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THE RURAL DEAN'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Though there is really little difference in fact between 31st December and 1st January, there still seems a world of difference as mid-night strikes that night and a new year is ushered in. The old gives way to the new, the tarnished is replaced by the spotless, the dull sparkles again with hope. It is in that strange spirit that justifiably we wish each other 'A Happy New Year', and that I do to you all, most sincerely, as 1978 approaches.

Emerson wrote, 'Finish each day and be done with it. You have done all you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day. Begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.'

It may sound naive, but from the christian point of view it is an acknowledgement that sin does sadly mar our days and that very often there is little we can do to erase its ugly effect. But in facing it Christ offers us His forgiveness and the peace and serenity which flow from acceptance.

The old gives way to the new, the tarnished to the spotless, the dull sparkles again with hope. If a new year reminds us of this, then the difference of date has a deeper significance which we do well to heed.

And no less does the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our Parish have an eternal significance as we welcome a new Rector to our

midst. It is a new day. For our short-comings in the past we seek forgiveness, and God bids us enter this new era serenely, with high hopes and renewed zeal, and with the assurance of His continuing presence with us every moment of the months ahead.

May God bless you all, and John Wilkins and his wife and family as they come to live and work amongst us from 21st January onwards.

Your sincere friend and Rural Dean,
Gerald Pearce.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

27th November - Jenny Clare Poulter
Diane Mills
Scott Hackett

11th December - Louise Jane Randall

Funerals

9th December - Charles Simpson Wilkinson,
aged 83 years.

13th December - Grace Elizabeth Pooley,
aged 78 years.

FROM OUR NEW RECTOR - BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

It has been a long wait but on 21st January East Bridgford and Kneeton will have a new Parish Priest and it seems only fair that you should know something about him and his family.

Hilda and I met as students at Leeds and found a common interest in the Student Christian Movement. After Ordination I served in the parish of the Holy Nativity, Bristol (one of the first churches to be destroyed in the Blitz), while Hilda worked as an Almoner at St. James' Hospital, Leeds. In those days it was unheard of for a man to marry while serving his title and it was not until the end of my time at Bristol that we were married.

We then moved to Reading and spent six happy years in the ancient parish of St. Giles. Michael and Hugh were born in Reading. Our next move was to St. Francis, Elmdon Heath and to a very different job in a dual purpose church in a developing area of Solihull. After serving in well established parishes it was an experience to work in a new area in the early years of a new church. Peter and Kate were born in Solihull.

In 1959 we moved to Nottingham and this time we had the best of both worlds with two old and lovely churches, St. Martin's in the midst of a large housing estate at Bilborough and All Saints in the unspoilt village of Strelley. Five years later we moved to St. John's, Carrington, and have been there for over fourteen years. It is a wonderful parish which we have come to think of as home.

The children have now grown up. Michael lives in Nottingham, is married and he and Nicky

have two adorable children, Tom and Rebecca.

Hugh is working in Oxford, Peter in Chelmsford, and Kate is at Leeds University. Hilda works part-time as Senior Medical Worker at Highbury Hospital. So we shall both be travelling to Nottingham on some days, one to hospital and the other to prison!

As you will have heard, we shall not be able to move into the Rectory for a little while because of the work to be carried out there but we are looking forward to 21st January and to the time when we shall be living at East Bridgford.

It was in early August that I first met the four Churchwardens at St. Peter's. It was the first of several meetings and straight away I felt that if we moved to East Bridgford it would be home from home. That initial impression has been reinforced by the friendliness and courtesy with which we have been greeted since then. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

My very best wishes and a Happy New Year to you all,

John Wilkins.

LESSONS AND READERS

January 8th, First after Epiphany (Plough Sunday)

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 42, 1-7	Capt. A. Jay
(Ep.)	Ephesians 2, 1-10	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 43, 1-13	Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.)	John 12, 20-36a	Miss S. Wheeler

January 15th, Second after Epiphany

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Samuel 3, 1-20	Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.)	Galatians 1, 11-24	Mr. T. Ashton
6.30 (O.T.)	Micah 3, 5-end	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	John 4, 43-5, 9	Miss S. Nichols

January 22nd, Septuagesima

9.00 (O.T.)	Proverbs 3, 1-8	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	1 Corinthians 2, 1-10	Mrs. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 2, 4-end	Dr. G. Brooks
(N.T.)	Mark 10, 1-16	Mr. H. Russell

January 29th, Sexagesima

9.00 (O.T.)	2 Kings 5, 1-14	Dr. K. Macdonald-Smith
(Ep.)	2 Corinthians 12, 1-10	Mrs. V. Backhouse
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 37	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	Luke 10, 25-37	Miss V. James

February 5th, Quinquagesima

9.00 (O.T.)	Jonah 1, 1-17	Mr. G. Clayfield
(Ep.)	James 1, 2-12	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 41, 1-40	Mr. J. Guy
(N.T.)	1 John 4, 7-end	Miss E. Church

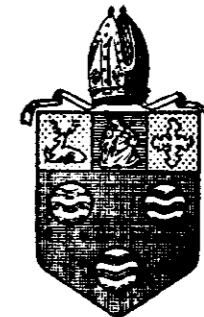
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The Bishop's Letter

The Only Road to True Unity

A happy New Year to you all. January 1978 is important as the time when we are faced once more with the issues of Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which takes place annually from 18th to 25th January will this year precede by about a fortnight the debate in our Diocesan Synod on the "Ten Propositions" formulated by the Churches Unity Commission. There will be a "definite response" by the Church of England at the summer session of General Synod a few months later. I hope that much prayer will be offered that our Synod members will have "a right judgement in all things". What we have to decide is whether these Ten Propositions provide an acceptable basis for continued consultation with the other Churches which are our partners in the Churches Unity Commission.



The Rev. Roy Williamson, who will be installed as Archdeacon of Nottingham at Southwell Minster on Sat., Jan. 28th at 5.45 p.m.

From what I hear from those who have taken part in discussions about this issue in Deanery Synods, there is no great enthusiasm for these proposals. Most people seem inclined to agree without realising what is implied and with a fair amount of boredom with the process. These proposals are so important that I feel I must spell out a few of the issues.

At the Anglican Consultative Council in Trinidad in 1976, "visible unity", the aim of all these proposals which none of us would want to deny, was defined like this: "a process into which we must move, a process within which a proper diversity will be protected". Unity is not meant

to be uniformity. There are doctrines, questions of church order and modes of worship which are essential to the Church of England. If the principle of diversity is to be respected, these must not be denied us. The Roman Catholic Church is not able to enter into a Covenant of Unity with the churches participating in these talks for just this reason. They do not feel they can sacrifice essential doctrines. I believe the Church of England should follow this example.

In my mind the situation is confused by the concept of "covenanting for unity". The principle is that "on an accepted date" each participating church will covenant with the others in accordance with these Ten Propositions. This "accepted date" is defined as the day when that church is ready to covenant because it has completed the action necessary - including legislation - to allow it to implement all Ten Propositions. In my view the situation on that date will be that all differences will have been ironed out, membership and ordination of ministers will be effected by common forms of service, presumably intending the same thing, but the churches will be maintaining separate organisations. This surely is uniformity without unity. Is this what we want? I think not.

My own view is that the whole process is misconceived. The Church of England is being driven to forsake its long established order and the doctrines that support that order in exchange for a relationship with the Free Churches of this land which will include us firmly in the Protestant field over against the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. I don't think this is true to our Anglican tradition. It will align us with the "gathered" or "congregational" Churches in a way that is far different from the way in which we, as the Established Church, have served this country from the days of St. Augustine.

I fear that we may fail once more to come to an arrangement with our Free Church brethren as we did when the Anglican/Methodist scheme failed. This will do irreparable harm to them and us. Visible unity cannot be legislated for: it is the result of sharing in a common enterprise.

At the present there is a remarkable and increasing unity in mission between all the churches of this land, particularly at the local level. As we seek to convert our society to Christ, we are drawn together in love, in understanding of the faith, in theological convergence, in worship and in mutual self criticism and change so that we are growing together. We must not lose this. By this road alone true unity, as opposed to uniformity, is to be reached.

I may be a lone voice in the wilderness, in which case the Church of England will properly decide otherwise but, whatever we do, let us take these issues seriously and not just agree them without thought or enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Thanks from the Archdeacon

The Bishop of Southwell has received the following letter from the Venerable Michael Brown, of 52 Dover Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent.

Dear Denis,

First I want to thank you for the kind and most generous things you said about me in your last News Letter and in the Synod.

Second, through you, I wish to thank all the contributors to the most generous present which the Diocese has given me. It has been a great privilege to serve the Diocese for all these years and I shall leave my many friends here with great regret. I much hope we may be able to keep in touch with one another. My present address is above but in the New Year I shall be moving to Faygate, Liverpool Road, Walmer.

What am I going to do with the present? The Diocese has already given me a fine and most useful book on English Watercolours. I shall follow this up by buying a nice picture to remind me of my Southwell friends. At present I am looking for something by Dame Laura Knight, partly because I like her work, and partly because she was a distinguished member of the impressive company of artists which Nottingham has nurtured. I hope the contributors may feel that this will be an appropriate use of their gift.

With every good wish. Yours ever, Michael.

Around the Diocese

Nottingham Counselling Centre at 31a Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3FB (Tel. 46714) will now offer personal counselling for people experiencing intra- or interpersonal difficulties and who are motivated to seek professional help. After an assessment period which would vary in length, a contract will be made with the individual concerned for an agreed number of Counselling sessions. In addition, Family Therapy and group sessions might be offered as appropriate.

Quiet Day for Clergy at Southwell Minster on Tuesday, March 14 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Conductor - The Bishop of Tonbridge (Rt. Rev. Philip Goodrich).

C.M.S. Children's and Youth Lent Project Teach-ins 1978: "Oh, Dad, you're crazy" Nottingham - Tuesday, January 10, St. Andrew's Hall, Mansfield Road, 7.30 p.m.; Mansfield - Friday, January 13, St. Peter's Hall, 7.30 p.m. This year it is an absolute winner. All material available at teach-ins. The Rev. Graham Bewley, Area secretary, (0742-301396) looks forward to meeting you.

Greasley Players present "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 26, 27 and 28 at 7.30 p.m. in Greasley Church Hall. Tickets 40p from Langley Mill 2509.

Morley Retreat and Conference House. A Reminder. Book now for 1979. Priority treatment restricts bookings to churches from the Diocese of Southwell and Derby - make your bookings by the end of February 1978. Enquiries to the Warden: Peter Middlemiss, Morley Rectory, Derby DE7 6DE. Telephone Derby 831293.

Christian Forum on Radio Trent is from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. (not 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. as stated last month). The format of Church news (8-8.30 a.m.) is to make 3 to 5 minutes available for a minister to come to the station on Friday mornings to record an outstanding news item, e.g. a mission, distinguished guest, new church venture, etc. Such an item has already provided good Forum material.

Nottingham U.S.P.G. Association meet for a Sung Eucharist at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Monday January 9 at 7.30 p.m. when the preacher will be the Bishop of Southwell. A.G.M. at St. Catharine's on May 23 at 7.30 p.m.

BBC Radio Nottingham is producing a Lent Course for 1978 on Evangelism entitled "Spread The Word". The series, presented by Peter Bailey and produced by Ian Gall, will be available on cassette. Cassette plus one booklet for study groups will cost £1.50 (including postage). Further booklets 15p each (including postage). Material available early in 1978.

Miss Eleanor Kinder wishes to express her gratitude for all the contributions and good wishes she received at her presentation.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Harold Malcolm Kitchen, Vicar of St. Mary, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas, Lenton Abbey.

The Rev. Canon Walter Ernest McBay, Vicar of Farndon with Thorpe, near Newark, has been appointed Vicar of St. Margaret, Swinefleet, Goole, in the Diocese of Sheffield.

The Rev. David Roy Moore, of 15 Stiles Road, Arnold, Nottingham, has been licensed as Assistant Curate at St. Paul's Daybrook, from December 1 last year.

The Rev. Harold Pickles, Vicar of St. Mary, Edwinstowe, with Carburton for the past 20 years, is resigning from the benefice on his retirement on April 7 when he will move to Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

The Rev. John Linton Marshall, of 19 Ridgeway, Southwell, a teacher at the Minster School, was licensed as a Public Preacher on November 30.

The Rev. Patrick Walter Dearnley, Director of the Shaftesbury Project and honorary curate of St. Nicholas, Nottingham, has been appointed priest-in-charge of Emmanuel, Islington, London.

The Rev. Siegfried Winslow Patrick Rosheuvel, Assistant Curate at Worksop Priory since 1975, has been appointed Area Secretary to the Dioceses of St. Albans and Chelmsford for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He will leave the diocese on January 9.

Permission to officiate has been granted to the following:-

The Rev. Richard Frank Camenisch, of The Whipping Post, Norwell Lane, Cromwell, Notts. He was formerly Rector of Treswell with Cottam (1950-59), Vicar of Laxton with Moorhouse (1959-68), and Vicar of Egmonton (1959-68).

The Rev. Jack Richard Hassett, of 4 Landa Grove, Tuxford, Notts. who was formerly Vicar of St. John's, Worksop, from 1955 to 1962.

The Rev. George Frederick Wright, of Rutland House, Low Street, Collingham, Newark, Notts. who was Vicar of East Markham and Askham from 1962 until his retirement last July; and

The Rev. Robert Henderson Vokes, of 6 Heather Close, Somercotes, Derbyshire.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN JANUARY

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| 1 The Diocese | 17 Lenton Priory (Church of) |
| 2 Dunham House | (Reg Dunford: Michael Lippiatt) |
| 3 Synod Representatives | 18 WPCU Roman Catholics |
| 4 Newstead (Frank Lyons) | 19 Orthodox Christians |
| 5 Balderton (Charles Young) | 20 Methodists |
| 6 S.Saviour, Nottingham (Reginald Hoyer) | 21 Baptists |
| 7 Diocesan Boards and Committees | 22 United Reformed Christians |
| 8 Hospital Chaplains | 23 Pentecostal Churches |
| 9 Church Day Schools | 24 Other Christians |
| 10 Sunday Schools | 25 Daybrook (William Walker) |
| 11 Youth Organisations | 26 Hyson Green S. Paul (Charles Hall: Roy Catchpole) |
| 12 Church Choirs | 27 Carlton-in-the-W (Walter Harrison) |
| 13 S.Michael, Sutton in Ashfield (Paul Botting) | 28 Worksop, S.Paul (John Stafford) |
| 14 Warsop (Fred Green: Michael Dobbs) | 29 Kilvington (Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon) |
| 15 Teversal (Robin Morrison) | 30 Rempstone (David James) |
| 16 Lenton (Reg Dunford: Michael Lippiatt) | 31 Costock (David James) |

Sponsored Ordinands: Allan Scrivener (Warsop), John Foote (Hyson Green).

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

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January

Saturday 21st - Chapel Jumble Sale

February

Friday 10th - School Dance

Saturday 11th - Horticultural Society
Cheese and Wine Party

THE YOUTH CLUB ENTERTAINS - BY ONE OF THEIR GUESTS

On Saturday 17th December the Youth Club gave its annual party for senior citizens in the Village Hall. Two long tables-full of 'over sixties' tucked into big platefuls of ham and salad with plenty of trimmings, followed by delicious fruit salad and mince pies. Tea flowed freely and after this the entertainment began. It was a variety show, and showed considerable talent. A budding Mike Yarwood did impressions of politicians; another took off the weatherman with great gusto; and the dancing made one think nostalgically of the days when one was young enough to cut such 'respectable capers'. A glass of sherry put the finishing touches to our enjoyment.

Altogether a memorable occasion, and all the appreciative audience fully endorsed Mr. Walster's hearty vote of thanks. Next time the club's capers are not quite so respectable I do hope everyone will remember the kind hearts and hard work that went into the production of this party.

VILLAGE HALL FAIR

The Village Hall management Committee is happy to express thanks to all those who organised and helped at the Christmas Fair, and all who spent their money there. Their efforts and generosity produced over £300, made up of: £

Woollen & Home Crafts - Mrs. Brooks & Mrs. Whysall	- 81.00
Cakes - The Women's Institute	- 42.10
Arts & Crafts - Mrs. Makin, Mrs. Lewis, & Mrs. Macdonald-Smith	- 31.48
Horticulture - Mr. Hunt & Mr. Lomax	- 30.40
Tombola, Flea on Donkey - Youth Club	- 26.93
Raffle - Mr. Allwood	- 20.45
Entrance - Mr. Hand	- 17.30
Sweets - Tennis Club	- 12.42
Guessing Weight of Cake - Mrs. Lewis	- 9.10
White Elephant - Mrs. Peacock & Mrs. Chivers	- 8.61
Parcel Stall - Mothers' Union	- 7.65
Books - Mr. Stobbs	- 6.31
Teas - Royal British Legion, Women's Section	- 5.20
Father Christmas - Mr. McCullough	- 3.02
Marble Game - The Guides	- 1.33
Doll's Name - The Brownies	- 1.27
Treasure Hunt - Badminton Club	- 0.89
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - FUR AND FEATHER BINGO

One hundred and two people took part in the Fur & Feather Bingo evening on 16th December and contributed just over £100 to the Branch Benevolent Fund to be spent on Christmas parcels for pensioner members in our Legion District. The Services Committee is very grateful to them and hopes they enjoyed the evening. Special thanks are due also to the donors of the splendid array of prizes and to the Women's Section who provided refreshments.

We will remember - Fred Scarborough, former subscription secretary and Services Committee member, who died on Christmas Eve.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Our Institute's Diamond Jubilee birthday was celebrated with a party at which Mrs. Atkins, our President, welcomed as guests members of eight other institutes and Mrs. Blagg who has been our caretaker for 50 years.

The centre-piece of the supper table was a birthday cake made, iced and finally cut by Mrs. Jones. A game organised by Mrs. James was followed by a traditional pantomime with a modern theme, Cinderella with a 'Jim'll fix it' fairy. Mrs. Bontoft introduced it and produced the sound effects. Mrs. Seal was at the piano and the cast was: Town Crier - Mrs. Hawkins, Buttons - Mrs. Bannister, Cinderella - Mrs. Andrews, Baron - Mrs. Challon, Ugly Sisters - Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Wheeler, Prince - Miss Curtis, Good Fairy Jim - Mrs. Gaskell, Prompter - Mrs. Willetts.

The script was written by the producer, Mrs. Gaskell, all in verse and Mrs. Bontoft and Mrs. Jay rose to the occasion by putting the introduction and vote of thanks into verse also.

The Diamond Jubilee Year is now over leaving with us many happy memories of a very eventful time.

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EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Team Record - Autumn 1977

1st XI

September

3rd	William Olds	L	1 - 2
17th	South Notts	W	1 - 0
24th	Men of Trent	L	0 - 3

October

1st	Attenborough (County Cup)	L	1 - 7
8th	Arnold United	L	1 - 8
22nd	Bingham	W	3 - 1

November

5th	Mapperley Methodists	L	0 - 2
12th	Netherfield Rovers	W	5 - 4
26th	Trent Polytechnic	D	2 - 2

2nd XI

September

10th	Netherfield Albion Res:	D	2 - 2
24th	Southwell City 'A'	W	2 - 0

October

1st	Clifton Athletic	L	1 - 2
8th	Keyworth Albion (League Cup)	L	2 - 3
15th	Unnas (County Cup)	L	0 - 3
22nd	Stapleford Villa Res:	L	2 - 6
29th	Trent Polytechnic Res:	W	2 - 0

November

5th	Keyworth Albion	L	0 - 6
19th	Bulwell Baptists	W	5 - 2
26th	Ryecroft Reserves	L	0 - 4

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appeared in previous issues of the News Sheet. This month's number contains a summary of the activities of Music, Art and Drama Groups and the members of them to whom application should be made for membership or further information.

East Bridgford Art Group

Meets 7-8 pm on Wednesdays in School, and on Thursday forenoons in W. I. Hut. Mrs. Arnfield, Yew Tree Cottage, Westhorpe, Southwell, Tel: Southwell 813769.

East Bridgford Drama Group

Activities include play readings, and visits in addition to two productions each year. Apply to Cricket Craft Shop, Main Street, or to Mr. Wood, 25 Main Street, Tel: 655. New members will be welcome.

Music Group

Anyone who would like to meet others with a view to making music is invited to get in touch with Mr. Peter Hindle, 31 Main Street, Tel: 719

Women's Institute Choir

Conductor - Mr. David Atkins. Practises in W. I. Hut at 8 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The choir sings 2, 3 and 4 part music, enters for festivals occasionally and entertains on request. Mrs. Atkins, 23 College Street, Tel: 390

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LENT - SMILE PLEASE!

We think of Lent as an austere season and it is true that it makes demands of us. We are urged to take more seriously our Christian profession; we are called to a renewal of Repentance and Faith but as our Lord insisted self-discipline offered grudgingly is worthless. "When you fast do not look dismal like the hypocrites!"

If the thought of Lent makes us gloomy it is because we are thinking only of ourselves, of the cross we fear, the sacrifice that might be expected of us, the changes that Christ might ask of us. There are two kinds of religion between which we must choose. The false kind is one which tempts us to think and act as if we can work out our own salvation by our own efforts. This is the religion of the Pharisees.

The other kind of religion, the true one, thinks of what God has done for us. This is the religion of the Gospels, of the Magnificat, and of the Psalms which sing the marvellous works of God. It is the religion of the Creed, in which there is not a word about ourselves, but which proclaims the works of God; the amazing lengths to which He goes to show us that He loves us.

"Repent and Believe". Repentance does not mean a turning towards oneself and a burying of one's nose in one's sins. What good can that do? Repentance is turning to God, a searching for and finding God, a coming to know Him, to recognise His presence, to marvel at His patience and to rejoice in His forgiveness.

It is the experience that Peter had after he had denied the Master and Jesus looked at him. Their eyes met and Peter saw not only sorrow but love. It was a look not of condemnation but of understanding and compassion.

We are not Christians because we practise our religion and because we go to church regularly nor because we are virtuous and lead upright lives - every religion helps people to do that. We are Christians because we have that priceless assurance that God loves us: because we can say with St. John "We have known the love of God for us and we have believed in it".

So, no "mortifications" this Lent, rather let it be a time for coming alive. Repentance means turning to God, so let us do that with all our heart and soul and strength. Pray daily and try to find and keep a regular place for this. Speak to God about your life, your hopes, your fears, your problems, your failings and turn to him for forgiveness and strength. Go to Communion more often. Read a good religious book, or better still the Gospels.

One of the fruits of true repentance is the way in which it affects our relationships with each other and our attitudes towards everyone. It is not just that it becomes easier to pardon others when they offend us, but we see others in a completely new light for we realise that all men are God's children and loved by Him.

