometimes great cost, but the difference is really to be found in our attitude. If we want a cheap life and an easy existence we haven't got the right idea at all. The old Spanish proverb which says, 'That is worth nothing which costs nothing' is very true. With these thoughts in our minds we can with profit think of the price of our salvation - the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. The idea that sin doesn't matter and that we shall get through somehow doesn't fit in with the facts of life. S. Peter points out in his first Epistle that we were bought with the Blood of Christ. It is through the sacrifice of Christ's life that atonement has been made.

Atonement may not be a popular word, but it is a very important one. If you split it up you get 'AT-ONE-MENT' and this suggests that Christ's great work was to bring about reconciliation - a reconciliation of each one of us with God, a reconciliation of each one with each other, a reconciliation of each one of us with himself. How necessary these three reconciliations are! and of course, they go together and this brings strength and peace in our whole nature. We say that a person finds it difficult to live with himself, he is constantly on edge. How can such a person be at peace with his fellow men and, much more, at peace with God? This is of course, the crux of our present situation. We have got

out of touch with God and with his plan for us. The way back is quite clear in scripture to come to oneself and return to our Father and say, 'I have sinned'. During this month we have one of the most attractive saints in the calendar, S. Mary Magdalene, on July 22nd. She is described as a Penitent. Whatever be the nature of our sins, the way back is through Penitence and it is the need of this individually and corporately which is so clearly to be seen today. Each one of us can begin the process by seeking reconciliation with God, if we are out of charity to seek reconciliation with our neighbours, and to learn to accept oneself sincerely and humbly. This way lies peace and happiness.

It may be that most of us will be able to get away from our usual surroundings for a holiday. This is very much to be desired and I hope all of you who read this will be able to do this. There is another kind of experience called Retreat, which means that either alone or with a group of like-minded people we go to a Retreat House like Morley, near Derby and spend time in prayer and quiet, having a look at ourselves and God. To some the idea sounds a bit forbidding. To those who have made the idea a reality, a good Retreat may be the beginning of a new life of freedom and joy. I speak with a good deal of knowledge both of conducting Retreats and of being one of the retreatants, and I know the value of such an exercise.

The Parochial Church Council met recently and had a good discussion about money. The fact of the matter is that we need a great deal more support. I shall be writing about this more fully at a later date, but do ask yourself if you really are giving as you could to the Church.

The Sunday School and teachers with some friends and myself had a day at the seaside at Cleethorpes on June 14th. It was a glorious day and we enjoyed the railway journey from

Lowdham to Lincoln and then on to Cleethorpes. There was plenty of sun and no rain and it was a delightful day.

We said goodbye to Michelle Fuller on June 19th. She has been a faithful communicant and we shall miss her very much. She has gone to join her father and mother in Johannesburg, South Africa.

I should like to assure Mrs. Bridget Brown of our prayers and sympathy in the death of her mother (Muriel Hillgrove) following so quickly on the death of her father John Hillgrove. The Browns have come to live in College Street and we welcome them to the village.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 8 Open Evening at the School 6.30 p.m.
July 12 Commemoration Festival at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield.
July 22 S. Mary Magdalene. Eucharist at 7.30
July 25 S. James the Great. Eucharist at 7.30
Aug. 9 Festival at the Convent of S. Lawrence, Belper. Eucharist at 11.30

FAMILY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

I have now received Leaflet F.B.I. on this subject. It contains a great deal of information dealing with all kinds of benefits ranging from Family Allowances, Prescription Charges, pensions for people over 80, Rent Rebates, hospital fares, legal advice and assistance to contributory benefits for maternity, widows, retirement and people going abroad or coming from abroad. I should be pleased to give what information I can to any who ask me for it.

+ B.M.

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The Bishop's Letter

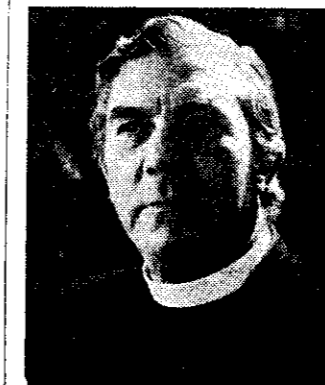
Looking at the Tasks Ahead

DEAR Friends,—I am, of course, delighted that the Bishop-designate of Sherwood has arrived in the diocese, taking up his residence at Applegarth, Halam, and that as I write, the day of his Consecration in York Minster and Welcome to the Diocese in our own Minster is drawing near. When you read this he will have begun his work among us. I know you will want me to assure him of our pleasure that he has come to serve us and our hope that he, his wife Betty and their children will be very happy in their new home. It is appropriate that in this letter I try to spell out how, in the first instance, I see his work fitting into mine.

It is very widely hoped that I shall be able to see my clergy more frequently and be able to stand alongside them assessing what is required of them at the parochial level. It is, I think, true that the diocese does not exist except as an amalgam of parishes. The parish is still the place where the Church engages with the World, and the parish priests are in the front line meeting the World's needs and the Diocesan Bishop must see that his first priority is to enable the clergy to engage in this work.

At the present time not all clergy would view their role in the same way: with the result that their efforts are fragmented and individual very often. If I can help the parochial clergy to define the tasks of the Church and to engage in its work more realistically, a tremendous release of enthusiasm and new life is possible.

This autumn, next spring and summer, I plan to carry out my Primary Visitation of the Diocese. This means that in the course of those months I shall seek to sit down with the parochial clergy, each in his sphere of work, to sort out with them the ministry, which is both mine and theirs as the Institution Service makes clear. I realise that I am taking on a frightening amount of work but I am quite sure that it has the highest priority so far as my time is concerned.



Canon Rupert J. Stevens, Vicar of Collingham, who is now Rural Dean of Newark.

This means that I shall have to delegate to the Suffragan Bishop much of the routine work of looking after the clergy and their families at a purely personal level. He will do his utmost in the first instance to get to know the diocese and those who serve it. Perhaps the easiest way of recognising the division between his work and mine is to say that I shall be trying to help the clergy in facing up to their work of leadership of the Church today and he will be trying to help the clergy face the personal difficulties which so easily prevent them from getting on with their work. Clearly then you should be seeing a lot of both of us.

Testing Days

The Archdeacons, of course, are concerned with providing the goods and services that enable the parish priests to live and work and the parishes to have the physical resources for the proper maintenance of the Church in each place. In these testing days of inflation, I can see them being very busy too.

I do want to emphasise that my whole staff, bishops and archdeacons alike, will not work in water-tight compartments; they will work very closely together and in direct relationship with me so that when emergencies arise, we shall be able to pick up each other's work and help one another. At this stage all I want to do is to offer some broad directive so that you can tell who you think you should approach about a particular matter, knowing full well that I shall be kept informed of everything I need to know.

All in all, I hope we can bring new vision and new hope to the Church where it is most important, namely, in the local situation whether that is the parish or some other sphere of work such as the University or a hospital. All our organisation is based on strengthening the hands of the local clergy in their vital work. I know the laity will want to take their share in all this by looking to the part they can play at that level. Our Lord was fully committed to serving people and I hope and pray that in this diocese we shall see this as a pattern for all our work at this time.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

SOME OF THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

July 1-4, General Synod; 6, Lowdham Dedication Festival, Claborough; 7, Board of Finance, Southwell Minster (Installation), St. Giles, Balderton*; 8, Nottingham High School; 9, Publicity Committee; 10, Marriage Guidance Council; 11, Trent College; 14-18, House of Lords; 20, Portland Training College (Silver Jubilee), Laxton Festival Evensong. * Institution.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS IN JULY

The Choir is on holiday after Evensong on Monday 14 July.
Sat. 5, Third Choir Festival (5.45 p.m.); Sun. 6, Preacher—Canon R. P. Neill (11 a.m.); Tues. 8, G.F.S. Service, Preacher—Bishop of Sherwood (7 p.m.); Sat. 12, Old Choristers' Reunion, Cantamus Ensemble (7.30 p.m.); Tues. 15, Masonic Service—Province of Nottinghamshire (6 p.m.); Wed. 16, Organ Recital—Paul Ellis (Royal Northern College of Music) (7.30 p.m.).

During the School holiday, the following choirs will be singing Evensong at 3.15 p.m.: Sunday July 20—St. Andrew's, Nottingham; Sunday July 27—The Picardy Singers; Sunday August 3—The Lafford Consort.

Women's Offerings Total £1,037

Gifts totalling £1,037 were presented to the Bishop of Southwell at the annual Women's Offering Service in Southwell Minster on June 3, when the preacher was the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Ven. Harold Lockley. The money will be used to support the work of the Diocesan Board for Social Action.

St. Petertide Ordination

Two deacons and seven priests were ordained by the Bishop of Southwell at the St. Petertide Ordination held at Southwell Minster on Sunday, June 29.

The ordinands were:

Deacons: Douglas James Davies, B.A., B.Litt., Cranmer Hall, Durham; to continue as Lecturer in the Department of Theology, University of Nottingham; Ronald James Smith, Lincoln Theological College; licensed to Bilborough, St. John.

Priests: Raymond William Lockhart, M.A., LL.B., St. John's College, Nottingham, Curate at St. Margaret's, Aspley; Stephen Arthur Lowe, B.Sc., Cuddesdon, Oxford, Curate at St. Mark's, Mansfield; Edwin Mitchell, St. John's College, Nottingham, Curate at St. John's, Worksop; David John Rake, B.A., Ph.D., Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Curate at St. Mary, Radcliffe-on-Trent; Michael Taylor Ranyard, Lincoln Theological College; Curate at St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield; John Stephen Richardson, B.A., St. John's College, Nottingham; Curate at St. Michael and All Angels, Bramcote; David Walker, Lincoln Theological College; Curate at St. Mary's, Arnold.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Cyril Raymond Chudley, Assistant Curate of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, has moved to Egg Buckland, Plymouth, where he is Assistant Curate.

The Rev. Frank Cecil Wilson, Vicar of North Clifton and Priest-in-Charge of Besthorpe with Girtton and Spalford, Newark, is retiring on September 30, when he and his wife are planning to live at Collingham.

The Rev. Timothy Gardner Tyndall, Priest-in-Charge of St. Martin's, Sherwood, Nottingham, has been appointed Rural Dean of Wearmouth and Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael's, Bishop Wearmouth, Sunderland, in the Diocese of Durham.

The Rev. Malcolm George Henry Booth Tudor, Assistant Curate at St. Martin's, Bilborough, has been licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St. Martha, Broxtowe.

The Rev. Charles Eurwyn Jones, Vicar of Bunny with Bradmore, has been appointed Diocesan Chief Inspector of Schools.

The Rev. Harold Ian Lyle Russell, Vicar of St. John the Divine, Chapelton, Sheffield, has been appointed Vicar of St. Jude's, Mapperley, Nottingham.

OBITUARY

The Ven. Talbot Dilworth-Harrison, Priest-in-Charge of the united benefice of Edingley with Halam, Newark, since 1963, died in Harlow Wood Hospital, Mansfield on May 16, following a fall. He was 88. The greater part of his 66 years in the ministry was spent at Chesterfield, where he served as Vicar, Archdeacon and Lecturer from 1934 until 1963, when he was awarded the title of Archdeacon Emeritus.

New Readers Admitted

At a special service at Southwell Minster on Saturday June 14 following the Annual General Meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Readers' Association, the following members of the laity were admitted as readers for the first time and licensed by the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Denis Wakeling:

David Beckwith to Sutton Bonington with Normanton-on-Soar.

Joan Leslie Brown to St. John, Worksop.

Ivor Fenwich Gledhill to St. Stephen with St. Alban, Sneinton.

David John Hull to Ollerton with Boughton.

Also admitted and licensed by the Warden, the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the

Ven. Michael R. W. Brown at Eastwood Parish Church on June 22:

Christine Margaret Bolton to St. Mary, Eastwood.

Around the Diocese

By-election. In the by-election on June 2, Miss Pamela J. Harrold of 3 Boswell Close, Kinoulton and Mr. Gerald Cleaver of 114 Walcote Drive, West Bridgford, were elected to fill the two vacancies existing among representatives of the House of Laity on the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.

800th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Edwinstowe. Patronal Festival on Wednesday 2 July Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon David Rutter, Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral. Specially invited to attend — Clergy and laity from the Worksop Deanery parishes and representatives from Churches of St. Mary in the Diocese.

Canonry. The Rev. Harold Arthur Kirton, Rector of St. Wilfrid, Wilford, will be installed in the Canonry of Norwell Palishall at Southwell Minster on Monday July 7 at 5.45 p.m.

The Edwinstowe Historical Society is engaged in a study of the Tudburys — a local family of artists and craftsmen who practised in Nottinghamshire in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of their work, particularly woodcarving, was done for parish churches. We should very much like to hear of any items attributed to them. Information, please, to the secretary (Miss) P. Whiddon, 10 Mill Lane, Edwinstowe, Mansfield. Tel. Mansfield 822572.

Councillor John Streeter, churchwarden at St. Helen's, Stapleford, was elected chairman of the Broxtowe District Council at its Annual Meeting on May 28. He is hoping to attend services in as many churches as possible in the whole of the Broxtowe area.

Mr. Edwin Ward, formerly USPG Area Secretary for the Dioceses of Lincoln and Southwell, will now represent the USPG in the Dioceses of Derby, Sheffield and Southwell. His home at present is at 16 Toynton Close, Gregg Hall Drive, Lincoln. Tel. 0522 23832.

Colston Bassett Church Festival of Roses. Sat-Sun. July 12-13, 10.30 a.m. to dusk. Refreshments. Sun. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

The GFS are celebrating their centenary this year and to mark the occasion we are holding a Festival Service in Southwell Minster on Tuesday July 8 at 7 p.m., when the new Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood will preach; followed by refreshments in Trebeck Hall. There is also an exhibition of work in the South Transept.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN JULY

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| 1 Deanery Synods. | 17 Holme Pierrepont w. Adbolton
(Gerald Pearce, David Rake) |
| 2 Stapleford, St. Andrew's Mission,
and Moorbridge Lane
(Alfred Graham, Thomas Slater,
Sister Peggy Smith, C.A.) | 18 Kneeton (Bernard Markham,
Bishop) |
| 3 Royal School of Church Music | 19 Langar (John Milner) |
| 4 Theological Students | 20 Orston (Geoffrey Blackmore) |
| 5 Wollaton (John Banks, Richard Birt) | 21 Owthorpe (Frederick Stephen) |
| 6 Aslockton (Geoffrey Blackmore) | 22 Keyworth (John Ottey) |
| 7 Barnstone (John Milner) | 23 Radcliffe-on-Trent (Gerald Pearce,
David Rake) |
| 8 Bingham (David Keene) | 24 Scarrington (Geoffrey Blackmore) |
| 9 Car Colston (Allen Chappell) | 25 Screveton (Allan Chappell) |
| 10 Cotgrave (Frederick Stephen) | 26 Shelford (Gerald Pearce,
David Rake) |
| 11 Cropwell Bishop (John Milner,
Gilbert Turner) | 27 Thoroton (Geoffrey Blackmore) |
| 12 East Bridgford (Bernard Markham,
Bishop) | 28 Tythby w. Cropwell Butler
(John Milner) |
| 13 Elton-on-the-Hill (John Milner) | 29 Whatton (Geoffrey Blackmore) |
| 14 Flintham (Allan Chappell) | 30 Broughton Sulney
(Norman Chadwick, P.-in-C.) |
| 15 Granby (John Milner) | 31 Bunny w. Bradmore (Charles Jones) |
| 16 Hawksworth (Geoffrey Blackmore) | |

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THE SICK

I wonder how many of you pray regularly for the sick and for the doctors and nurses who minister to their needs. At present three of our people are in Hautonville Hospital - Maggie Cope, Joseph Granger, Jane Wylley. Recently we have had patients in the General Hospital in Nottingham. We thank God for speedy recovery of John McCullough and for the recovery of Joyce Shardlow who was a patient in the Cedars and for John Randsley who, after a stay in Highbury, is now home again. Please pray for all the sick and those who minister to them. A good prayer would be the last paragraph in the prayer for all sorts and conditions of men in the Book of Common Prayer.

