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Sundays:

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

Weekdays:

Holy Eucharist on most days - see list  
in church porch.

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.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

May I wish you all a happy new year ? 1976  
promises to be a difficult year for the nation  
and indeed for the whole world, and it may be that  
some of you who read this may be full of foreboding  
and fear. I think this is a natural reaction, but  
I also think that it is not the Christian reaction.  
The Christian who is aware of God's peace and  
power in his own life knows that, whatever be the  
problem, we can cope with it - not in our own  
strength but in the strength which God gives to  
those who believe and trust in Him. The writer of  
the Lamentations in the Old Testament says, "His  
compassions fail not, they are new every morning.  
Great is thy faithfulness." S. Paul would say,  
"God is faithful" and he would go further and say,  
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens  
me". (Philippians 4.13).

May I make a suggestion that every morning you say  
slowly and deliberately this text three times before  
the day begins ? Any doctor or psychiatrist will  
tell you that the early morning is the time when  
depressing and negative thoughts are very pressing,  
and so we must win the battle each day at the  
beginning in the power of Christ.

Here are some ideas about a Christian life style:

- (1) Always live one day at a time. God never  
gives the power before it is needed and, therefore,  
to go through our problems in our minds before God  
gives His grace can be a real mistake.
- (2) Pray deliberately at least once a day. This  
means sit, stand, kneel, lie down in a restful  
position and think about God who made you and loves  
you and helps you.
- (3) Be at the Parish Eucharist every Sunday  
unless prevented by sickness. You need this and  
your fellow worshippers need you, but above all  
God wants you to be there.

(4) When upset or angry, talk to God about it and, if alone, say how you feel aloud, and, if there is some situation which ought to be dealt with and talked out, do it and don't sulk.

(5) Count your blessings especially when the mood of self pity is there. Most people are happier and more fortunate than they think.

(6) Take it to the Lord in prayer.

(7) Remember the name of Jesus is a name of love, joy and power, and it ought to be frequently in our hearts and minds and on our lips.

January 1st is the anniversary of the naming of Jesus.

January 6th is the feast of the Epiphany when we think of the visit of the Gentile wise men to the child Christ.

The year 1975 ended happily with many events around Christmas tide. It was good to see the church so full. The children's parties at the school were full of joy and colour. The senior citizens of the parish had a wonderful party provided by the Youth Club. It is very good to see the keenness and courtesy of the members of the Youth Club. We missed the carols but hope to rectify that next Christmas. The Locksley Singers' concert went well and the combination with the school was a great success.

The Bishop of the diocese is coming to the Bingham deanery in January and will address the Deanery Synod and visit all the clergy in their homes. He will be coming to the Rectory for lunch on January 22nd.

We shall keep the Epiphany (January 6th) joyfully

with Eucharist at 7.30 and at 12.30. This latter service will be sung by the clergy of the deanery who will have their lunch at the Reindeer Inn.

May God bless us all.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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#### HOLY BAPTISM

December 21 PAUL ANDREW son of Kenneth and Susan EATON

TIMOTHY MARCUS son of Stephen and Sandra SHARPE

#### CONFIRMATION

November 22 Roderick Reid at Rugby School chapel by the Bishop of Coventry

#### R.I.P.

November 26 Kathleen Margaret Needham of Newton

December 8 Joseph Pallett of Straws Lane

May God comfort those who mourn and grant rest and peace to the departed.

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#### THE JOY OF MARY

The following words were written by Ada Ammon, who had the distinction of being the first Methodist to speak in a Catholic Church (at Salamanca in Spain):

"About two months ago I stood beneath that superb picture of Ribera's 'La Purisima' in the church of that name in Salamanca. It occupies the whole

of the east wall of the great church and, I think more than any other picture I know, gives a sense of timelessness and joy. Just to look at it was to raise one's heart.

Sorrow she had, so has any woman, but she had the abiding joy of being the Mother of her Lord and ours. Ought she really to be depicted so often as a sorrowful figure? I do not for one moment wish to minimise her great and agonising part in the life and death of Jesus her son. The sword undoubtedly pierced her heart, was that all?

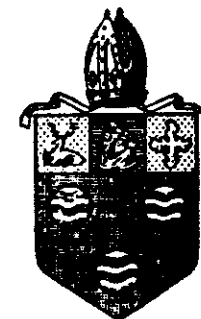
What about the memories? The wedding feast in Cana, the times when she went to call the little boy in to His meals or His study. We forget too easily that, after the incident when He was lost and sought 'sorrowing' and found talking like any healthy, thinking lad with His elders seeking their wisdom, testing it against His own, He returned home with His mother and Joseph and "was obedient to them and grew in stature and in favour with God and men". Happy years, happy memories.

A few years back I came at dusk one evening in early summer into an Arab village in Israel. Our driver, who was an Israeli and didn't care who knew it, had lost his way, and ours. The atmosphere was the reverse of cordial. The men sat outside the cafe drinking their coffee in grim and sullen silence. I got out of the coach and walked across the mud road, to where I could see a knot of women standing together. Suddenly from the gap between two houses a woman came running, 'Jesus' she cried, 'Jesus'. There was a patter of feet and a small boy grubby with his play, flushed with sleepiness, came running towards her. My mind went back two thousand years to another Mother not far from that spot who must have called her son with the same mixture of pride, joy and exasperation. The other woman,

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### The Bishop's Letter

### What kind of Church?

DEAR Friends,—A Happy New Year to you all. Thomas Traherne, in his preface to his book of Felicities, wrote: "An Empty Book is like an Infant's Soul, in which anything may be Written. It is Capable of all Things, but containeth Nothing. I have a Mind to fill this with Profitable Wonders". A New Year is similar and it is as well for us to remember that we are involved in the filling of its hours for the profit or loss of mankind. But because no man is an island the shaping of events is more than the responsibility of individuals.

The groupings we belong to are more influential than we are in our individuality. Perhaps a New Year's resolve might be to take seriously the groups to which we belong and to help them to be working for the good of all. And for Christians those groups are primarily the secular groups in which we live and work, but we cannot escape the responsibility of taking seriously our membership of the Church.

Perhaps we could add a third to the Archbishops' questions, namely, "What sort of a Church are we looking for?" with the consequent question: "What kind of churchmen are needed for the creation of this Church?" There are those who are giving answers to these questions which imply that they have lost faith in the Church as having any place in the evolution of a new society. I am not one of those. But I sense that in the Church of England at this time there is real ambivalence as to the direction in which it should develop.



*Mr. Dick Pogmore, chairman of the Diocesan House of Laity, who has been elected a member of the General Synod.*

Some say that economic factors are cutting us down to size and of these some would say that God's hand is in this. Such people feel that we should go for the creation of a committed remnant whom we must look to as the embryo church of a perhaps easier and happier future.

Others are reluctant to forsake what is the long-standing task of the Church of England in being the Church of the whole people, serving them if and when they wish to be served; a comprehensive rather than a selective mission to the nation. At the present many are seeing these two attitudes as mutually exclusive. I suggest that if we are to be the sort of Church that men are looking for, we must be able to hold together both tasks; indeed, I think neither task can be adequately done apart from the other.

This would mean, firstly, the necessity of providing a ministry of availability to any in our parishes who seek our help, seeing the scope of our ministry as not bounded by 'church life' but by the life of the community. This does not mean maintaining the parochial system as it now is. The pattern may need to be altered to take account of the kind of priestly ministry required today, the use that should now be made of the laity and the proper way of establishing a sufficient church presence in each place to ensure that no one is in fact deprived of pastoral care. The theological justification for this principle of availability is that we are required to accept people as they are, not on our own terms, without requiring of them at this stage a commitment for which they are not ready.

Alongside this we need to be, and be seen to be, a committed Church; that is, one that is firm in its faith, lives by faith and keeps faith with God and men. An inconsistent Church is a denial of the Gospel. To be committed is not the same as being fundamentalist. Fundamentalists require certainty, committed men live by faith. Today's generation will not be convinced by the reiteration of our belief in certainties but by our ability to face doubts, for faith is the capacity to live with doubt.

We can help the unconvinced by standing by them in their uncertainties, feeling the full force of their doubts, not pretending to a faith we do not possess, and keeping faithfully to our prayers and our service of others, even in times of personal agnosticism. In this way our convictions will be all the more apparent. Commitment to truth is an essential part of commitment to Christ. Such sincerity is the counterpart to availability.

In my view this sort of stance is appropriate for our mission in this country today. Perhaps, if we have the courage to adopt it, we shall be able to fill the as yet blank pages of 1976 with "profitable wonders".

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### CONFIRMATIONS IN FEBRUARY

Sun. 8, 9.30 a.m. Daybrook, St. Paul; Sun. 8, 6.30 p.m. Nottingham, St. Nicholas; Sun. 15, 10.30 a.m. Basford, St. Augustine; Wed. 25, 7.30 p.m. Kirkby Woodhouse, St. John†; Thurs. 26, 7.30 p.m. Arnold\*; Sun. 29, 10 a.m. Huthwaite\*; Sun. 29, 6 p.m. Brinsley.

\* Bishop of Sherwood † Bishop Markham.

## Around the Diocese

"Coming to Grips with the Bible" is the theme of the Diocesan CEMS Annual Conference to be held at Morley Retreat House on Saturday February 14 1 p.m., to Sunday February 15 2 p.m., when the guest will be the Rev. Wilf Wilkinson, Rector of Clifton, who is a regular and popular broadcaster. Cost is £4.50. Bookings to Mr. Leonard Baston, 58 Grangewood Road, Wollaton.

A Teach-in on Preaching, sponsored by the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, will be conducted by Prebendary Cleverley Ford, personal chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury and formerly Director of the College of Preachers, for clergy and readers of the Southwell Diocese on Thursday February 19 from 1-4 p.m. in St. Ann with Emmanuel Church, Nottingham. Please bring sandwich lunch; hot drinks provided. Enquiries to Rev. Roy Williamson, St. Ann's Vicarage, 17 Robin Hood Chase, Nottingham. Tel. 55471.

Political Theology is the subject of a new WEA course (10 meetings) starting at the University Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham on Tuesday January 13 from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Tutor is the Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith. Fee is £2.25.

Pastoral Committee. Mr. B. R. E. Noake has been appointed Secretary of the Diocesan Pastoral Committee in succession to Mr. C. S. Slater. Correspondence on pastoral matters should be sent to Church House, Park Row, Nottm.

Choral Scholarships. There will be a number of vacancies in the Junior Department of Southwell Minster Grammar School from September 1976 for boys who will be over 8 and under 11 on September 1, 1976. This department exists especially for boys who wish to become Cathedral Choristers. At 11 they normally move into the Senior School which is expected to become an 11-18 Voluntary Aided Comprehensive School on September 1, 1976. The school has a strong musical tradition, and excellent facilities for instrumental playing. Tuition is free and there are good boarding facilities. Candidates first take preliminary Singing Tests on March 2nd. Those who reach a sufficiently high standard in these will be recalled the following week on March 9th and given a further musical test and an interview. Additional details may be obtained from the Headmaster, Southwell Minster Grammar School, Nottinghamshire to whom application should be sent as soon as possible. Closing date for entries is February 24, 1976.

To celebrate Jane Austen's bi-centenary, the Greasley Players are presenting an adaptation by Constance Cox of her novel "Pride and Prejudice" in Greasley Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 29, 30 and 31.

Retirement. Mr. John Marks retired at the end of 1975 after 15 years' service as Youth Officer for the Southwell Diocese. He will continue to live in Southwell. A presentation will be made at Evensong in Southwell Minster on Saturday January 24 at 5.45 p.m. Contributions should be sent to the Diocesan Director of Education, Church House, Park Row, Nottingham.

CMS Lent Project. Children of Bangladesh. Details of teach-ins next issue.

Holy Land 1976. Anyone interested in joining a party to spend two weeks in the Holy Land in August-September (date to be finalised) please contact the Rev. F. G. Green, Clipstone Vicarage, Mansfield. (Mansfield 23916).

Sir Norman Anderson, chairman of the House of Laity of the General Synod, will be the main speaker at the Annual One-day Teaching Conference, sponsored by the East Midlands Regional Council of Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships, at Ald. White Secondary School, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote on Saturday January 31, when the theme will be "Christ and Today's Behaviour". Secretary of the conference is the Rev. Colin Buchanan, St. John's College, Bramcote, Tel. 251114.

Mansfield Bible Society Action Group has arranged a series of meetings concerned with *Freeing the Scriptures for Modern Man* on an ecumenical basis. The meetings are at 7.30 p.m. on: January 14 — Stafford Street Mission "Light and Sound". (A year in the life of a Bible Society Church); January 28, Mansfield Baptist Church. "To be or Not" (Dynamic Equivalent Translation); February 11, St. Augustine's "The Power Struggle" (Common Language); February 25, Chesterfield Road Methodist Church "Are You Receiving Me?" (Effective Use of Scriptures). All are welcome.

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. David Leaning, Rector of St. Peter and St. Paul, Warsop, with Sookholme, has been appointed Vicar of Kington and Rector of Huntingdon. Diocese of Hereford.

The Rev. Ronald George Clarke, Vicar of St. Matthew-on-the-Hill, Bestwood, is to be Vicar of St. Andrew, Barnsbury and Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Barnsbury, Diocese of London.

The Rev. Charles John Hall will be instituted Vicar of St. Paul's, Hyson Green, Nottingham on Tuesday February 10 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith, the Bishop's Adviser on Industrial Society, is hoping to increase the circulation of his monthly newsletters but regrets that owing to rising costs of postage, etc., he is having to charge £1.50. this year.

New address. From January 1 the address of the Rev. Ron Lacey, Secretary of the Diocesan Board for Social Action, will be No. 1 Standard Hill, Nottingham. (Tel: Nottingham 43651).

## New Musical on John Wesley

"Ride! Ride!", a new musical covering a particular incident in the life of John Wesley will open at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham from March 2 to March 6, with matinees at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday & Saturday to which OAP's and children will be admitted at half price. Advance party booking at reduced rates may be made through Mr. J. W. Albans, 19 Renfrew Drive, Wollaton, (Tel: 283547). Book now (with 10% deposit) pay by Jan 24 for reduced prices.

## SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Lay clerks will sing Evensong at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday January 4 and at 5.45 p.m. on Monday January 5.

The choir of St. Thomas's, Wigston, Leics., will sing Evensong at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday January 11.

The Minster choir resumes singing on Wednesday January 14.

## THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN JANUARY

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

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

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as most probably this one when her son was born, must have lost her sorrow 'for joy that a man is born', as St. John says.

That she stood in anguish by Him cannot be denied. It is one of her great moments when in silence and dignity, forgetting herself, she once more identified herself with her son for all the world to see. Was that not why it was easy and natural for her to have been joyful immediately after and for those long days of expectant waiting and receiving, with his disciples. Those men who had betrayed Him, every one of them in some way or another, and might have expected her to shun their presence. But, no, there she is with them. With them in their great experience of the living Lord with the flaming Spirit so evident at Pentecost.

I think she chuckled often at her memories. When He let the coin fall and it rolled away, and coins were so hard to come by, and she swept for long until she found it. Or the day, I am sure there was one, when given the Vesperal Lamp to put on its stand as became the son of the house, in a sudden fit of impishness put it under the bed, and all the attendant fuss. These things He told in the parables are to me the most vivid reminders of His Virgin Mother and the most delightful and true to life. Had she not joy, when He belonged to her in special measure?

Yet again, and here I think mothers of to-day can take heart, she did not always understand Him, neither did she ever abdicate her authority as His Mother. Son of God He might be, her son He most certainly was and neither she nor He ever forgot either truth. Nor did either forget that they were part of a Community. Her visit to Elizabeth shows this clearly.

So as we come again to the time of the Incarnation let us think of her joy. Let us hold with reverent, glad hands our own joyful moments and memories, and if we have few of our own, we are welcome to share here as we must all share her sorrow and her hope for a world that dies and a world that is constantly and unexpectedly recreated."

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#### THE EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. V. James arranged a Christmas evening at which members read excerpts from Christmas stories and the choir sang a selection of carols.

A competition of recognising places in Nottingham from old photographs was much enjoyed.

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#### THE EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

An all-time record was made in the Village Hall Fete held in the Hall on Saturday, December 6th. Thanks to the generosity of East Bridgford villagers in providing both the material for sale and in buying it, the total amount which went to the Village Hall funds was over £290.

The President (Dr. G. Brooks), Chairman (Mr. J.D. Hanson), Management Committee and Ladies' Fete Organising Committee want to thank their fellow villagers for their enthusiastic help and support. Included in the event were stalls and activities arranged by the following village organisations:-

Youth Club, Mothers' Union, Women's Institute, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Drama Group, Tennis Club, Royal British Legion, King Edward Club, The Parish Council, The Parochial Church Council, The Liberal Association.

Thanks are also due to Mr. and Mrs. Blagg for the tasteful way they decorated the Hall for the event.

The Youth Club, in a second stall, also raised money for their senior citizens' Christmas party.

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#### MOTHERS' UNION

The annual Christmas meeting was held at the Rectory on December 17th. It was a very happy occasion with refreshments and a busy time making up presents to give to the ward at Saxondale Hospital supported by our Branch of the Mothers' Union. We welcomed two new members.

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#### THANKS

Thanks are due to all those who work so hard to make the church look so well and cared for. There is no doubt that the north aisle has been transformed and, now that a curtain has been provided for the aumbry and a pedestal for flowers given for the chapel, it looks really well. The lamp is tended by Russell Hunt. It burns to indicate to any who come into the church that the Living Jesus is present sacramentally. The sacrament is reserved for the use of any communicant who cannot come to church and is kept in the aumbry in the east wall of the chapel. The aumbry is a metal safe and sometimes is called a tabernacle which means, of course, 'dwelling place'. We know that the church is God's house and dwelling place, and here we have the special eucharistic presence to help us in the worship of God.

#### SIDESMEN

January 11th 9.00 Mr. Reid 6.30 Mr. Curtis  
January 18th 9.00 Mr. Moore 6.30 Capt. Jay  
January 25th 9.00 Dr. Brooks 6.30 Dr. Brooks  
February 1st 9.00 Mr. Hand 6.30 Mr. Hand  
February 8th 9.00 Mr. Reid 6.30 Mr. Curtis

#### READERS AND READINGS

##### January 11th - Epiphany 1 Plough Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 42. 1-7 Miss C. Price  
(Ep.) Ephesians 2. 1-10 Mr. K. Finch  
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 43. 1-13 Mr. H. Russell  
(N.T.) John 12. 20-36a Miss H. Slack

##### January 18th - Epiphany 2

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Samuel 3. 1-10 Miss E. Slack  
(Ep.) Galatians 1. 11-24 Mr. J. Ruff  
6.30 (O.T.) Micah 3. 5-end. Mr. D. Gould  
(N.T.) John 4. 43-5.9 Capt. A. Jay

##### January 25th - Epiphany 3

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Kings 8. 22-30 Mrs. J. Cornell  
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 3. 10-17 Miss C. Gould  
6.30 (O.T.) Micah 4. 1-7 Mr. M. Gould  
(N.T.) John 9. Mr. J. Guy

##### February 1st - Epiphany 4

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Kings 10. 1-13 Mr. P. Blandy  
(Ep.) Ephesians 3. 8-19 Mr. P. Slack  
6.30 (O.T.) Micah 5. 2-7 Mr. R. Hunt  
(N.T.) John 10. 1-18 Mr. G. Stobbs

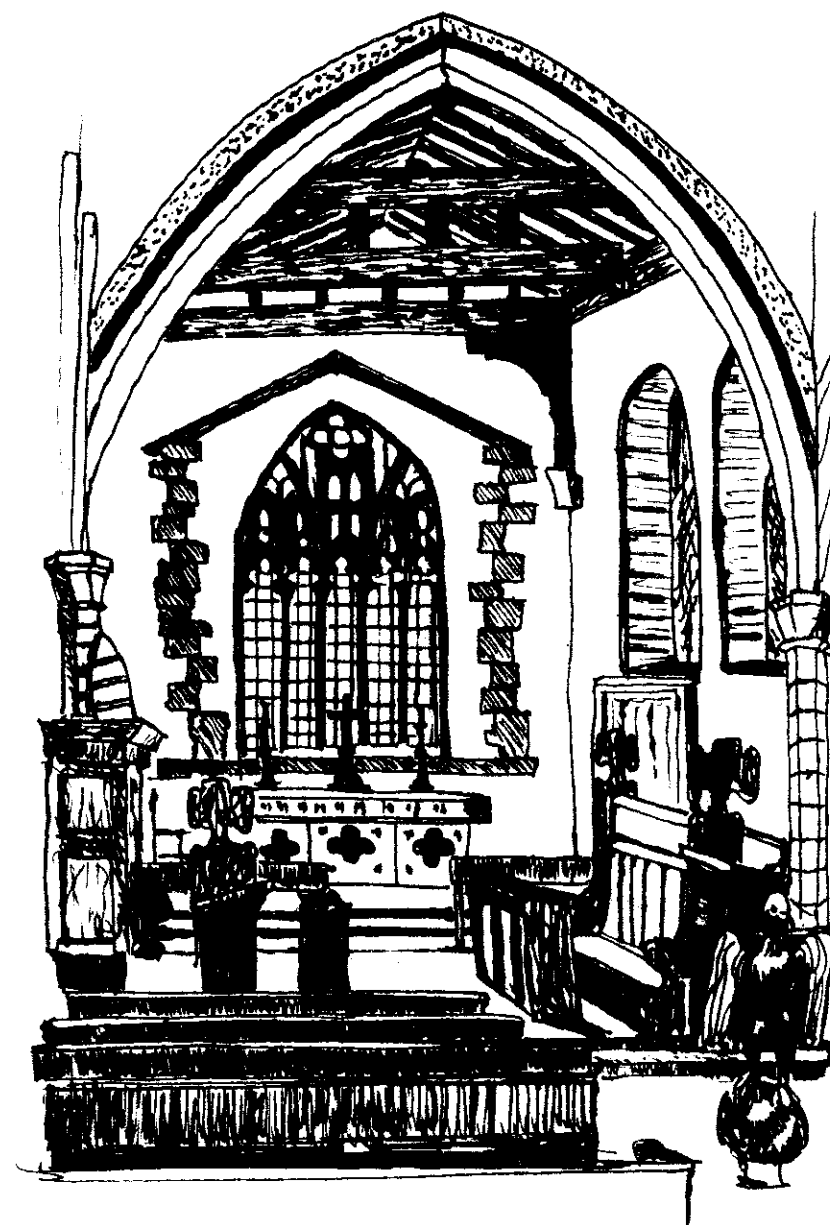
6.00 (O.T.) Micah 6. 1-8 Miss P. Stobbs  
(N.T.) John 5. 19-29 Mr. A. Curtis

##### February 8th - Epiphany 5

9.00 (O.T.) Lamentations 3. 19-26 Mr. R. Hunt  
(Ep.) 1 Thessalonians 5. 12-24 Dr. G. Brooks  
6.00 (O.T.) Micah 6. 1-8 Miss P. Stobbs  
(N.T.) John 5. 19-29 Mr. A. Curtis

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#### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The Confirmation will be on Sunday, February 22nd at the Parish Eucharist. I shall conduct it and indeed confirm those whom I have been preparing. This is not a frequent happening, but it is made possible by the fact that, in addition to being Rector of East Bridgford, I am also a Bishop (Assistant Bishop of Southwell) and therefore can confirm according to the order of the Church.

After many months when there were no baptisms, I have been getting busier than usual and am having the great joy of admitting into the Family of Christ quite a number of our children. 1976 is also going to be a busy year for weddings, some of which concern us closely because in two of these the bride will be a daughter of one of our Churchwardens!

Christmas was well kept with a large and reverent congregation at the Midnight Mass. It would be good to see 168 worshippers every Sunday, of course, but I realise that for many the coming to Mass at Christmas may be an infrequent attendance. However, I hope it does indicate that those who come, even in an infrequent way, do want to keep in touch with the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ.

While all these happenings are taking place, there is also the final ministration of death, and it is my duty as a parish priest and indeed a privilege to be with those who are leaving the bounds of this world for the boundless world of Eternal Love, and to try to comfort those who feel so closely the break which death does bring to those who remain behind. Sometimes death comes with measured tread and is expected; sometimes it comes with what has been called

'brief discourtesy'. No matter! The important thing is that for all of us, young and old, those in adolescence and middle age, all of us indeed are held in the hands of Him Who made us and loves us and now and always keeps us. I have the beautiful words of the Lady Julian of Norwich on a record read by Alec Guinness so majestically and I would like you to know them. They were written by a Norfolk woman in the 14th century as a result of a shewing from God when she was in serious sickness. She committed them to writing and, under the title 'Revelation of Divine Love', they have been the comfort and strength of many. There is a powerful passage in A. Seton's novel 'Katherine' which gives an illustration of their impact.

So God, through His Church, ministers to the souls and bodies of men and women through the ages, and has done so for hundreds of years in this parish of East Bridgford. And it is the privilege of the parish priest to be allowed to be used as the channel of God's Love.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

#### ALTAR GUILD

The church looks cared for nowadays and this, in no small measure, is due to the work of the Altar Guild. When I was preaching once in Chicago, I was introduced to a phrase used frequently in the Church of the U.D.A. - 'T.L.C.' which stands for 'tender, loving care'. Yes! you can tell when people care about the House of God. The new panels for the green season on the high altar are splendid and Miss Enid Green has made a beautiful veil for the aumbry. Perhaps a word of praise for our most faithful sacristan, Miss Doris Hand, is overdue. I know from my

experience what a difference to the worship of the Church a devoted sacristan can be. Together with the beautifying of the church there is also the cleaning and the flower decorating. What a difference all this makes.

B.M.

#### MOTHERS' UNION

On January 21st, the Mothers' Union met at church for the Eucharist and in the afternoon for the service at which the new service book was used and Miss Enid Green was enrolled. Afterwards there was tea at the Rectory.

MOTHER JULIAN'S MESSAGE ON PRAYER really begins with the famous visual parable of the 'hazel nut', which occurs early in the series of 'shewings' in the form of what she describes as 'a ghostly sight in bodily likeness'.

"Also in this He shewed me a little thing, the quantity of an hazel nut in the palm of my hand: and it was round as a ball. I looked thereupon with eye of understanding and thought 'What may this be?'. And it was generally answered thus: 'IT IS ALL THAT IS MADE!' I marvelled how it might last, for methought it might suddenly fallen to Naught for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: 'IT LASTETH AND EVER SHALL LAST FOR THAT GOD LOVETH IT'. And so all thing hath the being by the love of God. In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it, the second is that God loveth it, and the third that God keepeth it. But what is to me soothly the MAKER, the KEEPER and the LOVER - I cannot tell. For till I am substantially ONED to Him, I may never have full rest nor very bliss: that is to say, till I be so fastened to Him that there is

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#### The Bishop's Letter

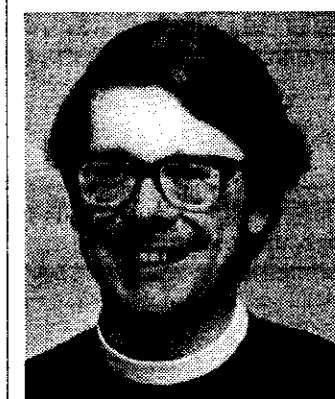
### Evangelism — Heart of the Church

DEAR Friends,—Some of you will have noticed that the Archbishops have asked me to take over from the Bishop of Coventry the chairmanship of their Council for Evangelism, commonly called ACE. This prompts me to make some comment on evangelism.

My own view has always been that evangelism is the heart and core of the work of the Church: not a particular activity of the Church, but the reason for its existence and the aim and purpose of all its work. At times we have to remind ourselves of this by some special effort because we can all too easily sink to the level of merely servicing the institution of the Church. There is also need for some people to make it their whole time task to ensure that the church puts evangelism first. But if evangelism becomes a sort of specialist activity the rest of church life becomes all too quickly lifeless.

There are, I discern, three particular trends in the Church and in Society at this time which deserve comment.

One is the search for meaningful spirituality. There is a marked absence of young people from membership of and worship with the organised Church. I believe that this is because they find formal worship, the very fact of having to worship under authority, and the Church's preoccupation with order completely uninteresting to them. The Church as a large universal organisation means little to them; they want to find intimate fellowship and a spirituality that fills the awful void caused by the world's exclusive concern with material-



The Rev. Philip R. Allin, who will be instituted as Rector of All Hallows, Ordsall on Friday 27 February.

ism. The commune for more personal living and prayer engaged in informally in small self-contained groups for spirituality is their way; and the organised Church can wither away for all they care.

A second trend is congregationalism inside the ranks of organised religion. This is motivated by a dissatisfaction with the disunity of the Church. "Why can't we all worship together as and when and how we want to." The pressure for interdenominational and undenominational worship results in the attempt to create a local congregation of all Christians, regardless of what different denominational Churches hold as matters of distinctive belief and order. As long as Christians locally can be happy it doesn't matter how the rest of the Church gets on or what it believes! Even financial support for the Church elsewhere is forgotten.

A third trend is the charismatic one. This is a desire to rediscover the power of God at work in individuals and society at a time when the Church exhibits little life or powerful motivation. The charismatic fellowship has real connections with both the previous trends that I have mentioned. By a readiness to abandon themselves to the will and purpose of God, individuals seek for the Spirit of God to take them over and to display his power to heal and save. Love and joy are the marks of the charismatic group together with an utter dependence upon God. There is a danger sometimes of adherents denying within the fellowship of the group what elsewhere they know to be real and true. An immature rather than a mature dependence on God can result because God is expected to deal miraculously with the realities of doubt, pain and loneliness, and make them go away, and so to release us from the necessity of wrestling with them.

In all evangelistic enterprises we must be aware of the movements of the Spirit, but not lose our sense of proportion. The trends I have described are important and must be assessed. If we are to evangelise, that is to "communicate good news", we must heed the protests that these trends reveal. The Church must provide for the spiritual vacuum in people's lives. It must provide real fellowship without denying the universal Church which embodies that fellowship of faith. It must give evidence of powerful life through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit in individuals and in the institution itself.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### CONFIRMATIONS IN MARCH

Sat. 6, 7.30 p.m. Carlton-in-Lindrick\*; Sun. 7, 10.30 a.m. Bulwell, St. John†; Sun. 7, 10.45 a.m. Nottingham, St. Peter with St. James; Sun. 7, 11 a.m. Ranby House School\*; Thurs. 11, 7.30 p.m. Radford, St. Peter†; Sun. 14, 3 p.m. East Leake; Wed. 17, 7.30 p.m. Carlton, St. John\*; Sun. 21, 6.30 p.m., Porchester; Wed. 24, 7.30 p.m. North & South Leventon†.

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.

## Retirement of Miss Susan Kirton

Miss Susan Kirton retired at the end of 1975 after nearly 30 years service for the Southwell Diocesan Board for Moral Welfare as senior social worker in the care of unmarried mothers and their babies.

She began her work at Southwell House in Nottingham in 1936, and two years later moved to a mother-and-baby home at Dundee. After further training at the Josephine Butler House at Liverpool and four-and-a-half years service in the Wath deanery of the Sheffield Diocese she returned to Nottingham to work for the Diocesan Board for Moral Welfare, serving as its senior social worker since 1966 at Warren House, Plantagenet St., 'nerve centre' for moral welfare in the Diocese.

Miss Kirton was succeeded by Mrs. Vera Hall, who has been on the staff at Warren House for a number of years, acting as adoption officer. She will continue to do most, if not all, of the adoption work and will also be in charge of the team. During the past nine years she has placed over 430 children by adoption.

On Tuesday 13 January there was a reception for Miss Kirton at the International Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, to mark her retirement and a presentation by the Bishop of Southwell on behalf of the diocese.

## Six Choristers give 319 years service

SIX choristers at St. Saviour's, Arkwright Street, Nottingham, have put in a total of 319 years of service in church choirs and are proud holders of the Bishop of Southwell's award for their outstanding record.