A Happy Lent to you all,

JOHN WILKINS

OPENING OF A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE PARISH

St. Peter's Church was full on the afternoon of Saturday, 21st January. The people of East Bridgford and Kneeton, with clergy from surrounding parishes and a supporting band from St. John's Carrington, had gathered to assist in the Institution by the Bishop of Southwell and the Induction of John Wilkins as our new Rector.

In the course of the service the people and the Rector re-affirmed their obligation to work together to further the Christian way of life in the two parishes.

In his sermon the Bishop expressed admiration for the way the parish had kept its cohesion in the six month long interregnum. He took as his text the last four verses of the 40th Chapter of Isaiah, which starts with the heartening words "The Lord the everlasting God, creator of the wide world, grows neither weary nor faint." He emphasised the need for the older generations to learn from the younger generations what is needed to keep the young within the Church.

After the service the company moved across the road to the school where the ladies of the parish had prepared a sumptuous tea. After Tea, Tom Ashton, as Vice Chairman of the Parochial Church Council, paid well deserved tribute to the warmth and sincerity of the Bishop's conduct of the service. He then welcomed the new Rector to our homes, hearts and lives and three generations of Wilkins to our village.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

The events of Saturday 21st January cannot go by without a very sincere word of thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a happy occasion. The Service of Institution and Induction was very impressive because of the active participation of the clergy, churchwardens, choir and congregation and the reception afterwards in the school was magnificent. This must have meant a great deal of hard work for the ladies (and perhaps for some of the gentlemen).

We were given a wonderful welcome by every one from East Bridgford and Kneeton and were so happy that this could be shared by our family (who were with us from Nottingham, Oxford, Chelmsford and Leeds) and friends from different parts of the country, together with a representative group from St. John's Carrington.

Please accept our grateful thanks on behalf of all your guests.

Now we look forward to getting to know people personally. We hope to be living in the rectory by March, but until then, as the Bishop said in his very penetrating address, we shall be commuting in reverse.

JOHN AND HILDA WILKINS.

HOUSE GROUP

The meetings of the House Group for the next few months will take place at intervals of a fortnight and a day on:

Tuesday 14th February*	Tuesday 2nd May
Wednesday 1st March*	Wednesday 17th May
Thursday 16th March*	Thursday 1st June
Friday 31st March	Friday 16th June
Monday 17th April	

* These meetings during Lent are provisional, subject to special arrangements being made by the Church.

All meetings are held at 8.00 pm at 2 Cherryholt Close.

PLEASE COME. NEW MEMBERS ARE MUCH NEEDED.

Meetings are informal and end with coffee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Oh Dad, you're crazy!

This is the title of the missionary project on which the Sunday School Children will be working during Lent. They will be following a course from the Church Missionary Society which tells about a boy called Rusty whose parents become missionaries and are sent to Hong Kong. The children will be collecting money and sending it to the C.M.S.

The project consists of a film-strip, some exciting new gospel-songs and lots of interesting things for the children to do as they discover what it means to be a missionary. As Rusty says at the end of the film-strip "We're all missionaries, we've all been commissioned".

The Sunday School is always pleased to welcome new members and perhaps this would be a good time to join. We meet in Church at 10.30 on Sunday mornings.

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The Bishop's Letter

The Need for Stillness

ANYONE who watched the Television series "The Long Search" must have been moved, as I was, to a brotherly feeling with men and women of other religions and cultures who have been trying to discover, and have often succeeded, in finding a way of prayer that is real communion with God. It was humbling for me to see people, whom westerners might regard as primitive, living out a life of concentration upon God that is way beyond the achievements of almost all our more sophisticated church members. The plain fact is that meditation and contemplation are not something for specialists but for ordinary people.



Mrs. Marjorie Werchun, chief clerk at the Diocesan Church Registry for 40 years, who retired on January 8.

Michael Ramsey once wrote "I believe that the capacity of the ordinary Christian for contemplation is greater by far than some of our theories of the spiritual life have allowed." If we are Christians, praying should not be a part-time activity but an orientation of life Godwards, so that, however busily we are engaged, we are involved with God. It is not a distraction from the business of living; it is that which makes living possible.

Our whole way of life today pre-disposes us to be activists, and to put almost our whole trust in the importance of communicating. We find life so appalling that we are forever seeking for distractions. We find it hard to be quiet and to give ourselves over to concentration. John Taylor, Bishop of Winchester,

concludes his fine book "The Go-Between God" with a plea for the Christian prayer of quiet: "We have lost the simple power of attention by which our mind can stand still at one point, doing nothing but taking in what is there".

The great Christian tradition of meditation, contemplation and prayer has been sadly forgotten by us. It is important in itself, not just for what it achieves. The words of the Psalmist: "Be still and know that I am God" were and are meant for everyman. All of us need to discover or recover our ability to concentrate on God just because he is God. The practical importance of this quiet contemplation is inescapable. In our society we are exhausting ourselves and laying waste our imaginative and creative powers. Moreover, our very busyness is a form of selfishness; and selfishness is always destructive. We think that we are serving others by our committee work, our social concern, our religious movements, our very attempts to organise others in the search for spirituality. All too often this is really a salving of conscience, a facade, or an attempt to justify our views or our work: in short, it isn't a concentration on God, but on ourselves, when life should be a working out of our love for God in ways that are independent of our schemes or enthusiasms.

But this experience of God has to be learned, it is not something we can make our own without effort or instruction. Many people including many young people, have been engaged for some years in this search for God through meditation, through contemplation, through quiet. They have sought it in Transcendental Meditation, in Yoga as practised in different religions as well as in other forms of group prayer. It is a sad thing that institutional religion, and the Christian Church in particular, is often left behind in this longing for a real experience of God. This need not be but we have a lot of ground to make up, and so much joy yet to experience. We can learn a lot from others, including those of other faiths, without compromising Christian truth.

It is for this reason that I am asking the clergy to make a sacrifice this year by foregoing their usual Clergy Conference at Swanwick in order to allow time for consultation on the theme of Spirituality Today in which laity as well as clergy can be involved. Stephen Verney, Bishop of Repton, who began his ministry as a curate in Gedling and went on to build up the church and congregation of St. Francis, Clifton, has agreed to lead our conference. His recent work at St. George's, Windsor, has meant considerable opportunity for just this kind of spiritual training. His recent book "Into the New Age" will be required reading for intending participants.

The consultation will begin at 6 p.m. on September 18 and finish about 8 p.m. on September 20. Details are being published of how to make application. This is advanced notice so that you can plan holidays or time off work. I shall be writing to the clergy seeking their co-operation in nominating to me laymen whom I can invite. If you are interested, get in touch with your clergy. Please pray that this consultation will be a useful and inspiring one, which will result in the renewal of our prayers and of our love of God.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Around the Diocese

"A Christian Looks at the National Front" is the title of a document prepared by the Rev. Malcolm Goldsmith, of 65 Newfield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham. Copies are available at 30p plus postage.

Choral Scholarships. There will be a number of vacancies in the Junior Department of the Minster School, Southwell from September, 1978 for boys who will be over 8 and under 11 on 1st September, 1978. This department exists especially for boys who wish to become Cathedral Choristers. At 11 they move into the Senior School which is now an 11 - 18 Voluntary Aided Comprehensive School. It 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 Tuesday, February 28. Those who reach a sufficiently high standard in these will be recalled the following week on March 7 and given a further musical test and an interview. Additional details may be obtained from the Headmaster, Minster School, Church St., Southwell, Notts. to whom applications should be sent as soon as possible.

Church Registry chief clerk for the past 40 years, Mrs. Marjorie Werchun retired on January 8 and a few days later was presented by the Bishop of Southwell with a cheque for over £100 which was subscribed by her friends in the diocese. The Registry now operates from Dunham House, Westgate, Southwell and its chief clerk is Miss Nina Smith.

A Retreat for Priests will be held at Morley Retreat and Conference House from Monday, July 3 to Friday, July 7. Conductor — The Rev. Dr. Martin Israel. Inquiries to the Warden, Peter Middlemiss, Morley Rectory, Derby DE7 6DE. Phone Derby 831293.

The Cathedral Council of Southwell Minster has appointed Mr. Michael Anthony Harrison as executive director, whose duties will include the publicity of the Minster and the continuation of the Appeal towards its £365,000 target.

Cyclone Appeal. Dr. Alan Rogers, of the University of Nottingham, has received the following appeal from the Bishop in Dornakal, Church of South India: "You all must have already heard of the great disaster caused in Andhra by the cyclone and tidal wave on November 19, 1977. Nearly 2,000 of our Christian families have in my diocese lost their thatched huts including all their belongings. They have lost their cattle and standing crops. All the thatched prayer houses and the parsonages have been razed to the ground in that area. Please pray for the victims and for us so that we may courageously face the gigantic rehabilitation work that is ahead of us."

Organist Required: St. Barnabas, Lenton Abbey. Phone 252634.

DIOCESAN WORKERS HONOURED

Two long serving officers in the Southwell Diocese were made Members of the British Empire Order in the Queen's New Year Honours List. They were:-

Miss Susan Margery Tilney Kirton, who received her award for services to the Southwell Diocese. She was senior social worker for the Southwell Diocesan Board of Moral Welfare for 30 years and since her retirement at the end of 1975, she has continued to help at the Diocesan Council for Family Care at Warren House.

Mr. Herbert John Marks, of Church Street, Southwell, who was formerly Southwell Diocesan Youth Officer for 15 years until his retirement in 1975. He was also honorary secretary of the Council for Voluntary Youth Service in Nottinghamshire, and receives his award for his services to youth in the county.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER EVENTS

Feb. 3, 7.30 p.m. Victorian Musical Soirée to be held in the Great Hall in aid of the Minster Appeal. Tickets £1.75p; 18, 7.30 p.m. Clipstone Miners' Welfare Prize Band — in aid of the Minster Appeal; 19, 8.45 a.m. Radio 4. Southwell Minster Appeal — the Week's Good Cause: 3.15 p.m. Evensong sung by the Leeds Guild of Singers: 7.30 p.m. Recital by the Leeds Guild of Singers.

The Choir is on holiday from February 10 to February 20.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Leonard Ralph Barker, Rector of St. Michael, Linby, with Papplewick, is resigning from the benefice on April 30 upon his retirement after serving in the ministry for 28 years.

The Rev. John Albert Bishop, is resigning from the united benefice of Gamston with Eaton and West Drayton on June 30 when he will take up an appointment as Rector of Fort Simpson in the Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of the Arctic. His son Peter is already serving in the same diocese at Coppermine.

The Venerable Michael Rene Warneford Brown, former Archdeacon of Nottingham, has been made Archdeacon Emeritus.

Permission to officiate has been granted to the following:-

Canon Harold Arthur Kirton, 8 Tudor Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

The Rev. James Stanley Lemon, 4 Bembridge Court, Bramcote, Nottingham.

The Rev. John Gilbert Turner, Landyke, Tythby Road, Cropwell Butler.

OBITUARY

The Rev. Linsan Alfred William Graves, formerly curate at Beeston (1916-18) and Vicar of Bunny with Bradmore (1960-65), who died at Edwalton on Tuesday, January 10. Aged 86.

"THE CHILD IN THE CHURCH"

A six week parish study course has been prepared by the Rev. Norman Todd for parish groups. This makes some demand on members and calls for careful leadership. The aim is to provide a shared imaginative understanding of the challenge which "The Child in the Church" report makes upon the adult Church. The course requires that each member should possess and read a copy of the report. Instructions for the course can be obtained from the Education Office, Dunham House, Westgate, Southwell. Inquiries to Norman Todd, Phone 814331.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

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| 1 East Leake (<i>David James</i>) | 14 E. Stoke (<i>Graham Firth</i>) |
| 2 Southwell Minster (<i>Francis Pratt</i> ,
Provost: <i>Eric Roberts</i> , Canon:
<i>Charles Bayes</i> , Canon; <i>Charles</i>
<i>Knazes</i>) | 15 Basford, S. Augustine (<i>Wilfrid Jarvis</i>) |
| 3 Blidworth (<i>Charles Sawyer</i>) | 16 Stapleford (<i>Alfred Graham</i> ,
<i>Sister Peggy Smith</i>) |
| 4 Nottingham Prison (<i>John Wilkins</i> ,
Chaplain) | 17 Sutton Bonington (<i>Philip Pennant</i>) |
| 5 Syerston (<i>Graham Firth</i>) | 18 Nottingham City Hospital
(<i>Raymond Gibson</i> , Chaplain) |
| 6 Collingham N & S (<i>Rupert Stevens</i> ,
Canon and Rural Dean) | 19 Chilwell Ordnance Depot
(<i>Frank Beech</i> , Chaplain) |
| 7 Langford with Holme (<i>Herbert</i>
<i>Langford</i>) | 20 Ranby Prison (<i>Edmund Jessup</i> ,
Chaplain) |
| 8 Carlton, S. John Baptist (<i>Terence</i>
<i>Short</i>) | 21 Saxondale Hospital (<i>Gerald Pearce</i> ,
Canon, Chaplain) |
| 9 Bunny (<i>Charles Jones</i>) | 22 S. John's College, Bramcote
(<i>Robin Nixon</i> , Principal) |
| 10 University of Nottingham (<i>Leslie</i>
<i>Morley</i> , Chaplain, <i>Sister Stella Mary</i>) | 23 Finningley (<i>Percy Powlesland</i>) |
| 11 Colleges of Further Education
(<i>Stanley Lemon</i> , Chaplain) | 24 Thorney (<i>Roy Palin</i>) |
| 12 Nottingham General Hospital | 25 Archdeacons |
| 13 District and Parish Councils | 26 Thorpe (<i>Vacant</i>) |
| | 27 Winthorpe (<i>Herbert Langford</i>) |
| | 28 Carlton-on-Trent (<i>Peter Chamier</i>) |

Pray for sponsored ordinands from this diocese in training at S. John's College:
Nicholas Braiesford; Philip Dixon; Matthew Grayshon.

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LESSONS AND READERS

February 12th - First in Lent

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 6.10-17	Mr.R.Hunt
(Ep.)	Hebrews 4.12-16	Mr.J.Ruff
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 42.	Mr.A.Curtis
(N.T.)	Luke 22.1-23	Mrs.J.Goddard

February 19th - Second in Lent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 35.1-10	Mr.P.Blandy
(Ep.)	1 John 3.1-8	Mr.J.Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 43.	Mr.G.Stobbs
(N.T.)	Luke 22.24-53	Capt.A.Jay

February 26th - Third in Lent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 45.18-25	Miss C.Price
(Ep.)	Colossians 1.24-29	Mr.J.Guy
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 44.1-45,8	Mr.A.Curtis
(N.T.)	Luke 22.54-end	Mr.R.Hunt

March 5th - Fourth in Lent: - Mothering Sunday

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Kings 19.1-18	Dr.G.Brooks
(Ep.)	2 Peter 1.16-19	Miss S.Nichols
6.30 (O.T.)	Genesis 45.16-46.7	Mr.G.Stobbs
(N.T.)	Luke 23.1-25	Miss S.Wheeler

THE STORY OF EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH

Our church is believed to be the oldest and is certainly one of the most interesting in Nottinghamshire. Fortunately the Rev'd Arthur Duboulay Hill who was Rector here for 29 years from 1898 to 1927 was a historian and an archeologist who set himself the task of unravelling the church's story and recording it in his book "East Bridgford - the Story of an English Village".

We intend, as space permits, to reproduce a summary of his story in serial form in this year's News Sheets.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

From the Village Diary on display in the Post Office

February

Saturday 11th - Horticultural Society Cheese and Wine Party at 8.00 pm in Village Hall.

March

Saturday 11th - Cricket Club Coffee Morning

Friday 17th - School Parents and Teachers Association Disco Dance

VILLAGE HALL

At its January meeting the Village Hall Committee reviewed the financial results for the year ending 31st October 1977 and its policy for 1978.

In 1976/7 the income from lettings exceeded normal running costs by just over £100. Fund-raising events during the year realised about £680.

The money now in hand together with grants available from Local Authorities is sufficient to cover all outstanding costs of the improvement programme, which is now virtually complete.

Fund raising efforts during the present financial year (the Village Hall Fair and New Year's Eve Dance) have already raised about £380 and more are planned. Although some more capital expenditure may be needed, the committee anticipates having at least £300 from this source available to supplement the letting income for meeting running costs. In allocating this money top priority will be given to improving and modernising our caretaking and cleaning organisation and equipment and a sub-committee has been set up to deal with this question.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

January Meeting

Mrs. Atkins, our President, gave a good start to the new year by announcing that redecoration of the Hut had started. She thanked members who had already helped and invited more volunteers to help in the next stages.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. G. Spittal, proved very interesting with his talk on "The History of the Musical". He described the musical from the very beginning to the present day, supplementing his talk with tape recordings of excerpts from many shows. Mrs. Powell thanked him for his interesting description.

The competition, for "A List of Contents for a First Aid Box" was judged by Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Macdonald Smith and won by Mrs. Jay. After refreshment a musical quiz called "Guess the Song" was played. It had been arranged by Miss Makin, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Seal, who was the pianist for it.

Pantomime

"CINDERELLA", which had been presented by members at the diamond jubilee party, had a second performance before relatives and friends, at which a collection raised £10 for the Children's Hospital appeal for a children's X-ray Train.

Next Meeting The February meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th at 7.30 pm The speaker will be from the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The competition that evening will be "A dressed Peg Doll".



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EAST BRIDGFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Admission £1.50 - Raffle and Auction

Proceeds for the Village Feast

Tickets from Mr. C. Widdison, Secretary

Mr. Jim Fletcher would be pleased to receive any items for the auction, which will be conducted by Mr. T. D. Hanson.

Come and see Films of last Year's Show

Dancing

BRIDGFORD'S HISTORIC HOUSES

During 1977 five articles appeared in the News Sheet about some of our old houses and some of the people who lived in them. These articles have now been collected together and copies of the collection are available, price 15 pence, from:

Mr. Fox, East Bridgford News,
Miss Hand, 93 Main Street,

or can be ordered by telephone to 338 or 217.

If there are any profits from the sale of these collections they will go to church funds.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

After being promoted to a higher division of the league the club are finding the going tough, but are keeping clear of the bottom of their new division.

December Results

Trent Poly W 4-1
South Notts L 2-6
(League Cup)
Arnold Utd L 2-4
Man of Trent L 0-3

2nd Team

Concorde Rangers L 0-2
Ryecroft Res. D 2-2
Southwell City L 1-2
Arnold Rangers L 1-5

Forthcoming Fixtures

1st Team

February

4th Netherfield A
11th Bingham H
18th William Olds A
25th

March

4th South Notts A
11th Man of Trent H
18th Keyworth Res H
25th Lowdham A

2nd Team

Trent Poly Res. H
Keyworth Albion A
British Sugar Co. H
Clifton Athletic H

Concorde Rangers A

Netherfield A

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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 See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meet 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 March 1978

Church and Village News
Price - Yearly 90p. Monthly 8p.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Easter, for most people means a holiday, a break from work and, hopefully, some decent weather. After the snow and cold of February we can all do with that but Easter is much more than a "nature" festival celebrating the new life of Spring.

Holy Week and Easter is the time when the events of the last week of our Lord's earthly life are re-enacted in the worship of the Church. But it is not just the time for recollecting and dwelling upon the last episodes of our Saviour's life, it is above all else the time for the renewal of the Church, of individuals and congregations alike.

In the Series 3 services of Holy Communion this theme is emphasized: "The tree of defeat became the tree of glory - and where life was lost, there life has been restored"; "By his death he has restored to us eternal life"; "Through him you will make all things new"; "Renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord".

God's gift of new life is offered to us at all time but Holy Week provides a special opportunity for renewal. The services are printed opposite and I hope that through them you will find a deepened awareness of the love and power of the Risen Lord in your life.

JOHN WILKINS

Holy Week and Easter Services

PALM SUNDAY March 19th

9.00am Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, March

7.30pm Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 23rd

7.30pm Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY March 24th

10.30am Family Service

7.30pm The Reading of the Passion,
Prayers and Act of Worship

HOLY SATURDAY March 25th

8.00pm Easter Vigil Service

EASTER DAY Sunday, March 26th

9.00am Eucharist

10.30am Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

At St. Helen's, Kneeton

8.00am Eucharist

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Meeting will take place in the Church after morning Communion on Sunday, 23rd April.

RECTORY REPORT

You may like to know what has been happening at the Rectory. The somewhat piecemeal heating arrangements have been replaced by oil-fired central heating, with the open fire in the sitting room being retained. The little used Rayburn cooker has been removed from the kitchen which has been improved with a new doorway through to the dining room. The area between the kitchen and garage has been enclosed to form a utility room with a new door opening onto the back yard.

When the electrician came he found the wiring to be in a dangerous condition and this has had to be replaced. However everything is now nearing completion and the decorators will soon be at work. We do not know when we shall be able to move in but hopefully we should be in residence before Holy Week.

J.S.W.

Electoral Roll

Synodical Government rules require completion of a new Roll this year. Those already on the Roll will have to re-register and all parishioners should be contacted during the next few weeks.

Official notices will be posted on the Church Notice Board.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 22nd FEBRUARY

The Rector presiding as Chairman for the first time asked us to record his thanks to all who helped to make his Induction such a happy and successful occasion. He is particularly concerned that the church should attract more young people, also that we should, as a congregation develop and pursue definite aims for the future.

The Treasurer submitted the accounts for the year, together with estimates for 1977/78. The current year showed a surplus £305 on General Account. Rapidly rising costs were likely to result in a deficiency of some £800 in the coming year unless we had a substantial increase in income. Mr. Blandy stressed the advantage of covenanted giving and will be pleased to supply the necessary forms to anyone who can help in this way.