+ B.M.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall, London, had taken place since the previous meeting of the Institute, everyone was interested in hearing Mrs. Bontoft's report. Mr. McKnight then entertained everyone with an amusing account of his experiences as an A.A. Patrolman. He also answered questions about the work of the A.A., and was thanked by Mrs. Metcalfe.

During social time, ideas were collected for next year's programme.

SIDESMEN

July 20th	9 a.m. Mr. Moore	6.30 p.m. Capt. Jay
July 27th	9 a.m. Dr. Brooks	6.30 p.m. Dr. Brooks
Aug. 3rd	9 a.m. Mr. Hand	6.30 p.m. Mr. Hand
Aug. 10th	9 a.m. Mr. Reid	6.30 p.m. Mr. Curtis

EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

After considering an application from the Tennis Club for a grant, the Parish Council decided to pay the rent for the grounds.

Future Council Meetings will be held on :-

Thursday 3rd July, Friday 1st August, Thursday 4th September, Thursday 2nd. October, Friday 7th November, Thursday 4th December 1975, Thursday 8th January 1976, Friday 7th February, Tuesday 2nd March, Thursday 11th March (Annual Parish Council Meeting), Friday 3rd April, Tuesday 4th May, Thursday 20th May (Annual Parish Meeting), Friday 5th June.

The dates for the Play Leadership Scheme at Bingham Sports Centre are Wednesday 30th July, Friday 1st August, Wednesday 6th August, Friday 8th August, Wednesday 13th August, Friday 15th August, Tuesday 19th August, Friday 22nd August.

The 'bus will leave Brickyard Lane at 9.30 a.m. and return at 4.00 p.m. Supervisors are required for the 'bus journeys and to help at the Centre. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk, Mrs. J. Wines, 1 Crossways Drive.

The Home-based Scheme will operate every Tuesday and Friday from 29th July to 22nd August, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Meet on the Playing Field.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The outing to Cleethorpes by Claire and Alice Gould

We all met at Lowdham station at 9.20 a.m. ready for the train at 9.33 a.m. The train was late, so we did not set off until 9.45. It was a pay train so we had to pay the conductor as he came along. The journey to Lincoln took about 45 minutes. In Lincoln we had to wait half an hour for our next train, so we had time for a drink.

This train had tables in it so we were able to play cards, draw, or whatever we wanted to do.

As we left Lincoln the weather started to brighten up, which pleased everyone. In just over an hour and a quarter we reached Cleethorpes. The station was right on the sea front so we did not have far to walk to the beach. Once we were there, we took off our socks and shoes and found a place to sit. We could please ourselves what we did but most of us went on the swings and other amusements, or went into the sea until we had our lunch.

After lunch we all went for a walk and then came back to the beach and had a bumpy donkey ride and an ice-cream. Soon it was time to get on the 'bus and go to the service, which was a special service about Tanzania. The 'bus journey was short and the service was good. We sang a lot and learnt to speak some Swahili. After the service most of us had some fish and chips, but some of the grown-ups went into a cafe instead. We ate our fish and chips in a small park and then went and had a final paddle in the sea before getting on the train and coming back home.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 11th June it was agreed that, in future, a brief report of the proceedings should be published in the News Sheet.

Finance The Treasurer stressed the need to increase our income. Plate collections had increased substantially but would be greatly enhanced if parishioners signed covenants. A sub-committee will be drafting a suitable letter to send to every church member asking for support. On Sunday 5th October a Parish Breakfast will follow the 9.00 a.m. service, and coffee will be served after Evensong, when

members will be invited to discuss the problems with the Council.

Cleaning Mrs. Reid is organising groups of ladies to share the cleaning of the church and more helpers would be welcome.

Services It was proposed that there should be a Choral Eucharist on the first Sunday in every month and this is being considered. A.J.S.

READERS AND READINGS

July 13th Trinity 7

9.00 (O.T.) Ezekiel 36, 24-28	Miss E.Slack
(Ep.) Galatians 5, 16-25	Mr. P.Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Zechariah 8, 1-17	Mr. D.Gould
(N.T.) Acts 8, 4-17	Miss S.Marson

July 20th Trinity 8

9.00 (O.T.) Joshua 1, 1-9	Mr. K.Finch
(Ep.) Ephesians 6, 10-18a	Mr. R.Hunt
6.30 (O.T.) Jonah 1 and 2	Mr. A.Curtis
(N.T.) Acts 8, 26-39	Capt. A.Jay

July 27th Trinity 9

9.00 (O.T.) Job 42, 1-6	Miss S.Price
(Ep.) Philippians 2, 1-13	Mr. J.Ruff
6.30 (O.T.) Jonah 3 and 4	Mr. G.Stobbs
(N.T.) Acts 11, 1-18	Mr. J.Guy

August 3rd Trinity 10

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 42, 1-7	Miss A.Gould
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 4, 1-10	Miss P.Marson
6.30 (O.T.) Proverbs 1, 20-end	Dr. C.Brooks
(N.T.) Acts 15, 1-31	Mr. A.Reid

August 10th Trinity 11

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 49, 1-6	Miss P.Stobbs
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 5, 14-6, 2	Mrs. S.Guy
6.30 (O.T.) Proverbs 8, 1-17	Miss C.Gould
(N.T.) Matthew 4, 23 - 5, 20	Mr. P.Blandy

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The Consecration of the new Bishop of Sherwood in York Minster on S. John Baptist's day was a service full of significance and impressive ceremonial showing that the present day bishop is indeed the successor to the Apostles of Christ and that it is the same Church which does these things through the ages. The form of service has been used for many years. It was used when I was consecrated a bishop in Guyana, South America, in 1962 and was used for the consecration of our present Bishop of Southwell. Of course, the words may change slightly through the years but the act remains the same - the setting apart of a priest by prayer and laying on of hands to be a chief pastor or bishop in the Church of God.

In our other services we have had a good many changes in the words. In the matter of the principal service of the Church - the Holy Eucharist this has been obvious. Series I was an attempt to relate the rite of 1662 to our present day, Series II was a fairly new start and caught on in a surprising number of churches so much so that there was a possibility that instead of being an interim service it looked like becoming permanent. Series III followed and is being increasingly used, and there is a service coming forward soon which combines much of the traditional prayer book rite with the modern concepts of Series II and Series III. We in East Bridgford have used Series II and are now using Series III. This is the desire of the Parochial Church Council after a careful and open discussion. Of course, no service can adequately express what we want to say in our worship of God and people differ in their attitudes. Some are for plainness, some for music and traditional ceremonial, and I suppose

that the great proportion of worshippers are prepared to go along with their fellow churchmen. We are all engaged at the present time in a painful process of renewal in the Church. Some parts of the process are good, others are not good. The Church has suffered much in the renewal process of the last twelve years but we hope that we shall emerge a Church more after the pattern of Christ. The two parts of the Church of Christ which have found this process somewhat puzzling and painful are, of course, the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, but a pattern is emerging which will no doubt mean a great deal particularly to our young people.

The service on the first Sunday in July illustrated the change so well. At the Parish Eucharist we had a large congregation including about three quarters of the Sunday School children and their parents. At various points in the service the children did their part and after the service all who were present were invited to have coffee and refreshments which were served in the choir vestry but, as it was such a lovely morning, this led to many people standing outside in the adjoining part of the Churchyard. Altogether it was a splendid exercise in Christian celebration and we hope to repeat it on the first Sunday in each month. It is obviously desirable that those who communicate together in church should enter into a real relationship of community with each other after the service.

The Holy Eucharist is not the only service which has been renewed. Mattins and Evensong are now published in a Series III form. I have used this privately and think it very good. The Marriage Service has also been brought up to date. The Preface has been altered so that, while having children is a very important function of marriage, it does not alter the fact that the sexual and affectionate nature of the relationship is equally

important. Provision is also made for two rings, the bride can still say 'obey' but it is not essential, and real provision is made for the Nuptial Mass so that those who are married may receive Holy Communion together at their marriage. In regard to the Funeral Services of the Church, there is also a new provision for a burial service of a child (for which the old prayer book made no provision); a collect and set of readings for the Requiem Mass is provided and the whole service has been greatly improved. I have had a good deal of experience of the Burial Service of 1662, having for seven years been chaplain to a cemetery. My own feeling is that this revision is long overdue if our people are going to get some teaching and comfort in the services of the Church.

I hope that what I have written at some length on what some people might consider an introspective matter will not give the impression that I am unaware of the great and terrible problems which are facing us today in the world and in our own country. We are facing a very grave situation and that means we have as Christians, to pray most earnestly for the leaders in our country and live responsibly in our relations with our fellow men and women.

The School has had a good year and great credit is due to the Head and teachers, the children, and the kitchen staff. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Bly, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Fernandey from the teaching staff, and we wish Mr. Glover and Miss Walters every happiness and blessing on their weddings which will take place during the summer vacation.

The Mothers' Union had a splendid visit to Saxondale. After service in the chapel, the members had refreshments arranged very kindly by Mr. Mitchell and it really was a delightful occasion.

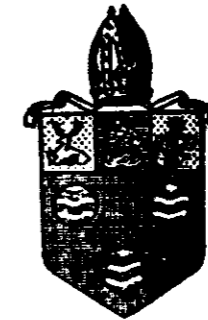
Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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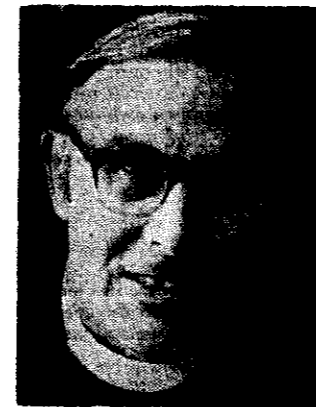
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The Bishop's Letter

A Great Beginning

DEAR Friends,—It is now five years since the Church of England embarked on Synodical Government, with the high hopes of engaging the full potential of the bishops, clergy and laity in united discussion on the full range of the Church's responsibilities, rather than reserving some matters for decision by the bishops and other lesser matters for clergy, let alone the laity. In an age of increasing rebellion against authority and against "the establishment" in all its forms, there was a feeling that democracy had at last come and a golden age for the Church must ensue.



The Bishop of Southwell

I want to try and evaluate some of our achievements and some of our failures. There is no doubt that some great issues have been dealt with and some far reaching changes set in hand.

By far the most important issue was that of Anglican—Methodist Union. In the end, despite most moving advocacy by Archbishop Ramsey, the Synod could not raise sufficient majorities in the division lobbies to enable the scheme to go forward. This has caused great frustration in the Free Churches and convinced many that the Church of England is not really interested in reunion. Only time will tell whether we progress to unity by a surer and perhaps swifter way which the attempt at organisational unity would have inhibited.

Another major concern has been the Church's ministry. We have discussed training of ordinands — one result for us in Nottinghamshire was the closure of Kelham Theological College. We have discussed the need for auxiliary priests, the proper role of bishops and lastly, the advisability of ordaining women to the priesthood. Here again, the Church of England, after affirming the great principle that there are no fundamental objections to such ordinations, was not able to encourage decisive action now. In my mind, it is not the failure to act now that is remarkable, but the tremendous change in attitude in our Church which made the ordination of women almost a reality.

We have passed "The Church of England Worship and Doctrine Measure", giving the Church much greater freedom in ordering its public worship. Parliament showed itself greatly interested in this issue and greatly concerned lest we should

jettison the Book of Common Prayer. A large number of services in modern language have been debated and issued for experimental use in churches, and a "People's Prayer Book" aimed at incorporating these services within a single binding is in prospect. The floor of the house has been shown to be the last place where services should be drafted and I trust that we shall not have to endure such agonies in future. People with the least liturgical sense seem to be the most eager to suggest "improvements"!

Great issues of public concern such as the remarriage of divorced persons in church, marriage and the family, civil strife, investment in South Africa, have engaged our attention. Indeed, too much rather than too little has been attempted. But it has been a great beginning.

CRITICISMS

There are, however, I feel one or two criticisms that must be made. Insufficient attention was given in setting up Synodical Government to the fact that we are an episcopally ordered Church and not a democracy. Both clergy and laity are, at the diocesan level, utterly committed to an ordering of our affairs which requires the Bishop to embody the task of the institution and to be its chief executive. It has been at national rather than diocesan level that the fanatics for democracy have held sway.

Synods in an episcopal church have a proper control function, so that the work of the executive is thoroughly scrutinised and the appropriate legislation enacted. For synods to try to become the executive authority would be disastrous. The fact that at present by allowing voting by houses the bishops can veto unwise action, a proper freedom of action is retained to the bishops. Voting by houses has led us into some strange situations which the public cannot understand but the principle is vital to us.

Another criticism is that Synodical Government was presented as a system whereby everyone was going to have a say in everything. This is clearly impossible and undesirable. Some things must be decided at national level, other are properly referred to dioceses for their opinion and sometimes even deanery synods must be consulted. In this past five years the lesson has been learned only slowly and too much work has been passed down to dioceses and deaneries, making life at the local level almost impossible. But we have learned our lesson and now realise that our representatives must be allowed to represent.

NEW ELECTIONS

I want to thank the clergy and laity who have represented the Diocese in General Synod. All have taken a very active part in the debates and "behind the scenes" work. They have served us well. The time has now come for new elections.

I am glad that there is no single issue on which these elections will be fought. Last time people canvassed on a pro or anti-Anglican Methodist Unity ticket. Our representatives have to represent us on a wide range of issues. They are not delegates sent to Westminster to prevent something happening, nor to get something through. I hope those who have the privilege of voting will eschew men and women of narrow sympathies and closed minds. We need people who understand the Church of England, who have a concern for our country and for its mission to the world, who have a longing that the Church will be able to fulfil its high calling in Christendom, and, equally importantly, in the parochial setting where, in the end, the cause of Christ will be won or lost.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Lively Debates at General Synod

THE present General Synod's five-year term of office came to an end with a quite lively group of sessions in July. The debates that most caught the public eye were those on abortion and on the ordination of women.