Three of them have done their entire service at St. Saviour's. They are: Mr. Norman Tompkin of 48 Blake Road, West Bridgford (56 years' service); Mr. Ernest Smith of 27 Blake Road, West Bridgford (52 years' service) and Miss Irene Clipstone of 66 Manvers Road, West Bridgford (44 years' service).

The other three are Mr. Bernard Weightman of 50 Kersall Drive, Bulwell (62 years' service at St. Thomas, All Saints', Holy Trinity and St. Saviour's, all in Nottingham); Mr. Percy Victor Burney of 141 Greythorn Drive, West Bridgford (54 years' service at St. Thomas's, St. Philip's and St. Saviour's, all in Nottingham) and Mr. Cyril Haywood of 35 Carlyle Road, West Bridgford, who has served for 51 years' at various churches in Burton-on-Trent, Wymondley (Herts), Heacham (Norfolk) and for the last 14 years at St. Saviour's, where he is both organist and lay reader.

If any choir in the Diocese can equal this record, the Southwell Diocesan News would like to hear of it.

## Around the Diocese

Cambridge University Chamber Singers are to give a concert in Newark Parish Church on Saturday February 21 at 7.30 p.m. in the church's first major event to raise £90,000 for its restoration and improvement. More than £2,200, including £1,000 from the appeal president, Sir John Eastwood, of Oxtun Manor has already been promised. Tickets £1.25, £1 and 50p.

**Lent Lectures.** On each Thursday during Lent, starting at 7.30 p.m. in Newark Parish Church, there will be a lecture/discussion under the main heading of 'Some Foundations'. The subjects and lecturers are as follows: March 4, 'Equality and Excellence', Canon R. C. Thompson; March 11, 'The Practice of Education', Miss Rita McCall, Head of Science, Lilley & Stone High School; March 18, 'A God without Gaps', The Bishop of Southwell; March 25, 'What is the value of Man', The Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith, the Bishop's Adviser on Industrial Society; April 1, 'The Sharing of the Christian Ministry', The Rev. B. H. Lewers, Vicar of Newark; April 8, 'Futurology and Faith', The Rev. N. H. Todd, Rector of Elston.

**CMS Lent Project teach-ins** — 'Children of Bangladesh' — all at 7.30 p.m. Nottingham: St. Barnabas, Lenton Abbey, Tuesday February 17; Mansfield: St. Peter's (Parish Centre), Mansfield, Tuesday February 10; Worksop: St. John's, Worksop, Tuesday February 3. Project material and Lent boxes will be available.

## Working Party on Baptism

A working party to recommend guidelines for baptismal policy in the Southwell Diocese has been set up by the Bishop's Council following a decision taken at the Diocesan Synod held at Mansfield last October. Those chosen are:

*For the clergy:* the Rev. Colin Buchanan, St. John's College, Bramcote; Canon Michael J. Jackson, Rural Dean of Nottingham and Vicar of St. Mary's; the Rev. Charles E. Jones, Vicar of Bunny with Bradmore and the Rev. Wilf Wilkinson, Rector of Clifton with Glapton.

*For the laity:* Mr. B. Allen of Hucknall; Mr. J. Craddock of Southwell; Mr. B. Dickinson of Mansfield and Mrs. Sheila Dunn of Burton Joyce.

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. Frank Thomas Beech, Priest-in-Charge of Attenborough, has been appointed Vicar of the parish.

The Rev. Philip Ronald Allin, Chaplain of the Sutton-in-Ashfield Centre, has been appointed Rector of All Hallows, Ordsall, Retford and will be instituted by the Bishop of Sherwood on Friday February 27 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. David John Nash, Team Vicar in the parish of Hackney, Diocese of London, has been appointed Team Vicar at Holy Trinity, Clifton.

The Rev. Leonard Walter Hicks Withers-Lancashire, Assistant Curate at St. George's, Netherfield, officially retired on January 31.

### OBITUARY

The Rev. Harold Ironmonger, formerly Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Nottingham (1950-56), died in hospital at Wimbledon on January 2, aged 68.

### SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Sun. Feb. 1, 9.30 a.m. Preacher: The Bishop; 11 a.m. Matins and Commemoration of Benefactors, Preacher: Rev. H. C. L. Heywood; Mon. Feb. 2, Candlemas 11.30 a.m. Cathedral Chapter Eucharist and Meeting.

The choir is on holiday on February 16-18. Full choir at Evensong on the 18th.

### THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

1 The Archbishop of Canterbury	16 Newark, St. Agnes Mission	(Ronald Thompson, Canon; John Roberts; Andrew Read; Graham Holloway)
2 Southwell Minster (Francis Pratt, Provost; Eric Roberts, Vice-Provost; Charles Bayes, Canon; Charles Knowles, Vicar Choral)	17 Newark, St. Augustine's Mission	
3 The Mothers' Union	18 Newark, St. Leonard	
4 Church of England Men's Society	19 Coddington (Peter Wright)	
5 Syerston (Norman Todd)	20 South Scarle	(Rupert Stevens, Canon)
6 North Collingham (Rupert Stevens, Canon)	21 Shelton (Graham Holloway)	
7 South Collingham (Rupert Stevens, Canon)	22 Sibthorpe (Norman Todd)	
8 Cotham (Graham Holloway)	23 Staunton (Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon).	
9 East Stoke (Norman Todd)	24 Thorney w. Wigsley & Broadholme (Roy Palin)	
10 Flawborough (Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon)	25 The Archbishop of York	
11 Gorton with Spalford	26 Thorpe-by-Newark (Walter McBay, Canon)	
12 Holme (Herbert Langford)	27 Winthorpe (Herbert Langford)	
13 The General Synod	28 Carlton-on-Trent (Peter Chamier)	
14 Newark, Christ Church (Stephen Oliver)	29 Deanery Synods	
15 Newark, St. Mary Magdalene (Benjamin Lewers)		

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right naught that is made betwixt God and me.....  
For well I wot that heaven and earth and all that  
is made is great and large, fair and good, but  
the cause why it shewed so little to my sight was  
for that I saw it in the Presence of Him that is  
the Maker of all things..... for to a soul  
that SEEKETH THE MAKER OF ALL, all that is made  
seemeth full little."

### LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 3rd. There will be an evening Eucharist on all Wednesdays followed by a discussion group on the subject of 'Healing'. A book by this name, written by an American Dominican, the Revd. Francis Nutt, which has been a best seller, will be used for discussion. The book can be obtained at the Church Unity Bookshop or at Sisson and Parker's for £1.75. Mrs. Valerie Backhouse will initiate the discussion and introduce the book on Ash Wednesday.

### HOLY BAPTISM

28th December	Michael John and Andrew James twin sons of John Richard and Mary Corbett Selby.
25th January	Sarah Nicola daughter of Charles Roger and Pamela Rose Day.

We welcome these children into the family of Christ's Church.

### R.I.P.

January 11th	Edward Rampton whose funeral took place on January 16th. May God grant him peace after much suffering and comfort his widow.
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January 23rd      Richard Marshall  
Capt. Marshall, one of our most respected members of the community, died after a fall and heart attack. He was a communicant member of S. Peter's and we assure his widow and family of our sympathy and prayers.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE held their Jan. Social in the Hut. Mrs. C. Atkins, President, welcomed guests from Fosse Group. Dinner, cooked and served by a sub-committee, was much enjoyed. A group of entertainers calling themselves 'Folk Weave' helped to make the evening a great success.

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EAST BRIDGFORD DRAMA GROUP are arranging a LEAP YEAR DANCE on Friday 27th February from 8.30 p.m. to 12.30 at the Village Hall. Tickets are priced £1.25 (supper included) and are obtainable from Mr. E. Smith (Tel. East Bridgford 387) or any member of the Drama Group.

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THE BROWNIES gave their usual tea and entertainments for the over sixties and the occasion was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Waste paper is being collected to help funds for the Brownies Pack holiday. Anyone who has any waste paper to be collected is invited to contact Mrs. Guy, Mrs. Bontoft or any of the Brownies.

A Jumble Sale will be held at the W.I. Hut on Saturday February 21st at 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Proceeds to the Brownie funds.

#### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

£43.45<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>p was collected from boxes distributed round the village. Anyone who would like to have a collecting box is invited to contact Mrs. Bontoft. The sale of re-made Christmas Cards raised £19.30. Thanks are extended to all who gave support to this worthy cause.

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#### PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

On Thursday 29th April the William Turner Ladies' Choir and a String Ensemble, conducted by Miss Helen Sandy, will give a concert in East Bridgford Church at 7.30 p.m. The Choir was founded in 1902 and is well known, not only in the Nottingham area but further afield, having won many trophies and prizes at various musical festivals in the north of England and in Wales. Please make a note of this in your diary.

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#### OFFERTORY

February	1	Mr. and Mrs. Moore
February	8	Mr. and Mrs. Reid
February	15	Mr. and Mrs. Guy
February	22	Miss Shepherd and Miss Wilkinson
March	1	Mr. and Mrs. Nichols
March	8	Mr. and Mrs. Finch
March	15	Mrs. Beves and Miss Ingram
March	22	Mr. and Mrs. Craddock
March	29	Mr. and Mrs. Curtis
April	4	Mr. and Mrs. Gould
April	11	Mr. and Mrs. Ruff
April	18	Mr. and Mrs. Stobbs
April	25	Mr. and Mrs. Hunt
May	2	Mr. and Mrs. Clarke
May	9	Mr. and Mrs. McCullough
May	16	Mrs. Marson and Penny
May	23	Mrs. Dunsmore and Mrs. Hamaford
May	30	Mrs. Backhouse and Mrs. P. Cornell

Please keep this list for future reference.

# READERS AND READINGS

## February 15th - Septuagesima

9.00 (O.T.) Proverbs 3. 1-8	Mr. T.Ashton
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 2. 1-10	Miss P.Marson
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 2. 4-end	Mr. H.Russell
(N.T.) Mark 10. 1-16	Mr. A.Reid

## February 22nd - Sexagesima

9.00 (O.T.) 2 Kings 5. 1-14	Mr. A.Curtis
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 12.1-10	Miss S.Marson
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 37	Mr. G.Stobbs
(N.T.) Luke 10. 25-37	Miss A.Gould

## February 29th - Quinquagesima

9.00 (O.T.) Jonah 1. 1-17	Mr. K.Finch
(Ep.) James 1. 2-12	Miss H.Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 41. 1-40	Capt. A.Jay
(N.T.) 1 John 4. 7-end	Mr. J.Guy

## March 7th - 1st in Lent

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6. 10-17	Miss S.Guy
(Ep.) Hebrews 4. 12-16	Mrs. S.Guy
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 42	Mr. A.Curtis
(N.T.) Luke 22. 1-23	Mr. D.Gould

# SIDESMEN

February 15	9.00 Mr. Moore	6.30 Capt. Jay
February 22	9.00 Dr. Brooks	6.30 Dr. Brooks
February 29	9.00 Mr. Hand	6.30 Mr. Hand
March 7	9.00 Mr. Hand	6.30 Mr. Hand

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# SERVICES

## Sundays:

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

## Weekdays:

Holy Eucharist on most days.  
See notice in Church Porch for details.

## 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,

#### A Great Day !

I suppose that February 22nd was one of our great days. Why? It doesn't sound a very exciting date. On that day, which was a Sunday, at the Parish Eucharist six of our members were confirmed and in the afternoon we had the Baptism of three children, one of these being the son of one of those confirmed at the Eucharist. Please remember them in your prayers. Here are the names:

Confirmed: Michael Hall, David Little,  
Kathryn Coaton, Lynne Little,  
Elizabeth McCullough and Helen Slack.

Baptised: Matthew Philip, son of John and  
Kathryn Coaton.  
Clare Jakki, daughter of Christopher Eric  
and Susan May Brownson.  
Amy Elizabeth, daughter of James Ian and  
Kathryn Diane Lodder.

#### Lent

The season of Lent begins on March 3rd. Lent is a time of preparation for keeping Easter. It is a time when we take our religion more seriously than we tend to do normally. There should be more prayer, self-denial and discipline and generous giving for the work of the Church. A good way of keeping Lent might be to come to one of the weekday Eucharists in addition to Sunday; to deny oneself in such things as talking about our neighbours - especially those we don't like; or cutting down some of the time sitting in front of the box; or to make a serious attempt to cut down excessive drinking and quietly to drop the smoking habit. I say 'quietly' because there is a psychological law called 'the law of reversed effort' which means that to try too hard to do something may merely make the effort non-productive. In any case, to spend more time in prayer and serious thought may mean that bad habits quietly cease to have their attraction.

She gave her body as God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain;  
She knew the cost of love divine,  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee  
There comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
And blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

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### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. after Evensong on Sunday, March 21st. Nominations are invited of candidates for the Parochial Church Council. They must be proposed and seconded, and forms for this purpose are available in the church or can be obtained from Mr. Jack Sainsbury the Secretary.

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### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is now taking place. Every baptised member of 17 years of age or over is asked to enrol, and newcomers to the Parish will be particularly welcome. Application forms are available in the church and completed forms may be handed to the sidesmen or sent to the Secretary at 4 Haycroft Way.

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### THE ALTAR GUILD

Already a number of people in the village are busy working at embroidering more kneelers for the church. Mrs. Blandy has kindly made her house available on Wednesday March 17th, 3.00 to 4.30 p.m. as a meeting place where all interested in helping can meet and have a cup of tea.

If you already have a kneeler, please come and bring it and help encourage others - or if you would like to do one, please come and get one.

Would anyone interested but unable to be there on March 17th, please get in touch with Mrs. Reid, North Point House, Kneeton Road. (Tel: E.B. 276)

What else is being done? A number of things. A Green Chasuble, Burse and Veil for the period from Trinity to the end of the Church's year and during the weeks after Epiphany, a new altar frontal for the Lady Chapel, and altar panels for the season of Lent are all being made.

### EAST BRIDGFORD LIFE-BOAT GUILD

So far this financial year the Guild has collected over £200 for the Life-boat service through a jumble sale and the sale of a fine collection of nearly new clothing generously presented by an American well-wisher. Our main event for this year will be the Life-boat Walk planned for Sunday 25th April. It is intended that the walk shall follow the same course as that of the very successful walk two years ago, in which 114 people took part and over £800 was raised, but in the reverse direction. That is, it will go from Bridgford, along lanes and footpaths through Car Colston, Screveton, Flintham and Syerston, across the Trent at Hazelford Ferry and back along the towpath - a distance of 15 miles.

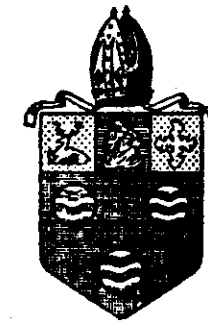
Information and sponsorship forms from:

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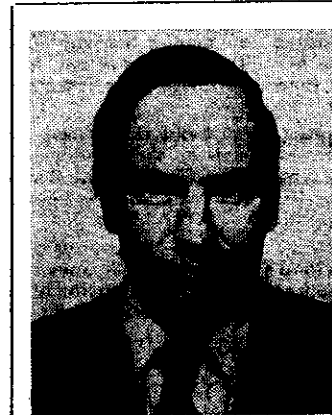
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### The Bishop's Letter

## Lent Not Lost

It is about time we took the season of Lent seriously again. Discipline is not a popular subject for discussion or action nowadays; it is regarded as painful rather than pleasurable. At best it is regarded rather like an athlete's training, a hard grind that is inevitable if any success is to be achieved. I want to suggest that discipline is not misery but joy. We live in an age when any restrictions are regarded as harmful and freedom to do what you like is regarded as the aim of all sensible people. Permissiveness is held to be a virtue not a vice, and standards which are authoritative to be oppressive and illegitimate. We have gone a long way down this road and in my opinion we are heading for anarchy and disaster, which will be real misery for everyone.



*The Rev. Colin Buchanan, Vice-Principal of St. John's College, Bramcote, was recently re-elected as Proctor to the General Synod*

It has been rightly said that corruption of the best is even the worst corruption. In many spheres of life what is good is being exploited to destroy us. No one would question that freedom, knowledge, pleasure and 'bettering ourselves' are good and desirable aims, but unbridled pursuit of these can be disastrous. Excessive freedom ends in anarchy, excessive knowledge in absolute power, excessive pleasure in lust and excessive pursuit of material progress in selfish and callous competition.

Our society today is one in which we are all being exhorted to live to excess. Restraints are labelled as neurotic. Indeed the destruction of the standards which have been patiently built up through the claims of the Christian religion are resulting in a new, but in my view, unhealthy way of life. Let me give a few examples.

### PERMISSIVENESS

Modern teaching methods in schools rightly aim at making learning enjoyable and providing opportunities for creative exploration, but they have been allowed at times to degenerate into giving children more freedom than they can use and the absence of coercion has resulted in laziness, indiscipline and illiteracy. The removal of effort has bred an inability to make the effort and the attempt to restore

effort results in rebellion. Any wise parent knows that a disciplined child is far happier than an uncontrolled child. Discipline provides the framework in which we can behave predictably and therefore co-operatively.

Again, sexual permissiveness in which no physical contact is regarded as inappropriate, even if that contact is a perversion of natural behaviour, is today making sexual relationships increasingly vulgar, violent and selfish. Excess is making society unsafe and the decent are expected to endure the rape of their standards and their persons.

Again, sensationalism is pursued to such lengths in the press and the media under the excuse of 'seeking to establish the facts' that unsensational truth is not news; the abnormal is communicated as being normal and our picture of society is irreparably distorted. There is need for discipline in the pursuit of news and in the treatment of people's private lives.

The ancient Greeks advocated a civilisation in which 'nothing was done to excess'. The Christian virtue of temperance makes the same demand and the neglect of it is destroying us.

Excess comes from the removal of objective standards. As the modern advertisement for one of London's evening newspapers puts it, 'everyone needs Standards'. If each man is to be governed by what he himself prefers, no man is safe. But also the establishment of standards by authority gives ultimate power to that authority to mould life in accordance with what that authority wants for itself. Here is the fallacy of humanism. Religion posits the ultimate authority of God which means that every human system is answerable to something or someone beyond itself. It is this answerability that is fundamental to morality. It is for this reason that moral education apart from religion is a nonsense. It is merely the tool of those in power who dictate the rules. Let our educators take note.

#### DISCIPLINE

But religion, too, can be tyrannous if God is misconceived. For Christians God is understood in terms of truth and love. Where God is understood in ways that lack integrity and selflessness, he is caricatured and man is harmed. The disciplines of the Christian faith, whether in the field of thought or action, must always be subjected to the tests of truth and love. Permissiveness lacks love because it is selfish and lacks integrity because it is excessive.

Let all Christians spend this Lent discovering the joy of living disciplined lives and by their readiness to scrutinize their motives as well as their actions, see whether they are expressing in society both the truth about God and the love of God. The opposite to permissiveness is not legalism but love. Law is neutral; it can be used to support or suppress what is right.

Love seeks the good of others, however costly to oneself, is the expression of that love. That is why Lent leads inevitably to Good Friday and equally inevitably to Easter. Or, to put it another way, new life is ours through the crucifixion of our selfishness and the subsequent discovery that Love is undefeatable. Without love man is a lost soul.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### CONFIRMATIONS IN APRIL

Sun. 4, 9.30 a.m. Ladybrook; Sun. 4, 6.30 p.m., Nuthall, St. Patrick\*; Sun. 4, 6.30 p.m. Nottingham, St. Ann with Emmanuel; Sun. 4, 6.30 p.m. Worksop, St. Ann†; Tues. 6, 7.30 p.m. Hyson Green St. Paul, St. Stephen†; Thurs. 8, 7.30 p.m. Blyth; Sun. 11, 10.30 a.m. Bingham; Sun. 11, 3 p.m. Nottingham St. Mary\*; Sun. 11, 6.30 p.m. Eastwood\*; Sun. 11, 6.30 p.m. Sneinton, St. Christopher†; Sun. 11, 6.30 p.m. Worksop St. John; Sun. 25, 9.30 a.m. Mansfield St. Mark; Thurs. 29, 7.30 p.m. Carlton, St. Paul\*.

\* Bishop of Sherwood † Bishop Bernard Markham.

## Confirmation Alms go to Ruanda

CONFIRMATION alms amounting to £700, collected in the Southwell Diocese in the course of 1975, have been sent by the Bishop to the Church in Ruanda. The money is to assist the work of the small Gahini Theological College in the centre of Africa which relies completely upon the offerings of church members inside the Diocese of Uganda, therefore any extras that are received from friends abroad are always welcome. It will be recalled that the Bishop of Ruanda was present at the St. Peter's Day Ordination in Southwell Minster in 1974.

This year the Bishop has agreed that confirmation collections should be on behalf of the Church in Burma.

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. Michael Augustine Cooper, Curate of Winwick, Diocese of Liverpool, has been appointed Assistant Curate at Gedling. He will take up his appointment on March 1 and will reside at Netherfield Vicarage.

The Rev. Frederick William Stephenl, Rector of Cotgrave and Vicar of Owthorpe since 1963, has been appointed senior chaplain at the Addenbrooke's, Hospital, Cambridge and will take up his new post on March 1.

The Rev. David John Nash will be licensed as Team Vicar at Holy Trinity, Clifton, by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday March 5 at 7.30 p.m.

#### OBITUARY

The Rev. Thomas Jackson Yates, head of the Religious Education department at Rushcliffe Comprehensive School, West Bridgford, died at his home at 101 Repton Road, West Bridgford on January 29. He was 61.

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## Presentation to John Marks

A gift of a cheque from the diocese was presented by the Bishop of Southwell on January 24 to Mr. John Marks to mark his retirement after 15 years as Diocesan Youth Officer.

The ceremony took place in the Trebeck Hall, Southwell, in the presence of many friends and colleagues at County Hall who also made their own presentation.

The Bishop said Mr. Marks has been an example to the laymen of the diocese on how a Christian layman should exercise his ministry.

## Thanksgiving for Diocesan Reader

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr. Herbert Henry Teather was held at St. Margarets, Aspley on Friday February 6, when the Bishop of Southwell led the prayers and the preacher was the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. Michael Brown, Warden of the Readers Association.

Mr. Teather, who died on January 26, aged 73, was churchwarden at St. Margaret's, from 1940 to 1970. He became a member of the Readers Association in 1952 and was appointed diocesan treasurer in 1971. He served as its representative on the Central Readers Board since 1963. He was headmaster of the Rufford Junior School, Bulwell until his retirement. He leaves a widow.

### SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Tues. Mar 2, Concert—Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (7.30 p.m.); Sun. 7, Preacher, Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith (9.30 a.m.); Fri. 12—Sat. 13, Southwell Minster Grammar School perform "Murder in the Cathedral" (7.30 p.m.); Sun. 14, Preacher, Mr. Andrew Burnham (9.30 a.m.); Tues. 16, Evensong sung by Quarrydale Comprehensive School, Skegby (5.45 p.m.); Sun. 28, Service arranged by Southwell Minster Grammar School (6.30 p.m.); Tues. 30, Quiet Day for Clergy. Conductor: The Bishop of Aston.

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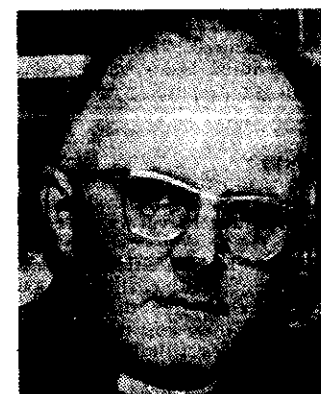
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CANON PETER BOULTON gives his impressions  
as a delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly

## Solidarity—the message from Nairobi

FOR me, the message from Nairobi — as well as my own experience of it — can be summed up in the word: SOLIDARITY. I use it because it is highly Christian and highly social and political — all the things that English people try hard to avoid discussing. The Kenyans have a word for it and they are not ashamed to name one of their capital's main roads with it — HARAMBEE. The Bible has a word for it — "Communion" or "Fellowship" (Greek: Koinonia).



Canon Peter Boulton

Nairobi will be remembered as the Assembly where world Christians placed the idea of "solidarity" firmly into the World Council's constitution in these words as its function and purpose:

1. to call the churches to the goal of visible unity in one faith and in one eucharistic fellowship expressed in worship and in common life in Christ, and to advance towards that unity in order that the world may believe;
2. to facilitate the common witness of the churches in each place and in all places;
3. to support the churches in their worldwide missionary and evangelistic task;
4. to express the common concern of the churches in the service of human need, the breaking down of barriers between people, and the promotion of one human family in justice and peace;
5. to foster the renewal of the churches in unity, worship, mission and service.

During those three crowded weeks of common worship and debate this message came through to me at all the differing levels of the assembly's working. For this imaginative use of organisation I award full marks to Dr. Potter and his assistants.

### TRAFFIC IN ARMS

For instance, if I had not been able to do some Bible study with a small group, which included the Angolan Secretary of the Programme to Combat Racism, I should never have learned so vividly the present demand of Christ to us (today's disciples) to descend with Him from the mount of transfiguration and become involved with Him in the real agonies of humanity. This is how African Christians involved in working and fighting for freedom see the WCC grants-in-aid of their movements. As acts of solidarity between brothers in the common struggle against all that binds and imprisons human beings. It was in this same spirit that there came a strong demand to set up a Programme to Combat Militarism. Is Britain — one of the readiest suppliers of military equipment in the world — ready to accept the cost in money and jobs following from the abandonment of its traffic in the sale of arms? How far will SOLIDARITY with war victims take us?

Again, in one of the hearings (about 100 people in each) I heard Russian and East German churchmen plead for (and obtain) real solidarity from Western Christians in understanding their position as Christian citizens of an atheist Communist state. There were many from the West who wished to impose a strong condemnation of the restriction of religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain and virtually challenged Eastern Europeans to vote for it. This debate on the Helsinki Agreement was hotly contested and could have split the WCC on political lines. But again, the sense of solidarity came to the fore as the non-aligned

— including the British delegation — acted in the role of brotherly mediators to bring about a frank expression of concern about the issue whilst recognising the political realities of life in Eastern Europe. Western churchmen were also reminded that they have no room to hand out advice in the matter of witness when the number of practising Christians per head of population is relatively higher in Eastern Europe compared with the West. Our brother Christians of the Orthodox Faith are eager to share their insights and strong faith in solidarity with us in our present dilemmas. I, for one, hope we shall not ignore this offer.

In the larger (200 strong) Sections — mine was "Confessing Christ Today" — there was a strong lobby (expressed by the Anglican evangelical John Stott) for emphasising the need for personal evangelism in contra-distinction to the social gospel. After strongly expressed views from both sides a positive result was obtained by the acceptance that both these elements, together with pastoral care, must be seen as essential to one another in the total mission of the Church to bring Christ to individuals and groups in society and to bear upon the structures of society in which they live. Here, the Bolivian Bishop Arias expressed for us the solidarity of the evangelist and the fighter for social justice. "Evangelism" he said, "addresses man in the totality of his being: individual and social, physical and spiritual, historical and eternal"; word and action are inseparably mixed.

#### CHALLENGE OF DISUNITY

Then, in the plenary sessions, including all 2,300 members of the assembly, there was a real sense of Christian solidarity. On a purely technical level we were able to hear our own language through the instantaneous translation system. On a mental level we heard papers expressing the insights of the great Christian traditions upon our present-day concerns, finding that they reinforced, challenged and complemented our faith, more especially when they came from the midst of cultures and political systems different from our own. Most impressive to me were the contributions of Fr. Cyril Argenti (an Orthodox priest working in Marseilles) and Monsignor Mueller from the Vatican Secretariat for Unity. Fr. Cyril challenged us to face what disunity involves — if Christians are not united, they cannot be the Church. "If we are not the Church we cannot be the Body of Christ; how then will the world know that this body is living today, how can it believe that Christ is risen?"

Canon Mueller spoke of the personal interest of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church in closer collaboration with the WCC, of the agreement and support of his church for the moves towards visible unity and reminded us of the words of Pope Paul's message: "May the assurance of our fraternal solidarity hearten you for the years ahead."

Then came the Australian biologist Professor Charles Birch's strong call to the Christian Church fearlessly to pursue the solidarity of Nature, Man and God for the benefit of mankind. Christians must work for a "sustainable global society" where all would care for each and each for all and where the emphasis would be "on people and not on goods". "If the life of the world is to be renewed it will have to be with a new sort of science and technology, governed by a new sort of economics and politics." "We must live simply — so that others can simply live" is the sort of solidarity being demanded from the richer nations as an immediate priority, and Christians' life style should be the starting point. Christ alone has given us that spiritual unity which alone gives the physical its meaning. The sacramental life of the Church is where Christians can learn again the meaning of all creation.

So, from the least expected quarter — the meditations of a practising scientist — we were thrown back upon the central act of worship of the Church — the Eucharist. We shared in this worship — not always in the act of Communion — as received by very many of the traditions represented at Nairobi with a mixture of joy and pain. Joy that we shared this unifying act of the Lord, pain in that the fullness of complete solidarity is still in the future, yet perhaps within sight. "This", as Dr. Potter put it, "is the local task within the total vision."

## Around the Diocese

**Organist-choirmaster** required for St. Mark's, Mansfield. Organ recently restored. Inquiries to the Rev. David Hatter (Mansfield 22894).

**Miss Mabel Wolfit** of Lound started her 60th year as local church organist on Sunday February 1, 1976. Miss Wolfit is a second cousin of the late Sir Donald Wolfit.

**'Murder in the Cathedral'** — Two performances of the Minster Grammar School's production of T. S. Eliot's verse drama, based on the martyrdom at Canterbury in 1170 of Archbishop Thomas Becket, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13 at 7.30 p.m. in Southwell Minster. Tickets, price 50p each, are available from the Secretary at the School, from the Vergers at the Minster, and at K. G. Blair's, the Newsagents, Market Place, Southwell.

**Missions to Seamen.** The Annual General Meeting of the Nottinghamshire Committee will be held on Monday March 15 at 7.30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church Rooms, Maid Marion Way, Nottingham. It is hoped that the Rt. Rev. Richard Darby, the Bishop of Sherwood, will be present.

**St. Leonard's Church, Newark** are eager to have an organist. Enquiries to Rev. Andrew Read, St. Leonard's House, 56 Winthorpe Road. Tel: Newark 3691.

**Sister Stella Mary** from St. Hilda's Priory, Sneaton Castle, Whitby, Yorkshire has been appointed Assistant Chaplain in the University of Nottingham.

**Quiet Day for Clergy.** Southwell Minster, March 30. Conductor—Bishop of Aston.

**Mothers' Union, World Day of Prayer** will be observed on Lady Day, Thurs. March 25 at the following churches; St. Giles, West Bridgford, 10 a.m. (W. Bingham deanery); Beeston, 2.30 p.m. (Beeston deanery); Tuxford, 3 p.m. (Tuxford deanery); Selston, 3.15 p.m. (Bulwell deanery); Costock, 7.30 p.m. (W. Bingham deanery).



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# THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN MARCH

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

There will be an evening Eucharist at 7.30 on Wednesdays in Lent, followed by a 'get together' at the Rectory to talk about our Christian Faith. Normally on the other weekdays there will be Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. and on Sundays the Parish Eucharist at 9.00 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

I am so glad and grateful to those who arrange the coffee after the Family Eucharist on the first Sunday in the month.

On Saturdays I shall be in church at 5.30 p.m. to be available for counselling and at other times by appointment.

## Annual General Meeting

This will take place at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21st after Evensong. All whose names are on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. If you are a worshipper and over 17, and are not on the Roll, please fill up a form of application, a copy of which can be obtained at the back of the church.

At the Annual General Meeting we shall elect Churchwardens, Sidesmen and members of the Parochial Church Council. These posts are very important and, if you are a keen member of the congregation, you could help your church a lot by accepting office.

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MOTHERING SUNDAY (28th March)

Services: 8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.00 Parish Eucharist  
3.00 Service for families  
(No service at 6.30 p.m.)

On this day we thank God for our mothers, for our holy mother the Church and for the Mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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R.I.P.

February 20th John Randsley died in his sleep.  
He was a regular communicant on Wednesday mornings and church cleaner.  
May he rest in peace.