The Council fixed Sunday, April 23rd after morning Communion for the Annual Parochial Meeting.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Deaths

December, 1977 Charles Simpson Wilkinson
Anne Mary Cooper
John Frederic Scarborough

January, 1978 Charles Joseph Hare
Joseph James Spring

February, 1978 Kenneth Hawthorn

LESSONS AND READERS

March 12th - Fifth in Lent - Passion Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Jeremiah 31.31-34 Mr.K.Finch
(Ep.) Hebrews 9.11-15 Mr.A.Curtis
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 6.2-13 Mrs.J.Goddard
(N.T.) Luke 23.26-49 Capt.A.Jay

March 19th - Palm Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Mr.T.Ashton
(Ep.) Hebrews 10.1-10 Dr.K.Macdonald-Smith
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 52.13-53-end Mr.J.Guy
(N.T.) Luke 19.29-end Mr.P.Blandy

March 26th - Easter Day

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 12.1-6 Mr.P.Slack
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 5.76-8 Mrs.J.Wheeler
10.30 (O.T.) Exodus 14.15-22 Miss E.Church
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Mr.G.Stobbs
6.30 (O.T.) Exodus 14.5-end Mr.H.Russell
(N.T.) John 20.11-23 Mr.R.Hunt

April 2nd - First after Easter

9.00 (O.T.) Exodus 16.4-15 Mr.G.Clayfield
(Ep.) 1 Cor. 15.53-58 Mrs.V.Backhouse
6.30 (O.T.) 1 Kings 17.8-end Mr.A.Curtis
(N.T.) John 20.24-end Miss S.Wheeler

CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL

From the Village Diary on show in the Post Office

March

Sat. 4th From 10am, 1st Shelford and East
Bridgford Scout Group Soup and Spud
Morning in Shelford Village Hall.
Thurs. 9th Village Hall Management Committee 8pm.
Fri. 10th Dance 8pm - Midnight - Friends of
Toot Hill School.
Sat. 11th Cricket Club Coffee Morning
Fri. 17th Disco Dance - St. Peter's School
Parent/Teacher Association
Sat. 18th Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m. in aid of
Cancer Relief.
April
Sat. 8th Guides Jumble Sale in W.I. Hut,
Coffee, cakes etc.
Sun. 16th Life-boat sponsored walk, starting
from Reindeer Inn 9 - 11 a.m.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CANCER RELIEF

Jumble Sale
to be held at the Women's Institute Hut
on Saturday, March 18th 1978
starting at 2.00 p.m.
Also
Next-to-New Clothes and Cake Stall

CRICKET CLUB

A Coffee Morning
on Saturday, 11th March 1978
at 53 Main Street, (Mr. & Mrs. G. Willis)
from 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Admission 15 Pence including coffee.
Proceeds in aid of Cricket Club Funds

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

February Meeting

Rug-making, pottery, old time dancing, even climbing to the top of Snowden may sound fairly normal activities, but not perhaps when carried out by totally blind people. At our February meeting members heard of the work and achievements of the Nottingham Branch of the Midlands Institution for the Blind and were lost in admiration for the way in which the Blind can carry out so many normal activities, difficult even for those who can see what they are doing.

Committee Nominations

Nominations were taken for the new committee to be elected at the Annual Meeting on 14th March.

Competition The Competition for a clothes peg doll was won by Mrs. J. Wheeler with a beautifully dressed Pedlar Doll and as a light-hearted end to the evening there was a skit on the TV show "The Generation Game" organised by Mrs. Bontoft and won by Mrs. Macdonald-Smith.

An Echo of the Living Whist Revival

A West Country reader of Home and Country has written to us from Halburton near Tiverton in Devon, saying:

"I was very interested to read about your game of Whist with W.I. Members dressed-up as cards, in the December issue of Home and Country. I have a set of these cards which have been handed down to me. They are probably about 60 years old. My problem is that I have no idea how to use them or how to organise an event as you did. I have not been able to find anyone who could help me. I wonder if you would be kind enough

to give me the necessary information. I would be most grateful if you would"

This letter is particularly interesting because Halburton in Devon is not far from Chard in Somerset, which was the home of the Fox family before they moved to East Bridgford in 1901. So it rather looks as if "our" Living Whist may have been imported from the West Country at the beginning of this century and may be a good deal older than we thought.

We are sending Mrs. Duncannon, the writer of the letter, a copy of Miss Gertrude Fox's original rules which she left to us, and we hope to find out more about the origin of the game.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society gave a splendid evening on 11th February to the guests at its cheese and wine party. The village hall was packed full but there was plenty for everyone to eat and drink. Mr. Bob Flower delighted his audience with his illustrated description of last year's Feast afternoon, amusing, and interesting alike to those who had been there on the day and to newcomers who now have some idea of what East Bridgford Feast is like.

The work put into organising the evening's events was amply rewarded by the contributions of all who helped to make the evening such a great success. It seems impossible in these days for flower shows to pay their own way but the success of this evening event promises a secure future for ours.



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THE CHURCH'S STORY

1. In the Beginning

On the north wall of the chancel there is a stone with an inscription which reads

"In Honour of the unknown
who first preached Christ where now
stands this church, the oldest as
yet proven in the diocese."

Who was he?, and when did he come here?

Two thousand years ago, before Christ came to Earth or the Romans to Britain, there was certainly a village in what is now this parish. It would be an ideal site for a settlement. The water meadows would provide pasture without forest trees having to be cleared. The high land would give safety from floods, the river a means of transport and a shallow ford some 50 yards downstream from the present bridge would give access to settlements on the other side.

The British village was probably on the site of the present roundabout where the Bingham-Gunthorpe road crosses the Fosse. Remains of British origin have been found among those of the Roman town of Margidunum built later on that site. From it a track led down to the ford along the line of the present right of way.

In AD 46, 100 years after Julius Caesar's reconnaissance, the armies of the Roman Emperor Claudius invaded Britain and by the end of the 1st century had established a northern frontier along the Trent, built the Fosse Way and established fortress towns at intervals along it. One of these was Margidunum and from it they built the Street Way along the line of the old British track to the ford, which they probably paved for wheeled traffic.

The Romans were not the only visitors at this time. Already sea-borne traders were making astonishing voyages from Spain and Gaul round Brittany to Cornwall, thence up our west coasts to Ireland, Scotland and even Iceland. Others came up Channel to the North Sea and up our East Coast rivers. With them came missionary priests, the "saints" commemorated by such names as St. Malo, St. Austell and St. Ives, and by the third century when Rome officially accepted Christianity there was already a Christian Church in Britain with Bishops and travelling priests. So perhaps it was up the Trent that Christianity first came to our parish. If so it would probably have been at Margidunum rather than on the site of the present village that the Word was first preached here.

BRIDGFORD'S HISTORIC HOUSES

The first edition of the collection of last year's News Sheet articles on the historic houses in the village sold out within a week. a second is now available from:

Miss Doris Hand - 93 Main Street,
Mr. Fox - East Bridgford News, or
by telephone to 217 or 338.

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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

See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

meet 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

April 1978

Church and Village News

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SERVICES AND SERVICE

In the report of last month's PCC it was stated that the Rector was particularly concerned that the Church should attract more young people and that we should as a congregation develop and pursue plans for the future. I should like to emphasize that any plans for the future should be the concern not only of the PCC but of the whole congregation.

To start I should like to put forward some of my own thoughts, not only as a Priest, but also as father of four young people. One of them, whose attendance at Church had been falling off said to me "Dad, I haven't lost my faith, but I have lost my patience". I asked him what he meant and he replied that the Church is far too inward-looking. He reminded me of the vast amount of time spent discussing 'Churchy' things such as Synodical Government, the New Services and Money-Raising. He asked how often the PCC discussed other things and if they ever talked about why the Church existed.

There are many people, both churchgoers and non-churchgoers who have sympathy with his reaction. There are many Christians who rarely go to Church who claim that Christianity means 'service' not just 'services'.

Young people figure prominently in this group. They may not go to Church very much but they are often to be found in the forefront when it comes to showing practical concern for others.

For far too many of our churchgoers church-going does mean just that - going to the Church building as often (perhaps) as once a week, to take (perhaps) some part in the service there, to listen (perhaps) to a sermon preached there .. and then to go home till the next time.

Young people, in ever greater numbers, are asking about the meaning of life; and the answers of the adult world do not satisfy them. Their disappointment is expressed in an escape from the rigid structure of that society, or in open revolt against institutions and authority.

It seems that as soon as man is freed from the need to strive for the necessities of life, then he immediately begins to ask himself a basic question: what is the meaning of life? Unless we can discover how to give a meaning to the life of men today we can expect to see mankind torn apart by that terrible agony which follows the suspicion that life is in effect, meaningless and absurd. Christianity must give a meaning to life. Through Christ modern man must be recalled and rescued from the temptation of the absurd.

Sometime ago a Diocesan Conference (Not Southwell) devoted its attention to a report about Young People and the Church. At the end the Bishop summed up by asking those present to take home with them for consideration two questions:

1. Are we the Body of Christ, or just a group of people who go to Church?
2. Have we a Parish policy?

I believe these questions are as relevant today as they were then, and that they need to be asked with a new urgency.

I shall be grateful for your comments. I hope that anyone who reads this, churchgoers or non-churchgoers, will not hesitate to come forward with suggestions and ideas.

John S. Wilkins.

LESSONS AND READERS

April 9th Second after Easter

9.00 (O.T.) Ezekiel 34.7-15 Miss C. Price
(Ep.) 1 Peter 5.1-11 Mr. J. Rutt
6.30 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 4.25-40 Miss V. James
(N.T.) Revelation 2.1-17 Mr. G. Stobbs

April 16th - Third after Easter

9.00 (O.T.) 1 Kings 17.17-24 Mr. R. Hunt
(Ep.) Colossians 3.1-11 Mr. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 5.1-21 Capt. A. Jay
(N.T.) Revelation 2:18-3.6 Mr. A. Curtis

April 23rd - Fourth after Easter

9.00 (O.T.) Proverbs 4.10-18 Mr. P. Blandy
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 4.11-18 Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 10.12-11.1 Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) Revelation 3.7-end Mrs. J. Goddard

April 30th - Fifth after Easter. Rogation Sunday.

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 34.1-12 Dr. K. Macdonald-Smith
(Ep.) Romans 8.28-39 Dr. G. Brooks
6.30 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 28.1-14 Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.) Mark 4.1-20 Miss S. Nichols

May 7th - Sunday after Ascension

9.00 (O.T.) 2 Kings 2.1-15 Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.) Ephesians 4.1-8, Mrs. J. Wheeler
11-13
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 62 Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.) Revelation 5: Miss S. Wheeler

MOTHERS' UNION A Coffee Morning will take place at the Rectory from 10am till noon on Saturday, April 15th, by kind permission of the Wilkins. There will be a cake stall, bring and buy, white elephant, and raffle. Proceeds to Southwell Minster Appeal and general funds.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING The annual meeting will be in Church directly after morning Communion on Sunday, April 23rd. New members, especially younger members are particularly welcome but do get a nomination form from the church and complete and return it first.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL AND MAY

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April

Mon: 3rd - Parish Council Meeting

Thu: 6th - Village Hall Management Committee, 8pm

Sat: 8th - Guides Jumble Sale in W. I. Hut,
2.30 p.m., Coffee, Cakes, etc.

Sun: 16th - Life-boat Walk. Leaves Reindeer Inn
9 to 11 a.m.

Sun: 23rd - Church Annual Meeting in Church
after Morning Service, about 10 a.m.

Fri: 28th - Cricket Club Dance

May

Mon: 1st - Sports and Social Club - Gala Field
events.

Tue: 2nd - Parish Council Meeting

Fri: 12th - 1st Shelford and East Bridgford
Scout Group Annual General Meeting
in Shelford Village Hall at 8 p.m.

This calendar automatically includes all events for the forthcoming two months provided that they have been entered in the Village Diary in the Post Office by the 20th of the preceding month. Organisers of events who would like them described in more detail are asked to put a draft of the notice they would like inserted through the letter box of one of the editors by the 20th of the month before their event.

BRIDGFORD'S HISTORIC HOUSES

The second edition sold out within a day of publication. A third edition should be available by the time this News Sheet appears.

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. The coming season starts on Saturday 29th April.

Subscriptions for 1978 are:

Family - £5

Juniors under
16 - £2

Adults - £3

Apply to the Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Nichols,
3 Moss Close.

A CLEANER EAST BRIDGFORD

To the Editor of the News Sheet

Dear Sir,

I should appreciate it if I could use the services of your News Sheet to express growing concern for this village. East Bridgford has become a dirty village with litter in the hedge bottoms and dog messes on the footpaths, playing field and pavements. I feel saddened by this and I appeal to people to train their children to take their litter home with them or to use the nearest litter bin.

Dogs are a different problem. Many are allowed to roam loose in the village even without collars for identification. Even dogs on leads are allowed to foul the centres of paths. Can't we try to "kerb" our dogs? I know I am not the only person with strong views on this subject. The situation will soon be out of control unless we admit we have a problem and try to solve it now,

Christine Lewis,
7 Moss Close.

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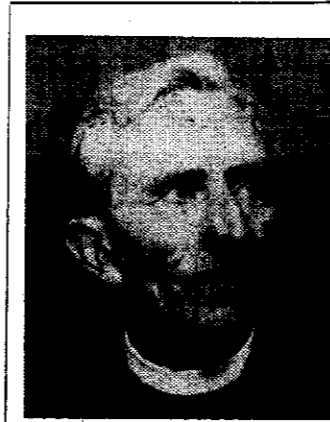
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The Bishop's Letter

Priorities for a Living Church

THE quiet confidence of Christians is in the living God. It rests in the resurrection of Jesus and is an irrelevant concept if it is not realised in a resurrected and lively church. The New Testament knows nothing of resurrected individuals in isolation from the Church which is the resurrected body of Jesus. How alive is the Church? And how alive are its constituent members?



The Rev. Jack Hilliard, who will be instituted Vicar of St. Augustine's, Mansfield, on May 19.

For many people today the Church is personally irrelevant. They don't understand its doctrines and they judge it by its practical usefulness to society. As a church is not required for this purpose in a welfare state, they "don't bother with religion". In consequence, the Church often develops a defensive rather than a confident stance and in this declares its own disbelief in the living God.

What then should be our evangelistic strategy? Clearly a phrenetic and confrontational response reveals a lack of confidence. This does not mean however that we must not be diligent in our witness. May I suggest some priorities for a Church that believes in the resurrection?

(1) Corporate worship which gives assurance of the forgiveness of our sins; reinvolves us with the living God; doesn't depend upon enticements to participation, and enables us to draw fresh strength for our daily lives.

(2) The fellowship of a congregation that doesn't encapsulate the members, gives them the support they need and ensures that they work out their faith in the secular scene rather than maintain church organisations for their own sake.

(3) Controversy with unbelievers on the basis that they may well be right and that we rely on no authorities or fundamentalisms but only on the ability of the living God to lead us into all truth.

(4) Growth in the practice of personal prayer and meditation that enables us to live moment by moment in the experience of God as real and near and so to become holier and more loving people, undaunted by opposition and the size of our task.

FAITH IN ACTION

(5) Active co-operation with our fellow Christians of other persuasions in the demonstration of our common faith without preoccupation with questions of structures and survival.

(6) Service of our society in all its needs alongside any men and women of goodwill in a way that is a veritable translation of our faith into action and not just humanitarian or an attempt to do something unbelievers find acceptable.

(7) A commitment which is costly because it recognises that belief in God inevitably implies that all that we are and all that we have is affected by that belief and all life must demonstrate that.

If Easter means anything, it means that we must live the risen life within the risen body of the Church in such a way that the world may find in Christ a new and living hope. How alive are we in this diocese?

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

APRIL IN SOUTHWELL MINSTER

2, 3.15 p.m. Evensong sung by the choir of St. Andrew's, Nottingham; 5, 7.30 p.m. Concert — Orchestra of Nottinghamshire School of Music, Conductor: C. Adey, (Tickets 80p. from A. J. Beckett, Market Place, Southwell); 7, 5.45 p.m. Service — East Midlands Group — Assn. of Nurse Administrators; 9, 8 p.m. Music in the Crossing by Lincoln Pro Musica directed by John Bannister, 40p; 10, Art Exhibition — Abbey Gates and Joseph Whittaker Schools; 12, 7.30 p.m. Concert — Abbey Gates and Joseph Whittaker Schools; 19, 7.30 pm. Organ Recital John Devonport, Worksop College; 22, 3 p.m. Central Notts. Scouts Service; 23, 3 p.m. South East Notts. Scouts Service; 25, 10 a.m. North Notts. Clerical Society — 90th Anniversary Celebration Meeting; 29, 5.45 p.m. Evensong sung by the Choir of St. John's, Derby; 30, 11 a.m. Rogation Sunday — Rogation Service, Preacher — The Provost of Sheffield; 30, 3.15 p.m. Evensong sung by the Choir of St. Thomas', Wigston, Leicester.

Clergy Cricket. The new Cricket Season is imminent and details of the Diocesan Clergy Cricket Club's fixtures are available from the captain, the Rev. A. Haydock, or the hon. sec. the Rev. D. J. Bartlett.

Around the Diocese

Racism in Britain. Congregations throughout the Diocese are being asked to gain signatories for the British Council of Churches statement on Sunday, April 23, which is St. George's Day.

Prayers are asked for "Save the Children Fund" on Sunday, April 23.

Upper Broughton. Aspects of village life and interests will be given in the village on April 22 and 23 and will take the form of exhibitions and displays in the Parish Church, the Free Church and the Village Hall. The gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Wyn-Williams will also be open to visitors. St. Luke's Church will be decorated with flowers and ancient records and documents together with church vestments will be on display. The village event takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Saturday, and from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Sunday, when the Bishop of Southwell will preach at Evensong at 6.45 p.m.

GMS Children's Thanksgiving Service is at Ruddington Parish Church on Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m. Games, if not wet, at 11.30 a.m.

An all-day family Festival of Praise on the theme "Jesus is Lord" will be held at St. Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, on Saturday, May 13 (Pentecost weekend) from 10.30 a.m. to about 7 p.m. As well as worship and teaching and time for discussion, there will be workshops for children and adults, as we seek to express aspects of the theme in music, words, drama, dance, and other art forms. People may attend any part of the day, if the whole is impossible. Children catered for. For details, apply St. Mark's Vicarage, 37a Melbury Rd., Woodthorpe. (267859).

Catholic Renewal: A regional conference for clergy and lay people will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham on Saturday, October 21. Further details will be available from Canon M. J. Jackson or the Rev. A. Haydock at the beginning of May.

Diocesan Day of Evangelism. Parishes are invited to send two representatives (1 clergy and 1 lay) to a day conference on evangelism in the Trebeck Hall, Southwell, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. The Bishop will preside in the morning, when we shall hear what is happening effectively in the country today. The Archdeacon of Nottingham will preside in the afternoon when we shall discuss what can best be done in local evangelism. Names of those wishing to come please to the Adviser on Evangelism, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Southwell.

GMS, North Notts. Association, Annual Meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Retford, Wednesday April 12 at 7.30 p.m. plus participatory programme.

Liturgical Committee Secretary. The Rev. W. H. Jarvis, St. Augustine's Vicarage, 14 Claremont Road, Nottingham, has been appointed as Secretary of the Liturgical Committee in succession to the Rev. B. E. Hodges. Will the distributors of Southwell Rite please help the transition by sending the money in as soon as possible, clearly indicating the issue for which it is payment.

Mothers' Union events. April 19, Mansfield Deanery Festival, Clipstone 7 p.m.; April 25, Retford Deanery Festival, St. Alban's, Retford 2.45 p.m.

The Society of St. Willibrord, whose object is to promote friendly relations between the Anglican Communion and Old Catholic churches is to hold its first Northern Festival in York on Saturday, June 17. For full details contact Mr. R. W. Gill, 21 Leamington Terrace, Illdy LS29 8EJ.

A Retreat for Priests has been arranged at Edward King House, Lincoln, (formerly the Old Palace) from May 15-19. The conductor will be Archdeacon F. N. Towndrow, formerly Archdeacon of Oakham. For further details or to book a place on this retreat please contact Miss K. Hornby, Edward King House, Lincoln LN2 1PU. Tel. Lincoln 28778.

Newark and District Walsingham Day Pilgrimage. At the request of certain parishes, the date for the Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage will be Saturday, September 9. By this experimental transfer from May to September. It is hoped that more people will be available to make the pilgrimage. Further details at a later date from the organiser Steve Attenborough., Crow's Nest, South Muskham.

Missions to Seamen. The annual general meeting of the Nottinghamshire Committee will be held at the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, on Monday, April 17 at 7.30 p.m. Followed by a short slide show.

News of the Clergy

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt. Rev. Richard Darby, has accepted the post of Warden of the Southwell Diocesan Readers' Association in succession to the former Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. Michael Brown.

The Rev. Jack Hilliard, Priest-in-Charge of St. Luke's, West Bridgford, has been appointed Vicar of St. Augustine's, Mansfield, where he will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwell on Friday, May 19 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Robin Victor Adair Morrison, Chaplain to Sutton Centre, Sutton-in-Ashfield, has been appointed Assistant Head in charge of Community Services at Deans Community College, Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland

The Rev. Arthur Marshall, Rector of St. Helen, Trowell, has been appointed Rector of Abbas and Temple Combe with Horsington, Somerset, Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev. Edward Anthony Colin Cardwell, Curate of St. Peter's, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent, Diocese of Derby, is to join the staff of St. Michael and All Angels Bramcote, as senior curate to the Vicar, the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. Roy Williamson.

Permission to officiate in the Diocese has been granted to the Rev. George Christopher Dobbs, of Willowdene, Central Avenue, Stapleford.

OBITUARIES

The Rev. Michael Edward McCormick, former Rector of Bilsthorpe (1939-41), who died on February 21, aged 68.

The Rev. Hubert Victor Simmons, Vicar of St. Helen, Selston with Westwood, who died on Friday, March 3, aged 64, after 40 year in the ministry, 23 of them in the Southwell Diocese.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN APRIL

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| 1—Whatton Detention Centre
(<i>Geoffrey Blackmore, Chaplain</i>) | 16—Bawtry Deanery (<i>Geoffrey Springett, Rural Dean</i>) |
| 2—Scrooby (<i>Frederick Osborn</i>) | 17—Tuxford Deanery (<i>Thomas Swift, Rural Dean</i>) |
| 3—Ranskill (<i>Frederick Osborn</i>) | 18—Norwell Deanery (<i>William Snow, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) |
| 4—Sturton-le-Steeple (<i>John Ford</i>) | 19—Worksop Deanery (<i>Arthur Brown, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) |
| 5—West Retford (<i>Colin Nield</i>) | 20—Retford Deanery (<i>Derek Shearing, Rural Dean</i>) |
| 6—St. Ann w. Emmanuel, Nottm.
(<i>Jim Neill, Matty McQuillan, Dst.</i>) | 21—Treswell (<i>Trevor Gibson</i>) |
| 7—West Drayton (<i>Vacant</i>) | 22—Ravenshead (<i>Vacant</i>) |
| 8—Nottingham Deanery (<i>Michael Jackson, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 23—Netherfield (<i>Cecil Watson, Canon</i>) |
| 9—Beeston Deanery (<i>John Banks, Rural Dean</i>) | 24—N. & S. Clifton (<i>Roy Palin</i>) |
| 10—Bulwell Deanery (<i>David Williams, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 25—St. Mark, Mansfield (<i>David Hatter</i>) |
| 11—Gedling Deanery (<i>Cecil Watson, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 26—Woodthorpe (<i>David Barlett; Gordon Oliver</i>) |
| 12—Bingham Deanery (<i>Gerald Pearce, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 27—Rampton (<i>Trevor Gibson</i>) |
| 13—Southwell Deanery (<i>Bernard Hill, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 28—Dunham-on-Trent (<i>John Brown</i>) |
| 14—Newark Deanery (<i>Rupert Stevens, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 29—Bestwood (Church of St. Luke)
(<i>Eddie Neale; Mavis Bexon</i>) |
| 15—Mansfield Deanery (<i>Robert Warburton, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 30—Laneham (<i>Trevor Gibson</i>) |

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VILLAGE HALL

Caretaking and Cleaning Arrangements

The Village Hall Committee has decided that there shall be in future two separate appointments:

Village Hall Caretaker, and
Village Hall Cleaner.