With abortions now running at 150,000 per year, there are many, inside and outside the Church, who would want to re-echo the grave concern expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with his characteristic forthrightness, in the debate about this. He felt there must be a brake put on a situation "that was like a bus running down a hill without any brakes". There was division in Synod as to how best this brake could be applied so as to check the abuses which have led perilously close to a situation of abortion on demand.

The Synod rejected an amendment which the Bishop of Leicester described as "trying to sit on the fence with an ear to the ground", and went on to express strong support for motions which gave general approval to the Abortion Amendment Bill being sponsored in Parliament by Mr. James White, M.P.

ORDINATION OF WOMEN

The public galleries were full for the 6½ hour debate on the ordination of women. The high quality of the opening speeches for and against, by the Bishops of Oxford and Chichester respectively, set the constructive tone of the whole debate. In the event there was a majority vote in favour of the principle but a rejection of a proposal that the barriers against women priests should now be removed.

One of the best speeches of the day came from the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. John Taylor), who received something of an ovation — clearly his is a prophetic voice that is going to be of great value to the Synod in many ways in the future.

Some who were in favour felt that the Church wasn't ready for it yet, including Dame Betty Ridley (daughter of a former Bishop of Southwell), who pleaded for patience and expressed anxiety that "the Church would be torn apart by going ahead now". The whole matter was referred to the House of Bishops for them to raise it again when the time is ripe.

Space forbids a longer report but other important debates were held, for example, on the importance of the Church's partnership with the State in the educational system, on endowments and glebe, on the deployment of the clergy and on the finances of the Church. As the chairman of the Central Board of Finance reminded us in the last mentioned debate, these are tough days for the Church, but we have a lot for which to thank God.—John Banks.

Around the Diocese

Honour. Miss Eleanor Kinder, Superintendent of Gwendoline Grove House, Clipstone, a mother and baby home belonging to the Southwell Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare, was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

A Quiet Day is being arranged at Southwell Minster on Saturday September 13, to be led by Bishop Mark Hodson. Those interested, please contact Canon C. S. Bayes, 2 Vicar's Court, Southwell, as numbers are limited.

A Quiet Morning, arranged by the Diocesan Union Committee of the C.E.M.S. will be held in Southwell Minster on Saturday September 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Conductor will be the Rev. Timothy Tyndall, Vicar of St. Martin's, Sherwood. All are welcome.

Price pegged. The Diocesan Publicity Committee has rescinded the decision to raise the price of the Diocesan News to 2p from July and has decided to peg the price at 1p.

Religious Broadcasts—Every Week—Radio Nottingham listeners on 95.4 vhf, 197m and Rediffusion C can hear Thought for Today — Monday to Friday 6.55 and 7.55 a.m.; All People on Sunday 2.45 p.m. and Wednesday 6.15 p.m.; Sing Out the Word — Sunday 8.15 a.m.; Who Cares? — Wednesday 9.03 a.m.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Harold Ian Lyle Russell, Vicar of St. John the Divine, Chapelton, Sheffield, will be instituted as Vicar of St. Jude's, Mapperley, Nottingham, by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday, September 12 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Basil Ernest William Hobbs, of the Clinical Theology Centre, Lingdale, Weston Avenue, Mount Hooton Road, Nottingham, was licensed as a Public Preacher on June 4.

The Rev. Cecil Norman Botham, of Rufford, Mattersey Road, Ranskill, Retford, was licensed as a Public Preacher on June 25.

The Rev. Michael Hugh Crawford Lumgair, Assistant Curate at St. Luke's, Brighton, has been appointed Assistant Curate at Attenborough with Toton. He will have special responsibility for Toton.

The Rev. Michael Weston Briggs, Vicar of All Saints, Harworth, has been appointed chaplain to Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force, 2nd Battn. Worcestershire/Sherwood Foresters.

The Rev. John Burgess, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Nottingham, has been appointed temporary chaplain at Ellerslie House Hospital, Nottingham.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

The Choir will be on holiday throughout August.

The 3.15 p.m. Evensong on Sundays during August will be sung by the following

- Choirs: 3 The Lafford Consort;
10 Nottingham Hospitals Choir;
17 The Southwell Singers;
24 Emmanuel Church Choir, Loughborough;
31 St. Giles Church Choir, West Bridgford.

On Bank Holiday Monday, August 25 at 7.30 p.m., there will be an Organ Recital by Maureen McAllister, of London.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN AUGUST

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| 1 Sunday School Teachers | 18 Costock | } Frederick Legge |
| 2 The Methodist Church | 19 East Leake | |
| 3 Colston Bassett (John Milner,
Gilbert Tutner) | 20 Kingston-on-Soar (Donald Williams) | |
| 4 Edwalton (Ernest Sheeran, Canon) | 21 Lady Bay (Peter Bailey) | |
| 5 Hickling (Leslie Harwood) | 22 Normanton-on-Soar (Philip Pennant) | |
| 6 Kinoulton (Leslie Harwood) | 23 Ratcliffe-on-Soar (Donald Williams) | |
| 7 Plumtree w. Normanton-on-the-
Wolds (Norman Chadwick) | 24 Rempstone (Frederick Legge, Roger
Stirrup) | |
| 8 Stanton-on-the-Wolds (John Otley) | 25 Ruddington (Clive Shrimpton) | |
| 9 Tollerton (John Ogley) | 26 Stanford-on-Soar (Frederick Legge,
Roger Stirrup) | |
| 10 Gotham (Donald Williams) | 27 Sutton Bonington, St. Anne
(Philip Pennant) | |
| 11 Widmerpool (Kenneth Brazier) | 28 Sutton Bonington, St. Michael
(Philip Pennant) | |
| 12 Willoughby-on-the-Wolds
(Kenneth Brazier) | West Bridgford: | |
| 13 Wysall w. Thorpe-in-the-Glebe
(Kenneth Brazier) | 29 St. Giles } Frank Worwood, Canon | |
| 14 Barton-in-Fabis w. Thrumpton
(Andrew Woodford) | 30 St. Luke } David Roberts | |
| Clifton: } Wilfred Wilkinson | 31 St. Paul } John Hilliard | |
| 15 w. Glapton } Frank Crowther | | |
| 16 Holy Trinity } Ian Gatford | | |
| 17 St. Francis } Allan Brown | | |

Your prayers are asked for the following Ordinand sponsored by the Diocese:—
Sidney Rising (West Bridgford)

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COMING EVENTS

- August 6 Transfiguration of Jesus.
Eucharist 7.30 a.m.
- August 9 Festival at the Convent of S.
Lawrence, Belper. Eucharist 11.30
All who wish to go should get in
touch with the Rector.
- August 10 We congratulate Gordon & Connie
Stobbs on the twenty-fifth
Anniversary of their wedding. May
they have a very wonderful day of
thankfulness and the prayers and
good wishes of friends for the days
to come.
- August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.
- August 26 S. Bartholomew, Apostle. Eucharist
at 7.30 a.m.
- Sept. 13 Quiet Day at Southwell Minster for
lay people. Please book for lunch
with Canon Bayes, the Minster,
Southwell.

HOLY BAPTISM

- July 13 Jonathan Alexander, son of John Lacey
and Josephine CHAPMAN.
We welcome Jonathan into the family
of Christ's Church.

R.I.P.

- June 25 Joseph Allwood, aged 82
June 27 Maggie Cope, aged 82

We assure those who mourn of our prayers and
sympathy. Mr. Allwood was a regular attender
at church, although he had resided at Radcliffe
for some time. Mrs. Cope was quite unable to
get but I took her Holy Communion at home from
time to time.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July meeting of the Institute took place at Grove Hall Garden Centre near Retford. Everyone had a leisurely browse round the gardens and greenhouses, where there was an interesting variety of indoor and outdoor plants and shrubs. Most people could not resist buying something to beautify their homes and gardens - fuchias seemed to be particularly popular.

There will be no meeting in August, but the September meeting will be a talk by Mrs. N. Reid, J.P., on 'The Work of a Magistrate'.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB wish to thank Mrs. Albert Lodder and her helpers for raising the splendid sum of £90 at the jumble sale on 5th July.

Mrs. Russell would be pleased to hear from anyone with a car who would like to help her with the Friendship Club which meets every alternate Thursday afternoon.

COFFEE MORNING on Tuesday 5th August from 10.30 to 12.00 noon. Bring your friends to - The Hawthorns, Brown's Lane. Cakes - Produce - White Elephant - Good as New Clothing. Proceeds to aid Cancer Relief. Admission and Coffee 10p.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - EAST BRIDGFORD DISTRICT BRANCH The usual Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd. September in the East Bridgford Village Hall Committee Room at 8 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

PAINTING AND DECORATING Consult Peter Cartledge about your requirements.
Tel: East Stoke 471.

READERS AND READINGS

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9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 50, 4-9	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	1 Peter 4, 12-19	Miss S. Guy
6.30 (O.T.)	Proverbs 8, 1, 22-end	Miss H. Slack
(N.T.)	Matthew 5, 21 - end	Mr. D. Gould

August 24th - Trinity 13

9.00 (O.T.)	Leviticus 19, 9-18	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.)	Romans 12, 9-21	Capt. A. Jay
6.30 (O.T.)	Proverbs 14, 31-15, 17	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	Matthew 6, 1-18	Miss A. Gould

August 31st - Trinity 14

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 54, 1-8	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	Ephesians 5, 21-6, 4	Dr. C. Brooks
6.30 (O.T.)	Proverbs 31, 10-end	Mr. J. Guy
(N.T.)	Matthew 6, 19-end	Mr. R. Hunt

September 7th - Trinity 15

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 45, 1-7	Miss C. Gould
(Ep.)	Romans 13, 1-7	Miss S. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Job 1	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.)	Matthew 7, 1-14	Mrs. J. Jones

SIDESMEN

August 17	9.00	Mr. Moore
	6.30	Capt. Jay
August 24	9.00	Dr. Brooks
	6.30	Dr. Brooks
August 31	9.00	Mr. Hand
	6.30	Mr. Hand
September	9.00	Mr. Hand
7	6.30	Mr. Hand

EAST BRIDGFORD YOUTH CLUB

The post of YOUTH CLUB LEADER is now vacant by the resignation of Mr. Frank Smith. Applications are invited for this post from suitable persons with or without experience in Youth Clubs. The post is part-time and has a salary decided in the experience of the person appointed.

Applications to be considered for this post should be made in the first place to the Chairman of the Management Committee, The Rector, and should be addressed as follows:

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

September suggests the end of holidays and return to work and school. We all realise that while holidays may be very delightful there is work to do. This, of course, applies to our spiritual lives. We realise that we are here to work cheerfully for God and other people and that we also have to take sides in the war of the spirit. The date, September 29, is called the feast of S. Michael and All Angels. I suppose that many people would dismiss the idea of angels as a fairy tale - an idea alright for the nursery and infancy, but of no consequence in the business of adult living. Actually it would be foolish to dismiss the idea that there are intelligent beings who fight for right or wrong and who, because they are entirely spiritual and have no physical form, cannot be seen. We as Christians surely believe that there is a constant warfare going on in the world and that cannot just be explained by human goodness or wickedness. We are becoming conscious in our own country of a force which subtly and persuasively breaks down standards of goodness and Christian living. I have been made aware of this after returning to this country from abroad. It is painfully obvious that throughout society, beginning at school age, clever efforts are being made to destroy Christian belief and moral standards. There are those who stand on the touch line and call themselves agnostics or, to vary the metaphor, sit on the fence, but we realise that a fence is not the best place to sit on and eventually we must come off it. The battle then is on and it is a battle between those who believe and those who do not. Those who do not are content to see human beings behave as animals although educated and refuse to accept any truth which cannot be demonstrated to human sight. Parents who behave like this opt out of the spiritual war and then get distressed if their children grow up and live accordingly. It is important that those who really believe the Christian Faith see that their

children are taught it and encouraged in every possible way to live by it.

Every Sunday we have a Sunday School at the Church and the teaching is given by dedicated Christian men and women. The School meets in church every Sunday at 10.30 except the first Sunday in each month when the members, with their parents, attend the Family Eucharist at 9.00 and at which the children have a distinctive part.

It would be a mistake to give the impression that the momentum in the spiritual war is only on the side of the enemy. The Christian life is not devil dodging but God seeking! Nevertheless, we must be on our guard and recognise the suggestions of the devil when they arise. The scriptures tell us 'Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them', but this is no excuse for refusing to take sides.

Michaelmas, or the feast of S. Michael and All Angels, is on a Monday (September 29). There will be Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.

The Mothers' Union will meet on Wednesday, September 17, at 2.30 at the Rectory, and on September 24 there is a Mothers' Union Service at Southwell Minster at 3 p.m.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

CAN YOU COPE WITH YOUR OWN COMPANY??

Some weeks ago I put up a notice in the Church porch about a Quiet Day or Day of Reflection at the Minster on September 13. I have not heard any remark about this, but this may be due to the fact that the notice said that those wishing to go should get in touch with Canon Bayes at the Minster direct.

This actually suggests two questions. Do people read the notices in the church porch? And a more serious and worthwhile question - 'Can you cope with silence?' Of course, if silence is just a way of coping with your own company the reply would be possibly devastating. I have always felt that there is no virtue in silence itself unless it is the place where God makes Himself known. Of course, we can fill the silence with radio or T.V. if it is available, or by reading, but all those things can at best lead us to think about God or other things, but they do not contain that readiness to relax in His presence and waiting on Him in emptiness. In general we need greater stillness and detachment from techniques and books. For some people gardening or the use of bodily postures (e.g. Yoga exercises) will help to still the mind and focus attention. But most people too need help in coping with silence and there is need for more service retreat centres where people can be introduced to silence and in small doses. Here are some words from a priest who formerly worked in Soho and is an authority on drug and youth sub-cultures.

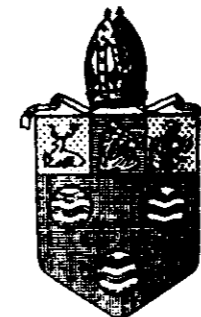
"There are a lot of people, including some of the clergy, who find silence frightening, and a good deal of guidance is needed here. Religious orders which are open to visitors can perform a major function in providing an atmosphere, a place, in which prayer becomes easier.