February 26th Florence Hoyles, aunt of Mr. Fred Hunt.  
Mrs. Hoyles was 92 and, after living for a long time in East Bridgford, she lived for the last part of her life at Southwell.

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LADY DAY

March 25th is the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her response to God's choice. There will be Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Here is a modern hymn about the Mother of Jesus:-

For Mary, Mother of our Lord,  
God's holy name be praised,  
Who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.

Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,  
though hard the task assigned,  
Any by the Holy Ghost conceived  
the Saviour of mankind.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Brenda Bond from the Nottinghamshire Keep Fit Association gave a talk about keeping fit for all ages. She then asked everyone to join her in a few simple exercises to music. Mrs. Hilary Curtis gave the vote of thanks.

Miss Doris Hand read a letter from our link Institute in New Zealand. Miss Hand has been correspondent for 47 years.

The March meeting will be the Annual Meeting when voting takes place for the new Committee and Officers for the next year.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met at the Rectory on 18th February. They heard that a Parish Breakfast was being arranged for 27th June (Feast Sunday) when it was possible that the Bishop of Sherwood would be present.

The Deanery Synod would be holding a Service and a Meeting at East Bridgford on 29th June.

News from the Diocesan Synod seemed to indicate that the Diocesan Quota for 1977 was likely to be 44% higher than in 1976, which already showed a substantial increase over the Quota for 1975. The figure for 1977 was likely to be about £1080.

Other items discussed included furniture for the children's corner, the price of fuel oil, the insurance of the church premises and contents, and preliminary arrangements for the Annual Church Meeting.

The Council once again were grateful to the Rector for the hospitality which he provided. The Rector thanked the members of the Council for their interest and efforts in their year of office which would shortly come to an end.

### READERS AND READINGS

#### March 14th - Second in Lent

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 35. 1-10	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.) 1 John 3. 1-8	Miss C.Price
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 43, 1-15 (16-26) 27-end	Mr. G.Stobbs
(N.T.) Luke 22. 24-53	Miss P.Stobbs

#### March 21st - Third in Lent

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 45, 18-25	Miss E.Slack
(Ep.) Colossians 1, 24-29	Mr. P.Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 44. 1-45.8	Mr.A.Curtis
(N.T.) Luke 22. 54-end	Mrs. J.Jones

#### March 28th - Fourth in Lent. Mothering Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Kings 19, 1-12	Mrs.J.Cornell
(Ep.) 2 Peter 1, 16-19	Mr. R.Hunt
6.30 (O.T.) Genesis 45, 16-46, 7	Mr.H.Russell
(N.T.) Luke 23, 1-25	Mr. A. Reid

#### April 4th - Fifth in Lent. Passion Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Jeremiah 31, 31-34	Mr. P.Blandy
(Ep.) Hebrews 9, 11-15	Miss C.Gould
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 6, 2-13	Miss A.Gould
(N.T.) Luke 23, 26-49	Dr. G.Brooks

### SIDESMEN

March 14th	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
March 21st	9.00	Mr. Moore	6.30	Capt. Jay
March 28th	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
April 4th	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand

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### SERVICES

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

Weekdays: Holy Eucharist on most days.  
See notice in Church Porch for details.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY -  
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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,

By the time you get this Parish News we shall be approaching the most important week in the whole year for the Christian. This is called Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and goes on till Easter Day. This year the dates are April 11-18. The three days Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday have been marked by the Church for centuries by re-enacting the events which took place at the first. So on Maundy Thursday we re-enact the Last Supper by a special Eucharist. In some churches it is the custom not only to have the Eucharistic Sacrifice but the chief celebrant washes the feet of twelve men ceremonially in remembrance of the action of Jesus and, after the service, a watch of prayer is kept until 12 midnight in commemoration of the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We shall keep the watch in S. Michael's chapel this year and I hope the chart with the time divided up into quarter hours will be filled up. There is much to pray for in the Church and the world, and to pray at what we might call anti-social hours may be some contribution we can make in honour of our Lord's Passion and to share in the sufferings and deprivation of so many people today. As I was watching the T.V. yesterday and the news about Lebanon came on, the announcer said, "This is a Christian gunman!!" Perhaps such a shocking possibility will help us in our prayers for unity and peace.

Good Friday is the day of the Crucifixion of Jesus. There will be a Family Service at 10.30 a.m. and the Liturgy of the day at 7.30 p.m. This consists of the reading of the Passion from St. John's Gospel and prayers of intercession, followed by an act of worship of our Crucified King.

On Saturday evening we have a very short service with readings from the Old Testament, the proclamation of the Risen Jesus as the Light of

the World followed by the Eucharist.

The following day is, of course, the greatest day in the year - Easter Day, the day of Christ's glorious Resurrection when we sing our joyful alleluias. There is a very important thing to note. We Christians do not believe in deathless life, but in LIFE THROUGH DEATH. This is the Christian Rhythm and it is summed up by S. Paul in Philippians 3.10, "That I may know Him and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable unto His death".

May these great and glorious truths become real to us, especially those who have recently been bereaved, and may we show that we believe by the way we keep the Holy Week.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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#### HOLY BAPTISM

29 February Rebecca Kate Drusilla and James Fulton, children of William Fulton and Christine Drusilla NEIL.

21 March Jayne Nadine, daughter of Michael John and Dorothy May OWEN

Rebecca Lucy, Daughter of John Thomas and Lynda Joanne HEATHCOTE.

We welcome these children into the Church.

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#### HOLY MATRIMONY

27 March Ian Gilling and Cherry Ann Jacobson. May they be blessed in their married life together.

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R.I.P.

19 March Anne Partridge.  
We assure Mr. Partridge and his two boys of our prayers and sympathy.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- 11 April PALM SUNDAY  
9.00 Parish Eucharist  
6.30 Evensong (preacher - Canon C. Watson, Vicar of Gedling)
- 12, 13th April Monday and Tuesday  
7.30 a.m. Eucharist
- 14 April 10.00 Eucharist  
2.30 Mothers' Union Service
- 15 April MAUNDY THURSDAY  
7.30 p.m. Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch of Prayer until midnight.
- 16 April GOOD FRIDAY  
10.30 Family Service  
7.30 p.m. The Reading of the Passion, Prayers and Act of Worship.
- 17 April HOLY SATURDAY  
8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service
- 18 April EASTER DAY  
8.00 Holy Communion at Kneeton  
9.00 Parish Eucharist  
10.30 Family Eucharist  
6.30 Evensong

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The Rector will be in church at 3 p.m. on Thursday 15 April, at 5.30 p.m. on Good Friday 16 April, and on Holy Saturday 17 April, for counselling and confession and consultation.

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Annual Meeting held on the evening of Sunday 21 March, Mr. Fred Hunt and Mr. Gordon Stobbs were unanimously re-elected as Churchwardens.

The revised Electoral Roll, showing a membership of 140 was received; the Secretary mentioned that during the year we had lost several parishioners but we had welcomed some newcomers to the parish and a few younger people had enrolled on attaining the age of 17.

The Secretary reported that the P.C.C. had held four very well attended meetings during the year and, in addition to dealing with the business matters of the church, had given serious consideration to the services and liturgical matters. He thanked the Rector and Miss Render for their hospitality when meetings were held.

The Treasurer submitted audited accounts which, after making provision for future upkeep and repairs, showed a deficit of £150. A number of new covenants had been received but, even so, we should still be short of our budget for 1976 and Mr. Blandy urged all who could to complete deeds of covenant.

Mr. Hunt reported that various structural repairs had been completed. There was some damp on the chancel wall and some pews required attention, but he considered that the church fabric was sound for the next year. He thanked the ladies of the Sanctuary Guild for providing curtains for the south door and all those who had helped with the cleaning of the church.

The Deanery Synod had met three times during the year. Financial problems had loomed large in the discussions, as had the possibility of some parishes having to be grouped together. The Deanery Synod would meet in East Bridgford on 29 June.

Mr. Guy reported that the bells were sound in condition and also the ropes. There were ten regular ringers which ensured that six bells could be rung every Sunday.

Mrs. Goddard reported that the choir had lost three members and gained two so that the number was reduced to twelve and new members would be welcomed.

Mr. Clarke said that the Sunday School had 18 members with an average attendance of 13. The children had been encouraged to think about the Church overseas, they had attended a special Service at Cleethorpes, had gone to a Christingle service at Radcliffe and had held a successful Christmas Party.

Mrs. Lawson reported that the Mothers' Union had had a successful season with a membership of 22, one of whom had been a member for 50 years.

Mrs. Reid gave details of the activities of the Sanctuary Guild and mentioned the work which had been done on the altar panels, vestments and an altar frontal. She also explained that kneelers were now being worked by an increasing number of people.

The following were elected as members of the P.C.C.:-

Mesdames Backhouse, Bontoft, Brooks, Jones, Lawson, Marson, Moore, Reid, Slack and Clarke.  
Messrs. Ashton, Curtis, Finch, Guy, Clarke, Hand, Moore, Payne, Reid and Ruff.

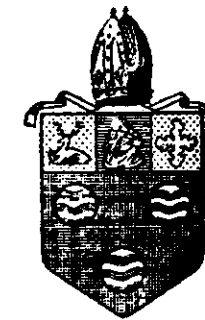
The Sidesmen elected were Messrs. Brooks, Curtis, Hand, Jay, Payne and Reid.

In conclusion the Rector expressed his gratitude to the various members and office holders who had given their services and had loyally supported him. He considered the parish to be a happy one and he hoped that the volume of support would increase still further, especially at the Parish Eucharist which was the most important and valuable service of the week.

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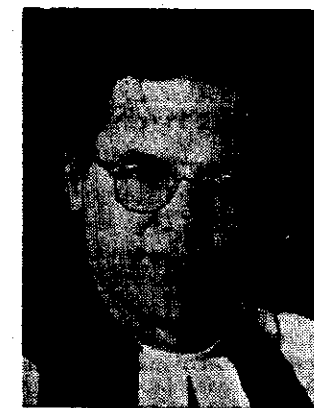
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### The Bishop's Letter

## Improve our Care of the Dying

DEAR Friends,—I have been much moved by the recent debates on Euthanasia, both that which took place in the House of Lords of which I was only able to read and that which took place in General Synod. Those who want a manageable document to read on the subject could not do better than buy the quite admirable report produced by a Working Party of the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility entitled "On dying well". (Church Information Office 85p). In my mind all the relevant issues are sympathetically and realistically reviewed and the conclusions reached quite irrefutable.



Canon Michael Jackson, who is chairman of the Diocesan Working Party on Baptism.

In brief the findings of this Working Party show that to change the law in favour of making it possible for a person to leave documentary permission for his own life to be ended if he was faced with the reality of painful terminal illness will not really help the eventual sufferer, nor the relatives nor society in general, nor the medical profession which has to deal with the process of dying. As things stand at the moment, doctors are able by the use of drugs to help people so that they can die with dignity without pain and without detriment to their personality.

Two conclusions are worth quoting: "If all the care of the dying were up to the standards of the best, there would be few cases in which there was even a prima facie argument for euthanasia; better alternative means of alleviating distress would almost always be available if modern techniques and human understanding and care of the patient were universally practical". "It should be the aim to improve the care of the dying in hospitals and hospices and in their homes to as near this standard as the money and the staff available will allow. We think that, at present, ignorance and mistaken ideas are greater obstacles than shortage of money or staff."

One thing that came clearly out of the recent debates is this need for improving our care of the dying and our training of those who care for them as well as our support of those who at home love and care for relatives in their last days. Any one who has the privilege of working as a chaplain in a geriatric hospital or nursing home knows how much is achieved with often inadequate resources. It looks

as though financial stringency will prevent the Government providing much extension of the hospital facilities for the terminally ill. What action then can we take in a voluntary capacity to improve the present situation?

Is it beyond the capacity of those of us who live in this county to see if the provision of a hospice for the dying, where the appropriate nursing and palliative treatment is given, is possible?

Is it possible for us to encourage the creation of interdisciplinary teams who can study and improve the care that we are now giving? "The care of a dying person and his family must be a shared work, and involves nurses, the social workers and the chaplain; perhaps also the volunteer, the ward orderly and the receptionist." One thing is clear: when death becomes inevitable then is the time not for less effort but more to ensure that all the caring skills are brought into action in harmony to make death dignified and peaceful.

Are we able to support by voluntary neighbourly help those who have the duty of ministering to aged and dying relatives in their own homes? How can we do this better? All of us know of relatives who gladly sacrifice themselves for the care of their relatives but do we give them the right and the sufficient support they need? This is a pastoral problem.

This month we remember the Passion of Christ. Christ showed us how to die. His end was an offering back to God of the life God had given him. His death was an act of worship. But in his dying he was supported by his mother, who stood faithfully by the cross to do her part. His mother in her turn was supported by a friend, the beloved disciple. And in the end it was the dying Christ who cared for his relative and friend.

We need to be the friends of those who comfort their dying relatives, so that those relatives die well. Often it proves true that those who seek to comfort derive more comfort than they give, such is the sympathy between the dying and those who serve them.

Perhaps more important than all else is the need of a more lively faith and the capacity to impart it on the part of both clergy and laity so that what is often a time of non-communication becomes the opportunity for the dying to talk about their end and prepare themselves for it.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Sat. April 3, Choral Society Concert—The Messiah (7.30 p.m.); Sun. 4, Preacher Canon W. Snow (11 a.m.); Palm Sunday, 11, Sung Eucharist (11 a.m.); Music for Holy Week (3.15 p.m.); Thurs. 15, Holy Communion (Deanery) 8 p.m.; Good Friday, 16, 3 Hours' Devotion—The Archdeacon of Newark, (Noon—3 p.m.); Easter Sunday, 18, Preacher—The Bishop (11 a.m.); Easter Monday, 19, Organ Recital—Peter Wood, Assistant Organist of Southwell Minster (3.30 p.m.); Sat. 24, Central Notts. Scouts Service and Parade (3 p.m.); Sun. 25, South East Notts. Scouts Service and Parade (3 p.m.).

The choir begins its holiday after the 3.15 p.m. service on Easter Day and returns on May 5.

#### CONFIRMATIONS IN MAY

Sun. 2, 10.30 a.m. Bramcote\*; Sun. 2, 6.30 p.m. Wollaton, St. Leonard†; Thurs. 6, 7.30 p.m. East Markham\*; Sun. 9, 10 a.m. Woodthorpe; Wed. 12, 7.30 p.m. Farnfield\*; Wed. 12, 7.30 p.m. Broxtowe, St. Martha†; Thurs. 13, 7.15 p.m. Boughton†; Sun. 16, 10 a.m. Edwinstowe\*; Sun. 16, 11 a.m. Worksop College; Sun. 16, 6.30 p.m. W. Bridgford, St. Giles†; Thurs. 20, 7.30 p.m. Sutton-on-Trent†; Thurs. 20, 7.30 p.m. Harworth\*; Sun. 23, 10 a.m. West Retford\*; Wed. 26, 7.30 p.m. Sutton-in-Ashfield, St. Mary\*; Thurs. 27, 3 p.m. (Ascension), Minster\*; Thurs. 27, 7.30 p.m. Bulwell, St. Mary\*; Thurs. 27, 7.30 p.m. Attenborough, St. Mary†; Sun. 30, 9.30 a.m. Mansfield, St. Peter\*; Sun. 30, 6.30 p.m. Ruddington.

\* By Bishop of Sherwood † By Bishop Bernard Markham.

## Around the Diocese

**Mothers' Union.** Bingham Deanery Festival, Radcliffe-on-Trent, April 27 7.30 p.m.; Retford Deanery Festival, Sutton-cum-Lound, April 29 2.45 p.m.

**Readers' Association.** Mr. A. Beattie, of 37 Wensley Road, Woodthorpe, Arnold (Phone: Nottm. 268023) is now treasurer.

**Minster Appeal.** Preparations have begun for a major appeal on behalf of Southwell Minster to be launched later in the year or early in 1977. The target has not yet been assessed but will not be less than £250,000.

**Organist and choirmaster required for Edwalton Parish Church.** Apply Canon E. W. Sheeran (Phone Nottingham 232034).

**Quiet Day for clergy wives** will be held at Morley Retreat House on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. conducted by the Rt. Rev. T. R. Parfitt, M.A., cost £1. Those wishing to attend please contact the Warden by June 17.

**Mr. Robert Darby**, deputy head of the C. of E. Middle School, Newport, Isle of Wight, has been appointed headmaster of St. John's C. of E. School, Mansfield from September 1, when it becomes a Middle School.

**Southwell Minster School Governors** have appointed Mr. George Whitaker to the headship. He is deputy head at the King Edward VI School, Lichfield, and takes up his new post after Easter to have a term to plan before September.

**C.M.S.** praises the Lord and gives thanks to those who gave, cared and prayed so sacrificially for the Society in 1975. It was a wonderful year. But remember Phil. 1, v. 6.—*Graham Bewley.*

**The Ashton Charity.** The trustees anticipate that they will be in a position to make grants this summer for the relief of poor clergymen and poor clergymen's widows. Application forms available from Mr. W. R. S. Osborne, of 24 West Street, Dunstable, Beds., LU6 1SN, must be returned by May 1.

**Mr. Gerald Arthur Townsend**, a Reader at East Leake for the past 11 years, and senior careers master at Clifton Comprehensive School, died in Derbyshire Royal Infirmary on February 13. He was 50.

**Burma Film.** Canon Albert M. Brown, the Bishop's Adviser on Overseas Relations, has a sound strip on the Church in Burma — this year's project for confirmation alms — and this can be borrowed by phoning him at Worksop 2595.

**"Getting Married"**, a British Medical Association publication, is available to clergy for distribution free of charge to young couples. Applications for supplies should be made to Mr. Brian Noake, Secretary, Southwell Diocesan Board of Finance, Church House, Park Row, Nottingham (phone Nottm. 46515).

**Series 3 Evensong.** It is proposed to have a combined choirs festival using Series 3 Evensong, at St. Peter's, Ruddington on Saturday October 23. This half-day course should prove particularly useful to clergy and choirs who may eventually use this new form of service. In order to ascertain possible support for such an event, those interested are asked to contact Mr. Peter Shepherd, 24 Westerham Road, Ruddington (Phone: Nottm. 215298).

**Required immediately, organist and choirmaster for St. Mary, Sutton-in-Ashfield.** Apply Rev. John Hardy, Sutton-in-Ashfield 4509.

## Working Party on Baptism

The Working Party on Baptism has been set up with the following terms of reference: To recommend guidelines which the Bishop may issue to the diocese, after the approval of the Diocesan Synod, with regard to baptismal policy to be observed in each parish. The Working Party to take note of the views expressed both in the General Synod and in the Diocesan Synod. Any guidelines suggested must conform to the Canons of the Church of England.

The Working Party would be glad to have views from individual clergy and laity, parishes, synods and chapters on baptismal policy, and would like to know of policies current in the diocese. If duplicated or printed copies are available, copies for the eight members of the Working Party would be helpful. Please write to the Secretary of the Working Party: The Rev. C. E. Jones, The Vicarage, 10 Moor Lane, Bunny with Bradmore, Nottingham.

## Diocesan Synod — February 14

IN his presidential address the Bishop spoke of the response to his "Seven Questions" which were showing that very few deaneries felt they had either surplus buildings or an excessive number of priests. The Bishop said that by 1981 the Church of England would have 11,000 parochial clergy—and Southwell's share would be 199. This represented a fall of 24 from the present number.

Mr. Alan Davis, chairman of the Board of Finance, put forward for consultation a draft Budget for 1977, providing for an increase of 44 per cent to £335,166, most of which would be taken in maintaining clergy stipends at the minimum figure recommended by the Central Stipends Authority. Many members thought an increase of this size would be beyond the resources of the parishes, even if the counter-inflation policy meant an increase in clergy stipends less than the 15 per cent that had been postulated.

A short debate on liturgy was an interesting and too infrequent example of parochial initiative. Elston and St. Mark's, Woodthorpe, had suggested that in all Series III services the Lord's Prayer should be printed in its traditional as well as its new form. The Diocesan Synod passed the motion by a reasonable majority, and sent it to the General Synod.

Mansfield had a resolution which asked the Synod to affirm its expectation that God would continue to call men and women into the full-time ministry of the Church and make proper financial provision for those in the ministry. In the end it was withdrawn because members felt there were difficulties in accepting a motion which appeared to foresee the future in a world as uncertain as the present.

—J.T.F.

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. Paul Lloyd Botting, Curate in the team ministry at Torquay, Diocese of Exeter, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael and All Angels, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Ordained at Southwell in 1971, he served his title at St. Mary Magdalene, Hucknall Torkard until June 1974.

### THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN APRIL

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

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### EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee has embarked on a programme of improvements which will include initially:

- Improved lighting,
- Insulation of the roof,
- Replacement of fixed stage by moveable rostra staging,
- Plastering of walls and redecoration.

At a later stage, alterations to the kitchen and a number of other much needed improvements will follow. To enable work to be done, the hall will be closed for two periods, from 20 April to 5 May and for the whole of July. Although the work is being assisted by grants from the Parish Council and Rushcliffe District Council, voluntary effort in both fund raising and practical work will be needed to see the project through to completion. Help is being given by patients of Saxondale Hospital in making new staging and Whatton Detention Centre has also promised help in plastering and painting. If you could offer practical assistance, which need not be skilled, please get in touch with Andrew James, 67 Main Street (Tel: 512) who is co-ordinating the improvements. He would be delighted to hear from you.

### Four dates for your diary:

On the evening of Friday, 11 June the Village Hall Committee is holding a summer supper at the Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Hanson at The Hill, East Bridgford.

During the afternoon of Saturday 25 September there will be a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall with an "almost new" section.

On Saturday, 4 December there will be the Annual Christmas Fair in the afternoon.

On the evening of Friday 31 December there will be a New Year Dance in the Village Hall. All four of these interesting events will

contribute to the Improvement Fund. Details of costs and times will be announced nearer the dates . . . meanwhile the important thing is MAKE A NOTE OF ALL FOUR IN YOUR DIARY.

#### Formation of Badminton Club

From September onwards the Village Hall will be available and ideally suitable for playing Badminton. At present the length of the Hall is too short, but the replacement of the stage and the improved lighting will provide first class conditions. If you are interested in playing Badminton and would like to participate in the formation of a village club, please come to a meeting in the Village Hall Committee Room on Thursday 13 May at 8 p.m. when the prospects of forming such a club will be discussed. If you are interested but are unable to come on that evening, please get in touch with Valerie James, 67 Main Street (Tel: 512) who can note your interest and give further information.

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club in East Bridgford has two grass courts sited next to the Rectory on Kirk Hill. New members of all ages and playing standards are welcome for the coming season, which starts on 1 May. Membership fees are:

Juniors under 16 yrs	...	£1
Adults	...	£3
Families	...	£5

There is plenty of room for infants to play whilst parents lose weight on the courts. More information may be had from the Secretary, so pick up the telephone and ring East Bridgford 471 NOW!

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#### ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY

To open the Season  
EAST BRIDGFORD TENNIS CLUB  
are holding a

#### WILD WEST BUFFET DANCE

at the Village Hall on Friday 7 May

Dancing to  
'TWICE AS NICE'

Tickets £1.50 Supper included.

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#### REMINDER OF ANOTHER EVENT

On Thursday 29 April the William Turner Ladies' Choir and String Ensemble, conducted by Miss Helen Sandy, will give a concert in East Bridgford Church starting at 7.30 p.m. This promises to be a really good musical evening - so don't miss it!

The Choir was founded in 1902 and is well known both in Nottingham and further afield, having won trophies and prizes at several places in the north of England and in Wales.

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#### YET ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY

East Bridgford Liberals are holding a sale (nearly new clothes, cakes, books, jumble, etc.) on Saturday 22 May in the W.I. Hut beginning at 2.30 p.m. If you would like anything collected from your house please ring Pat Jones (Tel: 215) or Sally Marson (Tel: 473). In any case, support on the day will be most welcome.

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#### AND A REMINDER OF YET ANOTHER DATE

East Bridgford Lifeboat Guild has collected £200 so far this year through a Jumble Sale and Sale of Nearly New Clothing. The main event for this year will be the LIFEBOAT SPONSORED WALK which is planned for SUNDAY 25 APRIL. It is intended that the walk shall follow the same course as that of the very successful walk two years ago, in which 114 people took part and £800 was raised, but in the reverse direction. That is to say, it will go from East Bridgford along lanes and footpaths through Car Colston, Screveton, Flintham and Syerston, across the Trent at Hazelford Ferry and back along the towpath - a total distance of 15 miles.

Information and sponsorship forms from:-

Mrs. A.D.H. Jay, 21 Main Street. Tel E.B.338  
or Mrs. A.C. Latty, 16 Kneeton Road. Tel E.B.260

#### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Jay V.C.O. spoke about the cost of running a first class organisation, and realistic subscriptions. Miss D. Hand showed slides of her Norwegian holiday.

Officers elected for the next year were:

Mrs. C. Atkins, President  
Mrs. M. Chapman, Treasurer and Mrs. E. Meylan, Secretary.

A talk about Vegetarians and what they eat is the subject for the April meeting.

THE BROWNIES would like to thank all those who helped in any way with their Jumble Sale. A profit of £61 was made, and with this the Brownies are 'adopting' a child suffering from leprosy, the remainder going towards their Pack Holiday.

Newspapers are still being saved and Brownies will be glad to collect any if you let Mrs. Bontoft, Mrs. Guy or any Brownie know.

#### READERS AND READINGS

##### April 11th - Palm Sunday

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	Hebrews 10, 1-10	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 52.13-53 end.	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	Luke 19. 29-end.	Miss H. Slack

April 15th - Maundy Thursday	7.30 p.m.)	Readers
April 16th - Good Friday	7.30 p.m.)	to be
April 17th - Holy Saturday	8.00 p.m.)	arranged.

##### April 18th - Easter Day

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 12, 1-6	Capt. A. Jay
(Ep.)	1 Cor. 5.7c-8	Mr. R. Hunt
10.30 (O.T.)	Exodus 14.15-22	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	1 Cor. 15.12-20	Miss P. Stobbs
6.30 (O.T.)	Exodus 14.5-end.	Mr. J. Guy
(N.T.)	John 20.11-23	Dr. G. Brooks

##### April 25th - First after Easter

9.00 (O.T.)	Exodus 16.4-15	Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.)	1 Cor. 15.53-58	Miss S. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 17.8-end	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	John 20.24-end.	Mrs. J. Jones

##### May 2nd - Second after Easter

9.00 (O.T.)	Ezekiel 34.7-15	Miss A. Gould
(Ep.)	1 Peter 5.1-11	Mr. J. Ruff
6.30 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 4.25-40	Mr. R. Hunt
(N.T.)	Revelation 2.1-17	Mr. P. Blandy.

#### SIDESMEN

April 11	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
April 18	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
April 25	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
May 2	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand

# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

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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: Holy Eucharist on most days.  
See notice in Church Porch for details.

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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NEWS SHEET

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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

June is sometimes called 'Flaming June'! Let us hope that it will be a lovely month with plenty of rain during the night and lots of sunshine during the day. We might think, with profit, of the Love of GOD shown to us in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Without committing ourselves to some of the sentimentality and crudity of its manifestations in some religious circles, there is a truth here not to be forgotten and it is true that, behind this world of sense and time - this mysterious world of ours - there is a Person who (to use a human phrase) has a heart and that the key to life's mystery is not an atomic bomb or some highly intellectual puzzle but LOVE. That is what the Christian Religion is about - not morality, not even orthodoxy, but that the God who made it is the one who redeems it and that the final word has been said and is still being said by JESUS. You can often get at the truth of a matter by asking a simple question. "What is the alternative?" And so what is the alternative to the Christian teaching about life? If you have one please let me know! The only one I know is that, apart from Christ, this world is just one big mess and does not make sense, but perhaps you may know another!

S. Peter's tide will be kept this year on Sunday 27 June with the Parish Eucharist at 9.00 o'clock at which the preacher will be the Bishop of Sherwood. Afterwards there will be a parish breakfast at which I hope all who have come to the Eucharist will be present. At 6.30 p.m. there will be Evensong with a special preacher, the Revd. Dr. David Rake of Radcliffe. On the actual S. Peter's Day, 29 June, there will be Eucharist at 7.30 a.m., the Day School Service at 10.00 a.m. and, in the evening, Evensong at

7.30 with a sermon by the Rural Dean, the Revd. Gerald Pearce, and attended by members of the Deanery Synod who will then go to the Rectory for refreshments.

The visit by the William Turner Ladies Choir was very much appreciated. A programme of music from Palestrina to Bartoc was very well done and we congratulate the choir and string ensemble. One regret - that so few people from East Bridgford came - but others came from further afield and collected over £18 for Christian Aid.

Please read what I have said about our children later on.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 6 The Bishop of Nottingham to preach at Southwell Minster, 6.30 p.m. - the first time a Roman Catholic Bishop has preached there since the Reformation.
- June 11 S. Barnabas. 7.30 a.m. Eucharist.
- June 17 Corpus Christi - day of thanksgiving for the Holy Sacrament of the altar. 7.30 a.m. Eucharist.
- June 24 S. John Baptist. 7.30 a.m. Eucharist.
- July 1 10.30 Diocesan Board of Unity meets at East Bridgford.

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### IS IT WELL WITH THE CHURCH ?

A good question - and one which some parents will ask. In East Bridgford it certainly is to the point. We have some lovely children in our parish, but the vast majority apparently are being brought up without any real committed



Christian teaching. What is the reason? Is it because the majority of parents have ceased to believe in God themselves, or that their minds are in such a fog about the really important things of life that they are unable to communicate? What good will it do to children if they can answer any number of questions beginning with How? When? Where?, but are completely at a loss to answer questions which begin with Who? and Why? Such questions as "Who am I?" "Who made me?", "Why am I here at all?".

When the chips are down it will not be such a great comfort to know that I got five 'A' levels or that I won a prize for swimming or that I was in the school cricket eleven - all good things but not really basic to a full life.

The object of all this is to appeal to all parents to realise that faith in God and some real answer to questions which begin with Who? and Why? should be part of a boy's or girl's upbringing.

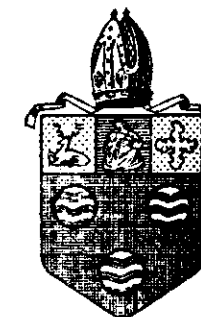
Of course this means making a decision not only about the children but about ourselves - in other words, "Can I really communicate something to my children which I do not really believe myself?" A good question which requires the answer "No!", so to be honest I suppose I ought to teach my children the humanistic attitude to life which is really my own". So the debate continues but I want to say to all parents who really at heart realise that Christ and His way are the answers to life that they put it into practice by coming to Church to worship and seeing that their Children are taught the Christian Faith.

This brings me to another very important point. In East Bridgford we have two centres of worship - the Methodist Chapel and S. Peter's Church. At both these there is a Sunday School staffed by people who know how to teach and who are convinced Christians. At the Parish Church we

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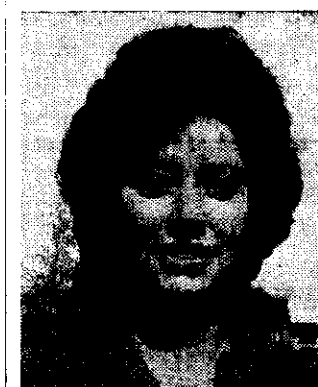
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The Bishop's Letter

## MINISTRY is First Priority

THIS month in our Cathedral I expect to ordain three men to be deacons and two men to be priests, all to full time stipendiary ministry. It is not yet clear how many men will be ordained at Michaelmas when the Bishop of Sherwood expects to ordain on my behalf in St. Peter's, Mansfield, but among them will probably be three men entering the Auxiliary Pastoral Ministry. These men after a demanding three year course, undertaken through our East Midlands Joint Ordination Training Scheme, will continue to earn their living in secular employment and will be fully priests in the Church of God. They will each be attached to a parish as an assistant curate and exercise a full parochial ministry so far as time and strength allow. Pray for them and their families. They all carry major responsibilities in their secular work and an ordained ministry will make great demands upon them.