The Caretaker's post is now vacant. Anyone who would consider taking it on or who knows of a suitable candidate is invited to get in touch with MR. FRED HUNT who is heading a sub-committee dealing with the caretaking and cleaning organisation. The cleaner's post is filled at the moment but may fall vacant in the autumn.

The terms and conditions of both appointments are negotiable with Mr. Hunt's sub-committee.

Birthday Parties

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LIFE-BOAT WALK 1978

East Bridgford Life-boat Guild's 1978 sponsored walk will start from 16 Kneeton Road, opposite the Reindeer Inn on Sunday, 16th April. Walkers may set out at any time between 9 and 11am or later by special arrangement.

The course will be as in 1976, through Car Colston and Screveton, with views across the Vale to Belvoir Castle, to the Boot and Shoe at Flintham for refreshments. From there it follows footpaths and tracks through Syerston to the bank of the Trent at The Nabs and along the bank to and across Hazleford Ferry to the Star and Garter Hotel car park, where lunch will be provided. Thence it follows the tow-path to Gunthorpe and so back to the Reindeer and tea - 15 miles.

In 1976 about 100 walkers ranging in age from 8 to over 70 completed the course. Most of them seemed to have enjoyed it very much and the Life-boat Service gained £800. This year can we perhaps make it 120 walkers and £1,000?

THE CHURCH CLOCK

Do you love the sound of the bells,
Or care what hour the Church Clock tells?
For ninety years they give the time,
The hours they strike, the quarters chime.

And if they sometimes fall from grace,
'Tis not the clock should hide her face,
But rather we who do not wind
Those triple weights. So - do you mind?

If you do we are glad to leak
That Les, who's wound her twice a week
For many years without much thanks,
Is getting help to turn the cranks.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting was our Annual Meeting, when the County Treasurer, Mrs. Heathcote, spoke on W.I. Financial Matters, and was thanked by Mrs. Blatherwick.

As a result of our election Mrs. Seel became our new President; Mrs. Meylan and Mrs. Chapman remained our Secretary and Treasurer; with Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Andrews acting as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

At the request of Mrs. Glover the Institute showed its appreciation of the work of our retiring President, Mrs. Atkins, whose 10 year term of office included our strenuous Diamond Jubilee Year and who is now serving as County Vice Chairman.

The tellers who conducted our election were thanked by Mrs. Andrews. After refreshments past President of the Institute shared some of their memories of that office with us. Mr. Flower then showed us slides taken last year during the various events celebrating our Diamond Jubilee, prompting considerable laughter from those members who recognised themselves! The vote of thanks to Mr. Flower was given by Mrs. Gaskell.

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EAST BRIDGFORD YOUTH CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, April 13th at the School and any resident of the village is welcome. It is a year since the management committee was reformed and it is pleasing to report that the club is in much better shape and is able to offer a wide range of activity on its club nights of Monday and Wednesday. A leader is being actively sought to share the load that John Blatherwick has shouldered alone for so long, but voluntary help from anyone interested in young people will be welcomed. The management committee is nine strong at present and they help on a rota basis at the club each attending about once or twice a month. If you are interested in helping please come to the AGM or phone Doreen Beale (Hon. Sec.) on 711.

EAST BRIDGFORD BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls season will start early in May depending on the weather. New members both beginners and experienced players will be welcomed. The green is available for play afternoons as well as evenings. If you wish to join the club or if you require more information about it please contact the Honorary Secretary, Albert Lodder at the Village Post Office in Main Street.

CHURCH'S STORY

Birth and Baptism of Brugeford

At the beginning of the 5th Century the Romans left Britain and the Britons were unable to resist invasion by the Angles and Saxons. Coming first as raiders and then as settlers they pushed the Britons away to the western fringes. The British Church was almost overwhelmed but survived in Ireland, the Scottish Isles and perhaps in Wales and Cornwall.

The Saxons established new villages with names ending in "ton", "ham", "ford", "sted" and "stow". "Ford" then meant a river crossing and "bruick ford" or "bruge ford" a man-made crossing, a bridge, causeway or paved ford. So, when early in the 6th century the Saxons spread up the Trent to found the kingdom of Mercia, the village which they founded here was named BRUGEFORD after the ford which the Romans had paved.

The Saxons knew nothing of Christianity but they must have had some inkling of a supernatural influence or being which perhaps they connected with the spirits of their forbears. It seems probable that the burial grounds which they established were also meeting places and perhaps the scenes of some primitive form of worship. These places, to which they gave the name of "ciric" (circle), were often sited on the tops or crests of hills. There can be no doubt that Brugeford's ciric was on Kirk Hill where the church now stands.

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On first Sunday in each month
- Family Eucharist.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon

Weekdays

See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

meet 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

May 1978

Church and Village News

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A FAMILY OCCASION

One of the marks of the early Church was the warm fellowship enjoyed by the first Christians. In the Acts of the Apostles we read "All who believed were together and had all things in common and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day attending the temple together and breaking bread in their home they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people."

The spirit of mutual love and caring is one of the signs of the authentic Christian community and it is good that this is being increasingly recognised in our times. We are being reminded in so many ways that the Church is not made up of isolated individuals but that we are members one of another in the Family of God.

Nowhere is this expressed more clearly than in the Gospel Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. At the Baptism we are received into the Family of God and the Breaking of Bread is the most characteristic worship of the Baptized. It is at the altar that we are most like a family, for we are one Bread, One Body. Worship is a family reunion of a kind. We meet to worship God: we come together because we belong to one Family and we wouldn't be missing because we all belong.

Baptism is a great family occasion. It is also a very personal occasion, not only for the person being baptized but also for the parents and the godparents and for every member of the congregation. If Baptism is to mean what the Bible and Prayer Book declare it to mean then all of us, parents, and godparents, clergy and laity alike, must care more deeply for this great Gospel Sacrament.

A few days ago the wife of one of the Deanery clergy said to me "I hear that the Rector of East Bridgford has banned Baptisms on Sunday afternoons". She was disappointed when I told her that she had been misinformed and I was intrigued that such a rumour should have reached another parish.

Strictly speaking Public Baptism should only take place at one of the main Sunday services. Unfortunately neither 9 a.m. nor 6.30 p.m. are the easiest times of the day where babies are concerned. The Bishop's instruction about the Administration of Infant Baptism makes the position clear: "Infant Baptism shall normally be administered in the presence of a congregation of regular worshippers. If it is impracticable for the Baptism to be held at one of the main Sunday services, arrangements should be made for some regular worshippers to attend. In each parish a body of such lay people should be encouraged to pledge themselves to be present at Baptisms and help the Parish Priest with the pastoral care of the families of the baptized."

So long as the time of the Sunday Eucharist remains at 9 a.m. it is likely that most Baptisms will take place in the afternoon. The next Baptism will be on Whitsunday 14th May at 3 p.m. I therefore appeal to members of the congregation to be present to welcome the new members of the Church and their parents into the fellowship at St. Peters. Please help to make it a true Family Occasion.

John S. Wilkins.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

March 26th. Emma Jayne Eastwood
Jaymie Olivia Robbins
April 2nd. Laura Stella Wilkinson

Funerals

March 23rd. Marjorie Ruff
April 4th. John Higgs
April 18th. Rebecca Spring.

WHITSUNDAY AFTERNOON - MAY 14th

DO PLEASE COME TO
ASSIST THE BAPTISM
SERVICE

AMEN So Be It.

Amen tends to be one of the most abused words in our Christian vocabulary. It is often used as a sort of full-stop to a prayer. However "AMEN" is a great word, both strong and powerful. In two brief syllables it expresses the gladness of a great assent" so be it."

Sometimes it needs to be shouted, sometimes to be whispered always it needs to be said with genuine feeling. "SO BE IT."

"so be it."

LESSONS AND READERS

May 14th - Whitsunday

9.00 (O.T.) Joel 2.28-32 Miss S.Wheeler
(Ep.) Acts 2.1-11 Mr.G.Clayfield
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 11.1-9 Mrs.J.Goddard
(N.T.) Romans 8.18-end Mr.G.Stotbs

May 21st - Trinity Sunday

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 6.4-9 Miss C.Price
(Ep.) Acts 2.22-24; Mr.R.Hunt
32-36
6.30 (O.T.) Isaiah 40.12-end Mr.H.Russell
(N.T.) 1 Peter 1.3-12 Capt. A.Jay

May 28th - First after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) 2 Samuel 7.4-16 Mr. P.Blandy
(Ep.) Acts 2. 37-47 Mrs.V.Backhouse
6.30 (O.T.) 1 Kings 3.5-14 Mr. A.Curtis
(N.T.) John 13.1-20 Miss V.James

June 4th - Second after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) Deuteronomy 8. Miss E.Church
11-20.
(Ep.) Acts 4.5-12 Miss S.Nicholls
6.30 (O.T.) 1 Kings 8.22-30 Dr.G.Brooks
(N.T.) John 13.21-end Miss S.Wheeler

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CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

From the Village Diary on show in the Post Office

MAY

- Mon. 1st May Bank Holiday. Sports & Social Club. Gala Field Events on Butts Field
- Tues. 2nd Parish Council Meeting
- Fri. 12th 1st Shelford and East Bridgford Scout Group A.G.M. in Shelford Village Hall 8 p.m.
- Sat. 13th Village Hall Committee Jumble Sale in Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
- Fri. 19th Football Club Presentation Dance in Village Hall 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

JUNE

- Fri. 8th School Parent/Teacher Association Cheese & Wine Party 8 p.m.
- Sat. 10th East Bridgford Conservatives Jumble Sale in W.I. Hut.
- Wed. 21st School Sports and Display by R.A.F. Newton Dog Team 6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
- Sat. 24th Flower Show
- Sun. 25th Feast Sunday. Legion & Youth Groups Parade at Church at 6.30 p.m.

This Calendar automatically includes all events which have been entered in the Village Diary by 20th of each month for the two ensuing months. Organisers of events who would like them described in more detail are invited to put a draft of the notice they would like published through the letter box of either editor by 20th of the preceding month.

If you know of any family who might like to take the News Sheet, will you please show them your copy and say that by applying to 93 Main Street or by telephone to 217 or 338 they can have a copy delivered each month?

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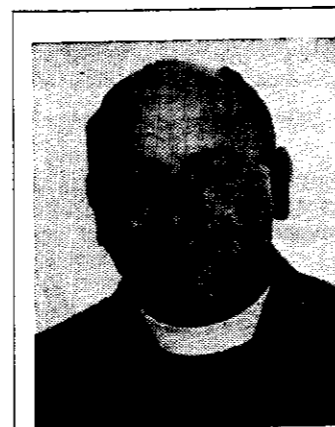


The Bishop's Letter

Christian concern on Unemployment

THE Board for Social Responsibility of General Synod recently published a small booklet entitled "Work or What?". Subtitled "A Christian examination of the employment crisis", it tries to contribute to the discussion on contemporary attitudes to work, and particularly on our present problems of unemployment. This is a good publication. After a wide-

ranging discussion, citing possible policy options and describing different types of response by Christians, with examples of what has been attempted, it outlines the values that Christians hold to be important in any discussion about industry and employment, for "what we hold to be valuable indicates both what we consider to be good and right and what we ought actually to do"



The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt. Rev. Richard Darby, who has been appointed Chaplain of the worldwide Mothers' Union.

"Work or What?" goes on to focus on five areas of concern. Firstly, the need to examine the *facts* of the new situation in which we find ourselves, and to face them honestly and with integrity.

Secondly, the need to take further substantial measures to help those groups who suffer most as a result of unemployment, especially our young people.

Thirdly, the need to discover a new social purpose within the nation, built upon a commitment to develop and fulfil the potentialities of people, and upon an understanding of our common interdependence.

Fourthly, the need to search for alternative ways of looking at problems so that we increasingly eliminate those inequalities which are so divisive.

Finally, the need to view our national problems within an international context.

It is right and proper that Christians should be concerned about these issues. The vast majority of people in this diocese depend upon industry for their livelihood; and, in any case, economic problems such as inflation, responsible decision-making, the distribution of power and resources, adequate education, deprivation and unemployment affect each one of us in our daily lives. To be unconcerned about the forces that shape our society is to abdicate our responsibilities as citizens. But for Christians there is also the added conviction that we must be concerned about these issues because this is God's world, and we are his stewards and are responsible to him for our nation, and its economic, social and industrial policies.

NEW ADVISER

It is for these reasons that I have an Adviser on Industrial Society, whose job it is to keep me, and the diocese at large, informed about industrial issues, and to help us all to see and understand these in the light of the Gospel of Christ. It has been rightly said "there is not much point in saying that Christians are in touch with life if they are unable to fulfil their calling to bring insights from the Gospel to their daily life".

For the last six years my Adviser has tried to help many people in the diocese to reflect upon their work in industry and commerce. He is being replaced this month by the Reverend Eric Forshaw, who will have a similar responsibility, though he will inevitably bring new and different emphases to the work.

With considerable industrial experience and theological skills at his disposal, he comes to us after spending the last six years as the Bishop of Birmingham's Chaplain to Industry and Commerce. It is my hope that in the coming years he will be able to help a great many of us to think, pray and act with intelligence in the very important sphere of the world of work.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

MINSTER EVENTS IN MAY

May 3, Concert — Philharmonia Orchestra; 4, Ascension Day — 3 p.m. Confirmation, 8 p.m. Sung Eucharist; 7, 6.30 p.m. Miners' Choir — Preacher: The Provost of Blackburn; 11, 7.30 p.m. C.E.M.S. Service, Preacher: Rev. E. Forshaw; 13, Choir Festival 1; 14, Sung Eucharist — Preacher: Archdeacon of Nottingham; 8 p.m. Music in the Crossing, Midland Brass Ensemble 40p.; 17, 7.30 p.m. Organ Recital — Keith Rhodes (Bradford Cathedral); 20, English Sinfonia Concert in aid of the Appeal with Vlado Perlemuter, Admission: £5 Front Nave inc. Buffet Supper in Bishop's Manor, £3 Rear Nave; 23, 7.45 p.m. Marriage Thanksgiving Service Preacher: The Bishop of Grantham; 24 - June 5, American Woodcarvers' Visit.

Around the Diocese

Women's Action (Church Pastoral Aid Society). The Nottingham Area Fellowship are holding their annual meeting at St. Mary's, Wollaton, on Monday, May 15 at 7.15 p.m. Mrs. Helen Lee will speak on "How best can we serve?"

North American craftsmen and artists are staging working exhibitions of their crafts at Felley Priory, Jacksdale, home of Major and the Hon. Mrs. Chaworth Musters on the main A608 from Underwood to Mansfield, on Saturday, May 27 between 1 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in aid of the Southwell Minster Restoration Fund. Other items of interest include a brass band. Felley Priory is near Junction 27 on the M1. The artists work in natural materials like wood and leather, carving and making exquisite works of art.

Anglicans visiting Spain and Portugal this summer will be welcome at services of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church and the Lusitanian Church. Names and addresses of clergy and churches can be obtained from the office of the Spanish and Portuguese Church Aid Society, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU.

Southwell Deanery Coffee Morning. On Sat. May 13 from 10 a.m. till noon at Dunham House in aid of Minster Appeal.

St. Barnabas' Church, Ranskill, is celebrating its centenary. At its patronal festival on Sunday, June 11, preachers will be the Bishop of Sherwood (10 a.m.), The Rev. D. Shewring, Rural Dean, (2.30 p.m.) and the Rev. H. Bates (6 p.m.). On Wed. June 14 there will be a concert by St. Swithun's choir, Retford, and on Sat. June 17 will be the annual garden fete. July 7 - 9 will be a flower festival.

The Mary Dickinson Charity for widows and spinsters, which is concerned with the provision of annual pensions and almshouse accommodation, state that there are vacancies in the pensions list for beneficiaries who must be members of the Church of England. For further details, contact Mr. A. Wheelhouse, Willoughby House, 20 Low Pavement, Nottingham, NG1 7EA.

Lambley Flower Festival during the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend, Saturday Sunday, Monday, 27 - 29 May. Canon Bayes will preach at the 10.30 a.m. Parish Communion on Sunday; Songs of Praise at 8 p.m.

The Church Tent at Newark and Notts. Show at Winthorpe on May 5-6 has for its theme "The Cross Purpose". Our Lord said "When I am lifted up, I will draw all men to myself" and the Church likewise seeks to draw all people together in love and peace, whatever their race or colour. The theme will be illustrated by a display, music, movement and drama.

Wollaton Churches Christian Aid Committee is holding a half-day conference on "The Challenge of the Refugee" at Kingswood Church Hall, Lambourne Drive, Wollaton, on Saturday, May 6 from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Its purpose is to explore the ways in which the Christian Churches are meeting, or perhaps failing to meet, this challenge. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Slack, Director of Christian Aid, is one of the speakers. Admission free.

Relaxation, Reflection and Meditation. A conference-retreat for lay people and clergy. The weekend will include periods of silence and discussion, practice and theory. It will be suitable for beginners and enquirers as well as those with some experience. At Morley House (near Derby) from 7.0 p.m. on Friday, July 28 until 4.0 p.m. on Sunday, July 30. Led by Norman Todd. Please write for information and booking form to the Education Office, Dunham House.

Bunny Parish Fete. Schoolgrounds on Saturday, June 10 to be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. Betty Darby, wife of the Bishop of Sherwood. Sideshows and teas. Come and enjoy a pleasant village atmosphere.

Mothers' Union Events. May 3, Beeston Deanery Festival, St. John, Bilborough, 7.45 p.m.; 4, Norwell Deanery Festival, All Saints' Church, Sutton-on-Trent, 3 p.m. Bingham Deanery Festival, Bingham, 7.30 p.m.; 9-11, Diocesan Retreat, Morley Retreat House; 16, West Bingham Deanery Festival, St. Giles, West Bridgford, 7.45 p.m.; 17, Bulwell Deanery Festival, Hucknall, 3 p.m.; 18, Nottingham Deanery Festival, St. Mary's, Nottingham, 7.30 p.m.; 23, Service of Thanksgiving for Christian Marriage, Southwell Minster, 7.45 p.m.; 25, Workshop Deanery Festival, Carlton-in-Lindrick, 2.30 p.m. Mission Unlimited 8 p.m.

News of the Clergy

The Very Rev. J. Francis Pratt, Provost and Rector of Southwell Minster, has announced that it is his intention to retire in the late autumn.

The Rev. John James Stafford, Vicar of St. Paul, Manton, Worksop, has been appointed Rector of St. Patrick, Nuthall, where he will be instituted on Thursday, July 6 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Ronald James Smith, Assistant Curate at St. John the Baptist, Bilborough, is to be Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Netherfield and Colwick. He will be licensed in Netherfield Church on Wednesday, July 19 at 7.30 p.m.

Canon William Harvey Snow, Rural Dean of Norwell, Vicar of North and South Muskham, Rector of Cromwell and Priest-in-Charge of Caunton, is resigning his cures on his retirement on August 9 after serving the Diocese for 42 years.

The Rev. Leslie Thomas Prosser Harwood, Rector of Hickling and Vicar of Kinoulton, is resigning his benefices on his retirement on June 1. He has served in the ministry for 52 years, 36 of them in the Southwell Diocese.

Canon Robert John Graham, Vicar of Howden Minster and Rural Dean of Howden, Goole, Canon and Prebendary of Langtoft in York Minster, and Synodical secretary of the Convocation of York, has been appointed Deputy Vicar of Worksop Priory with St. Mary the Virgin, Clumber Park. His duties begin September 1.

Canon Emeritus Eric John Kingsnorth, who left the Southwell Diocese in 1974 to become Priest-in-Charge of Bradpole, Bridport, Diocese of Salisbury, is retiring from there on April 30.

The Ven. Michael R. W. Brown, Archdeacon Emeritus, and Marie Chaloner were married at Nottingham Register Office on Tuesday, March 21. This was followed a week later by prayers at St. John's, Bulwell. We wish them happiness.

Obituary

The Rev. William Edward Ashworth Lound, former Vicar of Norton Cuckney, died in Kilton Hospital, Worksop, on April 12, aged 77 years.

THE DIOCESE REMEMBERS IN MAY

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| 1 Bestwood, S.Philip (<i>Eddie Neale;</i>
<i>Mavis Bexon</i>) | 18 Tollerton (<i>John Ogley</i>) |
| 2 Ragnall (<i>John Brown</i>) | 19 Stokeham (<i>Thomas Swift, Rural</i>
<i>Dean</i>) |
| 3 Epperstone (<i>Ernest Weil, Canon</i>) | 20 Portland Training College. |
| 4 W.Markham (<i>Thomas Swift, Rural</i>
<i>Dean</i>) | 21 Mansfield General Hospital
(<i>Robert Warburton, Chaplain</i>) |
| 5 N.Wheatley (<i>John Ford</i>) | 22 Thieves Wood School (<i>David Hatter</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>) |
| 6 Carrington (<i>Vacant; Bill Carlisle</i>) | 23 S.Thomas, Kirkby (<i>Frank Crowther</i>) |
| 7 Colston Bassett (<i>John Milner</i>) | 24 Diocesan Readers (<i>Bishop of</i>
<i>Sherwood, Warden</i>) |
| 8 S.Bingham Deanery (<i>Ernest Sheeran</i>
<i>Canon and Rural Dean</i>) | 25 Missionary Societies (<i>Albert</i>
<i>Brown, Canon</i>) |
| 9 W.Bingham Deanery (<i>Frank Wor-</i>
<i>wood, Canon and Rural Dean</i>) | 26 Flintham (<i>Allan Chappell</i>) |
| 10 Plumtree (<i>Norman Chadwick</i>) | 27 S.Augustine, Mansfield (<i>Jack</i>
<i>Hilliard</i>) |
| 11 Askham (<i>Vacant</i>) | 28 Women Workers (<i>Archdeacon of</i>
<i>Newark</i>) |
| 12 Barnby Moor (<i>Richard Hall</i>) | 29 Willoughby on the Wolds (<i>Kenneth</i>
<i>Brazier</i>) |
| 13 Stanton in the Wolds (<i>John Ottey</i>) | 30 Wysall (<i>Kenneth Brazier</i>) |
| 14 S.Matthias, Sneinton (<i>Kenneth</i>
<i>Bennett</i>) | 31 West Leake (<i>Donald Williams</i>) |
| 15 Carlton in Lindrick (<i>Antony Lambert</i>) | |
| 16 Clumber Chapel (<i>Peter Boulton,</i>
<i>Canon</i>) | |
| 17 Thrumpton (<i>Andrew Woodsford</i>) | |

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LIFE-BOAT WALK 1978

The Life-boat Guild was fortunate in choosing a dry, windless and reasonably warm though cloudy day for this year's walk. Conditions were almost ideal for walking and the daffodils in the village gardens and verges along the route were at their best. One hundred and six sponsored walkers set out plus half a dozen unsponsored ones and an unspecified number of dogs. Despite blisters, over a hundred walkers and all but one of the dogs completed the fifteen mile course, their ages ranging from seven to over seventy. First to reach the finish was Mrs. Ashton of East Bridgford who covered the distance in just under four hours. The youngest who went the whole way is believed to have been Simon Goldby, aged seven, from Epperstone and Mr. Barnard of Beeston carried the most sponsorship, £40. The precise amount of money earned is not known yet, but we do know that it is again over £800.