I agree very much with the Archbishop of Canterbury's oft-quoted remark that 'the capacity of the ordinary Christian for contemplation is greater by far than some of our theories of the spiritual life have allowed'. In fact, contemplatives exist in most parishes; they do not need to be produced so much as discovered. But for many, both young people and well-established churchpeople, the tradition of contemplation and 'mystical prayer' is a strange world which smacks of pietism and even of the occult. This is a tragic commentary on our failure to see the deepening of prayer life as a top priority for

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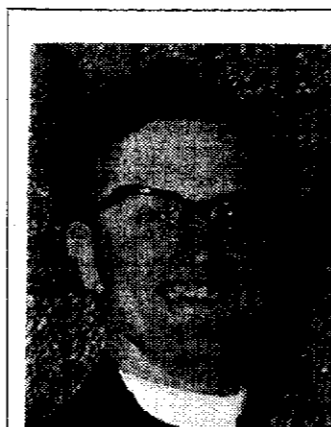
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The Bishop's Letter

Call for Christian Activists

THIS month finds us all back at work with a vengeance. After our summer holidays, if we were lucky enough to afford one, we are settling down to our winter programmes. This year we can look forward to these with expectancy tempered with apprehensiveness. This could be a long hard winter for the Church or it could be the prelude to a fair spring. I hope it will be the latter. I see the parishes as the arena in which the battle is to be fought out and the issues to be decided are those of membership, worship and finance.



*The Rev. Harold I. L. Russell,
who will be instituted as Vicar of
St. Jude's, Mapperley, on Friday
September 12 at 7.30 p.m.*

We are seeing in the political sphere the take-over of one important institution after another by "activists". By activists, I mean dedicated men who are prepared to work hard at considerable personal sacrifice in order to gain membership of those committees where important decisions are made, and in this way to achieve control of situations and then of institutions. The purpose of the activists is to gain power in order to effect change which as yet the majority of people do not want. The philosophy behind this is simply that if you believe anything strongly enough, you will make sure you get it. The opportunity is provided by other people who have taken things for granted too long and now find that they have lost both the initiative and the things they hold dear. The way to defeat the activist is by eternal vigilance and hard work.

The Church is in danger of being put out of business because for too long Christians have taken its survival for granted. The battle that needs

to be won first and foremost is within our own ranks. Christians have got to be far more dedicated and hardworking, especially at parochial level, or they will soon have no institutional church to belong to. And don't be fooled by those who say that the institutional church is unnecessary. Denigration of opponents' views is the activist's technique. Clergy and people have got to get to grips with the parochial situation afresh in order to increase the Church's membership and therefore her influence. I hope that lay people will see their primary sphere of activity as the parish, more than the deanery or diocese, and that clergy will not opt out of this priority for what might be regarded as "higher things".

RICHEST HERITAGE

Secondly, there is the issue of worship. The Church of England is the possessor of what is perhaps the richest heritage of architectural treasures in the country. There is an attitude around which regards these as a burden rather than an opportunity. A church is not redundant because it is costly to maintain but because it is no longer capable of fulfilling its task of being the focus for the faith of the community. In towns where community sense has been lost, parochial boundaries may no longer coincide with what are the new areas of community interest. In this regard the country differs from the town.

Our aim must be to help society to become neighbourhood conscious so that folk care for each other and the terrifying loneliness of urban life can be overcome. Our churches can help foster this concern by being centres of worship and by worship I mean that activity which expresses the importance of God and therefore of men made in his own image.

I deplore the view that regards the worship of our churches as unnecessary and only worship in small groups as meaningful. The worship which has long been offered in our churches has been offered on the understanding that you don't have to belong to take part. The Church of England is now often disregarding this responsibility and catering more for its committed members. With this almost total preoccupation with its own membership, it is depriving the community of its religious focus and playing into the hands of those who want the Church out of local affairs.

There is a proper place for the small group in the life of the Church but not at the expense of its mission to the community. Let us this winter use our churches more, not less. The more we fill our churches with worshippers, the warmer we shall be, but, more importantly, the more we will be declaring our faith in the primacy of God and in his concern for all men in their need.

DOUBLE GIVING

The third battle we have got to win this winter is that of finance. The Church is a voluntary society in that it depends on the goodwill of its supporters to provide the funds for its continuance. In these days of great inflation voluntary societies are getting support at the old level when only support at a realistic new level will do. I do not believe that we shall fail this winter in raising our financial sights so that not just now, but in

the future we can ensure that our churches are properly maintained and used, our administration is efficient and our priests properly paid. I am greatly encouraged by the willingness of deaneries to accept the new "quotas" asked of them. It is, however, one thing to accept a higher quota and quite another thing to raise the necessary money. While I hope you will enjoy yourselves organising events to enable the less frequent churchgoers to contribute to church funds, I hope too that each of us individually will face up to his responsibility of setting aside more each week to put into the collection plate, the freewill offering envelope or the stewardship pledge envelope. Church people must double their giving. While many of us are living on fixed incomes, others are receiving substantially higher wages. We must be Christian activists, putting our purses and our efforts where our hearts are.

The secret lies in the quality of our convictions. If we love God enough, we shall want to play our part, and our Church will be able to achieve all three objectives without anxiety. Let us pray and work for victory.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Around the Diocese

A Prayer Group for clergy and their wives who are interested in, though not necessarily involved in, the Charismatic Renewal is held from time to time in Southwell. The next is from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on September 15. Anyone who would like to attend please ring the Rev. Ian Savile, Southwell 813243.

Children's Society. On Monday October 27 at the Y.W.C.A. in Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, beginning at 7.45 p.m., the Church of England Children's Society are holding an Open Evening when slides will be shown of the work the Society is doing, and it is hoped to have several speakers, including a Matron from one of the homes the Society runs, a Social Worker, and Mr. J. Pensom the Chief Lay Organising Secretary for this area.

Chorister for 60 years. Mr. Frederick Sellers, of 68 Coronation Walk, Gedling, Notts., has retired as senior chorister at All Hallows Church, Gedling, after completing 60 years as a chorister, almost without a break, except for the war years. He still serves as a member of the All Hallows Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod, and as an elected member of the Diocesan Synod. Last year he received an award from the Bishop for his service as a church musician.

Southwell Diocesan clergy cricketers reached the semi-finals of the Church Times Cup competition, but were then beaten by Liverpool by 70 runs. Top scorer for Southwell was the Rev. David Bartlett with 45 out of a total of 93, but Liverpool totalled 163, the Rev. Geoffrey Springett taking eight wickets for 55.

The Southwell Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Autumn Meeting will be held on Thursday September 18 at 7.45 p.m. in the church hall of St. Mary's, Wollaton Park. Guest speaker is Canon Colin Craston, a well-known member of the General Synod, who played a leading part in the recent debate on the Ordination of Women. On this occasion he will be taking a radical look at the Bible under the general title — "A New Look at the Bible".

Awards for Church Musicians

AWARDS in the Southwell Diocese for outstanding service in the field of Church music will be presented to the following successful candidates during Evensong in the Minster, September 27 at 5.45 p.m.:

The Bishop's Award. Class I (skill)—Of five candidates, three were approved. Mrs. C. M. Mason, Mr. A. White and Mrs. E. White (S. Mary, Wollaton Park).

Class II (long service)—Mr. H. Bates, Mr. R. W. Carlisle, Mr. A. H. Jury and Mr. C. Rogers (S. Leodegarius, Basford); Mr. R. J. E. Priestley (Collingham, North); Mr. W. H. Hopkinson and Mrs. D. M. Hopkinson (Collingham, South); Mrs. M. Cox and Mr. H. J. Piggott (Gunthorpe); Mrs. A. Hibbert and Mr. H. Hibbert (Kimberley); Mr. J. W. Barker, Mrs. R. E. Barker, Mr. R. F. Disney and Mrs. E. Flinders (Lowdham); Mr. S. M. Thurman (South Muskham); Mr. P. V. Burney and Mr. C. Haywood (S. Saviour, Nottingham); Mr. D. A. Kirk (S. Mark, Woodthorpe); Mr. G. A. Sherwin, Mr. H. Sherwin, Mr. M. W. Tomlinson and Mr. F. E. Welton (S. Mary, Wollaton Park).

The Provost's Award for juniors up to 14 for skill and example. Of six candidates, five were approved. Kevin Bolton (S. Leodegarius, Basford); Alex Maw (S. Peter and S. Paul, Mansfield); Christopher Vivian (S. Mary, Wollaton Park); Jonathan Peter Kirk and Claire Parker (S. Mark, Woodthorpe).

Jonathan Peter Kirk was especially commended.



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EDMUND Burke said that people of his generation tended "to lament the past, to conceive extravagant hopes of the future". No doubt inflation rates of the 18th. century differed from ours, and of course he was not speaking for - or about - the Church of England. Today we still seem to adopt the antithesis of this view and to have "extravagant hopes of the past while lamenting the future".



Alan Davis

The most difficult lesson for us all to learn is that the need for financial self-sufficiency is approaching us at an ever-increasing rate. We are criticised sometimes for living *in* the past and we can be charged (with considerable truth) of living *on* the past, but the speed at which this last accusation is becoming less justified, resulting as it does in a need for more and more new money, is considerably greater than the rate of inflation.

This is why the budget proposals of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 1976 are necessarily so much greater than they were in 1975. These problems are not of course related only to this Diocese, but apply equally to the whole of the Church of England in this country, and those who have the responsibility of planning the finances of the church (and that means in the main the provision of adequate stipends) are well aware of them, from the Church Commissioners down to the officers of the smallest parish.

The Church Commissioners, as a result of shrewd management of their investments, have undertaken to increase their contributions to stipend payments in Southwell from £166,000 in 1975 to about £186,000 in 1976 - and that in spite of the very severe economic climate in which we are all operating. But to pay a recommended minimum stipend (subject to anti-inflationary measures) of £2,400 per annum will need an increase in the contribution from within the Diocese from £40,000 to £103,000 and this is mainly the reason why parishes will be asked to increase their payments to the Diocesan Fund by some 112%.

THE CHALLENGE

Of course, had our predecessors not had the foresight, prudence, generosity and perhaps missionary spirit so well to endow the present, then the increase in the Diocesan Quota would have been more related to the rate of inflation. But then we would have needed to pay from present resources about five times as much to the Stipend Fund in 1975 as we in fact paid.

Our financial problems are not yet as great as those which seem to have been overcome by the unestablished churches - and indeed Anglican Churches outside this country - but they will continue to grow.

Whether church congregations will be prepared to meet the increasing challenge of living on the present, and not on the past, will remain to be seen, but the Diocesan Board of Finance is confident that there is no crisis - yet - and that the recommendations of the Central Stipends Authority, which have such a large effect on the Diocesan quota, will be honoured.

CONFIRMATIONS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Fri. September 26, 7.45 p.m. St. Cyprian, Sneinton†; Thurs. October 16, 7.30 p.m. Beckingham with Walkeringham*; Sun. 19, 10.45 a.m. Woodborough*; Wed. 22, 7.30 p.m. St. John the Baptist, Nottingham†; Fri. 31, 7 p.m. Annesley†

* Bishop of Sherwood † Bishop Markham

Michaelmas Ordinations

At Southwell Minster on Sunday, September 28 at 10.45 a.m. by the Bishop of Southwell the following will be ordained:—

Deacon: Peter Newton, St. John's College, Nottingham; Licensed to Porchester.

Priests: Howard Clive Bigg, M.A., Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Curate at St. John the Evangelist, Worksop. Geoffrey Arthur Forbes Weston, Ripon Hall, Oxford; Curate at Ordsall, Rerford.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Gerald Smith, Team Vicar of St. Peter and St. Paul, Hucknall; has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands and resident chaplain to the islands, which have a population of about 2,000.

After 40 years in the ministry, **Canon Robert Purdon Neill**, Priest-in-Charge of Caunton with Maplebeck, near Newark, is to retire on October 14.

The Rev. Siegfried Winslow Patrick Rosheuvel, Curate of St. George's Cathedral, Georgetown, Guyana, has been appointed Deputy Vicar of the Priory of St. Mary and St. Cuthbert, Worksop.

The Rev. Graham Edward Holloway, Curate of West Drayton, Diocese of London, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Hawton, Cotham and Shelton and Team Vicar in the forthcoming Newark major parish.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Thurs. 4, Annual Service for Residents of County Council Old People's Homes. Preacher: Rev. H. C. L. Heywood (2.30 p.m.); Sat. 13, Quiet Day for the Laity; Wed. 17, Organ Recital — Andrew Parnell of Christ College, Cambridge (7.30 p.m.); Sun. 21, Harvest Thanksgiving Service attended by Notts. Council of Meat Traders (11 a.m.); Wed. 24, Mothers' Union Re-dedication Service (3 p.m.); Sun. 28, Ordination. (10.45 a.m.)

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A Christian View of Euthanasia

THE word euthanasia strictly means "a good death"; but in the modern context, euthanasia is generally understood to mean the deliberate ending of life. It is presumed that it will be carried out by the patient's own doctor, after discussion with the patient.

As the law now stands, it is illegal to terminate the life of anybody deliberately. The doctor is in no way different from the ordinary subject of the realm as regards his right to kill a dying patient.

What is not always clearly understood is that a doctor is ethically correct and always has been in not unnecessarily prolonging life by treatments which can neither cure nor alleviate, the patient's condition. He will strive and will usually succeed in relieving the patient's pain and distress by the judicious use of modern drugs. On some occasions the relief of pain may require drugs in dosage which might hasten the patient's death. Many patients with terminal illness require no drugs or minimal doses; in some cases, aspirin alone is sufficient.

With the help of modern drugs, many patients are alert and free from pain, eating and sleeping normally to within a few days, or even hours, of their death.

What is needed is the improvement of the care of terminal cases in their own homes if possible, and as long as possible; or in hospital where a high standard of nursing and medical care is available. This unfortunately is at present difficult to achieve. There are hospitals where a very high standard of care of the dying is achieved and this kind of unit must be made more widely available.

Experienced workers in this field say that if the general public could be assured that when they needed it, there would be available to them a high standard of medical and nursing care, which would provide them with mental and spiritual support and relief of any pain at the end of their life, the demand for voluntary euthanasia would be exceptional.

It should be realised that the demand for the legislation of voluntary euthanasia, advocated in the Voluntary Euthanasia Bill, as submitted to the House of Lords in 1969, is a matter for discussion and debate among a very small number of the population as a whole. The great majority of people in this country do not consider the issue important or directly relevant to themselves.

Few patients in hospitals or wards for terminal illness ever mention the subject or request that their lives be ended prematurely. Even those who had considered voluntary euthanasia before entering hospital found that with good nursing and relief of any pain they no longer thought it relevant to themselves.

I believe that the medical ethic of saving life and caring for the dying cannot safely be altered, as would be necessary if voluntary euthanasia was to be legalised.

Where would the line be drawn? The law has been said to be a blunt instrument. Abuses could occur even with the most carefully drafted Act in a way not envisaged by its sponsors as has already occurred with the Abortion Act.

In matters so fundamental to our well being as those of life and death, we interfere at our peril with deeply felt attitudes and convictions.—J.C.B.