*Mrs. Janette Buckland, of West Bridgford, who is the first woman to be appointed churchwarden at St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham.*

Last year only three men were ordained deacon to work in this diocese but on average about seven men begin their ministries here each year. I have agreed that we shall be able and ready to accept twenty-one deacons over the next three years. We need every one of them. This agreed figure is imposed to make sure that we in this diocese get our fair share of the men coming forward for ordination. The number of men from the two English Provinces accepted for training increased in 1975 to 437 of whom 90 are to serve in the Auxiliary Pastoral Ministry. Eight men from this diocese have been accepted for training in 1975 of whom all but one are preparing for the stipendiary ministry.

At our Diocesan Synod last February a motion submitted by Mansfield Deanery was debated calling on the Church actively to encourage men and women to hear and respond to God's call to the full-time ministries of the Church. I share this conviction that we must encourage such vocations and stop wondering where the money is to come from to train them and pay them when ordained. And there are not a few Diocesan Bishops who share this view. Church people will I believe be ready to pay for a full time ministry in order to maintain a parochial system properly structured to meet the needs of the coming years.

People have already shown themselves ready to raise considerable sums of money for the repair of their parishes. I would not inhibit any local enthusiasm or effort for this but I must say that the provision of an adequate full time ministry and the proper payment of men and women working in it is a first priority, and it would be criminal of us to fail to meet the cost of the stipends or working expenses of our clergy and lay workers because we were embellishing our buildings.

Whatever the proper level of staffing of our parishes, there will always be the need for a lay ministry which takes pastoral responsibility for local situations. We must discover the proper way of supporting the clergy with an auxiliary pastoral lay ministry. Where an incumbent has more than one parish under his care and has to look after one or more communities in which he does not reside, a resident layman must be seen to represent him there, accepting pastoral responsibility, and making the Church's presence evident and its ministry readily available, so that the incumbent is better able to fulfil his ministry and people don't feel uncared for. We have the joy and duty in the Church of England of providing this pastoral ministry of sufficient quality and availability for anyone living in the diocese.

Churchwardens and Readers as well as full time Church Workers have pastoral responsibilities of this kind already required of them but not all Churchwardens and Readers are free or able to commit themselves to fulfil such a ministry as I am suggesting. Men and women are coming forward to offer their help in this way; this is an important and welcome development.

Above everything else let us remember that we shall never have a sufficient ordained ministry unless ordinary church people respond in faith and witness to God's call to be Christians and to be known and to be seen to be Christians in their everyday lives. Our congregations are showing real signs of spiritual awakening; this is bound to be reflected in the desire of men and women to serve in the ministry of the Church, ordained or lay, paid or self-supporting.

Yours sincerely, *+ Denis Southwell*

#### CONFIRMATIONS IN JULY

Wed. 7, 7.30 p.m., Lenton, Holy Trinity\*; Sun. 11, 9.30 a.m., Worksop Priory;  
Sun. 11, 3 p.m., Bluecoat School†.

\* Bishop of Sherwood † Bishop Markham

## St. Petertide Ordinations

At Southwell Minster on Sunday, June 27 at 10.45 a.m. the following will be ordained by the Bishop of Southwell —

#### Deacons:

Michael Taylor, Trinity Theological College, Bristol; licensed to Christ Church, Chilwell.

Arthur Clarke, B.D., M.Phil., University of London and Nottingham, Salisbury and Wells Theological Colleges; licensed to St. Leonard's, Wollaton.

David Clayden, Oakhill Theological College; licensed to St. John's, Worksop.

#### Priests:

Douglas James Davies, B.A., B.Litt., Lecturer in Theology, University of Nottingham; Curate at St. Leonard's, Wollaton.

Ronald James Smith, Lincoln Theological College; Curate at St. John's, Bilborough

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. Frederick George Green, Vicar of All Saints, Clipstone, Mansfield, has been appointed Rector of St. Peter and St. Paul, Warsop with Sookholme.

The Rev. Kerry Emmett, Curate at Christ Church, Chilwell, is to be Curate at St. John the Evangelist, Wembley, Diocese of London.

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| 1 Southwell Minster Grammar School<br>(The Staff)  | 16 Chilwell and Ingham Nook (John<br>Williams, Charles Emmett, Brian<br>Walker)        |
| 2 Perlethorpe (Robert Baily)   | 17 Bramcote (John Richardson)  |
| 3 Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare   | 18 Nuthall (Kenneth Gratton)   |
| 4 Scoften w. Osberton (Arthur Brown)   | 19 Broxtowe (Malcolm Tudor)  |
| 5 Worksop Priory (Peter Boulton,<br>Canon, Antony Snasdell, Siegfried<br>Rosheuvel, Kenneth Yates) | 20 Awsworth w. Cossall (Leslie Cowley)   |
| 6 Shireoaks (Herbert Newton)   | 21 Kimberley (Ernest Banks)  |
| 7 Organists, Choirs and Bellringers  | 22 Vergers and all who serve and main-<br>tain our churches                            |
| 8 Worksop St. John (Albert Brown,<br>Canon, Edwin Mitchell)  | 23 Bilborough, St. John (Alan<br>Haydock, Ronald Smith)                                |
| 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<br>Church Mission (Jack Johnson)                            | 26 Nottingham Children's Hospital<br>(Michael Jackson, Canon)                          |
| 12 Bilborough, St. Martin w. Strelley,<br>All Saints (Derek Shewring)                              | 27 Ordination Candidates   |
| 13 Worksop, St. Anne (Arthur Brown)  | 28 Church of England Men's Society   |
| 14 Southwell Diocesan Readers' Asso-<br>ciation  | 29 Stapleford, St. Helen (Alfred<br>Graham, Thomas Slater, Sister<br>Peggy Smith C.A.) |
| 15 Attenborough and Toton (Frank<br>Beech, Michael Lumgair)  | 30 The care of Clergy Widows and<br>dependents   |

Your prayers are asked for the following Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese:  
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## Around the Diocese

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt. Rev. Simon Phipps, will be the preacher at the Women's Offering Service to be held at Southwell Minster on Tuesday, June 8 at 3 p.m. when the Bishop of Southwell will receive gifts on behalf of "The Caring Work of the Church".

**Mothers' Union Events.** June 8, West Bingham Deanery, Centenary Pageant, St. Francis, Clifton, 7.30 p.m.; June 9, Newark, Norwell and Southwell Deaneries, Coffee Morning in aid of Probation Dept., Newark Town Hall, 10 a.m.-noon; June 19, Bulwell Deanery, Garden Party, Eastwood, 3 p.m.; Mansfield Deanery, Garden Party, Clipstone, 3 p.m.

**CMS Northern Congress, Sheffield Cathedral, Sept. 17-19.** Theme: 'Freedom, Food and Faith' — the challenge of the Third World to our individual, corporate and social life-style. (Prof. Sir Joseph Hutchinson (Cambridge); Dean Horace Dammers, Miss Gill Todd (CMS), Young people from Taizé).

**St. Giles, West Bridgford,** is holding a Festival Week from June 19 to 27. Events include a concert by the Nottingham Junior Harmonic Orchestra (June 19), Civic Service (June 20), a Mothers' Union Pageant (June 22), Flower Festival (June 25-27) and Midsummer Fair (June 26). For further information contact Canon F. E. Worwood (Tel: 811112) or Miss J. M. Downs (Tel: 816881).

**Judges' Service.** The annual Judges' Service will be held at Southwell Minster on Sunday, June 13 at 11 a.m. Bishop of Southwell will be the preacher.

**A Public Lecture,** organised by the Nottingham University Theology Society, will take place on Friday, June 18 at 8 p.m. when Dr. John Hull, of the University of Birmingham School of Education, will speak on "New Perspectives on Teaching Religion" in the Education Lecture Theatre, Education Building, Nottm. Univ.

**Old Lenton Priory Church** is staging a Flower Festival on Saturday, July 3 (10 a.m. — 9 p.m.) and Sunday July 4, (noon — 6 p.m.). There will be an exhibition by the Lenton History Group and a display of work by young children in the Church Hall.

**Sea Sunday** this year will be observed on July 11 when parishes are asked to pray for seafarers and their families and the Church's work with them. The Roman Catholic organisation called the Apostleship of the Sea and the Free Church body called the British Sailors' Society are joining with the Church of England Missions to Seamen in observing this day. The Bishop hopes that parishes in the Diocese will be ready to observe Sea Sunday and support the Church's work.

**Old Photos.** The Local Studies Library is anxious to preserve any old photographs of Nottinghamshire villages. To that end, we should be very grateful to receive any such photos which may be available in your area. We should be glad of donations, or would be pleased to borrow photographs so that copies could be made of them. Great care is taken of all photographs, and they are returned to their owners as quickly as possible. If you have any items you think may interest us, please phone Nottingham 43591, ext. 15, or write to the Local Studies Library, Central Library, South Sherwood Street, Nottingham.

**Deaconess Pamela Betty Harvey,** who is on the staff of St. Matthew-on-the-Hill, Bestwood, Nottingham, will be leaving towards the end of the year to become North-west Area Secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society Women's Action.

**Parish of St. Helen, Trowell. Festival Village. Flower Festival.** Theme "Life in our Village" in the church. Exhibition of local arts and crafts in the Parish Hall. Saturday, June 26 — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, June 27 — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Except during Services 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.); Monday, June 28 — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Refreshments in the Parish Hall. To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Festival of Britain.

**Additional Curates Society.** Newark Archdeaconry Festival on Wednesday, June 8 at Worksop Priory. Sung Eucharist 7.45 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. A. J. Prescott, General Secretary of the A.C.S. Buffet Social afterwards. Nottingham Archdeaconry Festival on Thursday, June 9 at St. John the Baptist, Bilborough. Sung Eucharist 7.45 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. R. Williamson, of the Southwell Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship. The General Secretary of the A.C.S. will speak at the social afterwards.

**Christian Family Week,** Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, August 31 to September 5. This holiday is sponsored by Lincoln diocese, but they have invited our church members too. Cost £17 per adult, £11 per child. Aim is to provide a week of exploration, refreshment and celebration for a Christian community including every age group. More details from Canon J. H. C. Laurence, Diocesan Office, The Old Palace, Lincoln.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** There are still some vacancies on the Pilgrimage which will take place from Saturday, August 21 to Saturday, September 4. Basic cost is £225. Further details from The Rev. F. G. Green, The Vicarage, Clipstone, Mansfield. Phone: Mansfield 23916.

**Quiet Day for Clergy Wives** will be held at the Morley Retreat House on Tuesday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. conducted by the Rt. Rev. T. R. Parfitt, M.A. Cost £1. Those wishing to attend contact the Warden by June 17. **Girls' Friendly Society, Southwell Diocese.** Part-time Secretary required, (average probably 3 hours per week). Mainly evening work. Car driver preferred. Salary £150 per annum plus expenses. Apply to: Miss F. M. Jepson, 'Stoneleigh', 39 Bingham Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FY. Tel. No. Radcliffe-on-Trent 2234.

**Brass Rubbing Centre at St. Mary's, Nottingham.** Visitors to the Church will be able to make their own rubbings from authentic replicas of ancient church brass. All the materials will be provided and advice will be available for beginners to the hobby. The Centre will be opened by the Lord Mayor on June 16 and will remain open until August 14 during the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon. to Sat. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays. The Centre will be an official part of the Nottingham Festival and it is hoped that it will encourage people to visit this historic church. The funds will not only benefit St. Mary's but royalties will also be paid to the parish churches in which the original brasses are located. For further information please contact, Rev. John Palin (Tel: Nott'm 40802).

**Expo-Christian Action '76.** Another Nottingham Festival activity is this ecumenically organised exhibition, the purpose of which is to demonstrate something of the churches' service to the community. It will be open at Parliament St. Methodist Church Hall from June 14 to 19, 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will also be a series of evening meetings and an open air Youth Service on the Saturday at 7.30 p.m. outside St. Peter's Church. Details from Rev. J. Palin, 11 Clumber Crescent North, Nottingham.

**The Southwell Story.** This very comprehensive and attractively presented history of the Mothers' Union in the Southwell Diocese has been compiled by Kathleen Keyworth, who was Diocesan Secretary from 1952 to 1965. It consists of 62 pages of typescript reproduced by lithographic offset and contains four pages of photographs as well as a foreword from the Diocesan President, Mrs. Dorothy Worwood. It has been produced in celebration of the Mothers' Union Centenary and is obtainable from the Mothers' Union Centre, Warren House, 1 Plantagenet Street, Nottingham. Cost 20p plus 11p postage.

**Festival of Flowers, St. Leonard's, Wollaton, Nottingham.** Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 24, 25 & 26. Morning coffee, luncheons and tea available at very modest prices. Parties are very welcome and organisers are requested to contact the Festival Secretary, Mrs. Denise Killips, 3 Ancaster Gardens, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, Tel. 283407. Ample parking in Wollaton Park.

**The St. Nicholas Award for Choristers** has recently been made by the Royal School of Church Music to Jonathan Kirk, chorister at St. Mark's, Woodthorpe, who last autumn came fourth in the "Chorister of the Year" competition sponsored by the R.S.C.M. and Rediffusion. This is the R.S.C.M.'s most advanced award for young choristers, requiring a wide range of musical knowledge and expertise and an understanding of Christian worship and ceremonies. Only two dozen such awards were made last year, and this appears to be the only one gained in this Diocese.

#### SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Sat. June 5, Second Choir Festival (5.45 p.m.); Sun. 6, Deanery and Ecumenical Service, Preacher — The Bishop of Nottingham (6.30 p.m.); Tues. 8, Women's Offering Service, Preacher — The Bishop of Lincoln (3 p.m.); Wed. 9, Concert - English Sinfonia (7.30 p.m.); Sat. 12, C.M.S. Children's Festival (2.30 p.m.); Sun. 13, Judges' Service (11 a.m.); Wed. 16, Organ Recital by Rector Chori (7.30 p.m.); Sat. 19, Friends A.G.M. (3 p.m.); Sun. 20, Service for Mentally-Handicapped Children (3 p.m.); Royal British Legion Rally and Service (6.30 p.m.); Sun. 27, Ordination. Preacher — The Rev. W. B. Wilkinson (10.45 a.m.).

The Choir will be on holiday on Monday, May 31, Tuesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 2.

## But Some are more equal than others

ON Good Friday night, listening to music from King's College, Cambridge, I heard with a small shock of delight, a woman's voice reading the narrative. Until January, I worshipped in a village church where a woman reader had lately been licensed. Every Sunday I listened, with a sharp yet comfortable joy, to a male and a female voice sharing the service, making a harmony which seemed meet and right — mother and father, sister and brother. Six weeks ago I went to a Methodist lay training meeting as the Anglican observer and was asked afterwards if this had been different from a similar sort of meeting in my church. "Yes," I replied. "Here when a woman speaks she is given the same value as a man. With us, though politely treated, her contribution would rarely be given as much weight as a man's."

Three situations which have made me furiously to think, deeply to feel. It satisfies a hunger in me to hear a woman read in church, preach in church, sing in church and, on those rare, golden occasions, offer me the sacramental wine in church. I have no call to do any of these myself but feel for those who have — and believe they are needed. Why do so many in the Church, women as well as men, offer so few opportunities? Whatever issues are raised in Diocesan Synod, however nearly they affect women, only men are asked to present them. This, with the entire lack of female participation in worship which I now experience, is painful — perhaps to me alone, but I think not.

I would think that only a minority of Anglicans, men and women, believe as I do and it will be easy for many to dismiss me as: envious, self-seeking, wanting change for change's sake, ignoring tradition, misreading my bible. However, think also that: my own job allows me to work with men as an equal; I have no calling to any kind of ministry within the Anglican structure; many who wanted in the past, changes which are now acknowledged to be good were also accused of "fancying" change; traditions can be bad as well as good, even in the Church; all Christians must eventually, after seeking guidance, use their own understanding of the Bible.

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Everyone will be delighted to know I have received a letter from headquarters, Mr. Allen Gardener, who states the financial result from the sale of stamps amounted up to 1975 to £3,285, a record which we feel very proud to report. Please save your stamps — only  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch paper around the stamp.

(Miss) Dorothy G. Brooke, *Hon. Stamp Corner Organiser*,  
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have Sunday School in church every Sunday at 10.30 a.m., except on the first in the month when it is expected that the children will come at 9 o'clock to the Parish Eucharist with their parents. The number of children who attend is in the region of 20. The teachers go to a lot of trouble in preparing lessons. Isn't this a great opportunity for your child to learn the Christian Faith? I realise that the Roman Catholic members of our village go to their own Mass either at Radcliffe or Newton and my chief concern obviously is with those who regard themselves as Church of England. To you I would say, "How often do you mention God or Jesus to your boy or girl? How do you feel about neglecting to give them some clear ideas about life's basic questions? Is your silence due to the fact that you yourself don't know what you do believe?"

+ B.M.

### MOTHERS' UNION

At the Annual Meeting held on 19 May at the Rectory, the following appointments were made to take effect from September :-

Enrolling Member	Mrs. R. Bontoft
Secretary	Mrs. J. Hunt
Treasurer	Mrs. Willett
Committee	Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Stobbs, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Thornton, and Mrs. Turner.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A generous gift to the Parish of a children's roundabout for the playing field costing £430 has been made by Mr. Ted Bullers and Miss Annie Bullers of Main Street.

Parish councillors elected on 6 May were:  
C.T. Allwood, J. Allwood, D. Atkins, A. Ellis,  
P. Chapman, P. Cornell, L. Crampton, M. Foster,  
Mrs. C. Lewis, A. Lodder, C. Widdison.

#### LIFE-BOAT WALK

Just about a hundred people, about half of them from East Bridgford and with ages ranging from six to seventy plus, completed the fifteen mile course this year. The organisers were rewarded by over £700 for the RNLI and a letter in the 'Evening Post' from a walker writing from Bulwell which read:

"As one of the walkers, I can say that credit should go to the people who arranged and conducted things so well, making the walk a pleasure. For me it was a walk and run for, believe me, I didn't linger in the fields with the young bulls in! The weather was ideal for walking, but not so I thought, for all the friendly people who stood around in the cold wind showing us the way. We must not forget either the ones who gave us the nice food and the tea and coffee, worth £5 a cup."

The Guild is most grateful to all the marshalls and others who controlled the proceedings, to Nottingham Sea Cadets whose rescue boat provided the ferry service, to the 'Boot and Shoe' who provided facilities for refreshments at Flintham, and Bleasby Women's Institute who helped with the lunch at Hazleford - and, of course, to all the walkers and their sponsors for their support which made it all worth while.

#### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the May meeting, Mrs. C. Atkins welcomed Mrs. Banks of the Lamcote W.I. who is to be the delegate at the A.G.M. to be held in the Royal Albert Hall in London on June 2nd. Resolutions for that meeting were widely discussed and voted on.

Thanks were given to all the members who had helped with the display at the Newark Show.

After refreshments Mrs. F. Jay gave a most informative and amusing film show, with colour slides taken on her visit to America last year.

She spoke of her impressions and gave many anecdotes of her stay in New York and Washington.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. V. James.

Mr. Jackson will be speaking on 'Collecting Commemoration China and Porcelain' at the June meeting and members are invited to bring along any pieces they may have.

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#### AGE CONCERN

Mrs. Russell, who has organised the Friendship Club since it was formed 15 years ago, now feels that she wishes to retire. Is there anyone who likes helping older people and who would become the new organiser? Please contact Mrs. Russell.

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FEAST SUNDAY has been an occasion for commemorating men from the village who gave their lives in two world wars. Previously this has taken the form of a parade and a short memorial service at the war memorial. Although the parade and memorial service will be discontinued this year, there is as great a need as ever to help, through the Poppy Fund, the families of those who were killed and also those who were wounded. Inflation has made it even more important to increase the contributions to the Poppy Fund. Therefore, this year, a number of gardens will be open to visitors between 5.30 and 7.00 p.m. on Flower Show evening, Saturday 26th June. No charge will be made but there will be opportunities to contribute to the Poppy Fund.

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### READERS AND READINGS

#### June 13th - Trinity Sunday

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 6.4-9	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	Acts 2.22-24, 32-36	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 40.12-end	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	1 Peter 1.3-12	Mr. J. Guy

#### June 20th - Trinity I

9.00 (O.T.)	Samuel 7.4-16	Mr S.V. Backhouse
(Ep.)	Acts 2.37-47	Miss S. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 3.5-14	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.)	John 13.1-20	Capt. A. Jay

#### June 27th - Trinity II

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 8.11-20	Dr. G. Brooks
(Ep.)	Acts 4.5-12	Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 8.22-30	Mrs. J. Jones
(N.T.)	John 13.21-end	Mr. A. Reid

#### July 4th - Trinity III

9.00 (O.T.)	Joshua 24.14-25	Miss P. Stobbs
(Ep.)	Acts 8.26-38	Mr. K. Finch
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 10.1-13	Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.)	John 14.1-14	Mr. G. Stobbs

### SIDESMEN

June 13	9.00 Mr. Reid	6.30 Mr. Curtis
June 20	9.00 Mr. Payne	6.30 Capt. Jay
June 27	9.00 Dr. Brooks	6.30 Dr. Brooks
July 4	9.00 Mr. Hand	6.30 Mr. Hand

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### SERVICES

#### Sundays:

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
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6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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Holy Eucharist on most days.  
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# THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Holy Week and Easter passed well and it was encouraging to see how many were prepared to take their part in the watch of prayer on Maundy Thursday night. The church was beautifully decorated for Easter Day and had been given a good spring clean. The choir sang 'This Joyful Eastertide' in spite of depleted numbers. The most pleasing thing was the loyal support of our servers Russell Hunt, Sarah Guy, Sara Marson and John Cornell. They were there every day faithfully. We were also grateful to those who read the lessons so well.

The important thing now is to live in the power of Christ's Resurrection throughout the year. This can only be done by prayer. In these days there is a great interest in prayer, not only by those who are members of the Christian Church, but by others. Another development is the great interest in the various techniques which are in some ways connected with prayer and, in particular, that which is called Yoga. I first read about this in my undergraduate days and I keep meeting people who are obviously interested in it. Can Yoga be reconciled with the practice of the Christian Faith? This is an interesting question. The answer is that, if by Yoga you mean a discipline connected with the relaxed discipline of the body leading to mental peace and stillness, of course it can be and this is what many realise. I think it is only fair to say that in many Yoga disciples there is a philosophy which could hardly be regarded as adequate to a Christian and anything which gives the impression that there is salvation and spiritual freedom apart from Christ and His Sacrifice must be rejected. But I do believe that Yoga can help as a means of physical and mental health.

There is a place in the south of England called The Anchorhold, which is run by Father Slade of the Society of S. John the Evangelist (commonly called the Cowley Fathers), where people can stay and go through a course of Yoga exercises and Christian meditation much to their spiritual benefit. Of course, very few people could avail themselves of this but all of us can, day by day, have a period of relaxed prayer and meditation, even if it is only for about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. We must always remember that prayer is not just a way of obtaining spiritual peace and balance, but is essentially a way of getting in close touch with Jesus Christ and, through Him in the power of the Holy Spirit, with God our Father.

A number of our people have been bereaved lately and I would like to assure those who mourn of our prayers and sympathy.

We wish David and Kay Wright a very happy married life. The wedding was on Easter Monday followed by a very happy reception at Kelham Hall.

May is a lovely month and may it be indeed a merry month for all of us.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

## SIDESMEN

May 9	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
May 16	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
May 23	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
May 30	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
June 6	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand



#### ASCENSION DAY

May 27th 7.30 Eucharist  
10.00 Day School Service.

#### ROGATION DAYS

May 24th, 25th and 26th are days of prayer for God's blessing on the farms and gardens.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

April 25th Andrew David  
son of David George and Gillian Selby.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

April 19th David Wright and Kay Stobbs.

#### R.I.P.

April 23rd Lily Hobbs of 50 Kneeton Road.  
April 27th Eve Nicholson of 5 Magdalen Drive  
April 30th William Curtis of 32 Straws Lane.

#### THE DAY SCHOOL

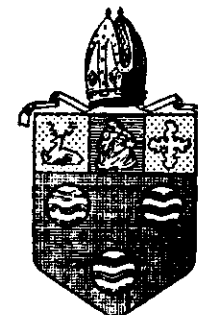
We have now lost two of our best teachers, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Jones, who have gone to schools in Nottingham. They will be much missed and we are grateful to them for their service.

The School came to Church on Wednesday in Passion Week and we had a lovely service led by Mrs. Roberts assisted by Mr. Glaver and well attended by more parents than usual.

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#### The Bishop's Letter

### Christian Task in Changing Britain

IN the next few months we shall be much concerned with the plans and proposals for the next stage of the Government's Incomes Policy. Already, as a result of the Chancellor's Budget, interested parties are beginning to stake their claims now that the present arrangements are nearing their end.



*The Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith,  
the Bishop's Adviser on Industrial  
Society, who is also Religious  
Adviser to Radio Trent.*

The seriousness of the problems besetting the nation can hardly be exaggerated. Inflation is still at a rate which only two years ago was being considered impossible to deal with. With well over a million people unemployed, many in this county, as elsewhere, are paying a high price in terms of anxiety and financial stringency. The real impact of our nation's problems has been temporarily cushioned by the use of borrowed money but we cannot much longer escape the consequences of our actions.

Although industrial relations are good in the majority of firms, there are others where extremists are making a deliberate attempt to break the Government's pay policy by industrial action. In general terms Britain is still trying to adjust to a changing role in a changing world and it is a very painful process.

Having said this, let us not overlook the very real achievements of this last year. We are now committed members of the European Community and working away at the problems which confront us in this wider context. Perhaps there is not as yet a great deal to show for this, but I believe the decision we took last June was the right one and hopeful for the future.

#### GREATER UNITY

The rate of inflation is falling, perhaps not as quickly as we would like, but there are real signs that the Government's policy is bearing fruit. The voluntary incomes policy has been an undoubted success and it is surely gratifying that such a policy was capable of achievement and has been so well accepted and supported throughout the country. In the area of industrial relations fewer days were lost

through strike action last year than in any year since 1968: perhaps at last we are beginning to have a greater sense of urgency and unity of purpose and, if I may say so, not before time.

The recent visit to Britain of the Russian Christian, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, has caused a lot of comment and, whether we agree with all his views or not, and I for one found little to quarrel with, he spoke out with great moral courage on some very important issues. I particularly liked his concern that we should rediscover the moral dimension of life, when he said: "We have become hopelessly enmeshed in our slavish worship of all that is pleasant, all that is comfortable, all that is material—we worship things, we worship products. Will we ever succeed in shaking off this burden, in giving free rein to the spirit that was breathed into us at birth, that spirit that distinguishes us from the animal world?"

I too, believe that we need to reassert the moral dimension of man, not as an alternative to the social, political and economic aspects of his make-up but as that which gives meaning and purpose to his whole being and his whole situation. Let us look to ourselves and our own attitudes and let us support the many men and women in public office, nationally and locally, who stand up for more than that which is merely expedient or pragmatic.

#### NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

In the world of industry let us look for more responsible and open management which takes others into its confidence, shares problems and expects and values skill and determination. Let us be committed to the Trade Union movement, not in order to be a brake on its real and valued aspirations, but in order to support responsible Trade Unionists in their endeavour to accept the new and important responsibilities being thrust upon them, which lift their work above the old level of fighting for a larger pay packet.

Our present difficulties are very great and we have not much time left in which to resolve them. Let us stop putting the blame for our situation on to others and examine our own attitudes. We need to realise that in England Christian people are woven into the fabric of our social, political and industrial life in a very real way. We should be thankful for this.

If Christian people were committed to making real the Gospel at their place of work, or in their locality, then perhaps as a nation we could pull ourselves from the brink of suicide before it is too late.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Sun. May 2, Evensong sung by Retford Parish Church Choir (3.15 p.m.), Miners' Choir Service—Preacher, The Bishop of Sherwood (6.30 p.m.); Sat. 8, R.S.C.M. Cathedral Singers sing Evensong (5.45 p.m.); Mon. 10, Mothers' Union Centenary Exhibition in South transept until June 1; Thurs. 13, C.E.M.S. service (7.30 p.m.); Sat. 15, First Choir Festival (5.45 p.m.); Wed. 19, Organ Recital by James Parsons of Tiverton (7.30 p.m.); Thurs. 20, Mothers' Union Centenary Service—The Bishop of Stepney (7.45 p.m.); Sat. 22, Exhibition of Natural Wood Sculptures by John Matthews in the Chapter House until June 5, Readers' Association A.G.M. (2.30 p.m.) and Admission Service (4.15 p.m.); Sun. 23, Rogation Service—The Rt. Rev. S. F. Allison, formerly Bishop of Winchester (11 a.m.), Recital by Southwell Singers (7.45 p.m.); Thurs. 27, Ascension Day, Confirmation (3 p.m.), Sung Eucharist (8 p.m.); Sat. 29, Recital by English Sinfonia Chorale (Andrew Burnham) (7.30 p.m.); Mon. 31, Organ Recital by the Rector Chori (3.30 p.m.).

The Choir will resume singing on May 6 after their holiday.

## Around the Diocese

**The Very Rev. Hugh Christopher Lempriere Heywood**, Provost of Southwell Minster from 1945 to 1969, has accepted the offer by the Bishop of Southwell of the title of Provost Emeritus following his resignation as Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter and St. Paul, Upton, near Newark, where he will complete his ministry on Sunday, May 2. He is retiring to Audley End, Saffron Walden, Essex.

**Anglican Association**, Southwell Diocesan Branch, will hold their annual meeting at East Stoke on Saturday May 29. 11.45 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 2 p.m. AGM in Stoke Hall, Speaker Canon Peter Boulton on "C of E and Implications of W.C.C. Meeting in Kenya". R.S.V.P. Roy Taperell (Tel. Bingham 38784).

**Clergy Cricket!** This worthy diocesan fellowship begins the new season at the end of April! Would-be players should contact either the captain, vice-captain or the match secretary (Jim Neill, Alan Haydock or Christopher Gale) or if they are wanting a fixture card, please contact John Richardson.—J.P.N.

**Mothers' Union.** The following events will take place during May: 4, Beeston Deanery Festival, Attenborough, 7.30 p.m.; 5, Mansfield Deanery Festival, Mansfield Woodhouse, 7.30 p.m.; 6, Nottingham Deanery Festival, St. Mary's Church, 3 p.m.; 12, Bulwell Deanery Festival, Hucknall, 3 p.m.; 20, Service of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Christian Family Life, Southwell Minster, 7.45 p.m. Preacher, The Bishop of Stepney, the Rt. Rev. Trevor Huddleston, C.R. This service is open to all; 25, Bawtry Deanery Festival, Finningley, 7 p.m., Beeston Deanery Young Wives' Rally, Trowell, 7.45 p.m.; 26, Worksop Deanery Festival, Ollerton, 3 p.m.; 27, Norwell Deanery Festival, South Muskham, 3 p.m., Newark Deanery Festival, Newark Parish Church, 7.30 p.m.; 11-13, Diocesan Retreat at the Retreat House, Morley; 10-31, Mother's Union Exhibition in Southwell Minster.

**Overseas guest.** Southwell Diocesan members of the Mothers' Union have raised over £607 to bring Mrs. Jocelyn Wesley to England from New Guinea for the Centenary Celebrations. She will be present at the Festivals in Bawtry, Worksop, Norwell and Newark Deaneries. There will be a coffee evening on May 26 at St. Giles', West Bridgford at 7.30 p.m. and a Service of Holy Communion at St. Jude's Church, Mapperley on May 27 at 10 a.m., followed by coffee, to give members in Nottingham Archdeaconry the opportunity to meet Mrs. Wesley.

**Modern Spirituality** is the subject of the OPEN MEETING sponsored by the Southwell Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship to be held on Thursday May 13 at 7.45 p.m. in the Stapleford Church Hall. Speaker, the Rev. Gordon Jones.

**Organ Recital.** The first of a series on the new organ at Hucknall Parish Church will be given on Tuesday, May 18 at 7.30 p.m. by Peter Hurford, organist at St. Albans Abbey. Admission by programme, 50p. Inquiries to Canon David Williams (Tel. Hucknall 2033).