Apart from its main object of support for the Life-boat Service this walk, which the Guild organises every second year, does seem to give much pleasure to people in and around Nottingham who would not otherwise discover the delightful country along the edge of the Vale of Belvoir and the banks of the Trent.

East Bridgford Life-boat Guild are more than grateful to all the walkers and sponsors, to the landowners and farmers whose land we crossed, to all the marshals and helpers and in particular to Mr. Cooke who spent many hours ferrying walkers across the river at Hazleford.

A CLEANER EAST BRIDGFORD

Three times in the last fifteen years Bridgford has won its class in the Nottinghamshire "Best Kept Village" Competition. Last month the News Sheet contained a letter deploring the present state of the village. (The author would like us to say that the original draft was even stronger than the shortened version published!). This month we hear that the Parish Council has decided that it is not worth while entering for the competition until there is a marked improvement in the standard of cleanliness and tidiness, and the Chairman of the Council has asked to pass on this message:

"With the coming of spring, thoughts turn to cleaning up after the drab winter. Nowhere is the need more obvious than in the streets, on footpaths, on verges and on open areas of our village.

The Parish Council have a 'Tidy Village Committee' who would welcome offers of practical assistance. We can all make a helpful contribution by ensuring that the frontage of our own property is to our own satisfaction.

Watch the notice board and post office window for the date of an organised "Litter Skirmish".

The Committee Members are Christine Lewis, David Atkins, Leslie Crampton and Albert Lodder."



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

April Meeting

"Marvels in Miniature" would have been a good sub-title for our talk by Mr. H. Tomlinson on "Bonsai". He brought several examples with him including a 30 year old Japanese Juniper. Judging by our lively question time we shall shortly see "Bonsais" blooming all over Bridgford. The Institute's thanks were expressed by Mrs. Curtis.

After refreshments a Plant Quiz, in which the members were asked to identify plants, and cuttings, was organised by Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Gaskell. The winner was Mrs. Wilkins who named 21 out of 23 exhibits.

Our competition "Complete the Limerick" was won by Miss Verity James.

KING EDWARD CLUB

Finals of the Snooker Cups, played on 5th April.

Dr. Brooks Cup

F.P.D. Ward beat S. Smart.

J. Darks Memorial Cup (for doubles)

A. Murphy & L. Johnson beat N. Back & R. Hunt

G. Cumming Cup (for Highest Break)

Won by W. Ellis

Cup for Highest Break in Singles Cup Competition

Won by G. Cummings

It was a very enjoyable evening. Our President, Dr. Brooks, presented the cups.

THE CHURCH'S STORY

The Word comes to Brugeford

The Seventh Century Christian Revival

At the turn of the 6th to 7th century Christianity spread back to Britain from two directions. St. Augustine, sent from Rome, landed with a band of missionary priests in Kent. St. Aidan crossed from Iona in the Western Isles to spread the Word in Northumbria, whence in the middle of the century his travelling priests moved south into Mercia. So it must have been soon after 650 AD that one or two of St. Aidan's missionaries came tramping down the Fosse, or perhaps crossing the paved ford and climbing the hill, to find the ciric of Brugeford. There they would have called the people together in their usual meeting place among their forebears' graves and perhaps started their message by declaring to them like St. Paul to the Athenians "whom you ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you." Something of this sort must have been the scene commemorated by the stone in the chancel wall.

The Building

Other travelling priests would have followed, teaching, baptising and administering the sacraments. An altar would have been built in the ciric, a wooden shelter erected over it and later a wooden shelter also for the congregation, the first church. Then, perhaps early in the 8th century, we move from the realms of conjecture into those of known fact, with the building of the first stone church. At the beginning of the present century the foundations of this church were found and explored and its shape and size defined and recorded in DuBoulay-Hill's plans which hang on the south wall to the west of the church door.

The Saxon Church

The south wall of the Saxon nave ran exactly along the present south line of pillars from the

present west wall to the south pillar of the present chancel arch. The centre of the north wall was about eighteen inches inside the centre line of the present north line of pillars. So the original nave was the same length as the present one but about eighteen inches narrower. The Saxon chancel was about half the length of the present one and three feet narrower. Its south wall was along the line of the present one and the southern pillar of the present arch stands on the stone plinth of the original one. The plinth on which the old north pillar stood is still in its original position where it can be seen by lifting a trap door just in front of the reader's stall. There was a tower over the east end of the nave and two square transepts jutted out abreast it so that the church was cross-shaped.

The foundations of the chancel were formed of great blocks of Ancaster stone, whereas those of the nave were of smaller pieces of local stone. Some of the chancel foundation stones showed clear signs of fire. These two pieces of evidence suggest that the original church was at some time partially destroyed by fire and the nave rebuilt.

There is nothing to show when this fire occurred, but it is known that in 874 AD Danish raiders rowed their ships up the Trent as far as Nottingham and Burton, robbing and burning abbeys and churches. It may well be that some of their bigger ships could not cross the shallows of the bruge ford and that their crews landed here, removed Brugeford's cattle and burnt down the church.

Four years later King Alfred defeated the Danes both at sea and on land and came to terms with them. The Danish leader became a christian and the eastern half of England including Mercia came under Danelaw. Alfred in the latter part of his reign, and the Danish King Canute were both church builders and so it seems likely that it was in one of these two reigns that the Saxon church was rebuilt.

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On first Sunday in each month
- Family Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon

Weekdays

See notice in Church Porch.

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

NEWS SHEET

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THE FEAST

We shall celebrate our Patronal Festival of St. Peter on Sunday, 25th June, with the Eucharist at 9am and with Evensong at 6.30pm. By long tradition the Feast has been the occasion for coming together to give thanks to God and to rededicate ourselves in his service and to one another and I hope that all groups and organisations which contribute so much to the community life of the village will share in the Festival Evensong on that day.

(LAY) READERS

We owe a great deal to our two Readers, Michael Clarke and Jeremy Moore. Our congratulations to Jerry who has completed his training and is to be licensed at Newark Parish Church, Saturday 10th June. I understand that this will be at 4.15pm and it would be good if some members of the congregations of St. Peter's and St. Helen's could be present at the service.

BEREAVEMENT

We offer our deepest sympathy and love to Arthur and Hilary Curtis and to their son, Edward, and daughter-in-law, Patricia, whose little daughter died suddenly last month. At about that time a letter was published in "THE FRANCISCAN", the quarterly magazine of the Society of St. Francis. It had been written by one of the Brothers who is dying to his friends. What he had to say helped Edward and Patricia in their sorrow and we hope it will offer some comfort to readers of the "NEWS SHEET"

John Wilkins.

Sister Death is calling for Brother Paul, and he sent the following letter to his friends.

"This September I will be seventy-four years old. It has been a happy life. It has been fulfilling and rewarding. God has indeed been very good to me. I have enjoyed the nights and the sounds, the friends and the work.

But the last few years I have begun to realise that this journey is a pilgrimage and I long for the journey to end. When I was a boy at school, it seemed the Christmas holidays would never come so I could join old friends and my loving family. And oh, the

excitement and joy of the trip back home. It seems to me that death is like going home for Christmas. God is our all-wise and ever-loving father and to die is to return home to his love. He is love. His love is a free unearnable gift and given for all time. It is true of course that he is also Judge - but he is Judge and my Wise and Loveing Father. I can trust his Judgement as I trust his love. And this I know; He loves me.

In January I had an emergency prostrate operation. It was cancerous and the cancer had spread apparently to my whole bone structure and to one kidney. Where else it may be I do not know, and, frankly, I do not care.

I am delighted because I can see not-too-far-ahead that journey's end for which I have waited. My bags are all packed and Christmas is coming. Whatever time of the year God calls me, I will be going home for Christmas. It will be a Merry Christmas. Rejoice with me and pray. I love you.

Affectionately,

Paul S.S.F.

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

On Wednesday, May 17th the Mothers' Union had a Communion in the Church in the morning and a meeting in the chapel in the afternoon when Mrs. Mosley gave a talk on "Flowers through the ages".

The next two meetings are:

Wednesday, June 21st A communion service in the church at 10 am and a 2.30 pm meeting in the Church. The speaker will be Mrs. Lester who will talk about and demonstrate brass rubbing.

Wednesday, July 19th There will be an outing to Ely Cathedral starting from the Church at 10 am.

Please join us for our meetings. Anyone who would like to go on the Ely Cathedral outing should phone E.B. 753 to reserve a seat.

THE HOUSE GROUP - A few new members have joined the House Group and there is room for more. All meetings are at 8 pm at 2 Cherry Holt Close. The next meeting dates are:- Thursday June 1; Friday June 16th; Monday July 3rd; Tuesday July 18th; Tuesday Sept.5th. (None in August)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

The Rector, the Rev. John S. Wilkins presided.
The Churchwardens, Mr. Fred Hunt and Mr. Gordon Stubbs were unanimously re-elected.

The new electoral roll showed a membership of 115; this included a number of newcomers to the village. The reduction in the total resulted from a failure of about 40 people to register. It was hoped to contact them in the next few weeks.

The Secretary reported that 6 well attended Council meetings were held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, who were thanked for their generous hospitality. Bishop Markham's retirement and the need to find a successor had been a matter of great concern: we were most grateful to the Rural Dean and other Clergy who had maintained regular services during the interregnum. The Council gave serious thought to liturgical matters, forms of service and music for communion. The Harvest and Flower Festival was a great success and thanks were recorded to all who worked hard to make it so. Mrs. Payne and her helpers were thanked for the Parish Breakfasts and for the generous provision for the party to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins to the parish.

The Treasurer submitted Audited Accounts for the year. He commented on various items, in particular he pointed out that the surplus of £304 was due to the absence of any Rector's expenses during the interregnum. Unless our income increased rising costs and the Diocesan Quota would produce an estimated shortfall of £800 in the coming year. Income from cash offerings and the envelopes scheme had declined but was more than covered by increased covenanted payments. Mr. Blandy again stressed the advantages of this which enabled us to reclaim a large amount of income tax. The accounts were unanimously approved. Several members of the congregation suggested that collections for specific charities should not be included when allocating 10% of our income to outside gifts. This will be discussed at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Blandy expressed his appreciation

for the generous service of Messrs. Spicer and Pegler, who were unanimously re-elected Auditors.

Fabric Mr. Stubbs reported that the ornaments and fittings of the Church were in good order but that there was woodworm in some of the pews and damp in the Chancel wall. The woodworm needed action but the damp was of long standing and would be expensive to correct.

The Deanery Synod was reported on by Mr. Curtis. They had voted against the right of clergy to refuse infant baptism in appropriate cases. This was the general response in rural areas but problems in urban areas resulted in clergy favouring such a right. Serious consideration had been given to religious education in schools, which was now limited by central government. The method of calculating the Diocesan Quota was also debated.

The Church Bells An improvement in bell-ringing was reported by Mr. Guy. He suggested that as the 9 am service was now the principal service they might consider ringing in the morning instead of in the evening.

The Choir Mr. Sainsbury reported an increase of eight junior members. Their potential was restricted by limited practice. The meeting offered a number of comments and suggested the possibility of a choir for the 9 am service.

Sunday School Mr. Clarke reported a slight increase in numbers with an average attendance of 10. In addition to Bible studies emphasis had been placed on missionary projects and the children had collected for the U.S.P.G. and C.M.S. Various special services had been well attended but it was suggested that a more child-orientated family service should be held monthly. He would like the Church to finance running costs so that all the children's collections could go to charities.

Mother's Union Mrs. Bontoff reported that 22 members met monthly at the Chapel Room and they were inviting ladies from the Methodists to join their meetings. 100 M.U. members attended the 1977 Festival held at

East Bridgford. They are continuing to support and visit patients at Saxondale and to send them birthday cards and Christmas parcels. Money was sent to the Children's Society, to the Mothers' Union overseas and the Women's Offering service at Southwell. Members clean the Church brasses weekly and the whole Church for Easter. They would like to establish a Rota of all Church members to help with general cleaning.

The Altar Guild Several meetings have been held at the home of Mrs. Brooks at which members had enjoyed making more new kneelers. 24 people were involved and 18 kneelers were completed. They are now in use at the back of the church. Kneelers for St. Michael's Chapel will soon be started. The Guild would welcome anyone who would like to join them.

The Housegroup Mr. Moore reported that the group had come to the conclusion that there was a great need for Evangelism in East Bridgford. Although church attendance had risen dramatically a relatively small proportion of younger people were among the congregation. The group put forward the following suggestion: Open air services; Notice Boards at Church gate and in the centre of the village with posters for special events; Parish Outings; St. Peter's play; Church services more conducive to outsiders with a later starting time and simplified Family Eucharist; Provision for a creche; Formation of a teenage discussion group; Provision of some form of Church Hall or meeting room with lavatory facilities.

All these reports were approved by the meeting. The Rector expressed his appreciation of the work done by the various groups. This was a very lively meeting with comments and suggestions from many of the congregation all of which will be considered by the P.C.C. which will be meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Elections

Lay representatives on Deanery Synod.
Mr. Blandy and Mr. Curtis.

Parochial Church Council

Mesdames: Bontoft, Brooks, Clarke, Mallett, Scragg, Wheeler.

Messrs: Ashton, Bullivant, Clarke, Clayfield, Finch, Howell, Hunt (Russel), Moore, Nichols, Payne, Ruff, Sainsbury, Wheeler.

Sidesmen - Messrs: Brooks, Curtis, Hand, Jay, Payne and MacDonald-Smith.

BAPTISMS

On Whitsunday Ian Paul ABLITT
May 14th. Jennifer Claire GOLIGHTLY

LESSONS AND READERS

June 11th - third after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Joshua 24.14-25	Mr.J.Wheeler
(Ep.)	Acts 8.26-38	Miss C.Price
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 10.1-13	Mr.R.Hunt
(N.T.)	John 14.1-14	Mr.P.Blandy

June 18th - fourth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Ruth 1.8-17, 22	Dr.K.Macdonald-Smith
(Ep.)	Acts 11.4-18	Mr.R.Hunt
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 12.1-20	Mr.H.Russell
(N.T.)	John 14.15-end	Mrs.J.Goddard

June 25th - fifth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Micah 6.1-8	Mr.K.Finch
(Ep.)	Ephesians 4.17-32	Mr.A.Curtis
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 18.17-39	Capt.A.Jay
(N.T.)	John 15.1-16	Dr. G. Brooks

July 2nd - sixth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 10.12 - 11.1	Mr.J.Ruff
(Ep.)	Romans 8.1-11	Mr.P.Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 19.1-18	Mr.A.Curtis
(N.T.)	John 15.17 - end	Mr.G.Stobbs

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY

From the Village Diary on Show in the Post Office

JUNE

- Sat: 3rd 10 a.m. Village Clean Up. Volunteer helpers meet in car park. (P 10)
- Fri: 9th 8 p.m. School Parent/Teacher Association Cheese and Wine Party.
- Sat: 10th Conservatives Jumble Sale in W.I. Hut.
- Sun: 18th Three East Bridgford Gardens open in aid of Queen's Nursing Institute (P 13)
- Wed: 21st School Sports in Brunt's Field. 6 - 8.30pm Display by R.A.F. Newton Dog Team.
- Sat: 24th Flower Show.
- Sun: 25th Feast Sunday. 6.20 p.m. Legion and Youth Groups assemble outside Church. (P 9)
- Thu: 30th Bowls Match - Legion v. The Club.

JULY

- Wed: 5th East Bridgford Dramatic Group production to 7th of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit".
- Sat: 8th Royal National Life-boat Institution Nottingham Branch Ball Committee. Barn Dance in Village Hall.

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The Bishop's Letter

LAMBETH — Time for Courage

ON July 23 the Lambeth Conference opens in Canterbury with a Eucharist in the Cathedral. This will inaugurate three weeks of prayer and consultation culminating in a similar Eucharist in the same place on August 13. About 415 bishops, all but 35 of them diocesan bishops, assisted by about 30 consultants will take counsel together on the task of the Anglican Communion today. The theme of the conference is "To-day's Church and To-day's World", with a special focus on the Ministry of Bishops.



Canon David H. Williams, who has been elected chairman of the House of Clergy in the Diocesan Synod.

Most conferences which take place nowadays involve clergy and laity with a sprinkling of bishops. Synodical Government which is well nigh universal in the Anglican Communion quite properly takes the clergy and laity fully into the decision making machinery of the Church. But we are an Episcopal Church and have, so far as I know, no intention of being anything else. It is therefore important that Bishops should have the time and opportunity to assess their role in the life of the Church to-day.

Whatever else is suggested, the rank and file of the Church expect their Bishops to lead in the fulfilment of our evangelistic task and look to them for spiritual, theological and pastoral oversight day by day. This is no easy task at a time when there is increasing 'secularism' in all walks of life, when there is theological questioning on an unprecedented scale and

when the traditional patterns of social life and the accepted standards of behaviour are being progressively discarded. This is not the time for "filling sandbags to hold back the tide" but a time for brave and constructive guidance to the Church as to the way in which it should help society to come to terms afresh with the Christian Gospel.

Courage to Change

In times of pressure there is always the danger of panic measures and of jettisoning perfectly good principles and practices in an effort to try something new. The Holy Spirit will not let us stagnate, and any careful attention to what the Spirit is saying to the Church will require of us courage to change. But this change must be undertaken only after a responsible sifting of truth from error, a stern refusal to jump on band-wagons and a serious attempt to listen to others as well as to God.

This conference aims at stressing the need for prayerful deliberation. We shall probably have plenty of good advice to offer to one another but it is the wisdom of God we need at this time. For this reason the prayers of the Church are so important for the good outcome of our time together. People will judge this conference by whether or not it supports their particular view of the ministry, of evangelism, of politics, of interchurch relationships, and they will all be disappointed for it is not God's job to be on our side but we on his. The problems we face are many of them intractable and divisive and we shall not find solutions to all or many of them. All we can hope to do is to be obedient to the light we are given and go on from there.

The value of the conference lies in our being able to see old problems through other people's eyes. Similar problems are being tackled by our Church in many parts of the world. We must not seek "blueprints" nor the application of solutions suitable to one set of conditions to that of another. I have great hope, however, of discovering new ways forward through the prayerful sharing of insights under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Please note that the Bishops whom we have enabled to attend this conference by helping to pay their fares, are hoping to visit the Diocese before the conference. Please make every effort to meet and hear them on one or other of the occasions outlined elsewhere in this leaflet. It will be an encouragement to us as well as to them. And please pray for us all.

Yours sincerely,

+ *Dennis Southwell*

The Witness — a Christian evangelistic musical written and composed by Jimmy Owens, and starring Barry MacGuire, will be presented at the University Sport's Centre, Nottingham at 7.30 p.m. on July 13. Admission free, by ticket. Further information and tickets available from the Rev. Gordon Oliver (Nottingham 264731).

Catholic Renewal is for Everyone

THE recent Conference on Catholic Renewal brought together 1,000 people, clergy and laity, young and old, at the Technological University of Loughborough in Easter Week from March 29 to April 1. In its acts of worship, its major lectures, its seminars and its informal contacts, the conference gave itself to three days of intensive work, thought and prayer.

It was a conference richly blessed, exceeding the expectations of its organisers and of many of those attending it, who came in hesitancy and stayed to applaud. It had its highlights in the moving and illuminating address by the Rev. Richard Holloway, vicar of Old St. Paul's in Edinburgh, Kelham trained and full of the spirit of Father Kelly, on personal holiness — and also on the last morning in a witty and well constructed summary of the conference by the Vicar of St. Mary's Oxford, the Rev. Peter Cornwell, in a devotional summary by the Bishop of Truro leading into the final eucharist, a splendid conclusion to an occasion which had rekindled faith and given confidence in ministry to many.

In June you can read the conference report and see the contributions made by the Bishop of Woolwich, Bishop Terwilliger of Dallas, the Archbishop of Canterbury the Abbot of Nashdown, the Rev. Kenneth Leech, Canon Michael Green and others.

The conference was carefully steered by the Bishop of Chichester, whose opening words remain the flag under which Catholic Renewal sails. He called for a renewal of theology, an intellectual renewal. "We all need to give more time to growing in the knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith." Then there must be a spiritual renewal. "We must take seriously the call to conversion, the call to holiness. We must grow in love of the Lord and in dedication to him, realising and accepting the renunciations and the disciplines that will involve." Then there must be a zeal to communicate to others the faith that has been given to us, the love which we have learned.

A TRUE UNITY

There has to be a recognition of variety. Catholicism is not a monolithic structure. "If Catholicism is, as we claim it to be, the religion for all men and women, we must recognize that there always have been and always will be differences of emphasis resulting from differences of temperament, of cast of mind, of culture." We have to see in diversity a true unity. Expectancy was the final note struck by the bishop.

Time was given at Loughborough to the next step of follow-up. There are to be 16 regional conferences to take forward the message and themes of Catholic Renewal. I was asked by the organizers to convene a group to prepare the East Midlands regional follow-up for the dioceses of Derby, Lincoln and Southwell. You will see elsewhere in this *News* that the conference is to take place on Saturday October 21 at St. Mary's, Nottingham. We hope that this will inspire initiatives in other towns and in many parishes of the three dioceses.

In the longer term, it is intended to hold another national conference in 1983, the 150th anniversary of John Keble's famous Assize Sermon taken as the launching of the Oxford Movement.

Catholic Renewal is something for everyone. It is not a matter of encouraging party warfare in the Church of England, but of reviving and renewing those catholic elements of faith and practice which belong to the heritage of our Church and make us effective servants of the Lord in his world.—*M. J. Jackson.*

A Regional Conference in Catholic Renewal for clergy and lay people, is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 21. The Bishop of Truro has kindly agreed to lead the Conference, the aim of which will be to pick up main themes of the Loughborough Conference in March and deal with them under four main headings of Personal Holiness; Evangelism; The relevance of Catholic Theology to Social Problems and A Longing for Christian Unity. Cost of the Conference will be 50p. Every Incumbent in the diocese will be receiving further information and booking forms are available from the Rev. Alan Haydock, St. John's Vicarage, Bilborough, (Nottm. 293320).