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(<i>Leonard Barker</i>) |
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| 5 Annesley (<i>Frank Lyons</i>) | 19 Carlton-in-the-Willows
(<i>Walter Harrison</i>) |
| 6 Bestwood (<i>Ronald Clarke, Deaconess Pamela Harvey</i>) | 20 Hospital Chaplains |
| 7 Bestwood Park, Emmanuel, St. Mark
(<i>David Williams</i>)
(<i>David Wilde</i>) | 21 St. John's College, Nottingham |
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(<i>Hubert Simmons, Brian Killick</i>) |
| 9 Brinsley with Underwood
(<i>William Porter</i>) | 23 The Lord Bishop of Southwell |
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the 'ordinary' Christian. I believe that in many places the way ahead will be through the setting up of small cells of people committed under a simple rule to the deepening of the inner life. Sometimes they may attach themselves to a community or order as a source of nourishment. But before we begin to discover a viable form of spiritual direction for the 1970's, we shall need to devote a lot of attention to the creation of colonies of Christians who are concerned with personal holiness. For, as S. Seraphim of Saroy said, if you attain peace of heart, millions around you will be converted."

B.M.

A PRAYER FOR OLD AGE

O Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort, our only help in time of need, I come unto thee for help to meet the trials of advancing years. Look graciously upon me and the more the outward man decays, strengthen me the more continually with Thy Grace in the inner man. Give me courage and patience to bear the infirmities, privations, sorrows and loneliness of old age. Help me fight successfully its temptation to be exacting, selfish, unreasonable, irritable and complaining. Preserve my mental faculties unimpaired to the end, keep my heart and affections warm, so that I may never fail to sympathise with joys, sorrows and interests of others and to be deeply grateful for the love and forbearance of those around me. And so fit and prepare me against the hour of death that I may be able to face it fearlessly, trusting in Thy promise to be with me as I pass through the Dark Valley, so that departing in peace my soul may be received into Thy Everlasting Kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

READERS AND READINGS

September 14 - Trinity 16

9.00 (O.T.)	Jeremiah 7, 1-7	Mrs. J. Cornell
(Ep.)	James 1, 22-27	Miss E. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Job 2	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	Matthew 7, 15 - end	Mr. D. Gould

September 21 - Trinity 17

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 26, 1-11	Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.)	2 Corinthians 8, 1-9	Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	Job 4, 1 and 5, 6-end	Miss P. Stobbs
(N.T.)	Matthew 11, 2-19	Mr. G. Stobbs

September 28 - Trinity 18

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 28, 10-22	Mr. J. Guy
(Ep.)	Hebrews 11, 1-3, 7-16	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Job 19, 1 - 27a	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.)	Matthew 11, 20 - end	Mr. P. Blandy

October 5 - Trinity 19. Harvest

9.00 (O.T.)	Jeremiah 29, 1, 4-14	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.)	Philippians 3, 7-21	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Job 28	Mr. T. Ashton
(N.T.)	Matthew 12, 22-45	Mr. A. Reid

SIDESMEN

September 14	9.00	Mr. Reid
	6.30	Mr. Curtis
September 21	9.00	Mr. Moore
	6.30	Capt. Jay
September 28	9.00	Dr. Brooks
	6.30	Dr. Brooks
October 5	9.00	Mr. Hand
	6.30	Mr. Hand

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On first Sunday in each
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6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays
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except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

I think that the united Harvest Service at Kneeton Church on September 14th was one of the best things to happen in our parish recently. The church was full and there was a very good atmosphere with enthusiastic co-operation from the congregations of both churches. I hope it will become an annual event.

I begin Confirmation Classes this month and I shall be glad to see any person who wishes to join the classes. Remember that no-one is ever too old to be confirmed and I should welcome any adults who wish to be considered. There will be a class at the Rectory each Monday evening at 6.30 p.m.

Being confirmed means that we realise that to live the Church life is not easy, so we ask for a special gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and we decide to come regularly to Holy Communion to receive the Bread of Life.

Every year in October in the week 19th to 25th we are asked to share in prayer for Racial Harmony. There is great need for this. The proposed new legislation appears to be arousing a good deal of the old prejudice against people who differ from us in colour of skin and racial background. The Eucharist will be celebrated on Thursday evening, October 23rd at 7.30 p.m. for Racial Harmony. Will you please join in this offering by being there? In these days when there is so much which militates against Christ it is important that those who claim to be His friends should be good ones!

October 18th is S. Luke's Day when we pray especially for the medical work of our Church Missionary Societies. We normally give to the U.S.P.G. and there will be small envelopes in church in which we can put our thank offering for

health, and let us pray for a blessing on the doctors and nurses everywhere, not forgetting our own medical centre. Let us support the work of healing with our prayers.

The preacher on October 12th at 6.30 p.m. will be the Revd. Frank Crowther of Clifton who will speak about the subject of 'Feed the Minds'.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

R.I.P.

August 21 Emma Lineker
September 11 Gertrude Amelia Dickinson

We pray that God will grant eternal rest to them and we assure those who mourn of our sympathy and prayers.

VISIBLE UNITY

We are convinced that Jesus Christ requires that his people should be visibly one. Such unity should include that diversity and variety which is also God's will for his Church. Unity is not uniformity.

Yet Unity must be visible. It needs to be made increasingly obvious that all Christ's people belong together. We have to start from where we are and set out on a process whereby our unity in diversity is more adequately expressed.

This process requires a sufficient consensus :-

Enough agreement about belief to enable recognition as a Church;

Enough agreement about baptism and confirmation to allow mutual recognition of membership;

Enough agreement about order to enable mutual recognition of ministry

Readiness to share all resources and to promote such legal process as makes this possible.

The Churches' Unity Commission, set up in Oct. 1974, is working on the issues and what they involve and imply. A good deal of relevant material has been written in recent years; the Commission will make all possible use of it. The Commission deals only with the situation in England; but it will learn from what has happened or is planned in many other places.

Already there is a lot of ecumenical co-operation in many localities. One of the Working Groups of the Commission has been looking at Local Ecumenical Projects in the hope of discovering from them some way forward to visible unity and what hindrances need to be overcome. So far it has become clear that a good deal of frustration is felt because the normal Church structures, even when modified somewhat, do not conveniently fit the circumstances. The frustration comes out in such questions as :-

What about baptism, confirmation and membership?
How are clergy and ministers to be appointed?
How can resources be shared by co-operating denominations?
How can good communications be maintained between local situations and Church Leaders?

It looks as if Local Ecumenical Projects provide temporary answers to some problems of local witness and mission; but the frustration already felt will become more acute unless Church negotiations at a national level change existing structures.

The Churches' Unity Commission has all these issues on its agenda. It would welcome comment and information from every part of the Church, individuals, parishes and congregations, Councils of Churches, Diocesan Synods and similar bodies in other denominations. It would welcome discussions, but most of all it would welcome regular prayer for the unity of Christ's people.
Has East Bridgford any views to convey?

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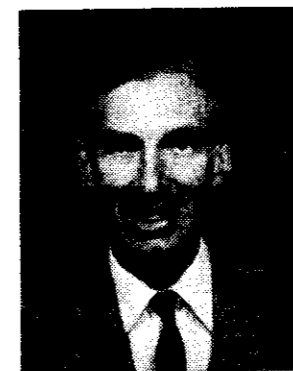
The Bishop's Letter

PRAYER — Formality or Reality?

DEAR Friends,—How seriously do we take prayer? For some it has become a formality. Once it meant something to them but now they have lost faith in it, which I suppose is another way of saying that they have lost faith in the existence of the one to whom prayer is directed. If they don't like to admit to this loss of faith (to themselves or their friends), they go through the motions of praying. This is not dishonest if there is still the desire to believe. God has a way of speaking to us in times of spiritual deadness just because we have by our faithfulness not lost touch with him.

Others value prayer primarily as the means of drawing their wills into line with what they believe to be God's will. They do not presume to think that God needs to be informed of the world's problems, nor that his activity can be redirected as the result of men's pleading. They believe in his will as being perfect and they pray in order to discover and come to terms with that will. Prayer for them is therefore a very real concentration on God.

Others again believe that if God is real, then we can relate to Him with as much rapport as we can relate to our nearest and dearest, and that to think that he is uninfluenced by our prayers is to turn prayer into a very subjective activity. They feel that if God has given men genuine freedom of will, then he must not be thought of as incapable of being influenced by our prayers. Therefore prayer to effect change is deemed wholly defensible, indeed necessary.



The Rev. Robin E. Nixon, who is the new Principal of St. John's College, Bramcote.

Others leave the arguments to others. For them God is real because they have experienced his impact on their lives and the lives of others. They pray as naturally and as unselfconsciously as a child talking to his father.

Whatever our attitude to prayer, there is no doubt that it lies at the very heart of religious experience in all religions. I for one feel that as Christians we have relied more on our own capacities in the solving of our problems and in the doing of our work than on our capacities as informed and directed by God through prayer.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

In the coming months we are being called by our church leaders to pray on specific occasions about certain important events and important issues:

On October 19, I ask that a letter from both Archbishops should be formally read in all churches: it is concerned about two questions: "What sort of society do we want?" and "What sort of people do we need to be in order to achieve it?" Reading pastoral letters, even if they come from the highest authority, is a useless exercise unless the priest makes the letter the subject of his sermon, and follows it up with corporate prayer, such prayer should result in the taking of appropriate action. I think the Archbishops are right to make us face up to these questions.

On November 23, the Sunday on which the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches opens in Nairobi, we are called to pray for this vital gathering of Christians of so many different churches from all over the world. We Anglicans are a small part of the world-wide Church. Not only must we be aware of what the rest of Christendom is doing but we must be ready to share in that work of understanding, reconciliation and evangelism which is the duty of all Christians everywhere.

May I draw your attention, too, to the St. Andrews-tide edition of the quarterly Intercession Paper which is being circulated to all incumbents. Despite its abominably small print, it has much in it to inspire prayer.

Two most valuable Quiet Days have been held in Southwell this year, one for clergy and one for laity. Will clergy please note that another Quiet Day is planned for them in Southwell on March 30, 1976, conducted by the Bishop of Aston.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

CONFIRMATIONS IN NOVEMBER

Sun. 2, 6.30 p.m. Burton Joyce; Sun. 16, 9 a.m. Sherwood*; Sun. 16, Cinderhill 10 a.m.; Wed. 19, 7.30 p.m. Hucknall*; Fri. 21, 7.30 p.m. Retford Deanery*
Sun. 23, 6.30 p.m. Norton Cuckney (at St. Winifred, Holbeck)*; Sun. 23, 6.30 p.m. Aspley†; Thurs. 27, 7.30 p.m. Newark Deanery; Fri. 28, 7.30 p.m. Lenton Abbey†; Sun. 30, 9.30 a.m. Greasley.

Confirmations which are unmarked will be taken by the Bishop of Southwell. Those marked * will be taken by the Bishop of Sherwood and those marked † by Bishop Bernard Markham.

Diocesan Elections

In the Diocesan elections for the General Synod to be held on October 13, the following have been nominated:

Candidates for Election as Proctors in Convocation (3 required): The Rev. John Alan Banks, Rector of Wollaton; The Rev. Colin Ogilvie Buchanan, Vice Principal of St. John's College, Bramcote; The Rev. Peter Henry Boulton, Vicar of Worksop; The Rev. Malcolm Clive Goldsmith, Bishop's Adviser on Industrial Society; Canon Michael James Jackson, Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham and Rural Dean of Nottingham and The Rev. David Humphrey Williams, Rector of Hucknall and Rural Dean of Bulwell.

Candidates for the House of Laity (3 required): Mrs. Mary Irene Allen of South Collingham House, South Collingham, Notts. — solicitor and housewife; Dr. John Charles Buckley of Southfield House, Bramcote, Notts — consultant anaesthetist; Peter Carver Cullen of 113 Tavistock Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham — retired box manufacturer; Edward Richard Fry Pogmore of "Hillside", Crowhill Drive, Mansfield — retired Deputy Area Director, N.C.B.; Vivian Rees of 101 Main Street, Balderton, Newark — retired R.A.F. officer and now an office manager; Dr. Alan Rogers of 227 Plains Road, Mapperley, Nottingham — University teacher.

Around the Diocese

Senior Accounting Assistant required for Church House. Normal Hours 9.5 Mon-Fri. Three weeks holiday. L.V's. Non-Contributory Pension Scheme. Apply to the Secretary, Southwell Diocesan Board of Finance, Church House, Park Row, Nottingham.

"Becket" by Jean Anouilh will be presented by Edwinstowe Methodist Church Drama Group in St. Mary's Church, Edwinstowe, on October 16, 17 and 18 at 7.30 p.m. Producer Dr. G. Horton. Admission by programme, 30p.

Diocesan Synod. Next meeting of the Diocesan Synod will take place at the South Mansfield Community Centre on Saturday, October 11, when the Budget estimates for 1976 will be submitted for approval.

Leprosy Mission. Annual meeting of the Nottingham Auxiliary will be held at the Albert Hall Institute on Saturday, November 1 at 3.15 p.m. Speaker will be Mr. Alan Waudby, Superintendent of the Hay Ling Chau Leprosy Hospital, Hong Kong. The Rev. John Burgess, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Nottingham, will preside.

"Jesus is Lord" is the title of a year's course (in three terms) arranged by St. John's College, Bramcote, on the content of the Christian faith and its relevance to our mission today. All sessions are on Wednesdays beginning at Christ Church, Chilwell on October 8 at 7.45 p.m. Cost £4 or £1.50 per term.

Age Concern are holding their annual church service on Tuesday October 28 in Mansfield Road Baptist Church at 2.30 p.m. The Rev. B. Green will conduct the service and the Rev. R. J. Dunford, Vicar of Lenton, will give the address. The Lord Mayor of Nottingham will be attending.

Organist-Choirmaster required for Hucknall Parish Church. New two manual pipe organ to be installed at the end of this year. Inquiries to the Rev. D. H. Williams (Hucknall 2033).

Wanted - 12 trestle tables in good condition; please contact Rev. J. S. Lemon. Tel: Nottingham 74450.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Sat. 4, Concert - Nottingham Sinfonietta (7.30 p.m.); Sun. 12, Sung Eucharist (11 a.m.); Teachers' Service, Preacher - Canon R. T. Holtby, General Secretary of the General Synod Board of Education (3.15 p.m.); Fri. 17, Minster Grammar School Speech Day; Sun. 19, Evensong sung by Repton School Choir (3.15 p.m.); Sat. 25, Evensong sung by St. Peter's Church Choir, Ruddington (5.45 p.m.); Sun. 26, Evensong sung by St. Mark's Singers (3.15 p.m.).

The Choir is on holiday from October 18 and resumes singing on October 27.

News of the Clergy

Canon Robert Purdon Neill, Priest-in-Charge of Caunton with Maplebeck, who is retiring on October 14, has also resigned his Canonry at Southwell Minster, and has accepted the title of Canon Emeritus, which he was offered by the Bishop.

The Very Rev. John Francis Pratt, Provost of Southwell, will also be Priest-in-Charge of Edingley with Halam from October 1.

The Rev. Thomas Ernest Slater, former Assistant Curate at St. Helen's Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, has taken up an inter-denominational post as Superintendent of the Tower Hamlets Mission, 31 Mile End Road, Stepney.

The Rev. Richard Arthur Kirton, Assistant Curate of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, with responsibility for Cotham, Hawton and Shelton, has moved to the U.S.P.G. College of the Ascension, Birmingham, to prepare for missionary work overseas.