**C.M.S. North Notts Association.** AGM/Spring Meeting Tuesday May 4 at St. Saviour's, Retford at 7.30 p.m. Programme will include film "The Lotus and the Cross" with discussion and refreshments.

**ITV Spotlight on C of E.** A film documentary prepared by Yorkshire Television will be broadcast on ITV on Tuesday May 18 from 10.30 p.m.

**Men's Service** in Southwell Minster, Thursday May 13 at 7.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Bill Gowland, Founder and Principal of Luton Industrial College. This service is arranged by the C.E.M.S., but ladies are most welcome.

**Kneesall Church Emergency Appeal.** Gales caused severe damage. Until repairs costing £4,000 can be done the church is unusable. The Rev. B. James, of Norwell Vicarage, will be glad to receive any donations to help this very small community who are planning a Hair and Fashion Evening in the Village Hall on May 5 at 7.30 p.m. and a Mammoth Garden Fete at Kneesall Lodge on May 29.

**St. Giles, West Bridgford,** is holding a Festival Week from June 19 to 27. Details from Canon Worwood (Tel. 811112) or Miss J. M. Downs (Tel. 816881).

**800 Years Old.** To mark the 800th anniversary of St. Mary's, Arnold, the church is staging a four-day festival from Thursday June 3. It will include a mediaeval marriage by St. Mary's Drama Group, preceded by Morris dancing, special flower arrangements, a mediaeval banquet and special exhibitions.

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#### SUMMER SUPPER

It has been found necessary to change the date of the Summer Supper in aid of the Village Hall modernisation to be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson from Friday, 11th June, to Friday 9th July. Please make a note of the revised date.

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the April meeting Mrs. Yvette Frymann gave an interesting talk on "Vegetarianism and Vegetarian Meals", with ideas of cooking methods and recipes.

The choir were congratulated on their success in winning the cup for experienced choirs at the W.I. Music Festival held at Bingham.

Mrs. M. Greenwood gave her report on the Annual Council Meeting. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. J. Jones.

A coach load of members and friends had an enjoyable evening on Friday, 9th April, when they visited the Palace Theatre, Newark, to see "Brigadoon" given by the Newark Amateur Operatic Society.

Discussion of Resolutions for A.G.M. "America" by Mrs. A. Jay will be the theme of the May meeting.

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GORDON STOBBS, now happily recovered from his illness, wishes to say how much he appreciated the prayers and many expressions of friendship and goodwill shown to him by Church members.

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#### A NEW DEPARTURE

In his book "East Bridgford - The Story of a Village", written in 1932, the Revd. Arthur DuBoulay Hill wrote: "As far as living memory goes back, Feast Sunday has been observed on the Sunday of the week in which S. Peter's Day falls . . . Feast week is duly observed by East Bridgford folk as a holiday time and for the re-union of friends. A fair, a flower show (since 1864) and cricket matches are held during the week".

Since 1920, when the War Memorial cross was dedicated, Feast Sunday has also been an occasion for commemorating the men from the village who gave their lives in the two world wars. Until this year this commemoration has taken the form of a parade and a march from the Village Hall to the Church, led by the British Legion, and a short memorial service at the war memorial. In recent years this parade has come to seem less appropriate and for this year the Legion has decided on a change.

There is as great a need as ever to help, through the Poppy Fund, to make life easier for men who lost their health in the world wars, in Korea, Malaya, and in Northern Ireland, and for their families and the families of men who died. East Bridgford's Poppy Week contribution has risen steadily over the years, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain its real value as the price of everything rises. So this year the owners of a number of gardens, large and small, have been asked and have agreed to open their gardens to visitors in aid of the Poppy Fund between 5.30 and 7.00 p.m. on Flower Show evening, Saturday 26th June. No charge will be made for these visits, but there will be opportunities for people who enjoy the gardens to show their appreciation by giving something to the Poppy Fund.

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### READERS AND READINGS

#### May 9th - Third after Easter

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Kings 17. 17-24	Miss S. Guy
(Ep.)	Colossians 3.1-11	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 5.1-21	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.)	Revelation 2.18-3.6	Mr. A. Curtis

#### May 16th - Fourth after Easter

9.00 (O.T.)	Proverbs 4.10-18	Mrs. V. Backhouse
(Ep.)	2 Corinthians 4.11-18	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 10.12-11.1	Mr D. Gould
(N.T.)	Revelation 3.7-end	Miss P. Stobbs

#### May 23rd - Fifth after Easter. Rogation Sunday

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 34.1-12	Mrs. J. Cornell
(Ep.)	Romans 8.28-39	Mr. J. Guy
6.30 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 28.1-14	Mr. A. Reid
(N.T.)	Mark 4.1-20	Miss H. Slack

#### May 30th - Sunday after Ascension

9.00 (O.T.)	2 Kings 2.1-15	Mr. G. Clayfield
(Ep.)	Ephesians 4.1-8, 11-13	Miss E. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 62	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	Revelation 5.	Mr. R. Hunt

#### June 6th - Whitsunday

9.00 (O.T.)	Joel 2.28-32	Mr. E. Partridge
(Ep.)	Acts 2.1-11	Miss C. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 11.1-9	Mr. P. Blandy
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### SERVICES

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See notice in Church Porch for details

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My dear friends,

I shall be away for a holiday in July from the 12th to the 26th. There will be no services during the week, but the Sunday Eucharist will be celebrated by the Revd. Geoffrey Hill of Southwell, and our two lay readers will be taking care of the Sunday evening services. In case of emergency will you please contact the Churchwardens and, if a priest is needed the Rural Dean (the Revd. Gerald Pearce) at Radcliffe will be glad to help.

July brings us to the end of the school academic year and I would like to wish all those boys and girls who are leaving East Bridgford School every blessing. Most of them will be going to the Comprehensive School at Bingham. I am pleased that we have at last got some kind of contact with that school in the person of Mr. Edward Partridge, who is a teacher there and one of our communicants. I suppose the question of schools is one of the most inflammatory in many people's minds at the present time. The education of children is certainly one of the most important concerns of every person who has any real sense of responsibility. Because of this it is a subject which arouses strong passions and convictions. At the present time I suppose the two things which are causing great heartsearching so much are (i) the determination of the present government to get rid of all schools which do not fit in with the 'comprehensive' scheme, and (ii) the unemployment of so many teachers. I do not propose to enter into the controversy about (i) but I do want to say how much I regret the fact that many who have chosen the vocation of teaching now find themselves out of work at what should be the beginning of their careers. Perhaps it may help to clarify the position with regard to S. Peter's, East Bridgford Church of England School, because there are many who do not really understand it. The first fact is that it was

founded many years ago as a parish school attached to S. Peter's Church. This continued for many years. The first school was built in 1829 on glebe land on the north side of the churchyard. The boys entered from Trent Lane and the girls through the churchyard (!) but a new National School was built on the present site in 1863 - and there it has stayed. In 1944 an Act was passed as a result of which managers of Church schools could choose whether they wanted their school to be Aided or Controlled. The decision in East Bridgford was for 'controlled' status. The difference amounted to the condition that Aided status meant that the parish had to find most of the money to keep the school in accordance with standards and the position remained very much as before in regard to the School's administration. In the case of Controlled status, this meant that the parish was unable or unwilling to bear the financial burden of the upkeep of the school buildings and handed this responsibility to the Ministry of Education. Other conditions relating to the administration made it quite clear that, while the 'controlled' school remained a Church school, the appointment of staff was no longer entirely the concern of the Board of Managers. The appointment of Headmaster was also a joint appointment with the Local Education Authority. The result of this change was that the relationship of the school to the Church was no longer based on claims and rights, but on mutual goodwill between the L.E.A. and the Board of Managers. I am glad to say that these conditions have obtained during the time of my Rectorate and I have had a very good relationship with the Headmaster and the teaching staff. As a result of the Controlled status the school buildings have been greatly improved at no cost to the Church and I think I can say that our school is one of the best Junior Church Schools in Nottinghamshire. There is an atmosphere of friendship and affection, and really difficult cases of discipline hardly ever arise. This



is interesting because about 40% of our children do not live in East Bridgford but come from the R.A.F. Station at Newton.

This is the first time in my life as a priest that I have had a controlled school in my parish, but I can only say that I have received real co-operation and goodwill from the Headmaster and his staff. I visit the school and enjoy doing so, and I am Chairman of the Managers which consist of representatives from the Church, the L.E.A. and the Parish Council. We are, I believe, fortunate in having such a school in East Bridgford.

There is one other body which comes into the picture and that is the Friends of East Bridgford School, which is an association of parents and teachers and has done splendid work for the school, and continues to do so.

This brings me to another point, and that is to say that education of a boy or girl is not just a question of attending school. There is some truth in the statement that the best education force in a child's life is the family. I think it is time to say that the only child is deprived of a source of real growth and maturity. A boy or girl who is a member of a family of say 4 children is already learning to mature in a way that one child will find difficult. I think that the best way to describe maturity is to say the ability to accept oneself happily and to live fully and creatively with other people. The boy and girl who is in a family begins this development into maturity from the word 'go'. How much we need to pray for and help those whose family life is broken up and those children who have their sense of security shattered at an early age! Perhaps I might sum up all this by saying that that community is a happy community where the Church is strong, the family life is strong,

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### The Bishop's Letter

## Why I favour an Established Church

THE General Synod will no doubt have a field day when it discusses Crown Appointments at its meeting in York this month. I do not feel it appropriate to comment on the merits of the new proposals but on two matters which are fundamental to all proposals, namely the relationship of Church and State and the fundamental difference between appointment by individuals as opposed to committees.



*The Bishop of Southwell*

I personally should be very sorry if there ceased to be an Established Church in England. The system works very well in Scotland where the Episcopal Church is not the Established Church, and I should still think it important for this system to exist in England, even if the Church of England ceased to be the largest Christian communion and some other Church took over this role, for I think the Established Church should be that which claims the allegiance of the greater part of the people.

My belief in the necessity for an Established Church lies in the conviction that all government should be accountable to higher authority. It is precisely this failure to recognise any kind of accountability that makes totalitarian regimes of the left or right so dangerous. The constitutional monarchy in this country provides this higher authority in the sphere of political life and the Established Church is the symbol of the highest authority of all, that of God himself.



People may argue that democracy is our safeguard and that proper accountability is accountability to the will of the people as declared by the ballot box; that in the end the will of the majority should prevail. But we see today how easily democracy is manipulated by the active extremists who are on the whole completely unrepresentative of the will of the majority. It is begging the question to suggest that it is the fault of the majority if it allows itself by its inactivity to get into the hands of an unrepresentative minority. The majority has to be busy creating the wealth of the nation by which its people are fed. We have too much politics today. It's tragic that nearly every institution of our public life is being forced into spending more and more time and energy on political manoeuvring rather than getting on with its proper job. This happens in the field of Education, Medicine and the Social Services to name but a few.

The reason lies in a new doctrine, basically unchristian, which has crept into our way of life. It is the doctrine that nobody can represent anybody else and so everything has to be referred to the "grassroots" level for decision. This is first of all a denial of trust. Trust is a basic christian concept and particularly in the realm of relationships when we need to be sure that people act towards one another in good faith. We have seen serious breaches of good faith in various places recently and such untrustworthy behaviour only leads to strife and anarchy.

We have got to recover the principle of entrusting our affairs to reliable people who can act for us; if we don't we shall die of exhaustion from having to cope with everything ourselves. Let the General Synod note this important fact. The Synod must on many occasions take decisions without referring them to Diocese and Deanery. Diocese and Deanery have their own decisions to make, appropriate to their level of business. Synodical government has suffered from this failure to let some people responsibly represent others. Christians of all people should recognise this. Our faith depends on the belief that Christ was the representative of the whole world and all mankind on the cross, and that a salvation was won for us by him which we don't need to achieve for ourselves, even if we could.

The inability to trust anyone to act for us is characteristic of committees. It is because in a committee nobody has to bear individual responsibility for any decision that committees are not ideal for making appointments. The other side of the coin is the lack of trust that a person feels in a committee because of its impersonal nature as opposed to an individual whom you can know and relate to. The proposals now before General Synod whereby a committee becomes responsible for parochial appointments rather than a patron will cause great anxiety and distrust.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### CONFIRMATION IN AUGUST

Tues. 31, 7.30 p.m. St. Aidan's, Basford.

## Around the Diocese

The Diocesan Board of Finance is grateful to the following parishes who had contributed in full at May 31, their Parochial Share of the Diocesan Quota: Bothamshall, Cotham, Cromwell, Dunham-on-Trent, East Drayton, East Leake, Edingley, Flawborough, Hawton, Kilvington, Kirtton, Ladybrook, Norwell, Ossington, South Muskham, South Scarle, Staunton, Stokeham, Thorpe, Walesby, West Drayton and West Markham.

**Nottingham Parish Experience Week — September 11-19.** An excellent introduction to the work of the ministry for those who have just started to consider the possibility of Ordination or parish work and a great help to those not yet sure of their call. For local information, apply to the Rev. Denys Sherwood, St. Barnabas Vicarage, Derby Road, Lenton Abbey (Notts. CPAS Hon. Secretary).

**Festival at Sturton-le-Steeple**, near Retford, in celebration of the quatercentenary of the birth of the Rev. John Robinson, pastor to the Pilgrim Fathers, July 16-18. Flower festival in Church, refreshments; July 16, Concert, 8 p.m.; July 17, Village carnival, 3.15 p.m.; July 18, Commemoration Service, 3 p.m. Preacher: Ven. David Scott, Archdeacon of Stow.

**Festival of Praise.** The Fisherfolk will sing at a Festival of Praise in Southwell Minster at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday July 15. There will also be a dance/drama group and the Rev. David Watson, of St. Michael-le-Belfrey, will preach.

**Canon Pearson Memorial Vestry.** At a Coffee Morning held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Daws, at Kingswood, Bulcote, the sum of £266 was contributed to the Memorial Vestry Fund of Lambley Parish Church. The Rector of Lambley is pleased to announce that work on the Vestry has begun.

**St. Andrew's, Skegby.** Festival of Worship, Music and Flowers. July 8-11. Refreshments. Evening events of drama and music. Preacher at Sunday Evensong: Archdeacon of Newark. Further details from Skegby Vicarage.

## News of the Clergy

**Canon Michael James Jackson**, Rural dean of Nottingham and Vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham, is also to be Priest-in-Charge of St. Faith, North Wilford, in addition to his other responsibilities as from September 1. From that date, the Rev. John Kenneth Pennington, Lecturer at St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham, will be responsible for the oversight of the parish of St. Faith.

**The Rev. Frederick George Green**, Vicar of All Saints, Clipstone, Mansfield, will be instituted Rector of Warsop with Sookholme on September 29 at 7.30 p.m.

**The Rev. Roy (Robert Kerr) Williamson**, Vicar of St. Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham, has been appointed Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Bramcote.

**Canon William Harvey Snow**, Rural Dean of Norwell and Vicar of North and South Muskham and Rector of Cromwell, near Newark, has also been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Andrew, Caunton.

**The Rev. George Bryan Barrodale**, Vicar of Christ Church, Cyfarthfa, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, has been appointed Rector of All Saints, Cotgrave. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwell on Sunday, July 11 at 6.30 p.m.

**The Rev. Frederick John Legge**, Rector of East Leake and Priest-in-Charge of Costock, Rempstone, and Stanford-on-Soar, is to retire on September 12.

**Permission to officiate:** The Rev. John Wells, of 4 Upton Fields, Southwell, and the Rev. J. Weston, of West End House, Long Clewson, Melton Mowbray, Leics.

## SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Sat. July 3, Third Choir Festival (5.45 p.m.); Sun. 4, Mattins attended by Mansfield Meat Traders Association (11 a.m.); Thurs. 8, Mothers' Union Overseas Service, Preacher: Rev. Colin Semper (3 p.m.); Sat. 10, Old Choristers' Reunion; Sun. 11, County Council Service (3 p.m.); Thurs. 15, Rev. D. Watson and The Fisherfolk (7.30 p.m.); Sat. 17, Southwell Minster Grammar School Concert; Wed. 21, Organ Recital — Reinhold Birk of Krefeld (7.30 p.m.).

The Choir will be on holiday after July 19.

## Diocesan Synod — May 15

MUCH of the Synod's time was taken up with money — getting it and giving it. First, Mr. Alan Davis the chairman of the Board of Finance, spoke about the amount which would be needed in 1977. It seemed that an increase in the sum asked from the parishes would be about 26% more than the 1976 figure. He explained, however, that there was a great uncertainty about the Government's intentions regarding pay policy.

(After the Synod these intentions were made known and it is likely that the increase on the 1977 Budget for stipends will be considerably less than the £27,948 which was thought to be likely in May. It illustrates all too well the great difficulty of responsible budgeting when a pay policy is in operation).

The Synod thought also, in a much more adventurous mood, about giving money. The Diocesan Board of Mission and Unity had a motion urging each parish "to re-examine its responsibility for the Mission of the whole Church at home and overseas" and "to aim to give 10% of parochial income to such work beyond the Diocese". The last six words caused much discussion but the upshot was that the Diocesan Synod now urges parishes "to aim to give 10% of parochial income to the work of the Church overseas".

The Synod, at its last meeting before the new elections, had a fair amount of organisational business to complete. In his presidential address, the Bishop had referred warmly to the work of Canon Herrick, who had acted as consultant in the Diocese since May, 1974. He had suggested far reaching changes in the administrative structure of the Diocese, and to enable them to be considered the Bishop proposed from the chair that elections to the Bishop's Council; the Board of Finance the Pastoral Committee and the Education Committee should be postponed for a year and this was agreed.

The experiment of holding the Synod on a Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. seemed to be successful with a higher attendance than is common at a May Synod. The Bishop thanked the Synod for their help over the past three years and announced that the first meeting of the new Synod would be on October 23 at Southwell

J.T.F.

### THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN JULY

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

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where the school is a happy place, and where all three - Church, Family and School - work together to help the children mature.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

### HOLY BAPTISM

- 20 June Sara Beth, daughter of Kenneth Richard and Bonnie Lee MOORE of Kneeton.  
We welcome Sara Beth into Christ's family.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

- 1 May Anthony Brooks and Linda Carol Morton  
We wish Mr. and Mrs. Brooks every happiness.
- 5 June Philip Thoroton Marsh and Julie Anne Nicholson.  
We wish Mr. and Mrs. Marsh every happiness.
- 19 June Michael Hall and Lizabeth Ann Hunt.  
The wedding of Michael and Lizabeth was blessed with sunshine and many came to it. Lizabeth is, of course, well known and loved, and Michael was confirmed in February. May God bless them both in their life together.

#### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr. Stephen Jackson spoke at the June meeting on the history of 'Commemorative China'. He showed samples of Porcelain and China and a good display by members was also on show.

Mrs. Banks, of Lamcote W.I., the delegate at the A.G.M. held at the Albert Hall, London, gave her report.

Mrs. M. Bontoft gave an interesting talk on her visit to Holland. Seventeen members of the area paid a return visit to stay with W.I. members in Holland who had visited Nottinghamshire last year. A Film taken by Mrs. Bontoft of her holiday was also shown.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Miss E. Glover.

The next meeting of the East Bridgford Institute is to be a 'Garden Meeting' and will be held at 'Maymyo', Springdale Lane, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaskell. A Fashion Show and a Bring and Buy Stall are to be held. (If wet, the meeting will be in the W.I. Hut).

A Boat Trip is planned for members and friends to commence at Gunthorpe at 7 p.m. on July 14th. Hazelford Ferry is the destination, where refreshments can be obtained, returning by boat to arrive at Gunthorpe at 10.00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. V. James, 67 Main Street, to book your seat. Everyone welcome.

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EAST BRIDGFORD LIBERALS raised £50 at their Jumble Sale on 22nd May and would like to thank all those who helped and attended.

During July the group intends to organise a public discussion about housing opportunities (and lack of opportunities) in the village. Watch for notices giving further details.

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#### BADMINTON CLUB

Following the exploratory meeting held a few weeks ago, details are in the process of being finalised with the Village Hall Committee about the use of the Hall for Badminton. It is intended to start playing in September. All those who have already given their names to Mrs. James will be informed of the details by letter. Posters will also be displayed in the village. In the meantime, anyone else who is interested in taking part is invited to contact Mrs. James, Tel. 512.

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#### WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

There is no such thing as 'a depression'. You may feel 'depressed' - 'low', 'down', 'fed-up' or you may have a depressed, pessimistic attitude to life. You constantly feel hopeless and helpless. Alternatively, you may have a depressive illness. Here, your 'lowness', feelings of hopelessness, inadequacy, guilt or rage make you feel distressed, and there is an accompanying disturbance in mental and bodily functions. You become 'ill'. Whatever is said about 'depression', it is common and, depending on interpretation, a 'normal' experience.

#### AND WHAT ABOUT SUFFERING?

Most of us at some time have thought, 'What have I done to deserve this?'

More about these two matters in subsequent issues.

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### READERS AND READINGS

#### July 11th - Trinity 4

9.00 (O.T.)	Ruth 1.8-17 & 22	Miss S. Guy
(Ep.)	Acts 11.4-18	Mr. J. Ruff
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 12.1-20	Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.)	John 14.15-end	Miss C. Gould

#### July 18th - Trinity 5

9.00 (O.T.)	Micah 6.1-8	Mrs. S. Guy
(Ep.)	Ephesians 4.17-32	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 18.17-39	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	John 15.1-16	Miss H. Slack

#### July 25th - Trinity 6

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 10.12-11.1	Mr. G. Clayfield
(Ep.)	Romans 8.1-11	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 19.1-18	Dr. G. Brooks
(N.T.)	John 15.17-end	Mr. R. Hunt

#### August 1st - Trinity 7

9.00 (O.T.)	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Mrs. J. Cornell
(Ep.)	1 Corinthians 12.4-13	Mr. R. Hunt
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 21.1-23	Mr. T. Ashton
(N.T.)	John 16.1-15	Mr. J. Guy

#### August 8th - Trinity 8

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Samuel 17.37-50	Miss E. Slack
(Ep.)	2 Corinthians 6.3-10	Mr. A. Curtis
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 22.1-38	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.)	John 16.16-22	Miss A. Gould

### SIDESMEN

July 11	9.00 Mr. Reid	6.30 Mr. Curtis
July 18	9.00 Mr. Payne	6.30 Capt. Jay
July 25	9.00 Dr. Brooks	6.30 Dr. Brooks
August 1	9.00 Mr. Hand	6.30 Mr. Hand
August 8	9.00 Mr. Reid	6.30 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: Holy Eucharist on most days  
See notice in Church Porch for details

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 Feast weekend went well and we are grateful to Mrs. Payne and the ladies of the Parochial Church Council who made such a splendid breakfast after the Parish Eucharist. The Deanery Synod party on S. Peter's day at the Rectory went very happily, thanks to the very fine work of Mrs. Lawson and her helpers from the Mothers' Union. We also had a delightful visit to the Rectory and the Church by the Diocesan Board of Mission and Unity followed by lunch at the Reindeer Inn. It was a busy week, but rewarding.

I am delighted that two of our girls have decided to offer themselves as nurses and take up this honourable vocation. I wish Pat Stobbs and Michelle Fuller every blessing and success. Michelle returned from South Africa recently. Pat has already started her training at Newark Technical College but has now been accepted for hospital training. The care of the sick is a great and fine work. This means that three of our Church girls are nursing or beginning training. The other, of course, is Jane Hunt who has already qualified as S.R.N. at Sheffield.

God can bless most jobs. (I'm doubtful about croupiers and people who run casinos and similar places where the work ministering to human sin obviously cannot receive God's blessing.) The people who do the jobs can glorify God if they are real Christians - shopkeepers, lorry drivers, farmers, teachers, business executives, if they are really in touch with God, can bless God by their work. How often we have the opportunity to help people by a smile or real interest!

If we are working in a bank, we can help the customers by our attitude. The main thing is to see our job as our particular ministry. This applies, of course, in the home. The person who makes a really good meal for the members of the family or household is certainly performing a ministry. The parents who really take their children seriously and care for them are performing a ministry of great value. The fact of the matter is that ultimately it is not exactly the work you do that matters but the kind of person you are! If you are patient and kind and caring you could glorify God and be a blessing to your neighbour. I suppose there are certain jobs which appear to some people sometimes to be a bit menacing, e.g. the Police, but the Police can be and are real friends to people. I don't suppose many of us have a great affection for traffic wardens because their job appears to be to catch us out, but I can conceive of a traffic warden being a real help.

So let us think this over and learn to glorify God in the ordinary ways of life.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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R.I.P.

We would like to assure Mrs. Guy and her family of our sympathy and prayers at the death of her husband, Mr. W. Guy, who died at the early age of 52 years.

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### THE NEW CALENDAR

The Church Calendar certainly needs revision and is getting it. Here is a quotation from the Report of the Liturgical Commission of the General Synod on changes in the Calendar:-

"We propose the addition of four festivals to the Red Letter list of the Prayer Book. The most notable of them is a festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. A festival of the Blessed Virgin on this date was first observed by the eastern Church in the early seventh century and was adopted by the western Church about a century later. It originally commemorated her death, as other saints' days commemorate the death of other saints, but later became associated under a variety of titles with doctrines which are not regarded as part of the Church of England's doctrine. However, the festival of the Annunciation is widely regarded as a festival of our Lord and not of our Lady, and upon this understanding of the matter it follows that the Church of England has no festival devoted to the Blessed Virgin herself. These considerations led us to agree that there ought to be a festival dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in her own right so to speak, and one which related to the whole of her life and not simply to some incident in it; and on the other hand that the title of such a festival ought to give no countenance to any unacceptable doctrine. Our agreement on these principles led us to agree further that a festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 would be a desirable enrichment of our calendar and one which accorded with the Church's best traditions. The festival of S. Joseph of Nazareth is observed already in some dioceses, and is listed as a Red Letter day by the Church of the Province of South Africa. When once we had agreed to propose

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### The Bishop's Letter

## Rural Ministry is Changing

THE month of August is or should be a holiday month. May I wish all of you a refreshing break if you are able to have one. So far this has been a long hot summer and the full implications of the drought may not come home to us until a little later when water rationing is a real possibility. Never let us forget those who in other areas, particularly in India and



*The Rev. Arthur G. B. Parsons,  
who will be instituted Vicar of  
Forest Town on Thursday,  
August 26.*

Africa, live in drought conditions for years on end. Our tiny discomforts are nothing compared with their desperate efforts to survive. Having said this, let us do what we can to support those who are engaged in agriculture and market gardening by being very careful with our domestic use of water and by helping them as they seek to harvest what crops they have grown in unusually difficult circumstances. It goes without saying that we must exercise extreme care not to cause forest or heath fires by negligent disposal of litter.

We are having to give increasing thought and not before time to the Church's ministry in the countryside. The rural ministry has remained more truly a parochial ministry than that in the towns, because the country parson has not been so pressed as his urban colleague by the incessant need to bury the dead and console the bereaved, to prepare folk for marriage and officiate at their weddings, as well as to visit the homes of those who rejoice in the birth of a child and seek the sacrament of baptism, quite apart from the endless and incredibly varied

problems that an urban parish priest has to deal with on his doorstep and by telephone. The pace of rural ministry has been less hectic and allowed more time for reflection, study and prayer and for getting to know parishioners better by engaging in village life and by general visiting.

But the rural ministry is changing and country parsons do not now have the time to give to their people because they have not one village but several and each of those villages wishes to be treated as a separate community. Villages are hives of activity. Endless village organisations flourish and the Church has little need to pioneer or sustain organisations of its own to bring people together.

Church folk are often the backbone of village organisations and their Christian ministry is that of being Christians in the secular context rather than drawing people into a religious context for Christian encounter. The Church's presence in the country is properly a lay presence and the Church is not absent just because the Rector lives in the next village.

It is still true, indeed it cannot be otherwise, that in the Church clergy and laity have their own distinctive contribution to make. There is much talk at present about getting the laity to do the priest's work, and too much lay training consists of trying to train laymen to do things which the priest must do, instead of training laymen to be Christian laymen in the world where they live and work.

The proper kind of development of rural ministry is that which enables the priest's time and energies to be economically used so that he can fulfil his priestly work in each of his villages providing, not necessarily on Sundays, the sacramental worship which each village should have, and receiving from the laity that pastoral help which enables him to go to the help of those who need him while laymen with true neighbourly and Christian concern care for those in need in ways which don't require the expertise of a priest.

Today those who work in the towns often live in the villages and those who live in the villages find their recreation in the towns. There will have to be an increasing liaison and partnership between town and country if the Church is to serve people well today. No longer can any parish be an island; it must relate to its neighbours. We must provide a Christian ministry which will preserve the essential community life of each place and at the same time enable folk to know and serve one another across parochial boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

*+ Denis Southwell*

#### SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Fri. August 6, Evensong sung by the Choir of King Edward School, Southampton (5.45 p.m.); Mon. 30 (*Bank Holiday*), Organ Recital — Robin Bowman, (Tettenhall) (7.30 p.m.).

Evensong at 3.15 p.m. on Sundays throughout August will be sung by the following Choirs: August 1, The Lafford Consort; 8, The Southwell Singers with the St. Mark's Singers; 15, Nottingham Hospitals Choir; 22, St. Faith, N. Wilford with St. Nicholas, Nottingham; 29, Emmanuel Church, Loughborough.

The Choir is on holiday throughout August.

## East End Appeal to the Young

**St. Margaret's House**, 21 Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green, London, E2 9PL, is a residential settlement, founded in 1889 and is still going strong. At the moment it runs a day centre for the elderly, a Citizens Advice Bureau and a mixed hostel for some 18 residents.

Head of House Mr. R. V. Glazebrook, M.A., writes "There must be a number of young men and women in your diocese coming to London from time to time either to study or to work, and who would be interested in living in a small community, at a very moderate charge, where traditional Christian values are recognised, and who might also be interested in becoming involved in some form of voluntary social work in their spare time. There is never any difficulty in filling a London hostel, but both the House Council and I are most anxious that priority should be given to those who are committed Christians."

## New Readers Admitted

At a special service at Southwell Minster on May 22, following the annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Readers' Association, the following members of the laity were admitted by the Bishop of Southwell: *Mr. David William Allen* to All Hallows, Lady Bay, West Bridgford; *Mr. Jeremy Graham Craddock* to St. Mary the Virgin, Southwell; *Mr. Henry David Aylmer Dumat* to St. John the Evangelist, Carlton-in-Lindrick; *Mr. Graham Sims* to St. John the Evangelist, Worksop and *Mr. Derrick John Vernon* to St. Saviour, Nottingham. The following readers were licensed: *Mr. Alfred Macpherson* to St. Barnabas, Lenton Abbey and *Sqd. Ldr. Anthony C. Rogerson* to St. Mary and All Saints, Bingham.

## Around the Diocese

The **Bishop of Southwell** gave an address in Newark Parish Church during Lent. It was called "A God Without Gaps" and is now available in duplicated form, price 20p from the Vicar of Newark, The Vicarage, Appletongate, Newark.

**Battle of Britain Sunday** this year is on September 19. The Bishop commends the holding of Thanksgiving Services and support for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. Though nearly 36 years have passed since the battle, calls on the fund continue to be very great. In 1975 nearly £1½m. was disbursed in the relief of distress, the major share of nearly £550,000 being to widows, while over £370,000 went to the disabled.

**Festival of Flowers** at St. Leonard's, Wollaton, Nottingham, is from September 24-26. Parties welcome. Contact Festival secretary, Mrs. Denise Killips, 3 Ancaster Gardens, Wollaton Park, Nottingham. Tel. 283407.

**St. Leonard's, Newark** would appreciate about 40 Prayer Books and A. & M. Hymn books for regular use in Fosselands home for the elderly. If a Church can help, please ring Rev. Andrew Read, Newark 3691.

**Miss Mary Peterson Blackburn**, former reader and lay worker at Norton Cuckney and Holbeck till 1974, and now living at Sauston, Cambridge, has been ordained deaconess at Ely Cathedral.