Around the Diocese

One-Day Conference on adult education. Specially designed for those like clergy who work with informal groups on a voluntary basis. Organized by Trent Polytechnic at Clifton Hall on Tuesday, June 27. Details from Diocesan Education Office, Dunham House, Southwell. Cost £4 including lunch and refreshments.

Reminder. Swanick Consultation (7 p.m. on September 18 to 8 p.m. on September 20). This was described by the Bishop in his February Newsletter, "The Need for Stillness". In order that lay people can be invited, their names should be sent to the Bishop by the end of June. Then letters will be sent to them (and all the clergy) with return slips for registration. It is hoped that as many parishes as possible will be represented. Numbers are limited to 200 and it may be necessary to ration parishes which have sent in a large number of names.

Dunham House gardens will be the scene of an Open Air Service and Family Picnic arranged by the Mothers' Union on Saturday, July 8. The gardens will be open from 2.30 p.m. and the service will begin at 3 p.m. It will be led by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven. Brian Woodhams, and the address will be given by the Bishop of Sherwood. Music will be provided by the New Outreach group from Misterton and after the service there will be sports, games and sideshows.

Rempstone Village Weekend will take place on June 17-18 when there will be an exhibition in the church of crafts from overseas, flowers and organ recitals. The village hall will have 'Old Rempstone' exhibits, a street market and teas.

Mothers' Union Events. June 6, Women's Offering Service, Southwell Minster, 2.30 p.m. Newark Deanery Festival, Christ Church, Newark, 7.30 p.m. 13 Bawtry Deanery Festival, Walkeringham, 7.30 p.m. 15, Overseas Service, Newark Parish Church, 7.45 p.m., Speaker, Sister Muriel, formerly M.U. worker in Bangladesh.

Festival of Praise: Southwell Minster, Thurs. June 15, 7.30 p.m. Preacher-Ven. M. D. H. Whinney, Archdeacon of Southwell. Music by Fountain Trust Group. Parishes bringing parties, please notify Rev. Ian Savile, tel. 813243

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Stanley Gordon Bennett, Rector of the Priory Cross group; Diocese of Ely is to be Rector of Gamston with Eaton and West Drayton. He will be instituted at Gamston on Tues. Sept. 5 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Arthur Gordon Boyd Parsons, Vicar of St. Alban, Forest Town, Mansfield, has been appointed Vicar of St. Bartholomew, Sutton-cum-Lound, Retford, where he will be instituted on Thursday, August 31 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. John Frederick Jacklin, Curate of Christ Church, Roxeth, Harrow, in the Diocese of London, is to be Vicar of St. Helen, Selston.

The Rev. Kenneth Harry Newcombe, Curate at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray Diocese of Leicester, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's, West Bridgford, where he will be licensed on Friday, August 18 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Roy Frederick Lodge, Assistant Chaplain at H.M. Prison, Stafford, has been appointed Chaplain of H.M. Prison, Ranby. He will be licensed in the Prison Chapel on Tuesday, June 6 at 6.30 p.m.

MINSTER EVENTS IN JUNE

June 1, American and Canadian Woodcarvers' working exhibition, 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.; 4, 6.30 p.m. Bingham Deanery Service; 6, Women's Offering Service, Preacher — The Dean of Wells; 7, English Sinfonia Summer Serenade Concert; 10, Choir Festival 2; 11, 11 a.m. Judges' Service; 8 p.m., Music in the Crossing — Young Performers' Concert; 13, 7 p.m. Newark Deanery Service; 15, 7.30 p.m. Festival of Praise; 17, 3 p.m. Friends A.G.M. (Rev. J. Treadgold); 18, 3 p.m. Mentally Handicapped Service; 21, 7.30 p.m. Organ Recital — Andrew Newberry (asst. Peterborough Cathedral) 25, 6.30 p.m. Rotary Service — Preacher Rev. C. Owst. July 2, 11 a.m. Ordination; 7 p.m. Royal British Legion Service — Preacher: The Dean of Manchester.

Lambeth Visitors to Diocese

The two Tanzanian Bishops whose journey to Lambeth is being aided by this year's Confirmation offerings expect to visit the Southwell Diocese in mid-July.

Bishop Alfa Mohamed of Central Tanzania hopes to spend the weekend of July 15-17 in the north of the county, based at Worksop.

Bishop Joseph Mlele from South-west Tanzania expects to stay in Southwell from July 18 until the Lambeth Conference begins on July 22.

The Bishop of Southwell is planning a reception at which each visitor can be welcomed to the diocese, and meet representatives from the parishes.

The first of these events will be held at Worksop College on Saturday afternoon July 15 when Bishop Alfa Mohamed will be the guest. The Reception will begin over afternoon tea from 4 p.m., followed by a short service in the College Chapel at 5 p.m.

For the south of the Diocese, there will be a similar event on Friday, July 21 when there will be an opportunity to meet Bishop Joseph Mlele. Afternoon tea will be available in the Trebeck Hall at 4 p.m. and the Minster is to be the venue for the service of welcome at 5 p.m. (Further information, and afternoon tea tickets (40p) from Canon A. M. Brown, Bishop's Adviser on the Church Overseas, 232 Carlton Road, Worksop — phone 2595).

Leprosy Mission. The Rev. R. T. Radley, Regional Secretary for the Midlands, of 200 Broadway, Derby (Tel. Derby 43109) would welcome invitations to preach or show one of their 16mm sound-colour films in churches or organisations in the diocese.

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If the proposed scheme is big, a parish might sponsor it, but for smaller ones it is best if a group of parishes jointly sponsor one project for various works, as we did.

Our scheme was an undoubted success. A few caveats, however, are appropriate. The sponsoring parishes had to do all supervision. We were dependent on our foremen (also employees) and luckily they were mostly good. In effect, we were setting up a small business. We paid a firm of accountants to do our wages and accounts.

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Woodman, spare that tree

"PLEASE, miss, is it an octopus?" I asked as a child when confronted with a picture of a banyan tree. I mean, whoever heard of a tree with its branches stuck in the ground? Yes, it was funny but somehow welcoming and beautiful, with its arches springing from the pillar of the trunk like those that march down Southwell Minster nave. Very like the Church of Christ, a banyan tree. Every so often a branch leaps out from the trunk in protest or in affirmation, finds its own space and then earths itself, finding only later that it is still part of the one tree, nourished by the roots of tradition as well as by the roots of its own particular vision. By now, of course, our Christian banyan is enormous: Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant branches arching all over the world; so many times, saying: "Here I stand; I can do no other". Dissenters have found that standing there meant still belonging to the tree.

And in our Church of England patch we have our own branches, divisions which have happened without using the axe, though not without pain.

But now, I believe, we have come to see that differences, inevitable in matters of belief, can be accepted as part of that creative tension essential to all growing things. Yet we are still afraid and angry; we snarl at each other about our eagerness or reluctance to seek unity with other churches, about old-fashioned or new-fangled liturgies, about theological ideas which threaten the security of our church life, about ways of developing Christ's ministry which awaken our deepest fears.

It is natural for us to react strongly to what concerns the relationships of men to women and of women to God. It is not necessary for our reactions to be expressed in bitterness and abuse only too obvious to the world: "These Christians, how they love one another!" This has happened most obviously in America where the fighting has left a nasty taste. Let it not happen here.

The issue of women's ordination has arrived. It will not go away if we ignore it. Whether we believe it to be God's will now or not — and I do so believe it — let us conduct our debates and decisions without malice, without condescension but with courtesy. There will always be divisions in the Church; a tree without branches is a graceless stump but it is in OUR hands to see that this division becomes not the tearing away of part of the tree but a birth of new leaves according to the Scriptures: "Behold, I make all things new". — Barbara Lacey.

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| 2 Perlethorpe (<i>Robert Baily</i>) | 16 Chilwell (<i>John Williams: Michael Taylor</i>) |
| 3 EMJOTS (<i>Patrick Vaughan, Principal</i>) | 17 Forest Town (<i>Bob Parsons</i>) |
| 4 Scofton (<i>Arthur Brown, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 18 Everton (<i>vacant</i>) |
| 5 Newark Hospital (<i>Ben Lewers, Chaplain</i>) | 19 Elston (<i>Graham Firth</i>) |
| 6 Shireoaks (<i>vacant</i>) | 20 Awsworth (<i>David Roberts</i>) |
| 7 Worksop College (<i>Richard Buckner, Chaplain</i>) | 21 Kimberley (<i>Ernest Banks</i>) |
| 8 Worksop S. John (<i>Albert Brown, Canon: David Clayden</i>) | 22 Ordsall, S. Alban (<i>Philip Allin</i>) |
| 9 Coddington (<i>Peter Wright</i>) | 23 Granby (<i>John Milner</i>) |
| 10 Barnby in the Willows (<i>Peter Wright</i>) | 24 Beeston (<i>Jack Johnson: John Lowen</i>) |
| 11 Pleasley Hill (<i>Raymond Skinner</i>) | 25 East Markham (<i>vacant</i>) |
| 12 Nottingham S. George (<i>Lewis Ward-Andrews, Canon</i>) | 26 Clarborough (<i>Colin Perkins</i>) |
| 13 Worksop S. Anne (<i>Arthur Brown, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) | 27 Widmerpool (<i>Kenneth Brazier</i>) |
| 14 Lenton Abbey (<i>Malcolm Kitchen</i>) | 28 Shelford (<i>Gerald Pearce, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) |
| | 29 Mansfield, S. Peter (<i>Robert Warburton, Canon & Rural Dean: Michael MacLachlan</i>) |
| | 30 Ruddington (<i>Clive Shrimpton</i>) |

Women's Ministry — A conference for girls and young women is to be held during the weekend of November 24/26. It will be centred on Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Details from the Rev. Frank Crowther, St. Thomas's Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7DX, (Tel. Mansfield 752259.)



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THE MEANING OF EAST BRIDGFORD FEAST

East Bridgford Feast is the festival of Saint Peter, patron saint of the village, whose saint's day is 26th June. Feast week, the week in which St. Peter's day falls, has for centuries been a time of celebration and thanksgiving for all that we value most in our village way of life. As DuBoulay Hill wrote half a century ago in his book "Story of an English Village", "It has been observed by East Bridgford folk as a holiday time and for the re-union of absent friends". For over a hundred years now the flower show and feast cricket match have been part of the celebrations and in recent years a dance on flower show evening has replaced the former fair.

Feast Sunday is the special day of thanksgiving. At the festival evensong we come together, the old and the young, the Legion, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies in their groups with their standards to give thanks for St. Peter and for our forebears, Britons, Romans, Saxons, Danes, English who built our way of life and worked and when necessary fought to maintain it. And after evensong we go out to the memorial to remember and give thanks for those who in two world wars went out to fight for that way of life and did not come back.

FEAST SUNDAY EVENING PARADE

The Royal British Legion, the Youth Groups, and any other village groups who would like to join them are invited to assemble on Kirk Hill outside the church at 6.20 p.m. on Feast Sunday evening, 25th June, for evensong and for the service at the memorial afterwards.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting, which everyone living in the parish is eligible to attend, was held in the village Hall on Tuesday, 16th May.

The Wharf

The Chairman of the parish council, Mr. Albert Lodder, reported to the meeting that a very satisfactory agreement had been reached for the renewal of land at the Wharf to Mr. Dennis Hunt for the operation of his boatyard. Under this agreement the rate-payers will get the benefit of increased rent. Also the parish council will resume control of the space between the boatyard and the weir and of the spit of land between the boat harbour and the main river, which residents in the parish will be entitled to use for such purposes as fish and bird-watching. Access to the spit by an old established way, to the edge of the main stream is being sought and the council is considering the acquisition of a small boat.

State of the Village

In a determined effort to improve the appearance of the village the parish council intends to organise a clearance skirmish on Saturday 3rd June. Everyone who is willing to help in this effort is invited to muster at the car park at 10 a.m. on that day armed with whatever equipment they think most suitable for the purpose. The council will then allocate duties.

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EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB

1977 Season - Results

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>
1st XI	20	10	6	2	2
2nd XI	14	4	9	1	0
Sunday XI	20	11	6	1	2

Best Averages

	<u>Batting</u>		<u>Bowling</u>		
	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	
A.Bostock	387	27.64	J.Atkin	45	11.33
B.Willis	664	26.56	K.Blagg	101	11.84
J.Atkin	239	26.56	K.Smith	39	13.72

The club won the Singleton Trophy and finished 8th in the Newark League.

1978 Season The 1st XI is playing in the 1st Division of the Newark League, 2nd XI in the South Notts. Village League and Boys' XI in the Whatton Junior League.

EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

1977/8 Season - Results

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>
1st XI	20	5	11	4	35	58
2nd XI	22	2	14	6	34	79

1978/9 Season The club will field two teams, and would welcome new players, especially in the 16-18 age group. Anyone interested should contact D. Church, 63 Main Street.

Sympathy and Good Wishes

To one of our regular members, Bob Dixon-Smith who suffered severe back injuries in a recent car accident, and is likely to be partially disabled for the rest of his life. He is in the Sheffield Hospital for intensive treatment and is quite cheerful despite his injuries. We hope to arrange a testimonial for him in the near future.

VILLAGE HALL

Caretaking and Cleaning

To the committee's great satisfaction Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Nina Widdison have jointly accepted the appointment of Village Hall care-taker and cleaner.

With the help of the County Council in the form of expert advice and loan of equipment the hall floor has been mechanically cleaned and sealed and equipment is being bought to enable it to be kept in first class condition.

Furniture The next move is to buy new tables and chairs to refurnish the committee room and to replace progressively those used in the main hall.

Charges

In 1975 it was decided not to raise hire charges until improvements to the hall had been effected. Since then annual expenses have risen by 20%-30%. To meet this increase hire charges are now being raised by, on average, 20%. The new charges, which come into force on 1st June are:

	To	Village <u>Bodies</u>	Outside <u>Bodies</u>
Whist Drives and Bingo	-	£ 8.00	£10.00
Jumble Sales	-	£ 5.00	£ 8.00
@Dances, Dinners, Concerts, } and other social events	-	£12.00 (18.00)%	£14.00 (20.00)%
		% (with bar)	
@ (plus £2.00 for each hour after midnight)			
Weddings		18.00	20.00
Public and Political Meetings		£15.00	
Commercial Gatherings		£15.00	
Committee Room Meetings		£ 1.00	
Drama Group Public Performance -		5.50	14.00
		<u>With Heating</u>	<u>No Heat</u>
East Bridgford Badminton and Youth Clubs		£4.50	£3.00
Other Badminton Clubs		5.00	4.00
Rehearsals/hour		1.00	0.50
Preparation/Hour		1.00	0.50

JUMBLE SALE The Jumble Sale held on Saturday, 13th May raised £115, which will give a good start to the re-furnishing programme.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - May Meeting

The May meeting is devoted to a discussion of the resolutions to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall in London. Mrs. Boden of the Lamcote Institute will represent us at the Annual General Meeting and was present to hear our views. Several members put their points of view during the presentation of the resolutions and in general the meeting supported them. However, the resolution suggesting a Government review of the social security and taxation systems was left to Mrs. Boden's discretion after hearing views at the Annual General Meeting.

Our President thanked those concerned with our Newark show entry, which was placed equal 8th and gained a special commendation.

The meeting closed with a hilarious Beetle Drive enjoyed by all participants.

A party of our members left this week for a day trip to Cambridge.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME 1978

Come and support The Queen's Nursing Institute by visiting three East Bridgford gardens on Sunday, 18th June. Bring all the family.

The Spinney, Kneeton Road. (Mr. and Mrs. R. Sands)

Mill Gate House, Mill Gate. (Mrs. Mackie)

Cuttle Hill House, Kneeton Road, (Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Blandy) Tea at Cuttle Hill House.

Combined charge for all three houses - 35 Pence.

THE CHURCH'S STORY

(With acknowledgement to Rev. Arthur DuBoulay Hill)

Norman Rule

In 1086 William I completed his inventory of his new domain and our village and church entered written history with the Domesday Book entry:

"In Brugeford - - - pbr et eccla"

("In Brugeford - is Priest and Church")

The Saxon Church stood and served its purpose for 120 years after the coming of the Normans. It was during this period that the identities of people connected with it began to be recorded. At the time of the conquest the feudal head of the district was a Saxon Thegn named Odincar, who probably lived in a big wooden house near where the Old Manor House now stands. He may well have stayed on for a time as tenant or steward of Roger de Busli who owned and ruled 174 Nottinghamshire manors from a castle which he built at Tickhill. He founded the Priory of Blyth which was probably ecclesiastically over Brugeford and under the Archbishop and Chapter of Rouen. So it may have been this Cathedral Chapter which early in the 13th century decided that Brugeford church should be rebuilt.

The First Norman Church

This new church was exactly the same size and in the same position as the present one, except that the north and south walls ran along the lines of the present arches and pillars. Thus there was a nave but no aisles. The chancel built then still stands with only minor alterations. The new tower was in the position of the present one. The Normans seem to have been despisers of anything Saxon. For about 200 years a beautiful Saxon cross had stood in the Churchyard south of the church. The Normans broke up this cross and its carved stem and used it as building material. One piece, cut into the shape of half the head of a Norman arch, can still be seen built into the east face of the south east corner of the south aisle. Another piece supports the lectern in the Lady chapel. They were probably carved in King Canute's reign 1,000 years ago.

Norman Patrons and Rectors In Saxon times the Thegn would have provided from the proceeds of his land for the upkeep of the church and the provision of a priest appointed by him. Under the Normans a new entity, the "Parson" or later the "Rector" appeared. He was appointed by the feudal lord, the "patron", and was responsible to him for administering the resources which the patron allocated for the church's upkeep. There were three sorts of rector:

lay rectors, who employed and paid a "vicar" for spiritual care of the parish.

non resident rectors in holy orders, who were theoretically in charge of spiritual as well as temporal matters, but in practice employed a curate for the former

and

resident rectors, who actually performed both spiritual and temporal duties.

Both the former categories frequently held several benefices simultaneously. The patron held the "advowson", the right and responsibility of appointing the rector.

The first recorded rector of Brugeford, John Clarel, who was appointed in 1255, was one of the second category. He was a person of some consequence in the service Henry III, Richard I and the Archbishop of York, for which he was rewarded by about a dozen benefices, of which this was one.

Early in the 14th century the advowson came into the possession of Sir John Caltoft and Sir John Multon who had married the two daughters of the former lord of the manor. It passed from the Multons to the Deyncourts in 1346 and from the Caltofts to the Chaworths, of Annesley, in 1375. These two lines, Multon-Deyncourt and Caltoft-Chaworth, shared the manor of Bridgford and the advowson, which they exercised in turn, for the next 150 years. A third family, the Babbingtons, seem to have been junior partners.

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SERVICES

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist
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On first Sunday in each month
- Family Eucharist.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon

Weekdays See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meet at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday
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month when they attend the Family
Eucharist at 9.00 a.m.

NEWS SHEET

July, 1978

Church and Village News

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A LOST SHEEP

The Gospel reading on a recent Sunday morning told the story of a man with a hundred sheep who left ninety-nine in the wilderness in order to search for the missing one. The theme of the readings on that particular Sunday was "The Church's Mission to the individual" and the parable was our Lord's vivid way of declaring God's love for each of us.

The difficulty for us today is that the ratio of ninety-nine to one has almost been reversed. It is no longer a case of the old sheep wandering off and getting lost but rather that in this country most people are separated from any connection with the Church. The Head of a Theological College said some years ago, "We do not go after the lost sheep any more. We let them run off to the hills, these ninety-nine lost ones while we argue about who is going to fondle the one that is left".

That may sound rather cynical but there is some truth in it. It is rather like a tug-of-war: when one side begins to loose ground the instinctive reaction is to dig in and hold on. There is evidence of this attitude within the Church; the tendency to concentrate on those who belong and to occupy itself with internal domestic matters. Such preoccupation with our own concerns may indicate our reluctance to face the question and criticism and perhaps the ridicule of unbelievers. In answering this charge the Church can justly point to its work among the underprivileged; the victims of injustice, the poor, the deprived, the severely handicapped, the mentally ill. The importance of the Church's ministry to these cannot be over-emphasised but we can deceive ourselves by our efforts into spending so much time on them that we avoid meeting the intelligent agnostic or unbeliever.

The parable of the Lost Sheep is a reminder that those outside the fold are not outside Christ's flock. They all belong to Christ. He died for them. He calls to them. But because the call

comes through the medium of the Church, our timidity can prevent them from hearing it. There are many who seek a faith to live by, and very many who no longer turn to the Church to find it. They would heed the voice of the Good Shepherd if they could hear it. But if that voice is muted in our throats it is our fault, not theirs, that they cannot hear him.

To fulfil this task we need men and women who are firm in their own faith, but who are also willing and able to listen to what the outside world is saying. It is infuriating to carry on a conversation with someone who is only interested in his own views and never listens to what you are saying. There are many good and thoughtful people outside the Church who are deeply disturbed by many of the things that are happening in the world today and who are seeking with all their strength to save the world from the disasters it is bringing on itself. The Church must listen to what the world is saying about the evils we are seeking to combat and must be ready to communicate with men of good will in their needs and hopes and aspirations. Our Lord said, "There are other sheep than mine, not belonging to this fold, whom I must bring in; and they too will listen to my voice, "It is not a question of herding everyone into the right enclosure but of helping people to find a real relationship with the one Shepherd.

John Wilkins.

HOLY MATRIMONY

June 10th George Sideris and Laraine
Lynda Curwen
Malcolm Derek Iverson and
Heather Dawn Turner

FUNERALS

June 7th Alan David Hastings Jay
June 20th May Lilian Widdison.

ALAN DAVID HASTINGS JAY

Captain Alan Jay brought into civilian life all the best qualities we associate with the Navy, a ready friendliness, adaptability, love of life, respect for tradition, and an unbounded sense of duty and service to his fellow men without a hint of condescension to those he served. He was ingenious - no miserable spiral spring to Alan's garden gate when a simple block, tackle and weight would cause his caller to chuckle aloud rather than to trap his finger. Yet he was demanding of perfection and accuracy, not with the pedantic background of the drill square, but rather with that of a pilot who actually had threaded his ship through a minefield. And we loved him for it, whether we had to be at the lych-gate for 18.24 hours precisely, or were being gently chided for inadvertently tying a "granny" in erecting the Girl Guides' tent, borrowed for some W.I. function. Women's Institute, British Legion, Royal Life-boat Institution, any worthy cause could count on Alan Jay. Not least will be missed for his wise counselling in church affairs and latterly his splendid contributions to this publication wherein he drew from his considerable store of village history and opened our eyes to our architectural heritage. We rejoice that Felicity will take his place as co-editor. Finally, he showed us the simple faith of a sailor in the wonderment of a God whose hand he had seen in the blaze of a tropical sunset and in the awesome power of an Arctic storm. Alan, may you have "a quiet sleep and a sweet dream now that the long trip's over."