The Rev. Graham Edward Holloway, Curate of West Drayton, Diocese of London, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Hawton, Cotham and Shelton, and Team Vicar in the forthcoming Newark major parish. He will be licensed at Hawton on Tuesday October 28 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. David Garratt, Assistant Curate at Ollerton with Boughton for the past four years, has been appointed Vicar of Esh, Langley Park, and Hamsteels, near Durham.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN OCTOBER

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| 1 Gonalston (<i>Ernest Weil, Canon</i>) | 18 Hyson Green |
| 2 Gunthorpe (<i>Maurice Richardson</i>) | 19 Lenton (<i>Reginald Dunford,</i> |
| 3 Lambley (<i>Christopher Hubbard</i>) | <i>Michael Lippiatt</i>) |
| 4 Lowdham (<i>Maurice Richardson</i>) | 20 Lenton Abbey (<i>Denys Sherwood</i>) |
| 5 Netherfield (<i>Cecil Watson, Canon;</i> | Nottingham: |
| <i>Leonard Lancashire</i>) | 21 All Saints (<i>John Perkins</i>) |
| 6 Porchester (<i>Philip Humphreys,</i> | 22 St. Andrew (<i>John Burgess</i>) |
| <i>Peter Newton</i>) | 23 St. Ann with Emmanuel |
| 7 Stoke Bardolph | <i>(Robert Williamson, Peter Jordan,</i> |
| <i>(Cecil Watson, Canon)</i> | <i>Deaconess Martha McQuillan,</i> |
| 8 Woodborough (<i>Geoffrey Halliday</i>) | <i>Miss Margery Bell</i>) |
| 9 Woodthorpe (<i>David Bartlett,</i> | 24 St. Catharine (<i>Peter Miller</i>) |
| <i>Andrew Read</i>) | 25 St. George w. St. John the Baptist |
| 10 Coppice Hospital (<i>Robert</i> | <i>(Leves Ward-Andrews, Canon)</i> |
| <i>Williamson</i>) | 26 St. Jude (<i>Harold Russell</i>) |
| 11 Aspley (<i>John Finney, Raymond</i> | 27 St. Mary (<i>Michael Jackson, Canon;</i> |
| <i>Lockhart, Miss Felicity Lawson</i>) | <i>John Palin, Leslie Morley, John</i> |
| 12 Basford, St. Aidan (<i>Hermon Crowie</i>) | <i>Pennington</i>) |
| 13 Old Basford (<i>Gilbert Cheetham</i>) | 28 St. Nicholas (<i>David Huggett, Patrick</i> |
| 14 New Basford (<i>Wilfred Jarvis</i>) | <i>Dearnley</i>) |
| 15 Carrington (<i>John Wilkins,</i> | 29 St. Peter (<i>Angus Inglis, Canon</i>) |
| <i>Benjamin Hopkinson</i>) | 30 St. Saviour (<i>Reginald Hoye</i>) |
| 16 Cinderhill (<i>Richard Hamner</i>) | 31 St. Stephen (<i>William Beckett</i>) |
| 17 Daybrook (<i>William Walker</i>) | |

Your prayers are asked for the Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese:— Charles Dobbin (Carrington), John Foote (St. Paul, Hyson Green), George Sinfeld (Woodborough), William Carlisle (Woodthorpe), Arthur Clarke (Old Basford), Greville Cross (Woodthorpe), David Fudger (St. Mary, Nottingham), Philip Need (Netherfield), Robert Ward (Cinderhill).

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Its Executive Officer is the Rev. Dr. John Huxtable, whose office is Church House, Deans Yard, London. The Chairman is the Bishop of Manchester.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is arranging a meeting on 27th October at 7.45 p.m. in the Derbyshire Hall, Y.W.C.A., Shakespeare Street, Nottingham. It is not just any old meeting and it is certainly not a typical public meeting called by a Mission or a Charity. The officers of the Society want to tell everyone about the multi-handicapped children being cared for at their Home at Woodhouse Eaves in the name of our Church, and about the vast amount of preventative work being done in this county. Whole families are being helped. The Society is one of the most progressive child-care agencies in the U.K. today. Surely the Church should be proud of this?

The Nottingham committee work hard to raise funds. Now they need a few more members. How about going along to the meeting? Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be free of charge.

EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

Improvements proposed for the Village Hall will be described by Architect Andrew James at the 1975 Annual General Meeting. This will be held in the Hall's Committee Room at 8 p.m. on

Thursday, November 27th. The meeting is open to all who live in the village and are 18 years old or over. It will provide a good opportunity also to make suggestions about the running of the Hall.

VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD

The Parish Council has a statutory obligation to exhibit a variety of orders and notices. At their last meeting it was mentioned that large posters sometimes leave the Council insufficient space for their notices. We are asked to give publicity to a request from the Council that local organisations be good enough to restrict the width of posters they wish to place on the notice board. A measurement of 15" is suggested.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met at the Rectory on 19th September. They discussed items which included insurance, cleaning of the church (additional volunteers are needed), the furnishing of the children's corner, and repairs to some of the masonry. The main item discussed, however, was finance and in particular the efforts being made to encourage more people to enter into covenants in connection with their giving. These covenants enable the church to increase its income substantially without involving the covenantor in any additional obligation. Letters have already been sent out about this subject, and, the matter will be explained and discussed in more detail at a Parish Breakfast which is being arranged after the Eucharist on Sunday 5th October and at coffee after the evening service on that day. The Council discussed plans for these two social events, to which all members of the congregation are invited.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (East Bridgford and District Branch) will hold its Annual General Meeting on 4th November in the East Bridgford Village Hall. All members are invited to attend.

1st SHELFORD AND EAST BRIDGFORD SCOUT SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

A JUMBLE SALE is being held on the morning of Saturday, October 11th in the East Bridgford W.I. Hut. Coffee will be available. If you have jumble to be collected, this can be arranged by just telephoning Lowdham 4233.

The Association will again be holding a Grand Fireworks Display in East Bridgford on Nov. 5th. Tickets will be sold in advance at a reduced price.

The Association would like to thank all those supporters who joined the recent successful coffee morning.

REMEMBRANCE TIME

Remembrance Sunday falls this year on Nov. 9th. On that morning the Legion, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies are invited to assemble with their standards at the lych gate at 10.50 for the Service at the War Memorial at 10.55, at which the two minutes' silence will be kept and the wreaths of the Royal Air Force and the Royal British Legion will be laid on the Memorial. This ceremony will be followed by Morning Prayer in the Parish Church at which the standards will be presented at the altar. At this service there will be a collection for the Poppy Fund, which helps to make life easier for sailors, soldiers, and airmen disabled in war or in Northern Ireland and their families.

Last year East Bridgford gave £131 to this appeal, £25 at the Remembrance Service and £106 from Poppy sales, compared with £107 in 1973. This year, if we are to keep our contribution at the same real level as last year and the year before, we must find £160, say £30 at the Service and £130 from Poppy sales. The Women's Section of the Legion will be taking Poppies to every home.

in the parish in the week before Remembrance Sunday. Anyone who is not at home when they call will be able to get theirs from The Reindeer, The Royal Oak, or one of the village shops.

READERS AND READINGS

October 12 - Trinity 20

9.00 (O.T.) Daniel 3, 13-25	Mrs. S. Guy
(Ep.) Hebrews 11, 32-12, 2	Miss P. Stobbs
6.30 (O.T.) Job 38 and 42, 1-6	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) Matthew 13, 44-end	Mr. R. Hunt

October 19 - Trinity 21

9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 19, 16-24	Mr. R. Hunt
(Ep.) Hebrews 12, 18-29	Mr. T. Ashton
6.30 (O.T.) Jeremiah 5, 20-end	Mrs. J. Jones
(N.T.) Matthew 14, 13-33	Miss H. Slack

October 26 - Trinity 22

9.00 (O.T.) Genesis 2, 4b-9 and 15-25	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.) Revelation 4, 1-11	Miss S. Marson
6.30 (O.T.) Jeremiah 10, 1-16	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.) Matthew 16, 13-end	Miss C. Gould

November 2 - Trinity 23

9.00 (O.T.) Genesis 4, 1-10	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.) 1 John 3, 9-18	Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.) Jeremiah, 11, 1-14	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.) Matthew 18, 1-20	Capt. A. Jay

SIDESMEN

October 12	9.00 Mr. Reid	6.30 Mr. Curtis
October 19	9.00 Mr. Moore	6.30 Capt. Jay
October 26	9.00 Dr. Brooks	6.30 Dr. Brooks
November 2	9.00 Mr. Hand	6.30 Mr. Hand

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SERVICES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
(with hymns & short address)
On first Sunday in each
month - Family Eucharist.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Weekdays:

7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Tuesdays and Fridays
10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on third Wednesdays in
each month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
except on the first Sunday in each
month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The Christian way of life is the way of Unity, Fellowship, Coinherence, Communion or, to use a shorter word, LOVE. During the month of November we think not only of those who are alive at the present time but also of those who, having lived in this world, have passed from our sight but not from our hearts. Christ tells us that God is not the God of the dead but of the living and that all live unto Him. In our worst moments when depression attacks us and gloom descends on us we say life has no meaning and, in any case, when we die we snuff out like a candle and that's it! But we know that this cannot be the answer to life's problems. To say that all the love and greatness of heart and life is just obliterated at death is monstrous. No!- As Christians we believe that this life is the life of probation for the full life of heaven where shadows give way to truth and dreams give way to reality. So we believe that those who die in Christ don't just cease to exist. Their earthly body returns to the dust, but the real person exists in a life set free from the frustrations and limitations of this world.

We also believe that we are joined unto those who have died in our prayer and in the acceptable sacrifices of the altar. We can say with the Church throughout the ages, "Grant to them eternal rest and may light perpetual shine on them". When we say, "May the souls of the faithful rest in peace", we are not prejudging who has done well and who has not. The word "faithful" here means all the baptised members of Christ's Church. It would be strange if we did not remember our departed brothers and sisters in our prayers. Of course we put flowers on their graves, but it is much more important to keep them in our prayers, and on the anniversaries of their deaths, come to the Eucharist to offer for them the one full and perfect sacrifice.

There are, of course, those who by virtue of the pre-eminence of their lives and their supernatural holiness we call Saints, such as she who from the beginning of the Christian era has been called blessed Mary the Virgin Mother of Jesus, and people like our patron S. Peter and S. Paul, and through the ages S. Chad, S. Hugh of Lincoln, S. Edwin the King and Martyr (n.b. Edwinstowe in this diocese), S. Joan of Arc, S. Teresa, S. Francis of Assissi, and those of more modern times. They have glorified God in their lives and now we are united with them in prayer.

Some people died without any preparation, suddenly and without warning. Some were killed in war (whom we remember on Nov. 9), others in accidents in the air, on the road, or in the mines. All these we commend to God and His loving mercy. It would be selfish and unworthy of a Church not to remember them. Of course our prayers are not designed to bring them back to earth but to aid them in their journey to heaven. There have always been those who have practised some form of spiritualism and this is understandable, but nevertheless it is done at great risk and indeed can unbalance people. There is not time to say much about this except to say that any dabbling with the occult, witchcraft and spiritualism, which is so common today, can and does lead to inability to live a life worthy of Christ the Son of God. There is a whole world of difference between the Christian belief in the Communion of Saints and such practices. The phrase "the Communion of Saints" in the Creed is a translation from the Latin and can mean either "a sharing of life with holy people" or "a sharing of holy things" as for example in the Holy Communion. May this part of our creed become more and more real to us in November!

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

A GREAT DAY

October 5th, 1975, will be remembered as a great day in the parish. It was the Harvest Sunday, but after the Parish Eucharist we went to the Women's Institute Hut for a Parish Breakfast. This was done quite excellently by the ladies of the Parochial Church Council ably led by Mrs. Payne. It was a splendid occasion with good food, happy fellowship and instructive talks about Church giving by Mr. Gordon Stobbs and Mr. Patrick Blandy. There was a good congregation and most stayed to breakfast. After Evensong we had coffee and this proved a friendly occasion. Thanks to all who helped to make it a good day.

B. M.

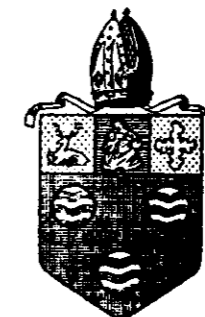
DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS DAY 7.30 a.m. Eucharist
- Nov. 2 ALL SOULS DAY, fourth Sunday before Advent.
9.00 Parish Eucharist
11.00 Archbishop of York preaches at Bingham church.
- Nov. 9 Remembrance Sunday. Service at 10.50 a.m.
- Nov. 12 Parochial Church Council at 8.00 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Autumn Fayre at school.
- Nov. 19 Mothers' Union.
- Nov. 23 Last Sunday in the Church's Year.
- Nov. 30 S. Andrew's Day transferred to December 1, because it coincides with the First Sunday in Advent.

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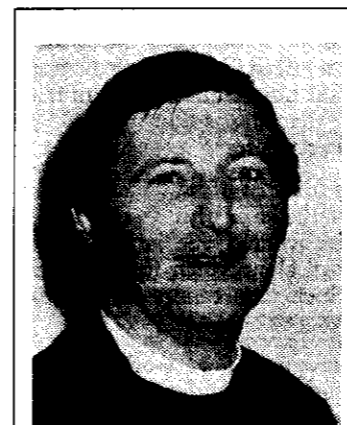
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The Bishop's Letter

More Priests is Church's Need

DEAR Friends,—The Church of England is struggling at this time with problems of deployment and, more importantly, of redeployment. In this diocese we are currently trying to determine what kind of ministry we need to staff the parishes and what is the best use we can make of our manpower. Each deanery is endeavouring to answer what is being called "The Bishop's Seven Questions".



The Rev. Ian Gatford, who has been appointed Vicar of Saint Martin's, Sherwood

These questions have been designed to stimulate constructive suggestions about the size of parishes that clergymen, alone or with others, can properly serve, together with a survey of our buildings to see if we have enough or any to spare. Such an inquiry requires that we ask what work should be done by the clergy and what should be done by laymen. Perhaps a whole new pattern in ministry is the proper pattern for the future.

Much talk in the Church at large has been concerned with 'retrenchment' and 'redundancy' both of men and buildings. I hope that nothing I have said or written has ever been construed as having anything to do with either of these concepts. My conviction is that the Church of England needs not fewer priests but more; that very few churches in this diocese are redundant and they, not because of the cost of maintaining them, but because a change in the neighbourhood has made alternative and more effective arrangements desirable.

I believe that church people do not want anything to do with retrenchment and that our fellow countrymen, including those who do not attend

church, value the work that the clergy do and are ready to find the money to ensure that buildings required for use are maintained. Of course, we have no right to expect folk, whether churchgoers or not, to finance waste or inefficiency, and so we have the continuous duty of examining the provision we are making for the work of the Church to ensure that it is realistic.