The **Missions to Seamen Committee** is once again having a stand at Moor-green Show, Front Park, Watnall, on Monday, August 30. Members of the Notts. Committee sell Flying Angel Marketing Enterprise goods and numerous cups of tea and coffee and would be pleased to receive help from anyone willing to spare a couple of hours or more at the show. Please contact Mrs. A. Milner, the secretary (Tel. Hucknall 2590).

**Wilford Parish Church** — somewhere to go for Bank Holiday. Saturday, August 28, to Monday, August 30. A Flower Festival and Exhibition illustrative of Wilford Past & Present will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Morning Coffee and Cream Teas. Stalls selling country produce. Recital by the Locksley Singers: Saturday at 8.30 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. The Rev. Ben Lewers; 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise with Ian Gall, of Radio Nottingham, as compere. Inquiries: Canon Arthur Kirton, Wilford Rectory, Nottingham. (Tel. 863592).

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE - PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME 1976

Bingham Sports Centre

Wed. 4th August	Friday 6th August
Wed. 11th August	Friday 13th August
Wed. 18th August	Friday 20th August
Wed. 25th August	Friday 27th August

The 'bus will leave Brickyard Lane at 9.45 a.m. and return at 4.00 p.m. The fare is 3p return - swimming extra.

Home based scheme

Tuesday 3rd August	Thurs. 5th August
Tuesday 10th August	Thurs. 12th August
Tuesday 17th August	Thurs. 19th August
Tuesday 24th August	Thurs. 26th August

Games and pastimes will be organised on the Playing Field and in the Sports Pavilion from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. under supervision. Orange squash at 2p per cup.

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SIDESMEN

August 15	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
August 22	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
August 29	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
Sept. 5	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
Sept. 12	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
Sept. 19	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay

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READERS AND READINGS

August 15th - Trinity 9

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Samuel 24, 9-17	Mr. E. Partridge
(Ep.) Galatians 6, 1-10	Miss P. Stobbs
6.30 (O.T.) 2 Kings 4, 8-37	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.) John 16, 23-end	Miss C. Gould

August 22nd - Trinity 10

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Chronicles 29, 1-9	Mrs. V. Backhouse
(Ep.) Philippians 1, 1-11	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.) 2 Kings 5, 1-19	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.) John 17	Mr. A. Curtis

August 29th - Trinity 11

9.00 (O.T.) Micah 4, 1-7	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.) Acts 17, 22-31	Miss S. Marson
6.30 (O.T.) 2 Kings 17, 1-23	Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.) Galatians 1	Mr. R. Hunt

September 5th - Trinity 12

9.00 (O.T.) Jeremiah 12, 1-6	Dr. G. Brooks
(Ep.) Acts 20, 17-35	Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.) 2 Kings 18, 17-22 and 28-19.7	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) Galatians 6, 1-10	Mrs. J. Jones

September 12th - Trinity 13

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 15, 7-11	Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.) 1 John 4, 15-21	Miss H. Slack
6.30 (O.T.) 2 Kings 19, 8-35	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.) 1 Corinthians 1, 1-25	Mr. A. Curtis

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

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<u>Rector</u>	The Right Revd. Bernard Markham The Rectory, Kirk Hill. Tel:218
<u>Reader</u>	M. W. Clarke, 8 Brickyard Lane. Tel: 682
<u>Churchwardens</u>	J.F.Hunt, 42 Kneeton Rd. Tel:531 G.T.Stobbs, 44 Main St. Tel: 536
<u>P.C.C. Secretary</u>	A. J. Sainsbury, 4 Haycroft Way.
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<u>News Sheet Editor</u>	J. C. Wilkins, Hall Garth, Kneeton Road. Tel: 492

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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

Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist on most days  
See notice in Church Porch for details

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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**NEWS SHEET September 1976**

Price 7p.

### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

By the time you read this the holidays will be over and I hope you will feel refreshed. We shall be keeping the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, October 3rd. at 6.30 p.m. On August 29th. we went to Kneeton to keep the Harvest there - a good custom started last year.

We have had quite a number of deaths in the parish recently. Mr. Nixon in Kneeton Road died suddenly and his widow, who has been almost blind for some years, does need our love and prayers. Mrs. Cooper in College Street was also bereaved of her husband, Ernest, a well-known resident of East Bridgford. We assure Mrs. Cooper of our prayers. A very old resident and a relation of many parishioners, Miss Harriet Ellis, died and was buried in the churchyard after service in the Church on the 19th. of August.

Change has always been a part of parish life and we are no exception. The departure of Miss M. Wilkinson in July was a great loss. She was a faithful member and also a very diligent church cleaner. I am glad to say she has happily settled as a worshipper at St. Leonard's, Wollaton.

One of our most faithful servers, Sara Marson, is going away farming in Somerset for a year. While we rejoice that she is able to pursue this ambition and wish her well in the future, we shall certainly miss her. She has always been most helpful and a great example of how the Christian faith can radiate joy. We wish her every blessing.

The departure of these two is a loss outwardly to the local Church and so is that of Mr. Edward Bartridge, who has gone to live at Bingham and will now go to the Eucharist at Bingham Church. We wish him and the boys every blessing.

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

### IS THERE ANYBODY THERE ?

These fascinating words were the first in a poem I got familiar with when I was younger. It is called 'The Listeners' and it is by Walter de la Mare, and I think it is a good poem although it is a bit creepy! In any case it's a good question. We might ask it about East Bridgford Church. Is there anybody there ? The answer is YES. If you go in at any time of the day or night, you will see a little light burning in St. Michael's Chapel, and in the wall an aumbry and a curtain in front of it where is kept the Reserved Sacrament. All this indicates a Presence - that SOMEBODY IS THERE - and of course it is the LORD JESUS himself, hidden yet revealed as He always is. How often this is true! When Mary had a baby boy, the boy did not look like GOD. On the other hand, the boy did indicate that GOD was around - in a human body. That is, of course, what Christians have always believed and the long name for it is Incarnation.

We could ask the question of each of us. Is there anybody there ? Where ? In your heart and mind. Is the heart an empty place or is it the temple, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We were told in our younger days that Nature abhors a vacuum, but suppose your heart and mine is a vacuum. We can be sure it will not be for long. It will either be filled with evil or with the Holy Spirit. The human heart has to be filled with something, or shall we say SOMEBODY ! Is there anybody there ?

B. M.

### CONFIRMATION

Anybody who is keen to know about the Christian Faith and to practise it fully, and intends to do so for the rest of his or her life, should get in touch with me and we could start Confirmation classes. Anybody who has been baptised can be confirmed and become a communicant. There is no age rule and you can be confirmed even if you are drawing the O.A.P.

### "YOURS"

I used to give these out with valuable assistance from the shopkeepers in the village. The paper has now stopped being free and costs 7p. I didn't feel that I could go round collecting 7p.'s but if any senior citizen would like to keep on getting YOURS please let me know.

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### DAYS TO BE OBSERVED

All Sundays

14 September Holy Cross Day

21 September S. Matthew's Day

29 September S. Michael and All Angels  
(Michaelmas)

On all these days the Eucharist will be at 7.30am.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

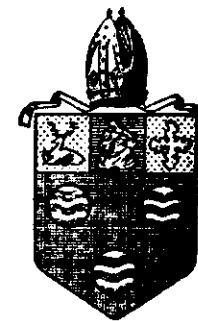
4 September Paul Platts and Alison Willetts.

We wish Dr. and Mrs. Platts every happiness in their married life.

# Southwell Diocesan News

SEPTEMBER 1976

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### The Bishop's Letter

## Church's Task : Vital Questions

THIS is being written just before going on holiday to be read when we are all taking up our work again. In the next months we shall have to implement the insights and opportunities which have been afforded us by Canon R. W. Herrick's Consultancy work and my Primary Visitation of the Diocese. They have coincided in time and are intimately related. Both concern the task of the Church in the diocese and how best it can be fulfilled.

In looking back, I want to thank those who have made my Visitation possible, particularly that part of it in which I visited the Deaneries and the Clergy; the Rural Deans who arranged my programme and who, with their wives entertained me so generously when I stayed overnight; the Clergy who felt able to talk freely about their work and their wives who had to accept the role of Martha rather than Mary; the Bishop of Sherwood and the Archdeacons who did a lot of my work to free me for this, my primary task; my office staff who had to cope with a diocese wanting my personal attention on matters I was not then free to deal with; my driver for long hours of driving and waiting; and not least my wife who has had to put up with me totally preoccupied and often shamefully inconsiderate. Without this help I could not have done what I did.

So far as the Consultancy is concerned, I want to put on record the great debt the diocese owes to Canon Herrick. Over two years he has with



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great diligence at personal inconvenience visited many people throughout the county, assessed what he has heard and advised us wisely. His own illness at one point and the heavy responsibilities which he was still carrying in Chelmsford Diocese have not debarred him from giving us a service of the highest integrity and great competence. The small steering committee to which he has related have themselves had to work hard to bring the Consultant's recommendations to the Bishop's Council and Board of Finance for appropriate decision and action.

#### DIVINE MISSION

What is the outcome? Some people think that there has been a result only if some organisational change takes place. For them the proposed new relationship between the Diocesan Synod and the Board of Finance whereby the same people will sit on both bodies and the work is therefore greatly unified is one possible result.

Similarly a possible move of Church House from Nottingham elsewhere, the suggested reshaping of the diocese's Boards and Councils, and the improvement of relationships between the Bishop and his staff and those clergy who are his Official Advisers in specialist spheres of work may also be seen as results of some moment. But the importance of both Visitation and Consultancy lies not in any organisational changes, however desirable, but in our being able to identify the priorities for our work and the tasks we must fulfil to enable the Church to engage in its divine mission today.

May I identify some areas of concern about which I shall want to say more in this leaflet and elsewhere over the coming months and about which I invite your thought with me and subsequent action?

How can we as a Church maintain a healthy institutional life which encourages rather than inhibits change and the proper seizing of opportunities? Change often causes anxiety when it should be evidence of confidence and progress. How can we make proper use of the clergy and laity so that each fulfils his own ministry at full potential? How best can we develop the parochial ministry in our changing society?

How can we engage people throughout their lives in the vital task of christian education so that they grow in their knowledge of God, their acceptance of the gospel and become exponents of this faith in their daily lives? What can we do to help whole families become christian and support one another in their discipleship?

How should we pray privately and worship corporately so that what we are and do speaks more loudly than what we say? How can we work with others to make the society in which we live and work a more just, caring and wholesome society?

I do not put these questions in any order of priority except to say that the Church exists for the sake of people and the society in which they live, not for itself, and our priorities must show this.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

## Awards for Church Musicians

**A**WARDS 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 on Saturday, September 25 at 5.45 p.m.:-

#### The Bishop's Award. Long Service.

Awsorth, St. Peter	Mr. E. H. Rolls (organist for 49 years);
Edwalton, Holy Rood	Mrs. M. Ridgway (51 years service); Mr. C. H. Rycroft (26 years); Mr. M. S. Taylor (35 years), and Mrs. M. F. Taylor (60 years);
Greasley, St. Mary	Mr. E. Rowley (45 years); Mr. W. H. Smedley (56 years) and Mr. H. Taylor (50 years);
Hucknall, St. John	Mr. A. Breedon (49 years) and Mr. C. W. Priestley (46 years);
Lowdham, St. Mary	Mr. W. A. Bethel (41 years+); Miss P. Harper (28 years) and Mrs. R. M. Holmes (33 years);
Nottingham, All Souls	Mr. V. Haddon (25 years+);
Walesby, St. Edmund	Miss L. D. Palmer (50 years) and Mrs. D. Phillips (50 years);
Woodborough, St. Mark	Mr. J. M. Foster (nearly 50 years);
Woodthorpe, St. Mark	Mr. P. Hudson (46 years).

#### Proven Skill

Lowdham, St. Mary	Mr. K. Brooke;
Ravenhead, St. Peter	Mr. J. I. Coghill, Mr. W. E. Lee and Mr. T. V. Kirkham.

**The Provost's Award** for juniors up to 14 for skill and example;  
Stapleford, St. Helen Peter Edmonds

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## Women's Offerings Total £925

Gifts presented to the Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. Denis Wakeling, by women from all over the diocese at the annual Women's Offering Service at Southwell Minster on June 8, totalled £925. The gifts are being devoted to "The caring work of the Church" to sustain the work of the Board of Social Action, whose team of workers are in touch with the needs of the homeless, delinquents, alcoholics, one-parent families, the aged and the dying.

## Michaelmas Ordinations

At St. Peter and St. Paul, Mansfield, on Sunday, September 26 at 10.45 a.m. the Bishop of Sherwood will ordain the following:—

**Deacons:** Sidney Frederick Rising, EMJOTS, Licensed to St. Giles, West Bridgford. William Thomas Carlisle, EMJOTS, Licensed to St. John's, Carrington.

George Edward Sinfield, EMJOTS, Licensed to St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent,

**Priest:** Peter Newton, St. John's College, Nottm.; Curate at St. James, Porchester

EMJOTS—East Midlands Joint Ordination Training Scheme.

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. Norman Henry Todd, Rector of Elston with Elston Chapelry and Vicar of East Stoke with Syerston, has been appointed by the Bishop of Southwell to be his Adviser on Training. He will resign from his benefices on taking up his appointment and will then reside at Rolleston Vicarage. He will be working closely with the Diocesan Director of Education, the Rev. Robert S. C. Baily, in the general area of adult education and training.

The Rev. Richard Arthur Kirton, former Curate of Newark Parish Church, has joined staff of the Anglican Lutheran College at St. Barnabas Church, Kelang, Malaysia, where he will also be assistant priest under the auspices of the U.S.P.G.

The Rev. Raymond Gibson, Chaplain to the City, Sherwood, St. Francis & Firs Hospitals now lives at 10 Breck Hill Road, Woodthorpe. Tel: Nottm 265929

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## R.E. — How We Failed

says the REV. R. S. C. BAILY,  
Diocesan Director of Education

WHAT stands out a mile in all the arguments about religious education is that it is in general badly done, and the customers long for it to be better done. It is a 'shortage subject' in all areas. The same is true of other subjects. Mathematics is one. You get a chain reaction. Top quality graduates do not go into Teaching. The quality of teaching declines in school. The standard of the ordinary pupil therefore declines, and so does the next generation of those who do teach and so on. It could mean the end of teaching of that subject in school save at the most elementary level. In so many fields we are suffering from generations of unimaginative routine teaching.

What is true of the schools is even more true of the Church. The Clergy are not trained Teachers. Their role is seen as pastoral. The question is not is the Vicar a good teacher but is he a good visitor. Consequently the real understanding even of churchpeople of what religion is about is at a similarly elementary level, and this goes for people who may be real experts in their own fields.

What can be done? The Durham Report in 1970 made a clear case for R.E. as a school subject, something worthy of study. Theology must be seen to be a stimulating thing. Therefore university departments need to revise their ideas of what the subject is about. Lectures on the use of "and" in II Peter are not theology. Then we need to attract real Teachers who have a grasp of the inner meaning of the subject into the schools. It is deplorable that at secondary level people of good will are conscripted into taking R.E. who may be excellent geographers but who are amateurs in theology. You do not expect the R.E. staff to teach geography. Experience suggests that the pupils really welcome good teaching in R.E. and want it. As one boy said in a recent "phone-in" programme, the life of St. Alban is not relevant. Please can they have real religion. They want to know.

The Church has in fact two jobs, which are being worked together in Church schools and parishes. The Church must help people know what it is all about. This means effective teaching at all levels. Then the Church has to help those who, having found out, want actually to try it.

You can study the subject of prayer and read all about it. The teacher will show many schools of prayer. You then decide to venture into praying. The Pastor has to advise on your choice of school and guide you or see that you are guided.

Finally, let the Church do its own job and not other people's. Concern for social justice etc. flows from knowledge of (not about) God, but the knowledge comes first.

## Around the Diocese

"Music in the Country"—will be held at Bunny Parish Church on Saturday, September 11 at 7.30 p.m. Vocal and instrumental concert arranged and directed by Mr. Michael Smedley, of Bradmore and Oxford. Proceeds for the Organ fund Admission, 50p. Tickets available from the Rev. C. E. Jones, Bunny Vicarage.

**Organ Recital** on the new Nigel Church organ at Hucknall Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 11, 7.30 p.m. by Alan Wicks, organist of Canterbury Cathedral.

**Mothers' Union Events.** September 7, Mothers' Union Pageant, St. Paul's, West Bridgford, 7.30 p.m.; 9, Beeston Deanery Lunch, 12.15 p.m.; 16, South Bingham Deanery Festival, Upper Broughton, 2.45 p.m.; 18-October 2, Mothers' Union Exhibition, St. Mary's Church, Nottingham; 21, Mothers' Union Pageant and Exhibition, Retford; 22, Gedling Deanery Festival, Netherfield, 2.30 p.m.; 27, Southwell Deanery Festival, Halam, 3 p.m.; 28, Tuxford Deanery Festival, Walesby, 2.45 p.m.

**Bishop Cuthbert Bardsley** will conduct a Quiet Day for laypeople in Southwell Minster on Saturday, October 30. 10.30 a.m. — 4 p.m. Book a place by writing to Canon Bayes, 2 Vicars Court, Southwell.

"What makes Churches grow?" is the subject of a talk to be given by the Rev. Eddie Gibbs, Communications secretary of SAMS in the St. Jude's Church Hall, Mapperley, on Thursday, September 23 at 7.45 p.m. at an open meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship.

"Festival of Harvest Flowers" at St. Martin's Church, Bole, near Retford, (off the A620 Retford to Gainsborough Road) on Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19. Flowers arranged by members of the Gainsborough Flower Club. Parties welcome. Contact Mrs. R. Watmough, Maythorn, Bole, (Tel. Saundby 287 after 5 p.m.).

**Christ Church, Newark.** Flower Festival theme "That's Life". Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19 Church open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Stalls sideshows and refreshments. Sunday Evensong: preacher Bishop of Sherwood.

**Willoughby-on-the-Wolds** St. Mary and All Saints' Harvest Time Flower Festival, September 24-26. Produce and Craft Stall. Light refreshments and set teas. Preacher at Sunday Evensong—the Rev. Colin Buchanan, of St. John's College, Bramcote. Further details from Wymeswold 880386.

**Series III Evensong:** A demonstration service is to be held at St. Peter's, Ruddington, on Saturday, 23 October, at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome! We hope to have combined choirs, and choirmasters are asked to contact Peter S. Shepherd, 24 Westerham Road, Ruddington (Phone Nottm. 215298) as soon as possible if they intend to take part. Rehearsal 3 p.m., Tea 5 p.m., Service 6 p.m.

**Heater Offer.** St. Barnabas, Chilwell having changed from Oil-fired central heating to gas has one heater to dispose of. Any reasonable offer will be accepted for Colman oil-burning heater. Output 32,500 B.T.U., buyer to collect. Contact Churchwarden, 35 Sunnyside Road, Chilwell. (Tel. Nottingham 221208).

**St. John the Baptist, Colwick** require a good second-hand electric cooker for the Kitchen of the new Church extension. If anybody could help, please contact the Rev. Christopher Gale at St. John's House, Rectory Road, Colwick. (Tel. Nottingham 247618).

**CEMS Quiet Morning,** on Saturday, September 4 in Southwell Minster from 10 a.m. - noon will be led by the new General Secretary, the Rev. Barry Dawson. Members and friends welcome. Theme "Living in Christ".

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## Layman's View of General Synod

IT was hot and the dress was less formal as we laboured through a heavy agenda at the University of York mostly until after ten o'clock in the evening.

The heavy debates, with full houses and queues of members waiting to speak, centred around Crown appointments, Christian Initiation and the Ten Propositions of the Churches' Unity Commission. Most of us will remember the loud noises of the few against and the overwhelming vote for the arrangements agreed with the Prime Minister, which enable the Church to make recommendations, by name, for the appointments of Bishops in the future.

The views of the Dioceses on Christian Initiation, being largely inconclusive, caused Synod much heart searching and arguments for revisions, based on current practices not approved by Diocesan Bishops or permitted by Canonical Law, caused the majority of members, voting by Houses, to reject the proposals for alternative practices and, ultimately, to continue to rely on Bishops, in consultation with their Diocesan Synods, making more use of the discretion already permitted by Canon B 27, to admit younger children to confirmation when so requested. Synod approved the provision for a form of Service of Thanksgiving for the birth of a child, both when a child is and is not baptised.

"Stop Dithering" was an early call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and this advice formed the basis of argument in many of the debates. The speech of the Sessions, in passion and wit, came from the Bishop of Pontefract on the ten points for Unity. He called for acceptance of the 10 points lock, stock and barrel. Synod rose to his call but then cooled and only accepted six points without question, more information being sought on the remaining four.

We heard of the lessons learned at the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Trinidad and took note of the Annual Report of the Central Board of Finance for 1975 before approving the Budget of just under £1½ million, of which Southwell's contribution will be around £28,000 in 1977.

The Pension Board's recommendation that, for the purposes of National Insurance, clergy shall be regarded as 'employed earners' with effect from April, 1978 was approved, after all the benefits had been carefully outlined. The new Order for Parochial Fees brought forth strong opposition and a call for voting by Houses. Each House approved and the Order will operate from the 1st January next.

Series 1 & 2 Revised and 3 (Holy Communion) and Series 3 Funeral Services were approved for further use until December, 1979.

We were challenged in York by the Archbishops and by the principal Guest, Dr. Phillip Potter, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The former called upon us to recognise ourselves as a Church in relation to the world about us and not to dither; the latter, after paying tribute to the part the Church of England has played, urged us to realise we are now only a small part of the whole of the World Wide Church.—E. R. F. Pogmore.

## Ministry amongst the Deaf

FROM time to time, requests are made to the Chaplain for the Deaf in the Diocese, asking for his help with regard to the problems of communication with deaf people. Because of this and the fact that so few people know so little about the psychological and sociological effects of deafness, a one day course has been arranged for all interested clergy of the diocese. There is also an open invitation to clergy in the Roman Catholic Church and ministers of the Free Churches.

The meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, October 26, in the Nottingham Institute for the Deaf situated in Forest Road West adjacent to Mount Hooton Road. It will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Please bring your own packed lunch. Coffee will be provided.

If you would like to attend or require further information, please contact the Chaplain for the Deaf, the Rev. Frank Tanner, The Vicarage, Huthwaite, Sutton-in-Ashfield, (Phone Mansfield 52053) after October 1.



# THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER

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| 1 West Leake ( <i>Donald Williams</i> )   | 15 Teachers of the County  |
| 2 Wilford ( <i>Arthur Kirton, Canon</i> )   | 16 Society of the Sacred Mission                                 |
| 3 North Wilford ( <i>Michael Jackson, Canon, John Pennington</i> )                                      | 17 Linby with Papplewick ( <i>Leonard Barker</i> )               |
| 4 Arnold ( <i>Roy Williams, David Walker</i> )  | 18 Gedling ( <i>Cecil Watson, Canon; Michael Cooper</i> )        |
| 5 Annesley ( <i>Frank Lyons</i> )   | 19 Carlton-in-the-Willows ( <i>Walter Harrison</i> )             |
| 6 Bestwood ( <i>Deaconess Pamela Harvey</i> )   | 20 Hospital Chaplains  |
| 7 Bestwood Park, Emmanuel, ( <i>David Williams</i> )  | 21 St. John's College, Nottingham                                |
| 8 Salvation Army  | 22 Selston and Westwood ( <i>Hubert Simmons, Brian Killick</i> ) |
| 9 Brinsley with Underwood ( <i>William Porter</i> )   | 23 The Lord Bishop of Southwell                                  |
| 10 Bulwell, St. John ( <i>Michael Hall</i> )  | 24 Epperstone ( <i>Ernest Weil, Canon</i> )                      |
| 11 Bulwell, St. Mary ( <i>Walter Beasley, Alan Caldwell</i> )   | 25 Retired Clergy of the Diocese                                 |
| 12 Eastwood ( <i>Derek Goodman, William Batson</i> )  | 26 Ordination Candidates   |
| 13 Greasley ( <i>Philip Walker</i> )  | 27 Caythorpe ( <i>Maurice Richardson</i> )                       |
| 14 Hucknall Torkard, St. Mary, St. John, St. Paul ( <i>David Williams, Harold Godfrey, Allen Hart</i> ) | 28 Carlton, St. John ( <i>Terence Short</i> )                    |
|   | 29 Colwick ( <i>Christopher Gale</i> )                           |
|   | 30 Burton Joyce with Bulcote ( <i>David Johnson</i> )            |

Your prayers are asked for the following Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese: Stephen Hobson (Gedling), Norman Jacobson (S.S.M.) and Richard Tebbs (Hucknall).

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# HOLY BAPTISM

15 August Paul Geoffrey, son of Errol Geoffrey and Deanna Glenys Manchester.

# EAST BRIDGFORD LIFEBOAT GUILD

The final result of the sponsored walk held in April in aid of the R.N.L.I. has now reached the sum of £810. This brings the total amount of money raised so far this year by the East Bridgford Guild to £1020.

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# LONELINESS ? WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT ?

There are no statistics of the number of lonely people in this country. Still less are there any figures for Nottingham. Anyway - who are the lonely ? You can feel lonely for an hour, a day, a week, a year. What is loneliness ? And, what's more, what can you do about it ?

Loneliness is feeling deserted, neglected, forgotten. It is like being in a prison or a cage, and you feel helpless.

Who are the lonely ? As a blind man once said, 'The lonely are around you, if only you have eyes to see them'. They may be children emotionally cut off from their parents, adolescents trying to come to terms with their own sexuality, mothers with young children, fathers facing redundancy, the elderly, the dying, the single, those in institutions; these and many more - including ourselves. They are certainly around us if only we have the eyes to 'see' and the ears to hear.

#### What can I do about my own loneliness ?

You might respond to a 'snap out of it', or a 'come along with us', or 'try helping someone else'. On the other hand that might make you feel worse. For you, the courage to talk about yourself to just one other person, anyone, might do the trick. You will need help, and you will have to fight to learn to accept that help, if it is given.

If you are a Christian you will know that you are not alone in the world. You will know that you are accepted just as you are. If God accepts you, then someone else might too! This should give you hope.

Your loneliness might be caused by the kind of society in which you live. And if you want better transport, jobs locally, decent housing, more community care and the like, then you might pester the local Council, the District Council, Social Service Department and the churches. This will give you a purpose, a role and possible results.

#### What can I do about the loneliness of others ?

1. Take a look at your own family to see if there are signs of loneliness.
2. Check that your neighbours are all right - every day.
3. Volunteer to look after a neighbour's child or sit in with an elderly person.
4. Have a look along your street. What is needed to create a fuller life ?
5. Support the efforts of one-parent families to get proper day-care facilities.
6. Walk rather than drive where possible. See who talks to you.

7. Invite some in for a cup of tea. Entertain more often - but modestly.
8. Don't pretend! Be honest about your own difficulties - and see what happens.
9. Offer an hour to Age Concern, W.R.V.S., Social Services, Probation, the Church or any other caring organisation.
10. Think of the lonely in your prayers and notice how you will act upon them.

In thinking of the lonely, you might remember the words of Colin Morris - "Am I my brother's keeper ? No! My brother doesn't need a keeper. He needs a brother!"

(Contributed)

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#### SIDESMEN

September 19th	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
September 26th	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
October 3rd	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
October 10th	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis

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# READERS AND READINGS

## September 19th - Trinity 14

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 45, 1-15	Miss S. Guy
(Ep.)	1 Peter 3, 1-9	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	2 Kings 22	Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 1, 26 - 2. end	Mr. J. Guy

## September 26th - Trinity 15

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Kings 3, 5 - 15	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.)	1 Timothy 2, 1-7	Miss C. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	Ezra 1, 1-8	Mr. D. Gould
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 3.	Mr. G. Stobbs

## October 3rd - Trinity 16

9.00 (O.T.)	Jeremiah 32, 6 - 15	Mr. G. Clayfield
(Ep.)	Galatians 2, 20 - 3, 9.	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	Ezra 3.	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 13.	Dr. G. Brooks

## October 10th - Trinity 17

9.00 (O.T.)	Nehemiah 6, 1-16	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.)	1 Peter 4, 7-11	Mrs. S. Guy
6.30 (O.T.)	Nehemiah 1	Miss A. Gould
(N.T.)	Philippians 1, 12 - end.	Mr. R. Hunt.

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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

Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist on most days  
See notice in Church Porch for details

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 people,

We pray daily for people at the weekday Eucharist and I am glad that more and more of our congregation are coming to church for the short service of 20 minutes before going to their daily work. What a good way of beginning each day! We pray by name especially for sick people and those who are going through some crisis in their lives. I am glad to do this and I know that this intercession is appreciated.

October 18th. is S. Luke's day and S. Luke, in addition to writing his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, was the beloved physician, and so on this day we shall remember all doctors and nurses and those to whom they minister. We shall pray, not only for God's blessing on the Medical Centre in the village but for those who are in hospital in Newark and in Nottingham, and indeed for the nursing hospitals. There are also some small envelopes at the back of the church to help pay for ambulances in India.

The subject of sickness and healing is of primary importance and should be so to all Christians. Healing of the body should not be divorced from healing of the mind and the heart. We believe in total healing, not just of one part of the body. This means that real healing is an attitude of mind and a joyful acceptance of life. I have been reading a book recently, called by the attractive name of 'Silent Music'. Here is a passage from it which is worth reading more than once.

"Healing is not restoration of some stereotyped normality or social adaptability. It is not that the past is obliterated. It is not that wounds are patched up and torn flesh restored to its pristine health. Neither will healing necessarily make the homosexual heterosexual. It will not give the alcoholic a taste for Coca Cola. Healing is much more creative than that. Healing is

progress and resurrection. It can best be understood by looking at the wounds of the risen Christ. These are still present. The resurrection did not take them away. But they are glorified, transformed, transfigured . . . And in the same way meditation can remove the crippling effects of painful wounds and it can make beautiful what once was ugly. And it can give to the personality such depth of love and profundity of insight that the ghosts no longer frighten and the sirens no longer seduce."

This is, I believe, a very good statement of how healing works and why meditation is of such importance. People all over the world are learning that by deep meditation they can know, not only themselves, but God and their neighbours. They learn the great message that the universe is only to be understood by love, and only those who love and know themselves to be loved are really healed. Modern medicine has done very wonderful things but the best medicine is faith and hope and love.

We pray with sympathy for Mr. Cooper who was bereaved by the death of his wife Joyce Edna Cooper was a lovable and sweet person but she has been delivered from much pain and has entered into the nearer presence of God. Her funeral took place on the 17th. September.

I'm sure you would like me to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Blandy concerning the disastrous fire in their home and to assure them of our good wishes and prayers.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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#### HOLY MATRIMONY

25th. September Terrance Richard Robinson and  
Carole Jane Foster.  
May their marriage be greatly blessed.

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### HOLY BAPTISM

19th September Catherine Teresa, daughter of  
Christopher and Kathleen Eagleton.  
We welcome this child into the Church.

BARGAINS GALORE will be available in the East  
Bridgford Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday  
16th. October. This is the afternoon of the  
Autumn Jumble Sale. Entrance fee will be 5p.  
and cups of tea will be available.

If you have anything to offer for the sale please  
telephone Mrs. Christine Lewis at East Bridgford  
612. And please do it soon because all the  
merchandise needs to be collected by Tuesday 12th.

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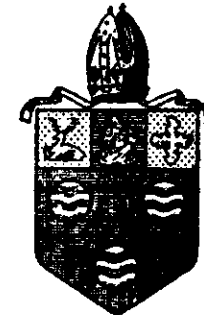
THE PARISH COUNCIL announces that in Section B  
of the Best Kept Village Competition 1976 (700  
-2000) East Bridgford was a 'runner-up'. The  
winner was Sutton Bonington. The judges re-  
marked that the general standard gets higher  
each year and judging gets harder, but the  
judges were sure that every village which had  
entered had made real efforts which had not been  
wasted. This year the winner of the Certificate  
of Merit in Section B was Whatton, the certifi-  
cate being awarded for the external condition  
of and the surrounds to Village Halls. Next  
year the certificate will be awarded for the  
external condition and surrounds to shops in  
the village.