G.T.S.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN JAY

On the evening of Friday, 9th June 1978 was rung by a local band on the bells of St. Peter's, East Bridgford, in 47 minutes a quarter peal comprising 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Minor. The ringers were Treble Jenny A. Boler; 2 Ann R. Moore; 3 Sarah J. Guy; 4 Susan M. Guy; 5 Fred Hunt; Tenor John B. Guy.

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The bells were rung half muffled in memory of Captain Alan David Hastings Jay, DSO, DSC Royal Navy, whose wife, Felicity, and daughter, Sue, have both given several years of loyal service as regular ringers at St. Peter's.

LESSONS AND READERS

July 9th - Seventh after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Mr. T. Ashton
(Ep.)	1 Corinthians 12.4-13	Mrs. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 21.	Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.)	John 16.1-15	Mr. R. Hunt

July 16th - Eighth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Samuel 17.37-50	Mr. R. Hunt
(Ep.)	2 Corinthians 6.3-10	Miss S. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	1 Kings 22.1-38	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	John 16.16-22	Miss E. Church

July 23rd - Ninth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Samuel 24.1-17	Miss C. Price
(Ep.)	Galatians 6.1-10	Mr. G. Clayfield
6.30 (O.T.)	2 Kings 4.8-37	Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.)	John 16.23-end	Miss V. James

July 30th - Tenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Chronicles 29.1-9	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	Philippians 1.1-11	Mrs. V. Backhouse
6.30 (O.T.)	2 Kings 5.1-19	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	John 17	Miss S. Wheeler

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CALENDAR FOR JULY AND AUGUST

From the Village Diary on show in the Post Office

- JULY 5th) East Bridgford Amateur Dramatic Society
6th) in the Village Hall at 8pm. 'Blithe
7th) Spirit' by Noel Coward.
8th R.N.L.I. Nottingham Ball Committee.
Barn Dance in Village Hall.
13th Village Hall Management Committee.

P.C.C. MEETING, TUESDAY MAY 23rd

The Rector welcomed three new members, Miss Mallett, Mr. Howell and Mr. R. Hunt.

Mr. Ashton was elected Vice Chairman, Mr. A. J. Sainsbury was elected Secretary and Mr. P. Blandy Treasurer.

A standing committee of The Rector, the Churchwardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Clarke was appointed.

It was suggested by the Rector that an Electoral Roll Secretary should be appointed with the duty of visiting newcomers to the village and encouraging interest in the Church. He hoped a member of the Council would consider taking on this task.

NEWS SHEET The Editors submitted a report of progress and aims. Circulation was approaching 200 and was expected to increase. Miss Hand and her group of distributors were thanked for their continuing good work. Thanks were recorded also to Mrs. Christine Lewis for her illustrations to "Bridgford's Historic Houses".

ANNUAL MEETING The meeting then began consideration of the numerous suggestions and proposals put forward at the Annual Meeting. These included the use of notice boards to publicise church services and activities, occasional open air services, transport to church for the aged and infirm and visiting them in their homes. The need for a small hall or meeting room was discussed at great length and will be the subject of further consideration. It was not possible to deal with a number of other items but they will be on the agenda at the meeting fixed for June 27th.

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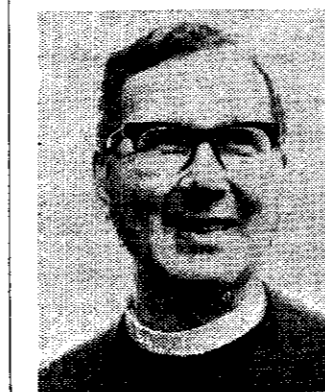
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The Bishop's Letter

Divorcees: Heavy Burden on Clergy

PERHAPS what has surprised me more than anything else about the recently published report, produced by the Marriage Commission set up by our Church, entitled "Marriage and the Church's Task", is that it has produced so little public reaction. This is strange since recent statistics, those for 1975, say that nearly 49% of all first marriages



The Rev. John Ford, who has been appointed Vicar of Edwinstowe with Carburton.

solemnised in this country take place in Anglican churches. In that same year 99,552 marriages took place in which one or both parties had been previously divorced. Of these only one in two hundred and nine took place in Anglican churches. This reveals a considerable loyalty on the part of our clergy to the directive of our Convocations requiring clergy not to solemnise these marriages, though legally they are entitled to do so. This is particularly praiseworthy since my own enquiries in this diocese have revealed that almost half the clergy believe that the present requirements ought not to be maintained any longer, a view now shared by the Commission.

The present situation is briefly that though a priest is required not to marry divorced people in church, he may say prayers with them after a civil ceremony. The exact wording is as follows:

"No public service shall be held for those who have contracted a civil marriage after divorce. It is not within the competence of the Convocations to lay

down what private prayers the curate in the exercise of his pastoral ministry may say with the persons concerned, or to issue regulations as to where or when these prayers shall be said".

From this it can clearly be seen that of course no-one can or should inhibit a priest from praying with those to whom he is ministering but that such prayers must be private, merely with the couple concerned.

Parish priests bear the brunt of dealing with couples who desire to remarry and to have the Church's blessing in doing so. Maintaining the Church's discipline has for them been increasingly difficult. Naturally many cases are referred to the Bishop who can thereby make clear to the couple that the parish priest isn't being personally perverse.

The present situation is that nearly one marriage in four is a marriage in which a divorced person is involved. Clearly if the present trend continues and our practice remains unchanged, fewer and fewer people will be married in our Church.

INTOLERABLE SITUATION

Another factor is that fewer children are being baptised nowadays and so an increasing number of those asking to be married are unbaptised. According to the law of the land, we are nevertheless required to marry such people. Baptism is after all the only public criterion by which christian allegiance can be ascertained. This means that at present clergy are required to marry people who profess no christian allegiance and may be of other faiths. This is clearly an intolerable situation and the Commission is suggesting that the situation should be eased for the clergy.

Clergy themselves are human and their marriages sometimes break down irretrievably. At present no man who has remarried after divorce or whose wife was previously divorced can be ordained in our Church; nor can a priest who has remarried after divorce be instituted to a cure of souls. The Commission recommends that some discretion should be available to a bishop in these cases.

Whether or not the Church of England will change its practice remains to be seen. There will clearly be some changes. It would be wrong, however, for changes to be made which cannot be theologically and pastorally supported. The Church cannot just reduce its standards because of secular pressures. I personally believe that the Commission's suggestions for change are well argued and theologically persuasive. If accepted, they will require of parish priests and of bishops the making of a judgement as to whether it is right for a particular couple to remarry in church. It is impossible to make such a judgement without a thorough investigation of the reasons why former marriages failed and an equally thorough investigation of the couple's present sincerity. To be required to do so will lay a heavy burden on the clergy but it may be that this is a burden we must now carry, even if we often make mistakes.

Yours sincerely,

+ DENIS SOUTHWELL

St. Petertide Ordinations

At Southwell Minster on Sunday, July 2, the Bishop of Southwell will ordain:

Priests:

Lance Edgar Dennis Clark, Lincoln Theological College; Assistant Curate at St. Mary's, Arnold, Nottingham. Michael John Dobbs, Lincoln Theological College; Assistant Curate at St. Peter and St. Paul's, Warsop with Sookholme. Anthony Nigel Evans, B.A. Nottingham University and Westcott House; Assistant Curate at St. Cyprian's, Sneinton, Nottingham. David John Fudger, King's College, London, and College of the Resurrection, Mirfield; Assistant Curate at St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Thomas James Heggs, B.A. London School of Economics and Lincoln Theological College; Assistant Curate at Newark Parish Church. Peter Hulett, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Assistant Curate at St. Mary's Eastwood, Notts. John Michael Lowen, Dundee and Nottingham Universities and Lincoln Theological College; Assistant Curate at St. John the Baptist, Beeston. Michael Ronald Frederic MacLachlan, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Assistant Curate at St. Peter and St. Paul's, Mansfield. Anthony Richard Roake, B.A., Keble College, Oxford and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Assistant Curate at St. Mary's, Clifton, Nottingham.

Deacons:

David Henderson Bowler, B.A., University of Kent and St. John's College, Bramcote, Nottingham; Licensed to St. Michael and All Angels, Bramcote. Michael John Brock, B.Sc., B.A., Birmingham and Nottingham Universities and St. John's College, Bramcote, Nottingham; licensed to St. Helen's, Stapleford. Stuart James Hadley, B.D., A.K.C., King's College, London, and St. Stephen's House, Oxford; licensed to St. Mark with St. Aidan, Mansfield. Ronald Martin David Oram, B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, and Cranmer Hall, Durham; Licensed to St. Margaret's, Aspley. Alistair Campbell Sutherland, B.Sc., B.A. Exeter University and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; licensed to St. Jude's, Mapperley. Richard Henry Tebbs, Salisbury and Wells Theological College; licensed to Christ Church, Cinderhill, Nottingham.

At the same service, Mrs. Frances Andrews (EMJOTS) of Shearing Hill, Gedling, was made a deaconess, licensed to St James', Porchester.

Around the Diocese

Mothers' Union film "Mission Unlimited" will be shown at Stanford Hall, near Loughborough, on Friday, July 7 at 7.45 p.m. Tickets (25p) may be obtained from Mrs. C. Thorpe, 2 Pygall Avenue, Gotham (Tel: 830539).

A Diocesan Family Picnic, arranged by the Mothers' Union, will be held at Dunham House, Southwell, on Saturday July 8. at 3 p.m.

U.S.P.G. The Rt. Rev. George Briggs Bishop of the Seychelles will preach at Bingham Parish Church at 7.30 p.m. on July 4.

St. Swithun's Church, East Retford, celebrates its patronal festival from Thurs. July 13 — Sun. July 16 with a display reflecting the history of the period 1258-1978 with the Seven Sacraments of the Church, adorned with flowers. Coffee teas and lunches during first three days. Parties should contact Mrs. J. R. Waite, Tel. Retford 703350.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Malcolm George Henry Booth Tudor, Priest-in-Charge of St. Martha, Broxtowe, Nottingham, has been appointed Vicar of East Markham with Askham and also Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of East Drayton with Stokeham and Headon with Upton, Retford, (Institution at East Markham Sept. 8).

The Rev. John Frederick Jacklin, will be instituted Vicar of St. Helen's, Selston, on Friday, July 14 at 7.30 p.m.

Canon Ernest James Well, Rector of Epperstone and Gonalston, and Priest-in-Charge of Oxton, is resigning his cures on September 11.

The Rev. John Ford, Rector of North and South Wheatley, and Priest-in-Charge of the Clays group of parishes, is to be Vicar of Edwinstowe with Carburton.

Diocesan Quota Call cut by 10⁰/_o

For the first time since reorganisation last year, the Diocesan Synod sat on May 20 as the Diocesan Board of Finance, and heard an encouraging statement from the treasurer, Mr. Alan Davis, that owing to unforeseen savings, the quota requirements for 1978 from the deaneries would be cut by 10%. He further said that incumbents would, as from April 1 be paid £100 more than the £2,900 per annum minimum laid down by the Central Stipends Authority.

In his presidential address, the Bishop said the Report on Marriage and the Church's Task, proposing that the remarriage of divorced people in church should be allowed, was "helpful and sound", but stressed that it was only a report.

The main debate centred upon the General Synod Report on "Differentials", i.e. what differences there should be in the stipends paid to clergy. The House of Clergy put forward a series of motions seeking much greater parity of payment and wishing to establish as a principle the proposition "that the stipends of all ordained ministers are not a reward for services rendered but rather a maintenance allowance to enable them and their dependants to live without undue worry." Most of the lay members, however, wished to retain differentials as being part of the structure of the society in which we live. All the motions seeking greater equality of payment between clergymen were lost, but the Synod supported (i) the conviction that the fundamental requirement in the remuneration of the clergy should be the provision of a fully adequate minimum stipend and full reimbursement of working expenses, and (ii) the implementation of Chapter 8 of the Report (Pensions). J.T.F.

The Diocese Remembers in July

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| 1 Flawborough (<i>Brian Woodhams, Archdeacon</i>) | 18 Kneeton (<i>John Wilkins</i>) |
| 2 Edwinstowe (<i>John Ford</i>) | 19 Langar (<i>John Milner</i>) |
| 3 Carburton (<i>John Ford</i>) | 20 Bilsthorpe (<i>Gordon Calthrop-Owen</i>) |
| 4 Blyth (<i>Richard Hall</i>) | 21 Owthorpe (<i>Brian Barrodale</i>) |
| 5 Woodborough (<i>Geoffrey Halliday</i>) | 22 Keyworth (<i>John Ottey</i>) |
| 6 Farndon (vacant) | 23 Hucknall (<i>David Williams, Canon & Rural Dean</i>) |
| 7 Nottingham S.Peter (<i>Angus Inglis, Canon</i>) | 24 Sutton-in-Ashfield (<i>John Hardy, David Fudger</i>) |
| 8 Bingham (<i>David Keene</i>) | 25 S.James, Porchester (<i>Philip Humphreys, Peter Newton and Deaconess Andrews</i>) |
| 9 Car Colston (<i>Allan Chappell</i>) | 26 University, Dept. of Agriculture (<i>Philip Pennant</i>) |
| 10 Skegby w. Stanton Hill (<i>Geoffrey Malby</i>) | 27 Newark (<i>Ben Lewers, Tom Higgs</i>) |
| 11 Gamston (<i>Gordon Bennett</i>) | 28 Tithby w. Cropwell Butler (<i>John Milner</i>) |
| 12 East Bridgford (<i>John Wilkins</i>) | 29 Broxtowe (<i>Malcolm Tudor</i>) |
| 13 Lowdham (<i>Ben Hopkinson</i>) | 30 Mansfield S.John (<i>Richard Rice-Oxley</i>) |
| 14 Wellow (<i>George Firth</i>) | 31 Edingley (<i>Francis Pratt, Provost</i>) |
| 15 East Retford (<i>Derek Shewring, Rural Dean</i>) | |
| 16 Kirklington (<i>Derek Mills</i>) | |
| 17 Orston (<i>Geoffrey Blackmore</i>) | |

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EAST BRIDGFORD IN 1914/1918 as remembered by ONE VILLAGER

The Village in 1914/1918 was far more self-contained than now. Most of the people who lived in the Village worked there, shopped there and had their entertainment there. The Rector was the Rev. Du-Bouley Hill. He and his family lived in what is now the Old Rectory next to the church. There were well attended services every Sunday at 8 am, at 10.45 am and at 6.30 pm. Sunday School was at 10 am. Every Sunday afternoon the Rector heard the catechism of the Sunday School children in Church. The Church had been restored just before the war. To raise money for the restoration an historical pageant had been held in the Rectory field which then ran from the present Old Rectory garden towards the river. The Rector took Assembly in the school, which in those days was church-controlled, every day. There were about 160 children in the school. They were allowed to leave at the age of 12 if they had passed their examinations. Some stayed on till 13 or 14.

The Village was plentifully provided with shops. There were 4 bakers and grocers, one on the corner opposite the Beauville stores (which was also a shop). The Pantilles, the residence of the McCulloughs in Browns Lane was one of these grocers. Clothes were made by the tailor in Main St., now the residence of the Blys. There were two butchers one where Mrs. Foster now lives in Main St. Her husband was once one of the butchers there. Also Mr. Pickford on Main St., was a butcher for many years. Agriculture was then far more labour intensive. The farmers then in business included the Allwood family at Oxford House, Clyde House and Prize Farm, all in College St. The Wilkinsons were in Walnut Tree Lane and the Richardsons in Mulberry Close in Cherry Holt. The Village Doctor was Dr. Duff who lived at the Old Hall in Kneeton Rd., with a side entrance for his surgery. The Misses Fox lived at the Hall (now demolished) These sisters started much in

the Village that lives on including the Women's Institute. Although the War put a damper on much social activity open air plays still took place in the Hall grounds including some of Shakespeare's works. There were then four Public Houses. Next door to the Royal Oak was the Masons' Arms. Near the Reindeer was the Plough and Harrow. The Village Hall was then a Temperance Hall. The Band of Hope, with about 50 children members met there. At Whitsun they paraded round the Village with banners. Dances and concerts took place in the Hall. The now rather sad looking empty building in College Street was then the home of the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The Methodists Chapel in Main St., was also holding well attended services.

The present recreation ground was a private field. The cricket and football clubs played on various fields in the Village. The great day in the Village year was St. Peter's Feast. This then took place on a Tuesday. This day was declared a Village holiday. Villagers living away tried hard to get home for this holiday. Like the cricket the fair

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took place on different fields on different years. Finally these recollections are against the background of World War One. Many of the men of the Village were away fighting. During the War a Zeppelin flew over the Village and was clearly visible.

HOLIDAY STALL at the CHRISTMAS FAIR

It is hoped to have a holiday stall at this year's Christmas Fair. Please therefore bring some small thing back from your holiday this summer that can be sold on this stall in the Village Hall on Saturday, December 2nd.

THE CHURCH'S STORY (Continued)

7. The Fourteenth Century Aisles and Colonnades

It is interesting to speculate whether the enlargement of churches in the middle ages was done entirely for the glory of God or perhaps partly for the glorification of patrons. For whatever reason, in 1320 the Caltofts with the help of the Deyncourts on their arrival in 1346 undertook a major scheme here. The north side was tackled first. The present north wall and the roof of the north aisle were built outside the old north wall, which was then replaced with the north line of pillars and arches. Abreast the eastern arch a north transept was built beyond the new wall for use as the Caltoft family tomb. A little to the west of it an arch, which is still there, led out to a smaller Babbington family vault. Then, after 1350 the same process was followed on the south side with the addition of the present porch. The steep pitched roof remained rising on each side from just above the heads of the new arches.

How many people entering the church now notice the difference between the north and the south colonnades? In the former the arches are all exactly the same size and they sit correctly on the top of upright pillars. On the south side

the eastern arch is much wider than the other three, the pillars are slightly tilted and the arches rest crookedly on them. One explanation is that the Black Death in 1349 may have taken some or all of the original team of masons and that their successors were less skilled. Another possible explanation for the greater width of the eastern arch is that the Deyncourts dealt with the southern side and wanted to have a bigger arch leading to their family transept than that of the Caltofts on the other side.

EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB

East Bridgford has reached the semi-final of the local knock-out competition. They will have played Caythorpe on June 27th.

MOTHERS' UNION

There is an outing to Ely Cathedral on July 19th. The bus will leave from the church at 11 am. Some seats are still available. Phone East Bridgford 753 to reserve a seat.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME, EAST BRIDGFORD

On a lovely Sunday afternoon (18th June) about 400 people from far and wide enjoyed the beauty of three East Bridgford Gardens. These were The Spinney on Kneeton Road, Mill Gate House in Mill Gate, and Cuttle Hill House in Kneeton Road. Here tea much enjoyed by all was served. In all £170 was raised for The Queens Nursing Institute.

EAST BRIDGFORD HISTORIC HOUSES

The first issue of the booklet of East Bridgford's Historic Houses was soon sold out. The second edition illustrated by Christine Lewis is now on sale, priced 25 pence. These can be bought at East Bridgford News, 50 Main Street.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the June meeting, Mrs. B. Russell, who of course lives in East Bridgford, gave an informative

talk on flower arranging. She illustrated her advice with spectacular flower arrangements using materials "MAINLY FROM MY GARDEN" which was the title she had chosen. Mrs. J. Jones gave a vote of thanks and the arrangements were raffled off to lucky members.

The recipe for the month was HAZELNUT MERINGUE GATEAUX prepared by the President, Mrs. J. SEEL. After tasting the dish members were able to purchase the recipe. All copies were rapidly sold. The draw for the Denman Bursary was made and the first name out of the hat was Mrs. J. BANNISTER the two reserves being Mrs. H. D. CURTIS and Mrs. A. METCALFE. The competition for a spring posey was won by Miss D. MAKIN. The evening closed with a game organised by Mrs. J. RICHARDSON. Members tried to "Guess the Advertisement", recalling bits of magazines usually ignored. The most successful members were Mrs. J. HOBBS and Mrs. V. JAMES with 23 points out of 30.

CORRESPONDENCE

The editors would be very pleased to get letters from Readers on any subject affecting the village. They cannot of course guarantee publication as space is always at a premium, but they will try. The editors congratulate one diligent reader who noticed an error in the News Sheet. St. Peter's day is of course, June 29th, not June 26th as they stated.

MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN

The response from the Village in 1978 was again most generous, a total of £72 being forwarded to the Mission. Mrs. H. Curtis wishes to thank all those who kindly contributed and to the wonderful band of helpers, Mesdames C. Atkins, B. Boler, B. Crampton, M. Bullivant, J. Finch, E. Gaskell, M. Hayman, P. Slack, and M. Wheeler.

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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 See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meet at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday except
on the first Sunday in each month when
they attend the Family Eucharist at 9a.m.

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DISSENSION WITHIN THE CHURCH: STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS ?

During this century our pattern of life has been disturbed almost beyond recognition. The changes which have taken place have been accompanied by a mixture of optimism and fear. On the one hand man is elated by his achievements and on the other fearful of the consequences. We have acquired so much power, for good or evil; for building or destroying. This is an age of apathy and violence which themselves are signs of man's bewilderment in a rapidly changing world.

In the midst of all this the Church is finding it far from easy to adapt itself to the changing scene. Some are impatient for change and accuse the Church of being slow and old-fashioned. Others are dismayed at the changes that have been made or are being contemplated. One of the things which concerns me very much is how to deal with this tension within the Church.

Last month much publicity was given to the debate on sexuality and marriage in the General Synod of the Church of England. Many hoped that the Synod would allow the marriage of divorced people to be solemnised in the Church in certain cases, others felt strongly that such a change would be contrary to the Gospel. Here, surely, was a subject which would call for strong speeches and possibly heated rejoinders. In fact the debate was conducted on all sides with a sense of responsibility and deep awareness of the complex and painful problems involved. The ideal and sanctity of life-long marriage was accepted by all. The issue was how the Church should uphold that ideal while at the same time being mindful of the basic Christian doctrine of God's forgiveness and the opportunity to begin anew in his strength.

At the end of the debate the voting on the proposed change in the Church's regulations to allow divorced persons to have a second marriage was taken.