All of us at this time are aware that many of our countrymen, young and not so young, are being thrown out of work by the cruel economic climate from which we are suffering. We must do all we can not only to ease the lot of the unemployed, but to ensure that they are found work to do. Idleness is corrupting. The clergy do not seek protection in their employment which their fellow citizens have not got. The situation in the Church is not one in which we can say that we have too large a work force; to reduce it would only be to increase the stresses in our society, which today is suffering greatly from anxiety of the kind that clergymen expect to deal with. I don't think any of you would wish me to 'lay off' any of my staff of priests. With very few exceptions they are doing, in my estimation, very good work.

It might be worth remembering that I am unable legally to sack any beneficed incumbent. Priests-in-charge are more vulnerable, but I have no intention of discriminating between beneficed and unbeneficed priests. I can and will use the men and women I have and such others as it is right and necessary to employ.

The General Synod has decided that each diocese shall not have more than a certain number of 'full time diocesan clergymen'. This diocese has been allocated an establishment of 205 by 1980. On the present pattern of staffing the parishes, I reckon that we need 255 full time diocesan clergymen (and I include in that number full time church workers male and female). At the moment we have 215; that means that we could do with 40 more. We are being asked to accept ten less.

The reason for this is not finance but the forecast of how many priests will actually be available for duty by 1980, on the basis of current trends in recruitment and retirement. I am anxious when I see large parishes served by overworked priests who now work alone when formerly they had one, two or more assistant curates. Such men cannot be expected to go on working as they are without colleagues.

The solution lies, firstly, in a careful reappraisal of work loads, to ensure that all men have a fair amount of work to do and a fair burden of responsibility to carry (this may require some redeployment) and, secondly, in a strenuous effort on the part of us all to encourage vocations to the ministry and to urge every church member to do all he can to help meet the cost of paying for these men and financing the work they do. It is my unshakable conviction that if we provide a ministry of recognised quality, the laity will not be backward in finding ways and means of financing it. The evidence is already beginning to be produced that this is in fact the case.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

U.S. Impressions by MALCOLM GOLDSMITH

Bishop's Adviser on Industrial Society

Fine Example of Racial Fellowship

THE U.S.A. is so enormous that it is almost impossible to write about my impressions. I do so with the knowledge that what I found in one part may well be entirely contradicted by experiences in another. I worked with a church in Syracuse, a city about the size of Nottingham, in the north-west part of New York State. Amidst a whole host of impressions, I would like to comment on just three, which seem to me to have relevance to our situation as well as theirs.

The Racial Situation, although grave and at times violent (I was in Boston the week before the 'busing' riots), to my mind is healthier than in Britain. I believe that they are struggling out of their problems whilst we are sinking into ours. Great advances have been made since Martin Luther King and the Montgomery bus boycott of the mid-fifties. The battle for equality before the law, and in terms of employment and housing has not yet been won, but at least the problems are recognised and the battle is being fought. Black people are found in many differing occupations and income groups, and are beginning to share in some of the decision-making processes. Massive problems exist, and there is a great deal of prejudice, but my impression is one of hope and progress.

The church I was working with had a congregation that was half black and half white, and it provided a wonderful example of how the Gospel *can* reconcile people of different races into a fellowship of love, peace and justice.

The Financial State of the churches is entirely dependent upon the giving of the church members. They pay the salaries of the clergy, the huge heating bills (with four months of snow!) and the general running costs. My estimate is that *when all other things are taken into consideration* the giving, on average, is about six times greater than in Britain. With such a financial stake in the Church, I found the people really committed to its worship and outgoing life. The time of intercessions, and the Peace, at this one church will long remain in my memory, as will its involvement in local social and political struggles (of which there are many!).

The Ordination of Women is a very live issue in the American Church. There are now 15 women priests, whose orders are described as "valid but irregular". I was able to discuss this issue in considerable depth, as one of these priests came from Grace Church. My evaluation of the situation is that they have a very real contribution to make to the life of the church, and that there is massive support for them from the laity. I understand that most Bishops are in favour of the ordination of women, though the recent ordinations have put them in a difficult position, and all the diocesan Bishops are playing it safe at the moment, and seem to be supporting all positions whilst making no move! The actual ordinations were performed by retired Bishops without the backing of Convention (our General Synod) — hence the dilemma.

Personally, I am in favour of the ordination of women, but I believe that we cannot easily translate the American situation into our situation, as there are all sorts of cultural pressures etc. involved in this whole debate.

I returned from the States with almost all my preconceptions about church and society there severely shaken, but immensely grateful for the opportunity of sharing the life and worship of a quite remarkable christian community in Syracuse.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

The Choir will be singing throughout November, except on Monday the 17th.
Sun. 2, 11 a.m. Canon E. W. Sheeran preaches; Sat. 15, 5.45 p.m. Installation of Canon Peter Boulton and Canon David Williams; Sun. 16, 11 a.m. Canon L. Shorland-Ball preaches; Sun. 30, 6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service.

Help for Teachers and Learners

We are all learners all our lives, or ought to be, and some of us are also called to be teachers in one way or another. The job of the Diocesan Education Committee is to help parishes and people who teach, and people who seek to learn more about the Christian faith and its application. We can offer two kinds of services, advisory and training.

The advisory service is intended to help clergy and others to look at what they are doing in the various fields of teaching, and see how their work can be developed. This covers work at all levels from nursery to adult, and is not restricted to Sunday Schools.

The training service provides courses of all kinds and not only for teachers. We hope, for example, to include courses on such things as leading study groups, or even in chairmanship. Behind this service lies the resources of the General Synod Board who organise training courses in some depth.

How can it be done? There is a small diocesan education team. At present two people, we hope it may be one or two more. They cannot themselves do everything, but can call on the services of a number of tutors and advisers both amongst the clergy and the laity who are well equipped to help.

The Diocesan Director, the Rev. Robert S. C. Baily, co-ordinates the activities of the education team and will be glad to hear from anyone who would like to discuss the application of either of these services. Address: Church House, Park Row, Nottingham. 43658.

CONFIRMATIONS IN DECEMBER

Wed. 3, 7.30 p.m. Oxton; Thurs. 4, 7.30 p.m. South Bingham Deanery†; Sun. 7, 6.30 p.m. St. John's Mansfield*; Sun. 14, 2.30 p.m. Rampton Hospital*.

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Church's "Greatest Challenge"

MEETING for the first time in Mansfield, the Synod had a long agenda. Particularly welcome were some sharp prods from the Deaneries, reminding the machinery of the Church neither to neglect the needs of clergy on the point of retirement, nor to fail to exercise the greatest economy in this time of stringency.

In his address, the Bishop spoke of the present situation regarding the Nottingham Bluecoat School. Proposals have been made by the County Education Authority for Bluecoat to take over the present Roland Green School buildings, and become a seven form entry, 11-16 comprehensive school. The Bishop reminded the Synod that an earlier agreement between the school governors and the education authority to make the school comprehensive had been turned down by the previous Secretary of State.

"There are a number of improvements which the governors hope and intend to secure in the proposals. The legal position is that only the governors can change the character of a voluntary school. The proposals therefore would have to be acceptable to the governors before they could issue notices to change the school's character. Nothing is yet decided . . . it is quite clear that the distinctively Church of England character of the school must be assured in the school's future."

The financial needs of the diocese were outlined by Mr. Alan Davis, the Chairman of the Board of Finance. To bring clergy up to the *minimum* stipend, and to pay some of their expenses of office requires the Ministry Fund next year to be £153,706. The fact that this has been more than trebled in one year shows the difficulties brought upon the Church by inflation. Together with a budget of £103,680 for general purposes, it means a massive increase of 112% in the quota for 1976. The Synod accepted the budget, knowing well that it would make demands upon the Christian giving of congregations. Mr. Davis was confident that they would respond to this — one of the greatest financial challenges the Church of England had faced in three hundred years — but if it is not, then "the results will certainly be widespread and might be catastrophic."

BAPTISMAL POLICY

The very large subject of Christian Initiation was debated in the afternoon and the Synod coped well with the complexities of the debate. The question "What requirements, if any, should be asked of parents who bring a child for baptism?" was discussed in relation to a resolution from the Beeston Deanery asking for a more precise definition of these requirements from the General Synod, and for a diocesan working party to be set up to "recommend guidelines for baptismal policy in the Diocese". This resolution was passed by a large majority and therefore is now passed to General Synod.

After debate, the General Synod motions were then put to the vote. By a large majority the Synod wished for a Service of Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child to be provided — this would be a revision of the Prayer Book service for the Churching of Women. However, a motion that there should be a Service of Blessing "for use where a child is not to be brought to baptism" was decisively defeated.

On the question as to whether Confirmation should be the invariable pre-condition for admission to Communion, the Synod was in little doubt that the present practice needed change. Many speakers asked that it should be possible, after suitable preparation and in consultation with the Bishop, to allow young people to receive Communion before Confirmation, which might then be at a rather later age than was commonly the case. By a three to one majority in the Houses of both Clergy and Laity, they asked that this change be made.—J.T.F.

Two New Canons Appointed

The appointment of two new honorary canons is announced by the Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. J. Denis Wakeling. They are:

The Rev. Peter Henry Boulton, Vicar of Worksop Priory of St. Mary and St. Cuthbert.

The Rev. David Humphrey Williams, Vicar of Hucknall Torkard and Rural Dean of Bulwell.

Their installation will take place on Saturday, November 15, during Evensong (5.45 p.m.) at Southwell Minster, where Mr. Boulton will take the stall of Rampton previously held by Canon Emeritus Robert P. Neill and Mr. Williams will take the stall of Sacrista, recently vacated by Canon Harold Arthur Kirton.

Diocesan Elections

In the Diocesan elections for the General Synod, the following were elected:

Proctors in Convocation: The Rev. John Alan Banks of The Rectory, Russell Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham — Rector of Wollaton; The Rev. Colin Ogilvie Buchanan of St. John's College, Bramcote, Notts — Vice Principal of St. John's College; The Rev. Peter Henry Boulton, of Worksop Vicarage, Worksop, Notts — Vicar of Worksop.

Members of the House of Laity: Mrs. Mary Irene Allen of South Collingham House, South Collingham, Notts — solicitor and housewife; Edward Richard Fry Pogmore of 'Hillside', Crowhill Drive, Mansfield, Notts — retired Deputy Area Director, N.C.B.; Dr. Alan Rogers of 227 Plains Road, Mapperley, Nottingham — University teacher.



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October 18. Kenneth Peter Ross and Susan Craddock.

October 25. Paul Anthony Keenan and Elizabeth Hazel Curtis.

We wish them every blessing and happiness in their lives together.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES have now started at 7 p.m. on Mondays at the Rectory. If any older people would like to come, another time can be provided for them if the Rector is told.

A REMINDER about the Grand Fireworks display on November 5th which is being arranged by the 1st Shelford and East Bridgford Scout Supporters' Association.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH, will hold its Annual General Meeting on 4th November. The usual Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd. December. Both meetings are in the East Bridgford Village Hall Committee Room at 8.00 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

Improvements proposed for the Village Hall will be described by architect Andrew James at the 1975 Annual General Meeting. This will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 27th November in the Hall's Committee Room. The meeting is open to all who live in the village and are 18 years old or over. It provides a good opportunity to make suggestions on the running of the Hall.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr. Philip Lyth talked about Farm and Village History, including East Bridgford, at the monthly meeting. Afterwards he showed slides and antiques from houses and farmyards. Mrs. M. Greenwood proposed the vote of thanks.

Mrs. M. Chapman gave a report of the Autumn Council Meeting. Arrangements were made for the Group Meeting.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT is planned for Wednesday 17th December at 7.30 p.m. in East Bridgford Parish Church. The contributors will be -

The Locksley Singers - about 12 voices who will sing carols dating from the 16th to the 20th Centuries. Soloists will be Pam Black (soprano) and Jonathan Hancock (bass).

East Bridgford Primary School - small groups of children with guitar, handbells, and recorders.

Handbills giving further details will be displayed later.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The house of Lords recently had its spine chilled. Lord Ritchie-Calder, speaking in a debate on the world food crisis, pointed out that it has already become fashionable in some American scientific and political circles to promise to solve the problem of food shortages in the simplest way - by deciding that some people are expendable! Famine relief is deviant sentimentality: it means keeping people alive to need more food.

Their Lordships were duly shocked; who wouldn't be? But are there real alternatives? The answer given by those who have studied world food production is clear. There is enough food

to go round - just. What's not just is the way it is distributed. Although we in the rich world account for less than a third of the world's population, we eat more than half the world's food.

That is not to say there is no need to increase the production of food. The Government recently announced its intention to increase the proportion of food we grow at home, as a contribution to easing the pressure on world food stocks. And an important part of the work of Christian Aid, as well as of the missionary societies, lies in enabling people to develop their own resources. In February the General Synod called on all Church members to give towards aid overseas. It urged them to support the work already being done by the Church's own agencies, as well as other groups like the World Development Movement. And it challenged church people to adopt a standard of giving: one per cent of take-home pay. Can you beat it?

The Area Secretary for Christian Aid is Mr. Eric Ashby, 25 St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, Nottingham.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

As we approach the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches which opens in Nairobi on 23rd November, the Archbishop of Canterbury as President invites all to join in an act of celebration and prayer on that day. He points out that during this century we have witnessed a truly marvellous growing together of the Churches, and that we should pray for the continuing work towards the fulness of unity which we seek, also for courage and determination to do all we can to see that all people enjoy the fulness of human dignity and freedom in Christ.

READERS AND READINGS

November 9 - Trinity 24 Remembrance Sunday.

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 22. 1-18	Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.)	James 2. 14-24	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Jeremiah 22. 1-9.	Miss P. Stobbs
(N.T.)	Matthew 21. 12-32	Mr. J. Guy.