Some of the points made by the judges about  
East Bridgford were that litter was evident,  
particularly on Kneeton Road opposite S. Peter's

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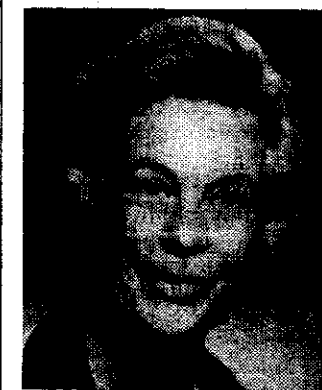


### The Bishop's Letter

## Focus on Care for the Elderly

**T**HERE is one thing in particular to which I believe the Church in this  
diocese must now turn its attention and that is the appropriate use  
of laity in the service of the gospel. The more important aspect of this is  
to help the laity to live out their faith in the context of everyday life: the  
less important aspect of this is to help them to serve the institutional church

responsibly. If they are to live  
out their faith day by day, the place  
where this has to begin is in the  
home, and so in this letter I begin  
to address myself to this subject,  
and to do so at what may seem a  
strange starting point, namely, the  
place of the aged in our homes and  
in our society.



*Mrs. Susan Varah, Central  
President of the Mothers' Union,  
who will be visiting the Southwell  
Diocese on Tuesday, October 19.*

itself providing the volunteers in this work, both clergy and laity being  
heavily involved in it.

Did you know that one in five of the total population is over retirement  
age? By 1981 this will mean ten million people. By that same year over  
two and a half million will be over the age of 75. Over two million retired

people live alone, often in unsuitable accommodation. Over half the hospital beds in this country, excluding those for maternity and psychiatric patients, are occupied by those over 65. This gives some idea of the numbers of people involved. This country lags behind many others in research into the ageing process. Much of the distress caused by physical and mental deterioration could be prevented. One of our tasks is to help finance research projects into such problems as senile dementia (feebleness of mind), incontinence, diabetes, safer medication, physical activity appropriate for the elderly, the process of ageing. I hope you will regard this work as a proper focus of your generosity by contributing to the collection in your church.

There are two problems however which we can do something about ourselves; one is the problem of facing retirement and the other the problem of family relationships in which the place of the elderly has a special significance. Many firms are beginning to train people for retirement, not as a means of getting rid of staff but as a means of enabling the change from work to enforced leisure to be effected smoothly and happily. In the past we have not bothered with this problem and perhaps it hasn't been so much of a problem because growing old has been done more in the context of the family than it is now. Nowadays the valuable role that grandparents play in the family structure is diminished by the fact that they less often live in the family circle. The immense increase in the numbers of old peoples' homes is evidence of present day inability or unwillingness to care for ageing parents.

In christian terms a person does not become less important because he is growing old. In primitive societies the elderly have a special place of honour as having acquired much experience of life and mature judgement. The very term 'elder' in church terminology indicates that wisdom and authority are not seldom to be found in older people. Today our reliance upon youth deprives us of much valuable help that age and experience engender. It is unlikely that in this restless, heartless age we shall go back to our former attitudes but we must do two things. Firstly, enable the elderly to feel loved and useful and, secondly, enable them to use such skills as they possess for the benefit of all, and certainly within the family.

In our study of family life, and in this, of christian family life, let us try to discern how best we can improve our family relationships so that we make good use of valuable resources and make the ageing process a fulfilling and not a saddening experience.

Yours sincerely, *+ Denis Southwell*

**Processional lanterns** — a pair of outdoor processional lanterns were loaned by St. Mary's, Bulwell to another church in 1973/4 and have since disappeared. The lanterns are brass with a removable glass, on gimbals so that the candle is upright, and have staves stained black. They are thought to be the only ones in the diocese. The Rector, the Rev. Walter Beasley is anxious to trace their whereabouts.

## News of the Clergy

**The Rev. Raymond William Lockhart**, Assistant Curate at St. Margaret's, Aspley, has been appointed Rector of Knebworth, Diocese of St. Albans.

**The Rev. Roy Catchpole**, Assistant Curate at St. Helen and St. Giles, Rainham, Essex, has been appointed Assistant Curate at St. Paul's, Hyson Green, Nottingham, from Sunday, September 19.

**The Rev. Michael T. Ranyard**, Assistant Curate at St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield, is to be Youth Worker attached to St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, Diocese of Southwark.

**The Rev. Brian Anthony Hugh Killick**, Assistant Curate at Selston, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Sutton-cum-Duckmanton, Diocese of Derby.

## Around the Diocese

**Minster Choirs.** While the Southwell Minster choir is on holiday from October 23 to November 1, Evensong at 3.15 p.m. will be sung on Sunday, Oct. 24, by the Picardy Singers, and on Sunday, Oct. 31 by St. Giles choir, West Bridgford.

**Wanted.** For Nottingham Cyrenian Night Shelter and associated project: furniture — easy chairs, dining-table and chairs, bedroom mirror, crockery, cutlery, bedlinen and floor coverings, to furnish new living accommodation for Cyrenian workers. Contact Rev. Ben Hopkinson, (Nottingham 606887).

**Also Wanted** — Harvest thanksgiving produce to feed single homeless men in Nottingham and Men's wear (suits, jackets, trousers, coats, shirts, underwear and socks) to clothe them this winter. Contact Rev. Ron Lacey, (Nottingham 43651).

**Girl's Friendly Society.** A new branch has been formed at St. Paul's Church, Manton, Worksop, and support of anyone interested would be welcomed. Details from Miss M. A. Whall, 76 Shrewsbury Road, Manton, Worksop, or Mrs. J. Stafford, St. Paul's Vicarage, Cavendish Road, Worksop (Tel: Worksop 3289).

**ITV documentary** on the Church of England, originally scheduled for May 18 and then postponed, will be broadcast on the whole ITV network on Tuesday October 19 at 10.30 p.m. It will last 90 minutes.

**Southwell Minster Festival of Flowers and Music** will be held on October 1, 2 and 3. Following a preview and sherry party on Thursday, September 30, there will be a concert by the Minster choir on the Saturday evening at 7.30 p.m. Preacher at the Festival evensong at 6.30 p.m. on the Sunday will be the Rev. John Treadgold, Vicar of Darlington and former Rector of Wollaton.

**Mrs. Susan Varah, O.B.E.**, Central President of the Mothers' Union, will be given a civic reception at County Hall, West Bridgford, on Tuesday, October 19. In the afternoon she will address members of the Newark Archdeaconry at Newark Town Hall at 2.30 p.m. and members of the Nottingham Archdeaconry at St. Giles, West Bridgford at 7.30 p.m.

**Captain Gerald Mann, C.A.** has been appointed as a full-time Lay Worker in the Deanery of Bingham and has been licensed to the Wiverton group of parishes with special responsibilities within Cropwell Bishop.

**Greasley Players** present "When we are Married" by J. B. Priestly in Greasley Church Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 21, 22 and 23 at 7.30 p.m. Contact Langley Mill 4490 about tickets.

**Leprosy Mission.** The Nottingham Auxiliary will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, October 30 at 3.15 p.m. in the Albert Hall Institute. Chairman will be the Rev. D. C. Sherwood, Vicar of St. Barnabas, Lenton Abbey. The speaker will be Mr. Peter Hill of the Alert Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After tea Mr. Hill will show some transparencies of his work.

**Age Concern** in Nottingham are holding their annual church service on October 15 at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Nottingham. Canon A. Inglis will give the address, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will attend.

**St. James', Porcheater,** are looking for a reasonably priced modern, oak-finished piano for use during Church worship. Anyone able to help please ring Rev. Philip Humphreys, Nottingham 606185.

## British Council of Churches Irish Fund

AS Bishop of the Diocese I wish to commend this fund to the support of all parishes. A leaflet about it is being circulated to all incumbents in the hope that each parish will make a worthwhile contribution.

The initial target is £25,000 to support those in Northern Ireland who are working for reconciliation and to encourage deeper knowledge and greater understanding of the present Anglo-Irish crisis throughout the British Isles.

This is far more than a conscience salving exercise. It aims to provide funds for projects which will enhance reconciliation and the restoration of constructive relationships between us all here and in Northern Ireland.

+ Denis Southwell

## Over £1,300 for Overseas Work

DONATIONS by Mothers' Union members in the Southwell Diocese for the general overseas fund this year totalled £1,314 11p which included £58 57p taken at the Overseas Service in Southwell Minster on July 8. Amounts subscribed by the various deaneries were:—

Bawtry .. 27.96	Tuxford .. 24.47	W. Bingham .. 255.72
Mansfield .. 159.74	Worksop .. 44.07	Bulwell .. 70.15
Newark .. 78.87	Beeston .. 96.48	Gedling .. 96.36
Norwell .. 52.11	Bingham .. 29.64	Nottingham .. 113.99
Retford .. 117.27	S. Bingham .. 55.51	Southwell .. 33.20

Contributions to the New Guinea fund set up to bring Mrs. Jocelyn Wesley to the M.U. Centenary celebrations totalled £670.22.

## THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN OCTOBER

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

Your prayers are asked for the Ordinands sponsored by the Diocese:—

John Foote (St. Paul, Hyson Green), David Fudger (St. Mary, Nottingham), Philip Need (Netherfield), Robert Ward (Cinderhill), Michael Parsons (St. Nicholas, Nottingham).

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School but also in Main Street and the footpath to Cherryholt Lane. The 'bus shelter (opposite the church) was described as filthy. There were some withered flowers and a broken container at the foot of the War Memorial.

PATRICK AND SONIA BLANDY would like to send their very grateful thanks to all their village friends who helped to rescue and move to safety their personal possessions and remaining pieces of furniture on the night of the fire, 9th. September.

They would also like to thank the many East Bridgfordians who gave or offered hospitality, and those who have sent messages of sympathy.

Last, but by no means least, they would like to send a very special thank you to so many kind, neighbourly ladies, who have washed and cleaned their clothes and china.

They will always remember the comfort, support and practical help they received in their loss.

REMEMBRANCE TIME falls this year on 14th.

November. On that morning the Royal British Legion, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, and all others who would like to attend are invited to assemble at the lych gate at 10.50 a.m. for a service at the War Memorial at 10.55, at which the two minutes silence will be observed and wreaths will be laid on the Memorial. This ceremony will be followed by a Remembrance Service in the 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 £168 to this Fund, £38 at the Remembrance Service, £109 from the sale of poppies, and £21 from Royal British Legion Branch Funds for wreaths laid on the Memorial

and at the funerals of Legion members. This year the Legion hopes for £40 from the Remembrance Service, £120 from Poppy sales and £20 for wreaths, which, with the £20 already raised by the opening of gardens on Flower Show day, will, it is hoped, raise the village's contribution to £200 for the first time.

The Women's Section of the Legion will be taking poppies to every household in the village during the week before Remembrance Sunday. Anyone who is out when they call will be able to get their poppies from the Reindeer or Royal Oak or from one of the village shops.

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GARDENERS - You can order mature, mixed stable and poultry MANURE, packed in 28lb. bags by telephoning East Bridgford 338.

Cost - collected from 21 Main Street - 10p. per bag - delivered locally - 20p. per bag.

Proceeds will be given to East Bridgford Church, the Poppy Fund, the Lifeboat Guild, or the Village Hall Committee, at the discretion of the buyers.

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PAINTING AND DECORATING For your enquiries and expert attention telephone PETER CARTLEDGE at East Stoke 471. Estimates Free.

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SIDESMEN

October	17th	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
	24th	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
	31st	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
November	7th	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand
	14th	9.00	Mr. Reid:	6.30	Mr. Curtis

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 23rd. Diocesan Synod at Southwell.  
Oct. 28th. S. Simon and S. Jude, Apostles.  
Eucharist at 7.30 a.m.  
Nov. 1st. All Saints Day. Eucharist at 7.30 am.  
Nov. 2nd. All Souls Day.  
Requiem for the faithful departed at 7.30 a.m.  
Nov. 24th. Visit of the Revd. Andrew Read (S. Leonard's, Newark).  
7.30 a.m. Eucharist  
8.00 p.m. Meeting at Rectory.

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MOZART

Mr. Peter Ward and Mr. Tony Beresford have arranged for three talks on Mozart with illustrations of his work on recordings. These talks will be given in the School on three successive Thursdays October 7th., 14th., and 21st. There will be a silver collection for the King Edward Club. Do support this effort which is a good example of what we can do in our own village with keenness and enthusiasm. Mr. Peter Ward has been a student of Mozart for many years.

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EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. F. Gaunt from Radio Nottingham spoke about her work. She explained how programmes are often spontaneous and illustrated the hazards which have to be dealt with in this situation. She was thanked by Mrs. E. Gaskell.

A competition of 'Who Said That ?' (quotations) was won by Mrs. Bullovant.

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### READERS AND READINGS

#### October 17th - Trinity 18

9.00 (O.T.)	Daniel 6, 10-23	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	Romans 5. 1-11	Miss P. Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Nehemiah 2.	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	Philippians 2. 1-18	Miss C. Gould

#### October 24th - Trinity 19

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 1.1-3,	
	24 - 31a.	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	Colossians 1, 15-20	Miss E. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Ruth 1	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.)	Philippians 3, 1-16	Mr. P. Blandy

#### October 31st - Trinity 20

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 3. 1-15	Mrs. V. Backhouse
(Ep.)	Romans 7. 7-12	Mr. R. Hunt
6.30 (O.T.)	Ruth 2.1-20a	
	and 4. 13-17.	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	Philippians 4.	Mr. J. Guy

#### November 7th - Trinity 21

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 12. 1-9	Mrs. J. Cornell
(Ep.)	Romans 4.13-25	Mr. K. Finch
6.30 (O.T.)	Daniel 1.	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	2 Corinthians 1,	
	1 - 22.	Dr. G. Brooks

## ST PETER'S CHURCH EAST BRIDGFORD

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<u>News Sheet Editor</u>	J. C. Wilkins, Hall Garth, Kneeton Road. Tel: 492

### 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

Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist on most days  
See notice in Church Porch for details

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 November 1976

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#### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Those of you who live in East Bridgford will have realised that 1976 has been remarkable for the number of people who have died, and so it may be a help to think about this especially during the month of November, which in the tradition of the Church is associated with the departed. What do we really believe about death? Do we really believe that when we die we snuff out like a blown out candle? Some people do, but in a strange way the majority of people find this unthinkable and unbelievable and a savage attack on the dignity of human nature. No! most people believe in some way or other that all the beautiful and loving relationships in this life are not meant to end just like this - in fact, to use a Bible phrase, that "Love is stronger than death". We who are Christian believers are convinced that there is a fuller life after this one where loose ends are tied up and the pattern of life is revealed, but of course this does mean that the teaching of Jesus about death must be taken seriously.

He quite clearly says that those who believe in Him share in His Resurrection and have overcome death here and now, and that to be united with Him is to be united with those whom we have loved here in the life of this world. This unity shows itself in prayer and especially at the Eucharist. To use some very well worn words, "Life is changed, not taken away". If we do really believe in Jesus we shall find that in Him we shall find our loved ones and that they are close to us and encourage us in our earthly life. Of course I cannot speak for those who have no faith, nor can I really feel that any thoughtful person can just remain agnostic about this, because it is so important. If this life is the only life, let's be frank, it quite often does not make sense, but it does

point to a fulness of life beyond, and this surely has been true of all men always and everywhere. What appears to be necessary to any rational view of life has been raised to a divine revelation by the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This is the bed rock truth on which our faith depends - and what a glorious truth it is! We pray that all who mourn their loved ones will be conscious of it. We commend to God's gracious mercy all who have died recently and pray that those who mourn may be comforted.

I commend to you some words written about marriage which I have included in the News Sheet. I have met the writer and he knows what he is talking about. Of course, there may be some who will not agree with everything he says, but even that may be useful if it makes for constructive thought.

I would like to say a word or two about the village Youth Club of which I am Chairman of the Management Committee. It is desirable that there should be a Youth Club in the village and that it should be run well and have the goodwill of all. The fact is that we are having problems about various things. I am convinced that the Village Hall is not the ideal place for the Club and, while it is there, there will always be friction. Now that tremendous efforts and a large amount of money has been spent on the Hall, there may be increasing problems. I hope all who read this will think about it with sympathy and understanding, because at present there appears to be no alternative to the present arrangement except the closure of the Youth Club, which I should regret and I do think the village would realise that not to have a Youth Club might be a serious matter. If anybody can come forward with a positive suggestion about this whole matter I should be grateful. Meanwhile let us try to be patient and understanding, and may the members of the Youth Club be responsible and disciplined in their use of the Hall.

Every Blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the October meeting Mrs. Duffin gave a demonstration on Corn Dollies. She brought a good selection of various types of corn dollies and showed members the different styles of the art. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. E. Meylan.

Mrs. M. Greenwood, one of the members who had attended the fashion show at Newton, said how enjoyable the evening had been. The report of the Autumn Council meeting was given by Mrs. A. R. Bullivant. Miss D. Hand read a letter from New Zealand received from our link Institute who had been corresponding for over 45 years.

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met at the Rectory on 22nd September. Items discussed included the following:-

The Diocesan Synod had urged increased support for the work of the Church overseas and this was debated at some length. The proposal will be considered further at the next meeting.

The future of the News Sheet was discussed.

The new Series 3 Morning and Evening Prayer Services were examined in detail. The Rector told the Council that a revised Communion Service - Series 1 and 2 - was to be published shortly, and this might influence the Council's attitude to the Series 3 Service. A Sub-committee was appointed to study liturgical changes.

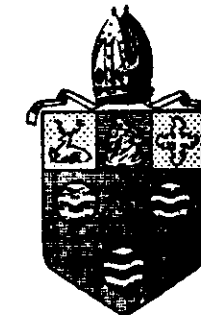
The Stewardship Committee would soon be considering the annual Christmas letter. House building was bringing many newcomers into the village and the Committee was anxious to provide them with information about Church activities. The Committee hoped to make personal contact with all new arrivals in the village.

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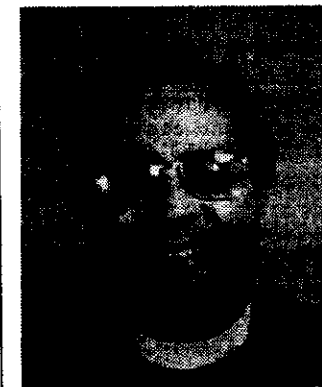
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#### The Bishop's Letter

### Testing Time for the Church People

**L**AST month saw the first meeting of our newly elected Diocesan Synod. It is now six years since Synodical Government was inaugurated in the Church of England. Its aim was and is to incorporate the laity into responsible participation in the government of the Church. Despite inevitable teething troubles, much has been achieved. As the fulfilment of this aim is quite crucial to our welfare as a diocese, I turn your attention to this issue in this letter.



*The Rev. Roy Williamson, who will be instituted as Vicar of Bramcote on Tuesday, November, 23*

Firstly, I must thank those who have patiently master-minded the development of our Diocesan Synod, Mr. T. E. Hyde, our first Synod Secretary, who was at the same time Secretary of our Board of Finance, and more recently the Rev. J. T. Finney who has done this work while being in charge of a large and demanding parish. Now that plans are afoot to make the membership of the Diocesan Synod and of the Board of Finance identical, our aim is that Mr. B. R. E. Noake should be styled Diocesan Secretary, incorporating in his own person both the secretaryship of our Synod and of our Board of Finance. It will be no easy task for him to ensure that he does not confuse these two roles but the change of structure has been designed to make possible responsible planning. We must keep the claims of policy making and of financial planning distinct and yet appropriately serving one another. It would be wrong for money to determine our priorities just as it would be foolish to think that financial constraints can be avoided in the discussion of policy. I would like to put on record the debt this diocese owes to Mr. Noake for the quiet and highly efficient service he gives us with his staff at Church House.

During the past six years Canon C. S. Bayes has been the chairman of the House of Clergy and Mr. E. R. F. Pogmore the chairman of the House of Laity. Their leadership and their help in the chairmanship of the Diocesan Synod have been much appreciated, not least by me. No small credit for the development of our Synodical life must go to them. The House of Laity and the House of Clergy have valued the chance to meet on their own to debate matters of peculiar concern to their respective houses.

And now we welcome a new membership elected by the Deanery Synods. I am glad that many of those who have served in the past are back with us for the standard of debate has been good. We have been mercifully spared from the inveterate talker and from those who delight in 'points of order'.

#### URGENT ISSUES

My hope is that we shall be able to discuss and make provision for the welfare of the inhabitants of this county, whether they are practising members of the Church or not. The Diocesan Synod should give particular attention to issues that are pertinent to Nottinghamshire just as Deanery Synods should give attention to issues that affect their local districts. The Church exists for Society and must be firmly 'incarnate' in it. In particular, I hope that we can tackle some of the issues which have emerged as so urgent in my Visitation of the Diocese. At a time when individuals and voluntary groups will be called on to come to the aid of our society in the testing circumstances of our economic struggle, never let Church people be guilty of spending time irrelevantly discussing trivia when we could be playing the proper part which is expected of us as Christians.

I believe the Church in the Diocese is in good heart, that Parochial Church Councils and Deanery Synods will do all they can to strengthen the Church in the parishes and that the Diocesan Synod will set right standards of stewardship and encourage appropriate co-operation and intelligent initiatives in the proclamation of the gospel and the building up of the Church to which we belong.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

#### Liturgical Conference

AS previously announced, a Liturgical Conference "Presenting The Word and the Sacrament" is to be held at Southwell on Saturday, March 12, 1977. Principal speakers: the Rt. Rev. Michael Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich and formerly vicar of All Saints, Margaret Street, and the Rev. Michael Baughen, Rector of All Souls, Langham Place. Parishes are invited to send one or more representatives to this study day, which will include work on the small parish situation, liturgical preaching, hymnody and music, intercession, etc. Inquiries and constructive suggestions welcome.

Secretary, Bishop's Liturgical Committee, Ravenshead Vicarage, Nottingham.

#### News of the Clergy

The Rev. James Edward McKenzie Neale, a Trainee Officer for the Diocese of Liverpool who is also on the staff of BBC Radio Merseyside, has been appointed Vicar of St. Matthew-on-the-Hill, Bestwood, the largest parish in the Diocese. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday, December 17.

The Rev. Gilbert Stanley Cheetham, Vicar of St. Leodegarius, Basford, Nottingham, and Chaplain of Nottingham Prison, is to be the Vicar of All Saints, Clipstone, near Mansfield. He will be instituted on Tuesday, January 4.

The Rev. Robin Victor Adair Morrison, Assistant Chaplain at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has been appointed Chaplain to the Sutton-in-Ashfield Centre and Priest-in-Charge of St. Katherine, Teversal.

The Rev. James Purdon Neill, Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Evangelist, Mansfield, is to be Vicar of St. Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham.

#### Around the Diocese

Deaconess Pamela Betty Harvey will complete her ministry at St. Matthew-on-the-Hill, Bestwood, on Sunday, November 28. After working in the Southwell Diocese since 1964, she is leaving to take up her new post as North-west area secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society Women's Action at Bolton.

Ecclesiastical embroidery. Mrs. N. Learmouth, of 1 School Avenue, Woodlands, Hucknall, would be pleased to undertake the making or repairing of all kinds of ecclesiastical embroidery, i.e. frontals, vestments, banners, etc. She will work with traditional or modern designs as requested and also has her own designs. Her husband, Keith, is deputy warden of Trent House, the boy's probation hostel.

Music in the Country. Advent Choral Concert at Bunny Parish Church on Thursday, December 9 at 7.30 p.m. Newstead Abbey Singers directed by Anthony J. Glover. Admission 50p. Tickets from the Rev. C. E. Jones, Bunny Vicarage. Tel. (Nottingham 217805).

Southwell Minster Festival of Flowers and Music. The Committee would like to thank all those from the parishes of the Diocese who gave assistance in many ways and all those who visited the Minster and contributed to the success of the Festival which raised approximately £2,000.

Mothers' Union events. November 4, Quiet Day at St. Mark's, Mansfield, 10.30 a.m. to be conducted by the Rev. D. G. Hatter; December 1, Newark Archdeaconry Meeting at the Civic Theatre, Mansfield, 2.30 p.m.; December 2, Nottingham Archdeaconry Meeting at St. Gile's Church Hall, West Bridgford, 2.30 p.m.

At both meetings the Centenary film "Mission Unlimited" will be shown and thanks will be given to departmental representatives whose term of office expires on December 31.

G.M.S. Meeting Point on "The Church in East Midlands/East Africa" at St. Jude's, Mapperley, on Saturday, November 6 at 7.15 p.m.

Southwell Minster. The annual Quiet Day for diocesan clergy will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 1977. The conductor will be Canon Alec Graham, Warden of Lincoln Theological College. Places can be reserved by writing to Canon C. S. Bayes, 2 Vicar's Court, Southwell. (Tel. 813188).

The Bishop's Adviser on Training. The Rev. Norman Todd will normally be available in Church House, Nottingham, on Mondays. Please phone the Education Office (Nottingham 43658) to make appointments. He is always glad to see you there, or at Rolleston Vicarage (Southwell 814127), or to call on you in your home. Please note that the old VREC number (Nottingham 42669) has been disconnected and Mr. Todd is on Nottingham 43658.

**Girls' Friendly Society.** We are happy to announce the name and address of our new Diocesan Secretary:—Mrs. G. W. R. Harvey, 37 Fernleigh Avenue, Westdale Lane, Mapperley, Nottingham. Tel. Nottingham 602602.

**Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling.** Meeting on "The Spiritual Dimension of Counselling". Speakers are Fr. Michael Hollinga and Dr. James Mathers, MRC Psych. Hon. Lecturer in Pastoral Studies, Birmingham University, on Saturday, November 27 at Carrs Lane Church Centre, 5a Gladstone Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 4TE.

**Captain Gerald Mann,** of the Church Army, in addition to being a full-time Lay Worker in the Deanery of Bingham, is now part-time Chaplain at Saxondale Hospital.

**The Diocesan News.** Owing to increased cost of paper and printing, the price of the Diocesan News will be increased to £2 per 100 copies from January, 1977.

**Recital of Christmas Music** on December 24 in Southwell Minster. Tickets will be available from November 18 free of charge on application to the Minster Secretary, Old Song School, Bishop's Drive, Southwell, provided a stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed.

**Christian Unity Bookshop,** Oxford St. Nottingham, is now open on Saturdays 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. for an experimental period until the New Year in the hope that it will be a help to customers.

"Christianity and the Social Order; William Temple and his significance for today" is the theme of Professor Ronald Preston, Professor of Christian Ethics at Manchester University at a half-day school at the Adult Education Centre Shakespeare St., Nottingham, on Saturday, November 13 2.30-5.30 p.m. Fee (including refreshments) 65p. Chairman—Bishop of Southwell. Application to The Secretary, One Day Schools Committee, 16 Shakespeare St., Nottingham.

**Caretaker/Verger** for Edwalton Parish Church required immediately. Salary and house discussed at interview. Apply to Canon E. W. Sheeran, The Vicarage, Edwalton, Nottingham.

#### THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

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|---|--|
| 1 Church House Staff  | 13 Wollaton Park ( <i>Harold Kitchen</i> )       |
| 2 Diocesan Registry ( <i>Peter Mellors, Marjorie Werchun</i> )    | 14 Bilthorpe ( <i>William Calthrop-Owen</i> )    |
| 3 Clergy new to the Diocese                                       | 15 Bleasby ( <i>Bernard Hill, Canon</i> )        |
| 4 Radford, All Souls w. Christ Church ( <i>Robert McCulloch</i> ) | 16 Calverton ( <i>Tom Hoyle</i> )                |
| 5 Radford, St. Michael & All Angels ( <i>Robert McCulloch</i> )   | 17 Eakring ( <i>William Calthrop-Owen</i> )      |
| 6 Old Radford St. Peter ( <i>Stanley Lemon</i> )                  | 18 Edinglay ( <i>Francis Pratt, P.-in-C.</i> )   |
| 7 Sherwood ( <i>Ian Galford, Benjamin Hopkinson, Paul Watts</i> ) | 19 Farnsfield ( <i>Derek Mills</i> )             |
| Sneinton:   | 20 Halam ( <i>Francis Pratt, P.-in-C.</i> )      |
| 8 St. Stephen w. St. Alban ( <i>John Tyson</i> )                  | 21 Halloughton ( <i>Bernard Hill, Canon</i> )    |
| 9 St. Christopher ( <i>Stanley Carter</i> )                       | 22 Hockerton ( <i>Henry Heritage</i> )           |
| 10 St. Cyprian ( <i>Geoffrey France</i> )                         | 23 Hoveringham ( <i>Bernard Hill, Canon</i> )    |
| 11 St. Matthias ( <i>Kenneth Bennett</i> )                        | 24 Kirklington ( <i>Henry Heritage</i> )         |
| 12 Pastoral Committee   | 25 Maplebeck ( <i>Henry Heritage</i> )           |
|   | 26 Morton ( <i>Bernard Hill, Canon</i> )         |
|   | 27 Oxtun ( <i>Ernest Weil, Canon</i> )           |
|   | 28 Rolleston ( <i>Albert Brown</i> )             |
|   | 29 Southwell, Holy Trinity ( <i>Ian Savile</i> ) |
|   | 30 Thurgarton ( <i>Bernard Hill, Canon</i> )     |

(Note—Southwell Minster is remembered on February 2)

Your prayers are asked for the Ordinand sponsored by the Diocese:—  
John Lowen (Bilthorpe).

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#### THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF EAST BRIDGFORD

Following an introductory course to archaeology last winter, the W.E.A. branch in the village has decided to concentrate its work this session within the parish boundary in an attempt to locate and record any possible archaeological sites and material that may exist.

The basic theory on which the members are undertaking this task is that the small Romano/British settlement of Margidunum - now mostly under the traffic island at the junction of the A46 (the Roman Fosse Way from Leicester to Lincoln) and the A6097 - may well have acted as a centre for smaller agricultural establishments in the vicinity. Such farm sites are likely to be noticed by various methods such as the recognition of pottery, tile and building materials ploughed to the surface of fields or scattered in garden soil.

Although the group believes that Romano/British sites are the most likely to be discovered, it is possible that archaeological sites of other periods, which leave less obvious trace as their buildings were constructed of timber, could well be recognised if attention is paid to detail.

The members of the class are to undertake systematic walking of the fields as they become available but you can help them greatly by reporting any unusual pottery or other material which you may discover in your gardens, allotments or fields. The aim is not to excavate the sites but to record their presence - so do not fear an invasion of pottery hungry archaeologists!

If you think you may have any material, however insignificant it may seem, which might interest the group and help them in their research, please let them know, either by coming to the school on a Wednesday evening between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. or by ringing the group's secretary - Eunice Gaskell - East Bridgford 581.

They will try to identify any material you have and would welcome the opportunity to plot its location on their maps. It will be returned to you at once with the group's comments and thanks.

Research in other areas has often revealed much new information - you may be able to help in disclosing more of East Bridgford's past, so why not take a closer look at you garden? It could make the job more interesting and provide a new conversation point.

The group will look forward to meeting some of our readers (and diggers) in the next few months.

Happy gardening !

#### MARRIAGE AND ITS PROBLEMS

The Rector referred in his letter to an article on marriage. It is quoted below and was written by a Marriage Guidance Counsellor who is a committed Christian.

"There are few marriages that don't go through bad patches. Most survive. But divorce is on the increase. One in every five marriages ends in divorce and the rate in Lincolnshire and South Humberside is 25% up on last year. This reflects a great deal of heartbreak and suffering.

IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED :

1. DON'T MARRY TOO YOUNG. There is massive evidence to show that if you marry under the age of 18 years your marriage stands a considerable risk of breaking down.
2. DON'T MARRY BECAUSE YOU ARE PREGNANT. Again the chance of breakdown is high, especially if you are under 21 years.
3. DON'T RUSH INTO MARRIAGE. Research shows that

your marriage has a better chance of survival if you are engaged for over nine months.

4. IT IS A FACT that the first year of marriage shows the highest increase in separation (with the second the next highest). This is a warning not to cut yourselves off from your family and friends. You will need their support, help and guidance at the time you think you need it least.
5. RESOLVE TO MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A SUCCESS. If you feel defeatist or feel that if it doesn't work you can always get a divorce, don't get married. Your failure means less of a chance for your children.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT MY OWN PROBLEMS ?

1. Concentrate on those qualities which attracted you to your husband or wife in the first place, and try to build on them. If you have both changed radically then you may need help in coming to terms with this new person.
2. It is so easy to project blame on to your partner when the person needing help is you, yourself. Pluck up courage to talk to a third party about yourself - someone skilled in these matters if possible.
3. Try to eradicate stress situations - over-work, enforced separation, living beyond one's means - and be aware that nearly all marriages become strained at the birth of children, their adolescence, and their leaving home.
4. Separation or divorce is not always the solution thought to be so at the time. Unless we change we will take the same problems into any new relationship.



5. Patience and self-sacrifice may win out in the end. If they don't we must invest as much time as possible in any children.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF OTHERS ?

1. Demand better marital counselling services than there are at present. The Marriage Guidance Council, which does excellent work has a six to eight week waiting period in many areas. And other agencies such as clergy, social workers, probation officers, G.P.'s, need better training either to counsel or to pick up warning signals.
2. Encourage the setting up of effective marriage preparation courses.
3. Learn to listen and recognise warning signals and give the time to share fears and general concerns.
4. In helping others your own marriage will come under scrutiny. This can be quite threatening and it might be advisable to recommend a professional caring counselling agency.
5. You can help in relieving some of the pressures - looking after the children, helping in the home, introducing new friends etc.

Physical death or the death of love will bring some marriages to an end. Hopefully, tragedy may be turned to an opportunity for growth and increased maturity. Most of us, however, will try to live out those awe-inspiring words: 'for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death us do part', and enjoy the fulness that marriage can bring".

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Mention has been made elsewhere in this News Sheet of the ceremony at the War Memorial and the service in Church on the morning of Sunday, 14th. November. The Collection at the service will be in aid of the Legion's Poppy Fund, which helps to make life easier for sailors, soldiers and airmen disabled in war or in Northern Ireland, and their families.

The Women's Section of the Legion will be taking poppies to every household in the village during the week before Remembrance Sunday. Anyone who is out when they call will be able to get theirs from the Reindeer or Royal Oak or from one of the village shops.

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THE EDITOR of the News Sheet will have to relinquish this office soon. Anyone interested in taking over this function or in obtaining further information about what is involved is invited to get in touch with the Editor.

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### READERS AND READINGS

#### November 14th - Trinity 22

9.00 (O.T.)	Exodus 3, 1-15	Mr. P. Slack
(Ep.)	Hebrews 3, 1-6	Miss S. Guy
6.30 (O.T.)	Daniel 2, 1-23	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	2 Corinthians 4	Mr. D. Gould

#### November 21st - Sunday next before Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Kings 19, 9-18	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.)	Romans 11, 13-24	Miss H. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Malachi 3, 1-6 & 4	Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.)	Hebrews 11, 17-12.2	Mr. A. Curtis

#### November 28th - 1st. in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 52, 1-10	Mr. G. Clayfield
(Ep.)	1 Thess. 5, 1-11	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 2, 10-end.	Mr. T. Ashton
(N.T.)	1 Thess. 5.	Mr. R. Hunt

#### December 5th - 2nd in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 55, 1-11	Mr. A. Reid
(Ep.)	Romans 15, 4-13	Miss A. Gould
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 5, 10-end	Mr. J. Guy
(N.T.)	2 Timothy 3.14-4.8	Miss C. Gould

### SIDESMEN

Nov 14	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
21	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
28	9.00	Dr. Brooks	6.30	Dr. Brooks
Dec 5	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

Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist on most days  
See notice in Church Porch for details

CHRISTMAS SERVICES - See details inside.

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,

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and many blessings in the New Year. A good resolution would be to live one day at a time. I know from my own experience how much psychic energy can be wasted in going over the past and imagining unpleasant things in the future. Jesus said, quite simply, "Just live a day at a time".

Many of the things I allow to daunt me in the imagination eventually go alright. Recently I conducted a Retreat for the Sisters of the Society of the Precious Blood at Burnham Abbey. About a month before, I was not feeling so well and I had a great temptation to write to the Reverend Mother and tell her I couldn't do it. Of course I went, journeying each way by car without any problem and realising that by that temptation I might have missed an experience which I shall value for the rest of my life. Quite simply, the best recipe for any problem is to "take it to the Lord in prayer", as the Mission hymn says, and we should all be happier if we spent more time "counting our blessings".

I suppose it must have been daunting for Mary when she got the message from God that she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, but she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy word". So our salvation began and Mary conceived the Holy One. She must have wondered when she and Joseph were turned away from the inn in Bethlehem and she must have sorrowed while she stood by the Cross of Jesus, but nevertheless would say at the end, "It was all worth while".

So let us, like Mary, thank God our heavenly Father. In any case, whatever problems we have in this country, they are peanuts compared with the starving people in Calcutta and the miserable

poverty in places like Haiti and Mali. So let us forget at Christmas our own hardships and pray for and give to those who are really in need. When the brewers and Ladbroke's start complaining of bankruptcy will be the time when we shall have real poverty. Meanwhile, we who claim to be Christians ought to put into practice the faith which we profess so easily.

I hope there will be large congregations at Christmas and that these will continue in the New Year. If all the Anglicans in East Bridgford went to communion every Sunday, as they ought to do, we should be kept very busy. Actually about fifty people come Sunday by Sunday faithfully, but there is still room! Isn't it time that more of you who claim to be C. of E. made public profession of it? In actual fact, C. of E. is indicative of just theoretical Christianity with many people, and what we want to realise is that as CHRISTIANS we have a twofold duty. One is to try to love God and worship Him, and the other is to try to love everybody we meet in the Church, in the street, in the office, on the 'bus, in the pub., or in the school - and indeed anywhere. Christians are expected to love everybody, including the traffic control man and the man who comes to read your electric meter. Why not pray each day for God to use you to bring some joy into the hearts of all whom you meet that day? As you pray, think of others whom you have met. Why not pop into the Church and literally take it to the Lord?

Most days we have the Christian service at St. Peter's Church. The Christian service has various names - Mass, Eucharist, Communion, etc. The name doesn't matter, but what does matter is that the needs of all the people in the parish and beyond it are held up before God in union with the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar. So if you have time, come, but if not, try to join

your offering with the Church at about 7.30  
most mornings.

Every blessing,

+ BERNARD MARKHAM

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#### CHRISTMAS

December 25 12.00 Midnight Mass of the Nativity  
9.00 Parish Eucharist  
10.30 Family Service  
(Parents and children are  
invited to come and bring  
their Christmas presents  
with them).

December 26 (Sunday after Christmas)  
9.00 Parish Eucharist (B.C.P.)  
6.30 Evensong

The Carol Service will be at the Methodist  
Chapel on Sunday, December 19 at 6.00 p.m. We  
are invited, so there will be no Evensong at  
S. Peter's.

The Rector will be in Church for counselling  
and confessions on Wednesday and Friday before  
Christmas at 7.30 p.m., and also on Wednesday  
at 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

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#### HOLY BAPTISM

November 21 Steven Brian, son of  
Brian and Jacqueline Hailes.

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#### AT THE VILLAGE HALL :-

Saturday 4th December at 2.30 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS FAIR organised by the Village Hall  
Committee.

Stalls will include Fancy Goods, Pot Plants,  
Home-made Cakes, Bread, Sweets, Local Art and  
Crafts, White Elephant. Father Christmas will  
be present. Refreshments.

Admission: Adults 10p. each; Children 5p. each,  
unless accompanied by an adult.

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New Year's Eve, Friday 31st December.  
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A limited number of tickets at £2 each are  
available. Dancing to a quiet Disco. A late  
light "finger" buffet is included, and there  
will be a well stocked Bar.

Applications for tickets to Mrs. Audrey Metcalfe,  
Cherry Holt Lane, telephone: E.B. 385.

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THE LOCKSLEY SINGERS are giving a Concert of  
Christmas Music on Wednesday 22nd December at  
7.30 p.m. in S. Peter's Church, East Bridgford.

Silver Collection for the Church and "Family  
First".

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the November meeting, Mrs. D. Millichamp gave  
an interesting account of the work done at St.  
Mary's House, Nottingham, a Probation Support  
Centre. She spoke on the various sections of  
the Centre and told of the problems and also the  
pleasures they experience. Mrs. Millichamp was  
thanked by Mrs. J. Seal.

Competition entries for a toy made from oddments were accepted for the children at St. Mary's House.

Mrs. C. Atkins, President, welcomed new members and presented membership cards.

After refreshments a discussion was held on "W.I. Council Meetings". The next meeting will be on 14th December, when Mrs. A. Gunn will give ideas on Christmas Cookery and Cake Decorations.

#### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - POPPY APPEAL

In the October News Sheet, the Legion asked for an increase on last year's figures for East Bridgford of £32 to bring the village's total up to £200 for the first time. The actual result of the Appeal this year was :-

Poppy Sales - Women's Section	£94.21
Inns ...	£ 7.53
Businesses ...	£20.62
Churches - S. Peter's ...	£28.16
Methodist ...	£ 6.00
Opening Gardens and Sale of Produce	£24.62
Wreaths for Feast Sunday, Remembrance Sunday and Legion Members' Funerals	£22.00
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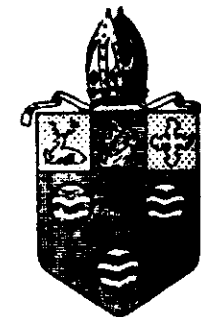
The Legion's thanks are extended to everyone who helped by organising, collecting and giving.

Mr. Fred Henson has taken on the job of District Poppy Organiser. We wish him all success and hope that he will have the same splendid support that was given to his predecessor.

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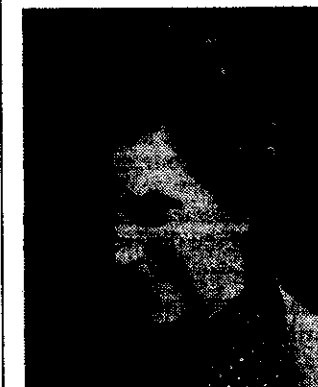
#### The Bishop's Letter

### Time to Remember Poor and Needy

THE death of Russell Barry, fifth Bishop of Southwell, on October 24 at the age of 86 brought to an end the life of perhaps the greatest occupant of this see. He was universally loved and admired and his influence in this county will persist for many years to come. For me he has been a model of what a bishop should be, a stalwart guardian of the faith, pressing its relevance above all to the life of society, a perceptive and kindly pastor particularly to his clergy, of great stature as a bishop without any pomposity and a legend for his wit. The Archdeacon of Nottingham has expressed for us all our admiration of him elsewhere in this leaflet. Our love and sympathy go out to Mrs. Barry and all his family, who meant so much to him, in their bereavement.

The Christian faith must be relevant to men's hopes and needs or it will be utterly disregarded. Bishop Barry's books on "The Relevance of Christianity" and "The Relevance of the Church" inspire me to write of one aspect of this relevance of the faith to our situation today.

We have come once more to the Christmas season, when we remember that God in Christ for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was made man. Increasingly ordinary people hold on to the Christmas story without being able fully to understand or subscribe to the Christian belief in the Incarnation. In practice Christmas provides a time for generosity particularly to the aged and to children. This



Mrs Betty Darby, wife of the Bishop of Sherwood, who will be President of the Diocesan Mothers' Union for the next three years.

year, when all of us will find it harder to be as generous as we should like to be, I hear people saying: "We can't let them go without their Christmas", meaning that our traditional joy and generosity to our families must be maintained.

In this respect I ask you once more in your festivities, not to forget the responsibility we have to be generous to those who cannot repay us, the poor and needy of other lands as well as our own. It is easy in times of personal and national stringency to concentrate entirely on those who are near and dear to us. The Incarnation of the Son of God expresses the truth that God's love is for all the world not just for those who welcome or respond to it. Please make a deliberate attempt as individuals and as church congregations to give a worthy gift to some such relief agency as "Christian Aid" or "Help the Aged".

#### UNDERPRIVILEGED

But there is something far more important for us to give than our money. At a time when we are being urged to remember our commitments to the underprivileged Third World, let us not forget that such charity can be most unacceptable and irrelevant if we do not listen to what the Third World is saying to us. I am reminded of the slogan carried on the banners of the unemployed in the 1930's: "Damn your charity, we want justice". It would indeed be damnable if we were trying to buy off the underprivileged, while denying them the understanding they desire and deserve.

What does this mean for us this Christmastime? Perhaps the words of Christina Rossetti's familiar carol could be used as a reminder: "What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him, give my heart". Our response must be firstly that which we are in a position to make from what we have of wealth or learning, remembering that it is important that we should use all the intelligence we have to work away at the problems of our modern multi-racial, multi-faith, international world community; but secondly we should do this with heart, with sympathy. This means seeing ourselves through other people's eyes so that we begin to see the world through their eyes. We shall only love and be loved if we can do that.

The really central fact which we celebrate at Christmas, is that God identified himself with us, so that he was seen to be seeing through our eyes, with the result that for the first time it became possible to see the world through his eyes and to love it and all men in ways that create justice and peace and brotherhood if we will. Of course we can go on enjoying Christmas blindly and selfishly, but that will be to miss its significance and joy and perhaps to increase the lovelessness and strife from which God in Christ came to deliver us.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

## Vigil of Prayer for racial harmony 1976

THE annual vigil of prayer for racial harmony began nine years ago in South Africa and since then has been widely observed throughout the world. It is timed to take place in the week leading up to United Nations Day, October 24.

During the last five years an increasing number of churches have observed the vigil on an ecumenical basis. In this diocese it has been observed in a small way for four years, this year receiving the approval of many church leaders in Nottingham. An overnight vigil was tried once, but was sparsely attended.

This year a short ecumenical service was held in St. Andrews's Church, Nottingham, on October 19 when most denominations, black and white were present. After the service a social gathering took place at the International Community Centre (the old Bluecoat School) in Mansfield Road. It had been hoped to have an inter-faith act of prayer for racial harmony, but this proved impossible. However, those who were unable to take part in a Christian act of prayer were able to explain the basic tenets of their belief and its relevance to racial harmony — Hindu, Christian Muslim and Sikh — in the most moving manner. The only prayer we could share was a time of silence but out of that silence we were able to demonstrate to each other that religion has something to say about brother living with brother in harmony and understanding.

Perhaps next year the vigil will be more widely observed in the diocese and the inter-faith dialogue, scarcely begun, will continue as men of faith speak one to another in a world where faith in God is at a premium.

I should welcome readers' views on this subject.

Ron Lacey.

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## Bishop's Wife Diocesan M.U. President

Mrs. Betty Darby, wife of the Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt. Rev. Richard Darby, has been elected President of the Southwell Diocesan Mothers' Union and will serve for the next three years commencing on January 1, 1977. She is succeeding Mrs. Dorothy Worwood, wife of the Rector of West Bridgford, Canon Frank E. Worwood, who completes her term of office at the end of the year.

Other newly elected representatives for the next three years are:—

Newark Archdeaconry Vice-President—Mrs. B. W. Woodhams (South Collingham).

Nottingham Archdeaconry Vice-President—Mrs. Elsie Cope (Normanton-on-the-Wolds).

Diocesan Treasurer—Mrs. Joyce Pearce (Radcliffe-on-Trent).

Members' Representative on Central Council: Nottingham Archdeaconry—Mrs. Jennie Bartlett (Woodthorpe); Newark Archdeaconry—Mrs. Elizabeth Hall (Blyth).

Editor of Diocesan Inset—Mrs. Joyce Crowther (Clifton).

Overseas Representative—Mrs. Judith James (Kirkby-in-Ashfield).

Overseas Links Correspondent—Mrs. Barbara Davies (Farnsfield).

Education Dept. Representative—Mrs. Joan Jordan (West Bridgford).

Social Problems Representative—Mrs. Ellen Warburton (Mansfield).

Young Families Dept. Representative—Mrs. Sheila Allton (Beeston).

Literature Representative—Mrs. Cynthia Cleaver (West Bridgford).

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## Major decisions at Diocesan Synod

THE newly elected members of the Diocesan Synod were treated on October 23 to one of the hardest day's business in the six years of Synodical Government. Major decisions had to be made regarding the administrative and financial structure of the Diocese, and this inevitably meant hard work.

The Synod started, as was right, at the Holy Communion in the Minster at which the Bishop gave his presidential address, emphasising the role played by the laity in the life of the Church.

Following the resignation of Canon C. S. Bayes and Mr. E. R. F. Pogmore as vice-presidents of the Synod after six years' valuable work, the Rev. R. K. Williamson and Mr. P. C. Cullen were elected as their successors.

The first lengthy item on the agenda was a continuation of work from the last Synod — the merging of the Diocesan Synod with the Board of Finance, and the Bishop's Council with the Finance Committee. It had been felt right to join together what had, in fact, been two parallel power structures within the administration which could cause unnecessary work and duplication of effort. A large majority agreed to go forward with this scheme, and if the Diocesan Synod and Board of Finance approve the detailed work which is being carried out by a Steering Committee, the new system will come into operation on April 19, 1977.

### NEW CENTRE PROPOSED

For many years past there has been discussion as to the right place for the administrative centre of the Diocese. Church House in Nottingham has not always proved convenient, especially for people in the northern half of the Diocese, and the distance between the Bishop's headquarters at Southwell and Church House has caused difficulties. The Bishop outlined the recent history of the proposal to move Church House to Southwell, as had been suggested by the Consultant and approved by the Bishop's Council. Dunham House at Southwell had come on the market, and although no commitment had been made, negotiations had been taking place with the approval of the Bishop's Council and the Board of Finance. By a large majority it was agreed that the negotiations should go forward with the aim of moving Church House to Southwell.

Introducing the Budget for 1977, Mr. Alan Davis, the chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, explained the increase of 21% in the amount needed from the parishes. The sum was as small as it was because the Government's pay policy had kept clergy stipends at a low level — so low that over 100 clergymen in the Diocese will continue to receive less than the minimum stipend. Expenses of office paid from the centre were to be increased from £200 to £300 to keep pace with inflation. Amendments from Deaneries were received and defeated, and although all were defeated, they were valuable to opening up the policy on which the Budget was based and quietened some fears.

Finally, the Synod looked at Parish Potential — the basis upon which each Deanery is assessed for quota. It was agreed to simplify this and to use the new method from next January 1.

—J.F.

## News of the Clergy

The Rev. David Walter Skyrme James, Vicar of St. Thomas, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary, East Leake, and Priest-in-Charge of Stanford-on-Soar, Costock and Rempstone.

The Rev. David Walker, Assistant Curate at St. Mary, Arnold, is to take up a post as Youth Leader at a youth centre attached to St. George, Crosby, Scunthorpe.

The Rev. John Edward Palin, Assistant Curate at St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham, is leaving next January to take up his new post as Vicar of Greetham and Rector of Stretton and Clipsham in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Rev. Geoffrey Lewis Halliday, Vicar of Woodborough, has been appointed Chapter Clerk to the Deanery of Gedling.

Permission to Officiate: The Rev. Douglas Bridge-Collins, 48 Russell Cres., Wollaton, Nottingham.

## Around the Diocese

**"Chorister of the Year" award.** For the second year in succession Jonathan Kirk, a chorister at St. Mark's, Woodthorpe, where his father is organist and choirmaster, was placed among the runners-up in this nationwide competition, organised by R.S.C.M. and Rediffusion. The finalists, who sang at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, were chosen from choristers attending R.S.C.M. courses earlier this year. Jonathan won for himself stereo equipment, and for his church a second £50.

**Broughton Sulney Church** wishes to purchase a Ewer for the font. Has any Church one for disposal please? Ring Kinoulton 349.

**Greasley Memorial.** Saturday, December 4 at 11 a.m. in Greasley Church, the Bishop will bless a new nave altar and communion rails given by the family and friends in memory of Mrs. B. I. Walker.

**Choral Scholarships.** There will be a number of vacancies in the Junior Department of the Minster School, Southwell from September, 1977 for boys who will be over 8 and under 11 on September 1, 1977. This department exists especially for boys who wish to become Cathedral Choristers. At 11 they normally move into the Senior School which became an 11-18 Voluntary Aided Comprehensive School on September 1, 1976. The school has a strong musical tradition, and excellent facilities for instrumental playing. Tuition is free and there are good boarding facilities. Candidates first take preliminary Singing Tests on March 1. Those who reach a sufficiently high standard in these will be recalled the following week on March 8 and given a further musical test and an interview. Additional details may be obtained from the Headmaster, The Minster School, Church Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, to whom applications should be sent as soon as possible. Closing date for entries is February 22, 1977.

**Invitation to Live Crusade.** Fellowship Meeting at Farnsfield Parish Church on Saturday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Speaker — Duncan Leighton, Northern Counties Outreach evangelist.

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## RUSSELL BARRY

### A tribute to our Bishop and Father in God 1941-1963

In "Asking the right questions" (p. 46) Dr. Russell Barry wrote, "The Bishop has to be more and more the administrator, less and less a bishop of a national Church, less and less a pastor and teacher, or Father in God to his clergy and his diocese". To an eminent degree Bishop Barry successfully resisted this tendency of modern Church life. He was indeed a distinguished bishop of the national church and also at the same time a much loved and respected Father in God.

At the same time the Press has underrated his capacity as an administrator. It is true that it bored him, and he regarded it as secondary; but his keen mind could, when required, pierce to the heart of some complicated administrative problem, and give us the solution, while we were befogged by detail and secondary issues. And he knew how to delegate. On his visits to Church House, Mr. Hyde would put out a pile of papers for his signature. He would sign the documents with barely a glance at them, and then say, "and what was all that about?" In the light of that kind of trust, we all did our very best not to let the Bishop down.

We were proud to have had a Bishop of the Church and a scholar and a prophet as our diocesan. As *The Times* obituary said, "he was recognised for over 40 years after the end of the First World War as a leader in Christian thought". His extraordinary facility for presenting his prophetic interpretation of the Faith and of the Church in an idiom which was readily understood by intelligent people, meant that the stream of books and articles which flowed from his pen, had a very wide influence indeed. And we benefited very greatly from this prophetic facility within the diocese. Some of us remember the Clergy Swanwick, when for some reason the appointed speaker could not come, and Bishop Barry conducted the whole thing himself, and we certainly did not regret the missing speaker!

### LACK OF POMPOSITY

But it is as our Father in God that we think of him with most affection and thankfulness. His disarming sense of humour, his complete lack of pomposity, his great capacity for friendship (despite his deafness) endeared him to us all. He was very good about paying informal calls on the clergy on his rounds, and some of us will not forget the happy and natural way in which he and Mrs. Barry fitted into Diocesan holiday parties at Butlins at Skegness. At Bishop's Manor he received G.F.S. children from the housing estates with the same grave and gentle welcome which he extended to visiting Royalty.

Our prayers and our sympathy go out to Mrs. Barry and to Rosemary, and we do not forget how much the Bishop loved his home, and how much the affection and support he found there contributed to his life and work. — M.R.W.B.

### SOUTHWELL MINSTER Christmas Services

**Friday December 24**—3.15 p.m. Evensong; 4.15 p.m. Blessing of the Crib; 7 p.m. Recital of Christmas Music; 11.45 p.m. Midnight Eucharist—The Bishop.

**Saturday December 25**—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins—The Bishop of Sherwood; 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 4.15 p.m. Evening Prayer (said).

**Sunday December 26**—11 a.m. Mattins, said in the Airmen's Chapel; 4.15 p.m. Evening Prayer (said).

### DECEMBER EVENTS

Sat. 4, 7.30 p.m. Concert—James Galway (flute) and the Zagreb Soloists; Sat. 11, 2.30 p.m. Christingle Service; Sun. 12, 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist; Sun. 19, 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist: Byrd's Three-Part Mass, sung by the Lay Clerks; 3.15 p.m. Evensong sung by the Lay Clerks.

The Choir begins its holiday after Mattins on Christmas Day and returns on Thursday, January 6.



## The Diocese Remembers in December

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|---|---|
| 1 Upton ( <i>Albert Brown</i> )                           | 19 Huthwaite ( <i>Frank Tanner</i> )                                    |
| 2 Winkburn ( <i>Henry Heritage</i> )                      | 20 Kirkby Woodhouse ( <i>Sidney Allso</i> )                             |
| 3 Austerfield ( <i>Geoffrey Springett</i> )               | 21 Candidates in training for the Ministry                              |
| 4 Bawtry ( <i>Geoffrey Springett</i> )                    | 22 Ravenshead ( <i>Barrie Hodges</i> )                                  |
| 5 Beckingham ( <i>Robert Fearn</i> )                      | 23 Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St. Thomas ( <i>David James</i> )                |
| 6 Bircotes ( <i>Michael Briggs</i> )                      | 24 Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St. Wilfrid ( <i>Richard Birt</i> )              |
| 7 Clayworth ( <i>Noel Bevan</i> )                         |   |
| 8 Everton ( <i>Noel Bevan</i> )                           |   |
| 9 Finningley & Auckley ( <i>Percy Powesland</i> )         | Mansfield :   |
| 10 Gringley-on-the-Hill ( <i>Ivon Baker</i> )             | 25 St. Augustine ( <i>Lionel Boniface</i> )                             |
| 11 Harworth with Hesley Mission ( <i>Michael Briggs</i> ) | 26 St. John ( <i>James Neill</i> )                                      |
| 12 Mathersey ( <i>Noel Bevan</i> )                        | 27 St. Lawrence ( <i>William Gull</i> )                                 |
| 13 Misson ( <i>Geoffrey Springett</i> )                   | 28 St. Mark ( <i>David Hatter</i> , <i>Stephen Lowe</i> )               |
| 14 Misterton ( <i>Michael Paice</i> )                     | 29 Ladybrook ( <i>Charles Hibbert</i> )                                 |
| 15 Walkeringham ( <i>Robert Fearn</i> )                   | 30 SS. Peter & Paul ( <i>Robert Warburton</i> )                         |
| 16 West Stockwith ( <i>Michael Paice</i> )                | Canon; <i>Hugh Griffiths</i> , <i>John Wardle</i> )                     |
| 17 Clipstone ( <i>Gilbert Cheetham</i> — designate)       | 31 Mansfield Woodhouse ( <i>Dillwyn Davies</i> , <i>Philip Bishop</i> ) |
| 18 Blidworth ( <i>Charles Sawyer</i> )                    |   |

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The W.I. Choir, with husbands and friends, will sing carols around the village as usual on Thursday, 23rd December, starting at 7.30 p.m. from S. Peter's School. Any singers who would like to take part, male or female, will be most welcome.

Collection will be divided between the National Children's Home and the Church of England Children's Society. Please receive the singers generously — and come and sing yourself if you can.

## THE BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CHRISTIAN AID — HELP REACH THE POOR

Every Christmas the great ecumenical enterprise so aptly named Christian Aid asks congregations and individual Christians throughout the UK for their annual contributions to the worldwide work it does on their behalf among the deediest sections of mankind.

Each of us is uncomfortably aware of the many competing claims on our Christian charity. But we should also be aware of something else: that in invoking the Church's teaching about justice and compassion Christian Aid speaks to us as a charity in the queue for alms outside the church door but constitutionally from within the body of the Church. It acts with the authority of the Churches which created it (including our own), to which it remains answerable and upon which it remains dependent. And it speaks with the inspiration of the faith we confess, upholding it in all it does with the resources we provide.

Christian Aid is today's most outstanding manifestation of solidarity by churches still divided by inherited traditions and theologies. Even so, there are still some wings of the church with misgivings. These mostly stem from the illusion that, because of Christian Aid's working relationship with the World Council of Churches, it

channels aid to the needy only through those who subscribe to the ecumenical ideal. A study of how Christian Aid disbursed over £4 million in the past 12 months (to say nothing of previous years) would re-assure the doubters.

Although a majority of programmes aided are those co-ordinated by councils of churches (some of them representative of all the churches of that nation, others still to achieve that coverage), many projects run by firmly conservative evangelical groups are given generous support. The only criterion is: who can reach and serve the poor effectively and without compromising their God-given privilege to make decisions about their own lives?

No lesser policy is worthy of an organisation professing Christianity. And no policy is more appropriate to Christmas when we celebrate God's gift to all men everywhere.

Envelopes for gifts are available from the Church.

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##### MINI-BUS SUPPORT GROUP

A twelve-seater mini-bus has been donated by Messrs. John Deere of Langar and is to be kept at Bingham for the use of Voluntary organisations, particularly those dealing with the transportation of the elderly, infirm and handicapped, and will be available to other groups having transportation difficulties.

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##### DRIVERS

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### THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The P.C.C. met at the Rectory on 22nd November.

After careful consideration of the Liturgical Committee's recommendations, the following proposals were approved :-

- (a) The new Series 3 Evensong would be used for an experimental period during Lent 1977.
- (b) The hymnal "100 Hymns for Today" would be used as a supplement to Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised.
- (c) Regarding music for the Series 3 Eucharist, Mr. Wilkins had volunteered to train a small group of singers to lead the congregation in Sung Eucharist, and this was agreed.

Our organist, Mrs. Goddard would be consulted about all the above matters.

It was agreed that a letter would not be circulated this Christmas, but the Rector was asked to draft a letter of welcome to be distributed by the Stewardship Committee to newcomers, when they move into East Bridgford.

The allocation of the Christmas collection was considered and it was agreed that this money should be divided equally between the Church of England Children's Society and the Salvation Army Hostel in Nottingham.

Mrs. Payne had kindly offered to arrange a Parish Breakfast after the 9.00 Eucharist on Sunday 5th December.

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### EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT MUSIC SOCIETY

Following the very successful series of evenings on Mozart, a group of people interested in music met on 4th November and decided to form the East Bridgford and District Music Society. Membership is now open - the annual subscription is £2; members may bring occasional visitors for 20p a time.

The Society proposes to hold musical evenings about twice each month in the School. At the first meeting on 11th November a member, Philip Smith, introduced a very entertaining evening on music of the pre-classical period. At the meeting on 2nd December Mr. M. Fairburn will deal with Prokofiev and on Thursday 16th December Tony Beresford will introduce an evening devoted to Haydn. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. Other types of activity may well be organised in the future.

Additional members will be very welcome.

The Chairman is Peter Ward (Tel: E.B. 487) and the Secretary is Peter Hindle (Tel: E.B. 719).

Why not come along and find out more!

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# READERS AND READING

## December 12th - 3rd in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 40,1-11	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	1 Corinthians 4,1-5	Miss P.Marson
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 26,1-13	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	1 Timothy 1.12-2.8	Dr. G. Brooks

## December 19th - 4th in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 11.1-9	Mr. A.Curtis
(Ep.)	1 Corinthians 1.26-31	Mrs.V.Backhouse
6.00	Joint Carol Service at Methodist Church.	

## December 24th - Christmas Eve

12.00	Midnight	
(O.T.)	Isaiah 52.1-10	Miss P.Stobbs
(Ep.)	Matthew 1.18-end	Miss C.Price

## December 25th - Christmas Day

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 9.2-7	Mr. R. Hunt
(Ep.)	1 John 4.7-14	Mr. G.Stobbs

## December 26th - Christmas 1. St. Stephen

9.00 (Ep.)	Acts 7, 54-60	Mr. H.Russell
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 4, 1-10	Mr. D.Gould
(N.T.)	John 15.20-16.4a	Miss A.Gould

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## January 2nd - Christmas 2

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Samuel 1,20-28	Mr.P. Blandy
(Ep.)	Romans 12.1-8	Miss E.Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 12.	Mr.A.Curtis
(N.T.)	Philippians 2.1-11	Miss C.Gould

## SIDESMEN

Dec. 12th	9.00	Mr. Reid	6.30	Mr. Curtis
19th	9.00	Mr. Payne	6.30	Capt. Jay
26th	9.00	Dr.Brooks	6.30	Dr.Brooks
Jan. 2nd	9.00	Mr. Hand	6.30	Mr. Hand