November 16 - Trinity 25

9.00 (O.T.)	Exodus 6. 2-8	Miss C. Price
(Ep.)	Hebrews 11. 17-29	Mr. J. Ruff
6.30 (O.T.)	Ezekiel 14. 1-11	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	Matthew 21. 33-end	Mr. R. Hunt

November 23 - Next before Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 10. 20-23	Mr. M. Gould
(Ep.)	Romans 9. 19-29	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Malachi 3. 1-6 4	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.)	Hebrews 11. 17 - 12.2	Mr. G. Stobbs

November 30 - 1st in Advent

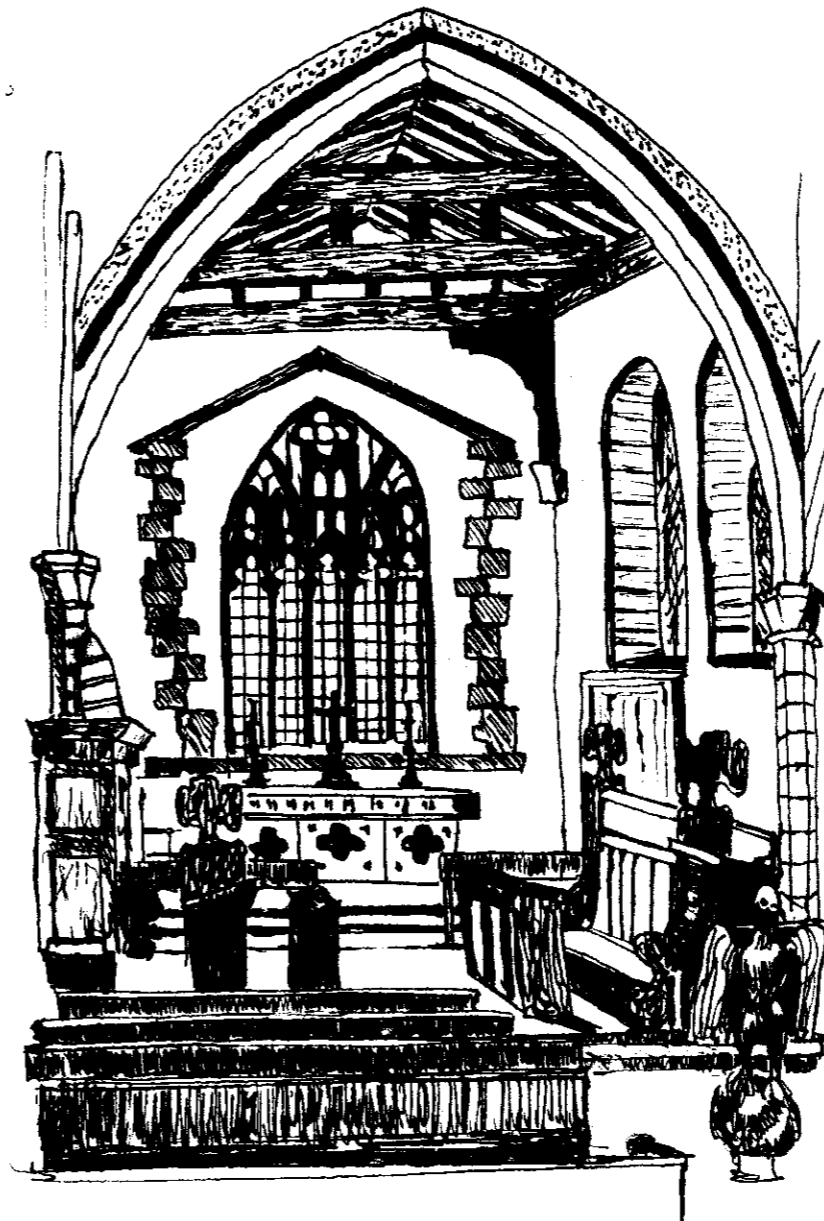
9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 51. 4-11	Mrs. J. Cornell
(Ep.)	Romans 13. 8-14	Mr. P. Blandy
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 2. 10- end	Miss A. Gould
(N.T.)	John 3. 1-21	Capt. A. Jay

December 7 - 2nd. in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 64. 1-5	Miss E. Slack
(Ep.)	2 Timothy 3. 14- 4. 5	Miss C. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 11. 10-12 end	Miss A. Curtis
(N.T.)	Luke 1 1-25	Dr. G. Brooks

SIDESMEN

November 9	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
November 16	9.00	Mr. Moore	6.30	Capt. Jay
November 23	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
November 30	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
December 7	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand



St. Peter's Church, East Bridgford
NEWS SHEET December 1975

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

By the time you read this the feast of Christmas will be very near. May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year ?

In these days it is often the case that we are faced with problems which look daunting and menacing. I don't suppose many have experienced such a large amount of tension, doubt and uncertainty as we are experiencing in the world today. In our own country there is constant strife in industry and in so many countries war, strife and conflict of a very bitter kind. There is always before us the threat of world starvation which many of us may never see, but we must think of the future of the young people who are growing up in our midst. Of course, the world has never been a place of satisfaction and contentment and we need to remark that, as Christians, we are called upon not to be daunted or overwhelmed by any conditions. The way is not by piling on the entertainment, putting on an act of forced jollity, or by more and more parties. The way is to realise that, to the Christian, there is only one way to happiness and real life and that is to follow in our own generation and circumstances the life style of Him whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas. The message is that we shall perish if we do not follow Christ's way of love.

When Jesus was born, he was born outside the inn (we might say He was the great outsider!) in the stable, and stables are not cosy places for human beings. This means, of course, that we must never be selfish and not care about those who cannot find a place in the inn. We must not be content to make a jolly Christmas just in our own circle and family, but by generous giving to such societies as Christian Aid, Oxfam, Mother Teresa's Co-Helpers, Help the Aged, Save the Children. To be content just to have a happy Christmas and do

nothing for those outside would certainly be not the way to celebrate Christmas. There is another thing we must take to heart, and that is that by treating those in need unkindly we are so treating Christ Himself, and, as Christ is Himself Emmanuel, that is the way we treat God.

So we see that the message of Christmas is the simple Christian message. Love God and love others - both or neither! You cannot separate these two. As you come to church to celebrate the Christ Mass see that you recognise the Lord in His House of Bread (that is what Bethlehem means) but look for Him in the others who need your help. To come to the midnight mass at Christmas and not to give anything for the hungry and suffering people of the world would be a strange way of keeping Christmas.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

LOCKSLEY SINGERS

Don't forget the Concert in Church on Wednesday, 17th December at 7.30 p.m. The Locksley Singers are a local group of singers and they will be joined by the Day School staff and scholars. Do give your full support. You can get a ticket from Mrs. Pamela Slack, 4 Lammas Lane. There is a great interest in music nowadays, which is a very good thing, and the Music Appreciation course at the School on Thursday nights at 7.30 is drawing a large number.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mrs. Bontoft is supplying Christmas Cards at reasonable prices for any who wish to buy them. The proceeds will go to one of our most deserving causes - the work of the Church of England Children's Society.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is now under the leadership of Mr. John Blatherwyck. Mr. Frank Smith did a splendid job of work, but felt that he ought to retire and so John has stepped into the breach. He is being helped by Miss P. Sawyer of Kneeton Road. The Club is putting on its annual party for senior citizens at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th December.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES - 1975

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EAST BRIDGFORD:

Sunday, 21st December 8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer, 1662, rite)
9.00 Parish Eucharist
6.30 Carol Service - our choir will be joined by Methodist choristers.

Wednesday, 24th December - Christmas Eve

12.00 Midnight Eucharist

Thursday, 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30 Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 28th December 9.00 Parish Eucharist

AT ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, KNEETON:

Christmas Day 8.00 The Eucharist

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, EAST BRIDGFORD:

Sunday, 28th December 6.00 Joint Carol Service.

The Rector will be in Church on the following days for counselling and confessions: Monday (Dec. 22), Tuesday (Dec. 23), Wednesday (Dec. 24) at 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. or by appointment.

HOLY BAPTISM

November 23rd Elizabeth Bronia, daughter of Melvin Alan and Bronia Hobson.

R.I.P.

November 5th Ernest Danks, followed by cremation at Wilford.

We assure Mrs. Danks and her family of our prayers and sympathy.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Father William of Glasshampton was an Anglican priest who died in 1937, his life an apparent failure. Glasshampton, near Bewdley in Worcestershire, is now used by the Society of St. Francis - one of the fastest growing religious communities in the Church of England. Glasshampton is a house of prayer. Its founder, Father William, was a very simple, loving and humble devoted follower of Jesus, and one who had great compassion for those in need, and especially for the unemployed. Many people have forgotten or never knew the terrible days in the thirties for those who were unemployed, but we are beginning again to realise the meaning of unemployment. Here are some words he wrote about what Christmas means:-

"The great message of the Incarnation is that God came down. He humbled Himself and made Himself of no reputation. He took upon Himself the form of a servant. He was in our midst. He condescended to put Himself on our level as a brother. He came to our side to help us. He shared our sorrows and our shame. He made it possible for us to share the riches of His glory.

The Church is the perpetual expression of all this. Her members have to be true to the spirit of the Incarnation. They must not be haughty.

They cannot look down from an eminence upon their fellow-creatures. Pity and mercy are not always virtuous. You must first be sure you are in a right position to be pitiful and merciful. Such virtues cannot be exercised from a false and exalted position. You cannot bestow them as with condescension upon inferiors. You must be a brother. Any unfair advantage must be laid aside. You must assume no superiority. No one can be beneath you. If you mean to be a Christian, then it must be a real equality. You must come down. You must have no desire to bolster up your position. You must be in their midst, ready to share. If need be, everything must go. You must be willing to part with all for Love's sake. You cannot keep back part of the price. It must be a thorough surrender. No shamming will do. You must do it all, not grudgingly, nor of necessity. God loves a cheerful giver.

Once you grasp this, once you realize the fulness and completeness of the Incarnation, once you understand your Religion, once you hear the Master's call "Follow Me", you will know there can be no shuffling, you will know it must be a whole-hearted response. All dishonesty, falsehood, lying, pride, self-assertion and self-seeking must be shaken off. All the ill-gotten gain must be delivered up. You will get no true peace any other way. It is either the Religion of the Incarnation or it is no religion at all.

Ah, it's a hard saying, who can receive it?

But if you have humbled yourself to the very dust, if you have drunk deeply of the teaching of the Incarnation, then you will have the great joy of being able to love your brother. Then you will be in a position to exercise the virtue of Charity. Then you may be sympathetic. Then you may have mercy and pity. Yes, then! but not till then."

AGE CONCERN

A coffee morning and sale held at the home of Mrs. Sally Marson by East Bridgford Liberals on 28th October raised the sum of £64 for 'Age Concern'. Grateful thanks to all who took part.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the monthly meeting, Mrs. S. Parker talked about the work of the Associated Country Women of the World, and she showed slides on the projects to which Women's Institutes have subscribed. Mrs. Bontoft proposed the vote of thanks.

Members then showed their favourite souvenirs from abroad and explained why they had bought them.

THE BROWNIES would like to invite all the 'over sixties' to an entertainment and tea at the Women's Institute Hut on Wednesday, 31st December from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Transport will be provided, if required - please let Mrs. Guy of Lammas House, Kneeton Road (Tel: 296) or Mrs. Bontoft of 47, Main Street (Tel: 753) know, so that arrangements can be made.

EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

The following items are required for sale at the Christmas Fair on 6th December to raise money for the proposed alterations to the Village Hall: books, records, china, pottery, paintings, fancy goods, pot plants, baby clothes, toys, homemade cakes and bread - in fact anything which you think could help us to raise money. Please contact Mrs. C. Lewis (Tel: 612) if you can help.

EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT POPPY APPEAL 1975

Readers will be interested to know the following results:-

1. <u>POPPY SALES</u>		£
R.A.F. Newton ...		56.03
East Bridgford:		
Women's Section	£80.64	
Inns	9.11	
Business	19.38	
East Bridgford Total ...		109.13
Remainder of District ..		99.52
Total of Poppy sales ...		264.68
2. <u>CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS</u>		62.02
3. <u>SALE OF WREATHS</u>		47.20
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>		<u>£373.90</u>

The estimated average contribution per head arising from the above figures (including poppy and wreath sales and church collections) is 12p in East Bridgford and 19p in the rest of the District, excluding R.A.F. Newton. The total was nearly 10% up on 1974, but it was still £56 short of the target of £430 which was needed to keep pace with inflation. The best increases over last year were:

East Bridgford St. Peter's Church	50%
R.A.F. Newton Poppy Sales	47%
Flintham Poppy Sales	17%

The Royal British Legion thanks everyone who helped by organising, collecting and giving.

SING NOWELL

A celebration of Christmas by the Locksley Singers and East Bridgford Primary School will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th December in St. Peter's Church. Tickets are 30p each (10p for children) and can be obtained from the School, any member of the Locksley Singers or from the Church.

Proceeds will go to St. Peter's Church and to the Family First Trust.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met on 12th November. Thanks were recorded to all who helped to make the Parish Breakfast so successful and it was proposed to hold similar gatherings on Feast Day and Harvest Festival in 1976. The Hon. Treasurer stated that he was pleased with the response to the appeal for covenanted giving and would welcome further covenants. He produced estimates for the next two years which showed that by 1977, expenditure would probably exceed income by £900.

The loss on the News Sheet was increasing and it would be necessary to raise the price.

The Rector mentioned changes which were being suggested in some forms of service and also referred to a proposal that children might be allowed to receive communion before confirmation. He was also concerned that there were a few parishioners who did not seem to like Series 3 Communion Service. For their benefit he suggested an occasional use of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer Service. After some discussion it was agreed that the old form should be used once quarterly for an experimental period of twelve months, at times which would not interfere with the Parish Eucharist. (See list of Christmas Services elsewhere in this News Sheet).

NEWS SHEET

Contributors are asked to let the editor have items for the January edition by NOT LATER THAN 16th DECEMBER because of delays which will result from the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The price to be charged for the News Sheet has had to be reviewed. It is by no means exempt from the effects of inflation and the costs of producing the News Sheet have increased considerably. It is very much regretted that beginning in January 1976, the price per copy will have to be raised to SEVEN PENCE.

FUR AND FEATHER BINGO will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 19th December beginning at 7.30 pm. Proceeds will be in aid of the Royal British Legion Benevolent Fund.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

1st Team

Nov. 1 Nottingham Power. Home. Won 6.0.
8 Trent Poly. Res. Away. Lost 1.3.
15 Nottingham Power. Away. Lost 2.4.

2nd Team

Nov. 1 Ryecroft Res. Away. Lost 2.4.
15 Padstow A. Away. Lost 0.5.

FIXTURES

	<u>1st Team</u>	<u>2nd Team</u>
Dec. 6	-	Lowdham
13	South Notts. Away.	Ruddington A Home
20	Padstow Res. Home.	Clifton Ath. Away
27	Padstow Res. Away.	Clifton Ath. Home.

READERS AND READINGS

December 14th - 3rd in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Malachi 3, 1-5	Mrs. S. Guy
(Ep.)	Philippians 4, 4-9	Miss H. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 30, 8-21	Mr. A. Reid
(N.T.)	Matthew 3.	Mr. J. Guy

December 21st - 4th in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Zechariah 2, 10-13	Dr. G. Brooks
(Ep.)	Revelation 21, 1-7	Miss S. Marson
6.30	Joint Carol Service	

December 24th - Christmas Eve

12.00	midnight	
(O.T.)	Isaiah 9, 2-7	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	1 John 4, 7-14	Miss P. Marson

December 25th - Christmas Day

9.30 (O.T.)	Micah 5, 2-4	Mr. G. Stobbs
(Ep.)	Titus 2, 11-14	Miss P. Stobbs

December 28th - Christmas 1

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 49, 7-13	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	Ephesians 3, 1-6	Mrs. J. Jones
6.00	Joint Carol Service in Methodist Church.	

January 4th - Christmas 2

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 16, 1-6	Miss S. Guy
(Ep.)	Romans 8, 12-17	Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 42, 10-17	Mr. R. Hunt
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 2	Miss P. Stobbs

SIDESMEN

December 14th	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
December 21st	9.00	Mr. Moore	6.30	Capt. Jay
December 28th	9.00	Dr. Brooks	----	
January 4th	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
(Special arrangements on other days)				