The Bishops voted 25 in favour of change and 13 against. The laity were 89 in favour and 88 against. The clergy, however, were 92 in favour and 112 against. The Synod as a whole, therefore, rejected the proposed change by

206 in favour and 213 against. In other words the issue continues to divide the Church and it is clear that the debate will continue. Strength or weakness? The Archbishops of Canterbury and York usually speak with one voice. In this case Canterbury voted one way and York the other. Does this mean that the Church's witness has been discredited or that the Archbishops' respect for each other has been weakened? I think not. On the contrary I hope that the admirable way in which this difficult matter was debated in General Synod will be a great encouragement to many, and that Christians in the parishes will face up with the same sincerity and openness to the many questions which face the Church at this present time. Christians, like other people, have differences of opinion (how dull it would be if we were all the same!) but what matters is that we should respect each others sincerity and be united in seeking the mind of Christ. That, of course, cannot happen if we close our minds and refuse to listen to what Christ may be saying through that other person who is also a member of Christ. The result of the Synod vote, is a disappointment to many but the thoughtful and deeply concerned way in which members spoke deserves the highest praise and is a fine example to each of us and indeed the nation at large. How good it would be if all our discussions and especially those on issues which so deeply affect the lives of so many people, were conducted in the same informed and responsible manner.

John Wilkins.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism, July 2nd. Funeral, July 20th.
Jennie Natalie Rebecca NASLUND. Mabel SHEPHERD.

CONFIRMATION There will be a Confirmation Service at St. Peter's soon after Christmas, probably on Sunday 7th January. Preparation groups both for young people and for adults are now being formed. If you wish to be confirmed or to find out more about Confirmation before making your decision please let the Rector know as soon as possible.

DEEDS OF COVENANT

Over the past eight years the Church's contribution to the Southwell Diocese has increased as follows:

Year	Contribution
1971	£156
1978	£1,203

An increase of £1,047 or oughly 700%

This contribution is applied largely in meeting the stipends of the clergy, who still remain some of the most poorly remunerated members of our Society.

Weekly contributions in the Church Plate are still very welcome BUT the following table compares our net income from the Deeds of Covenant:

Year	Number of Covenants	Net Total Amount	Net amount per Covenant
1971	26	£264	£10
1978	34	£1,066	£31

This shows an increase of £802 or about 300%

The great advantage of covenanted donations is that the Church recovers the basic rate of tax on your gift. Covenanting your weekly offering makes every 10p worth about 15p, every £1 worth 149p. Please consider signing a weekly covenant form for the amount you normally put in the Church Plate. Do not worry if you are away for one or two weeks. You need only make up your contributions on your return.

If you prefer an annual, quarterly or monthly covenant, the forms are available.

Further information and Covenant forms may be obtained from:-

Patrick Blandy, P.C.C. Treasurer,
Cuttle Hill House, Kneeton Rd. (Tel: 376)

Sea Fever by Masfield

One line in this poem by Masfield reads:-

"And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long tricks over"

This was used by G.T.S. in his appreciation of the late Alan Jay. In printing "trick" became "trip" which must have confused some readers. The editors are sorry.

LESSONS AND READERS

August 6th - Eleventh after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Exodus 34.29-35	Miss E. Church
(Ep.)	2 Corinthians 3.12-18	Mr. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	Exodus 24.12-end	Mr. R. Hunt
(N.T.)	Mark 9.2-13	Mrs. J. Goddard

August 13th - Twelfth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Jeremiah 12.1-6	Dr. K. Macdonald-Smith
(Ep.)	Acts 20.17-35	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	2 Kings 18.17-22, 28, - 19.7	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	Galatians 6.1-10	Mr. P. Blandy

August 20th - Thirteenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Deuteronomy 15, 7-11	Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.)	1 John 4, 15-21	Mr. T. Ashton
6.30 (O.T.)	2 Kings 19.8-35	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 1.1-25	Mr. A. Curtis

August 27th - Fourteenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 45.1-15	Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.)	1 Peter 3.1-9	Mrs. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	2 Kings 22	Mr. T. Ashton
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 1.26-2.9	Mr. A. Curtis

September 3rd - Fifteenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Kings 3.5-15	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	1 Timothy 2.1-7	Miss S. Nicholls
6.30 (O.T.)	Ezra 1, 1-8	Mrs. J. Goddard
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 3.	Dr. G. Brooks

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

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- Sept. 9th East Bridgford Conservative Association
(Sat.) Antique Fair in Village Hall 10.30am to 4pm
Sept. 16th Brownie Jumble Sale in W.I. Hut at 2.30pm
(Sat.)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

On the first Sunday of each month directly after the Communion Service coffee is served in St. Peter's Church. This is an excellent chance for newcomers to the village to meet other members of St. Peter's congregation. Make a note now for Sunday, August 6th. Another opportunity for newcomers to meet their fellow villagers is at the Methodist coffee mornings held on the first Saturday of each month at their Chapel in Main Street, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Yet another opportunity for mothers with very young children is to drop in on the Mothers' and Toddlers' Group at the Methodist Chapel any Friday between 9.30am and 11.30am. Everyone is sure of a warm welcome at each and all of these occasions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Browns Lane

Dear Editors,

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all those who, in memory of my late wife, Marjorie, have donated to the Church in their several ways including the beautiful floral display which was placed there in May.

St. Peter's Church and all that it stands for, its Rector and its people gave my wife very great spiritual support and happiness. I am very pleased to think that it has benefitted in this small way.

God bless you all,

John Ruff.

NEW ATTRACTION AT FLOWER SHOW

A Church Tent was in evidence at the Feast Flower Show on Saturday, June 24th. Literature about the Church's many activities was displayed. The P.C.C. hopes to have a larger tent for the 1979 show.

EAST BRIDGFORD IN 1914/1918

East Bridgford 1914/1918 in the July issue made very interesting reading, and being an old Villager I would like to try and enlarge upon this.

First I would like to refer to the Rev. Du-Bouley Hill. Under this Rector I was a Chorister for 8 or 9 years, and I well remember being paid one penny per service payable quarterly, and if you attended all Services you received Two Shillings and Tuppence. I also remember the annual day's outing to Skegness for the Choirboys. We went by train from Bingham, having been taken to Bingham Station by Horse and Dray, and I still have a photo of we Choirboys taken on one of these outings. I believe the Men in the Choir and the Bell-ringers enjoyed a day's outing to London, not forgetting the Choir suppers all supplied and paid for by the Rector, and I can truthfully say that quite apart from his generosity WHAT A GRAND RECTOR WE HAD.

The Schoolmaster was Henry Goldstone, and not only was he the Headmaster, he taught class mornings and afternoons and very often in the evenings. In addition to his duties as Schoolmaster he also found time not only to be the Church Organist, but to hold office for Village affairs, one being Secretary of the Flower Show for many years. His wife also taught in the School and here again, WHAT A GRAND SCHOOLMASTER WE HAD.

The Village Doctor quite rightly was Dr. Charles Henry Duff who certainly lived at the Old Hall, but before moving into the Old Hall he lived at the Hollies the present residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and I am told he previously lived at the top of Millgate. Here was a Doctor who was on call at all times, and who did a very considerable amount of good for the Village and I have no hesitation in saying, WHAT A GRAND VILLAGE DOCTOR WE HAD.

In those days it was boasted many times that East Bridgford had the best Parson, Schoolmaster and Doctor of any Village.

Regarding Bakers, Grocers, and Butchers' Shops I rather think we had five Bakers and Grocers, perhaps Albert Boyce was missed, we certainly had three Butcher

shops at one time, the additional one being in Browns Lane on or near the present residence of Mr. and Mrs. McCullough.

There were two other well known Farmers, one being William Baggaley of Prize Farm, and the other John Wilkinson of Burnham Farm now the residences of the Gibsons and the Russells. I well remember the present playing field being owned by John Wilkinson and the Cricket Club having the chance to buy this field known as Butt Close. What a pity the Cricket Club missed this opportunity.

The Flower Show was of course, held on a Tuesday and what a day it was. The Show was kept open until late evening, and I think I am right in saying more people attended the Show after Tea. The Feast was held for three days, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, with two fields full of Fair. Ashleys being in one field and Smith and Warren in the other, and during the Feast I doubt if you could go into many houses in the Village without seeing a joint of Ham on the table.

If you wanted to go to Nottingham you either had to walk to Bingham Station and back, or Bobby Jones would take you in his Horse and Cab to catch a certain train, and he would be waiting for you outside Bingham Station for the return journey, and I believe his charge was 3/6. Lowdham Station while probably being slightly nearer was not so popular because of having to cross the Gunthorpe Toll Bridge.

In those days the Gentry were genuine people very greatly respected who did much for the Village, and I well remember the Monthly Pass Books which the local shops had to use. One Shop had the pleasure of supplying their requirements for one month, this would then pass to another shop for the next month and so on.

In conclusion, I am fully aware of older people than me still living in the Village who could, of course, say much more than I have and who could go further back than me, but I do sincerely hope that what I have written will at least make pleasant and interesting reading especially for the old and very much respected Villagers who I am sorry to say are gradually fading away. G.V. Manchester

BLITHE SPIRIT

A capacity audience gave an enthusiastic reception to the last of the three performances of Noel Coward's 'Blithe Spirit' by the East Bridgford Drama Group in the Village Hall on the evening of Friday, July 7th. Even before the play started the audience were making favourable comments on the Set which must have been created by much painstaking work by the Group. The play had not dated so very much since it was first produced in London in 1941, although the front page of the Times in 1941 would have been different to the one used. The several crescendos were performed with great verve especially by the lady members of the cast. The whole play was performed with zest and confidence by all the performers. Producer, cast, and the behind the scenes team are to be thanked and congratulated on giving the Village such happy entertainment for three evenings. It must have taken them hours to learn so many words.

The Village should remember to book early for their next production in November.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Institute set off on a trip to Holme Pierrepont Hall for our July meeting. We were first shown round the Church which, we were told, contained excellent examples of alabaster monuments. We were also given a brief history of heraldry as depicted on one of the monuments.

Our tour of the house began with the older parts which are in the process of renovation by the owners and as we progressed to rooms which had been fully restored, the contrast was complete. The high spot of the tour was the two medieval rooms, two of the very few examples of their kind in existence in the country. We ended the evening with coffee and biscuits and an informal chat with our hosts Mr. and Mrs. Brackenbury.

On the 26th of June a party of our members and their families are visiting the Nottingham Caves under the Broadmarsh Centre. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12th.

VACANCY

The East Bridgford Parish Council are seeking a Clerk. Mrs. Wines, who has held the post for the last five years has reluctantly given her notice due to pressure of her other commitments. Anyone interested should get in touch with the Chairman, Mr. Albert Lodder at the Post Office.

W.E.A. EAST BRIDGFORD BRANCH

Two new evening courses; AN INTRODUCTION TO GEOLOGY starting on Wednesday, October 4th and A LOCAL HISTORY OF EAST BRIDGFORD, starting on Thursday, October 5th, are being organised by the local branch of the Workers Educational Association this autumn.

The Geology course will cover basic study of minerals, fossils, and rocks followed by a detailed look at the Geology of the British Isles. How was the landscape formed? What else lies under the Vale of Belvoir?

The Local History course will use many different types of records to try to elucidate what East Bridgford was in bye-gone days. What types of farming were prevalent? What were its traditions? Students will be encouraged to follow their own interests. Both courses will be held at St. Peter's School at 7.30pm. Prospective students are invited to the first class to meet the tutor; no fees are collected until the second meeting. Telephone the branch secretary, Janet Bingham at E.B.466 for further details.

The W.E.A. is simply an organisation of students involved in running classes for adults. It has no sectarian or political ties. It has its origins at the beginning of the century when working people saw the need to extend their education and has developed over the years to include not only educational facilities in the work situation but to offer classes in areas both social and geographical where other forms of education are not easily accessible. We are fortunate in the East Midlands as the Association works closely with Nottingham University Dept. of Adult Education and many of the classes are sponsored by them.

JUBILEE SEATS

Firmly fixed at the top of Kirk Hill just by Mr. Sanders lovely garden which gives such a floral welcome to people entering the village is the first of the Jubilee Seats. Sadly the ground near the seat is already spoilt by broken glass, spent matches in bulk sweet papers and numerous cigarette ends. Alas since the seat has been there the plants in Mr. Sanders Garden have been attacked and the seat itself has been gouged. If anyone notices these acts of vandalism taking place please phone the police at once. Two more seats will soon be in place. One at the Toll Bar by the allotments and the other in Kneeton Road at the Lammas Lane junction.

EAST BRIDGFORD CRICKET CLUB

E.B.C.C. have made a mixed start to the season. The first eleven have played 7 matches in the Newark League winning 4 and losing 3. Two matches were cancelled due to weather.

The second eleven playing in the South Notts. Village League have won 2 and lost 5 games. Eight friendly games resulted in 4 being won and 4 lost. In the Cope Cup Competition the Club reached the semi-finals but were beaten by 7 runs.

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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

See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

meet at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday except
on the first Sunday in each month when
they attend the Family Eucharist at 9a.m.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving is all about food. How very material, how very earthy! Yes, but we need have no scruples about that because Christianity is the most down to earth of all religions. Our Thanksgiving, however, is concerned with much more than vegetable, it is pointing us to God and we are acknowledging the natural world as part of God's creation and as real and as important as the world of spirit to which it is so closely united.

There is a place not only for Thanksgiving but also for penitence when we consider how carelessly we misuse God's gifts and how easily we take them for granted. Food is not our only material need. We need air and water even more but we never have an Air and Water Thanksgiving. We just go on taking them and using them, polluting them and wasting them, with never a thought for the wonder of them.

What a pity it is we restrict our Thanksgiving at Harvest Time to fruit and vegetables. This is the Festival when we thank God for His many gifts of creation which make our life possible and richly fulfilling. It is the time when we are reminded of our partnership with God, who has entrusted the world to us and given us not only the raw materials and the skills to use them but also the teaching and example of our Lord to use them rightly and unselfishly.

The Gospels contain many references to our Lord's use of nature themes in His teaching and St. John in particular records his words about the living water and the bread from heaven. Nowhere is His reverence for God's material gifts more clearly shown than when He took bread and wine in the Upper Room and instituted the Holy Eucharist.

It would be good, as we prepare our churches for the Harvest Services, to include liquids as well as vegetables. A jug of water would be very appropriate. And why not some bottles of home-made wine and home-brewed beer as well as some home-made bread.

There is a place for inorganic substances too; after all salt is an important part of our diet so what about some salt on show. It would also be a reminder that our Lord made use of salt, as he did of leaven, when he spoke about the work and quality of Christian discipleship.

John Wilkins.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Sunday, 24th September, at the Methodist Church

6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
(No service at St. Peter's at 6.30pm)

Sunday, 1st October at St. Peter's

9.00pm Eucharist

The children will be taking part in this service with a Harvest Theme. Coffee will be served after the service.

6.30pm Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. Ben Lewers, Vicar of Newark. Our Methodist friends will be sharing in this service. Afterwards there will be a HARVEST SUPPER in the School.

Sunday, 15th October at St. Helen's, Kneeton

6.00pm Evensong
(No service at St. Peter's at 6.30pm)

THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
20th August William Robert Charles KING

Holy Matrimony
5th August James Kelvin BORLEY
and Gail Barbara SALLIS

Funeral
18th August Robert Henry MARSHALL, aged 85 years

DEEDS OF COVENANT

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And sign a deed
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Of a Revenue fiddle
Or a bit of a diddle

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T'll add to our hoard

By about a half.
Not a golden calf,

Just help to feed
The Church's need.

The above light-hearted couplets may remind you of the article on Deeds of Covenant in the August News Sheet.

Did you read it? If you did have you done anything about it?

The Treasurer wishes to apologise if you 'phoned him when he was away from home. He has now returned. 'Phone 376.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE

The PCC decided at its meeting on 27th June that starting in September, actually on the third Sunday in September, September 17th, and thereafter on every third Sunday there will be celebrated an additional communion service at 8am according to the Book of Common Prayer (1662). A number of requests for this had been received. The Series 3 service at 9.00am will continue on these and all Sundays.



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LESSONS AND READERS

September 10th - Sixteenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Jeremiah 32.6-15	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	Galatians 2.20-3.9	Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.)	Ezra 3	Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.)	1 Corinthians 13	Mr. G. Stobbs

September 17th - Seventeenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Nehemiah 6.1-16	Dr. G. Clayfield
(Ep.)	1 Peter 4.7-11	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	Nehemiah 1	Mrs. J. Goddard
(N.T.)	Philippians 1.12-end	Mr. A. Curtis

September 24th - Eighteenth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Daniel 6.10-23	Dr. G. Brooks
(Ep.)	Romans 5.1-11	Mr. P. Blandy

6.00 Harvest Festival - Methodist Church

October 1st - Nineteenth after Trinity - Harvest Festival

9.00 (O.T.)	Genesis 1, 24-31a	Mr. R. Hunt
(Ep.)	Acts 14, 8-17	Miss E. Church
6.30 (O.T.)	Joel 2.21-27	Miss S. Nicholls
(N.T.)	Luke 12, 13-34	Mr. J. Wheeler

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- from the village diary in the Post Office.
- Sept. 9th The Conservative Antique Fair has been postponed
- Sept. 16th Brownie Jumble Sale in W.I. Hut at 2.30pm
- Oct. 14th Bowls Dance in Village Hall
- Oct. 27th Royal British Legion Dinner in Village Hall
- Oct. 28th Hallowe'en Dance in Village Hall at 8.00pm

EAST BRIDGFORD'S HISTORIC HOUSES

This very popular booklet has been reprinted in the illustrated edition. Still only 25p, it can once more be bought from East Bridgford News, 50 Main Street. Incidentally the whole profit goes to the Church as Mr. Fox is making no charge for selling it.

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The outing to Ely Cathedral was much enjoyed. Two patients from Saxondale Hospital were invited to join us for the day. Many thanks to Mr. Stobbs for fetching them from the hospital, and taking them back again at night.

A committee meeting will be held at Mrs. Bontofts house on Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 2.30pm.

Please note that the date for the September meeting is Wednesday, the 13th at 2.30pm. NO Communion at 10am. The service in the afternoon will be to admit 5 new members to our group; followed by communion. Tea will be served afterwards.

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Mrs. Eunice Gaskell has been appointed to the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. Mrs Gaskell is on the Committee of the East Bridgford Women's Institute. She lives at 1, Springdale Lane.

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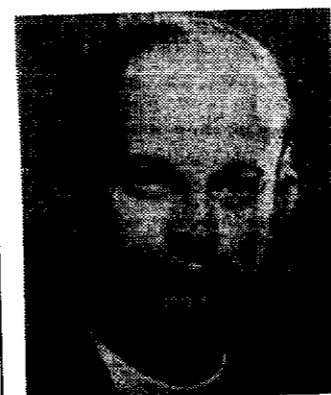
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Lambeth 'A Challenging Experience'

I write from Canterbury. We are now nearing the end of the Lambeth Conference. Next month I shall endeavour to comment on some of the major issues we have discussed. This month I concentrate on something more intangible but more important, something for which we were summoned here, namely, to wait upon God in prayer together to hear what he wants to say to us. This conference will wrongly be judged by its final report for a Lambeth Conference is not a Synod. We confer but do not legislate. The 25 provinces of the Anglican Communion are all self-governing and diversity is the hallmark of our family of Churches. Our privilege has been that of discovering through prayer and conversation how to be better bishops from those who share similar responsibilities in vastly different situations.



Canon Murray Irvine, of Hereford Cathedral, who is to be Provost and Rector of Southwell Minster.

This conference differs from its predecessors by being the first to have a considerable contingent of "non-white" bishops. Only the Roman Catholic Church has a larger geographical spread of membership than the Anglican Communion. There is hardly an area in the world where there is conflict which is unrepresented on this conference.

We have with us all the Ugandan bishops bringing greetings from President Amin. We have the bishops from Ireland working for peace on both sides of the border. We have bishops from communist Mozambique sitting down with bishops from Rhodesia. We have the Anglican bishop of Cuba, another bishop working in a communist state. At one of our Eucharists we heard a taped message from the Archbishop of the Province

of Burma, none of whose bishops was free to attend the conference. We have the bishop in Jerusalem talking Arabic with his neighbour, the Bishop in Egypt. The Bishop of Lebombo, Mozambique, whose diocese is in the Church of the Province of South Africa, speaking Portuguese with the Bishop of South Central Brazil and the Bishop of Central and South Mexico.

At another Eucharist different parts of the service were taken by the Bishops of Seoul, Sabah and Singapore each speaking his own language. For the first time I heard the gospel read in Chinese. Christianity has gone underground in China with only the diocese of Hong Kong holding the flag high until it can emerge again.

Nine new provinces of the Anglican Communion have been formed since the last Lambeth Conference, the latest being the province of Papua New Guinea to which the diocese of Southwell has recently sent a priest. We meet while our Queen visits Canada where separatist feeling is strong in the French-speaking provinces. The Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada, however, remain united, having wrestled with the divisive subject of the ordination of women to the priesthood, and are helping the large contingent of bishops from the Episcopal Church in the United States of America who have taken the same decisive step at a time when there is much unemployment among their priests and the value of the dollar continues to fall.

The importance of this Lambeth Conference lies in the fact that these bishops have been able to meet at all, coming as they do from countries which are divided politically but united within the Anglican Communion. I have discovered the genuine trust placed in our Communion by countries which were formerly colonies and which have rejected political ties with us because, as a Church, we have never been slow to grant them independence and accord them equal status with ourselves as they achieve nationhood and power in the Third World. There is an affection for the see of Canterbury and a deep fellowship that has to be experienced to be believed.

Most significantly this conference has been a time for meeting face to face those for whom we pray in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. It is not a formal organisation of Provinces and Synods that unites us but friendship cemented by personal encounter. All over the world bishops of many nations are looking after their clergy and people, who in their turn are, with great zeal and effectiveness, proclaiming their faith in the one Saviour and making large numbers of converts; for the Anglican Communion is growing fast and now numbers some 65 million people. This witness to Christ is undertaken in conditions of poverty, of political conflict, of religious persecution and sometimes martyrdom. We in England have much to learn from the rest of our Communion. For me it has been a humbling and challenging experience.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Around the Diocese

Miss Sylvia Joyce Stevens, has been appointed associate Anglican chaplain in the ecumenical chaplaincy of the Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, as from September 1. She will be made deaconess at Newark Parish Church on October 1.

Mothers' Union events; September 11, Southwell Deanery Festival, Oxtun, 3 p.m.; 14, Tuxford Deanery Festival, East Markham, 2.30 p.m.; 21, Visit of the Central President, Mrs. Rachel Nugee at Dukeries Comprehensive School, Ollerton 7.45 p.m. (ticket only); 22, Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham 2.30 p.m. to be addressed by Mrs. Nugee (open to all); 28, Gedling Deanery Festival, St. Mark's, Woodthorpe, 2.30 p.m.

"**Exploring Contemplation**" is the theme of a consultation for clergy and laity which is being held at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire from 7 p.m. on Monday September 18 till 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20. It will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Stephen Verney, the Bishop of Repton.

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U.S.P.G. North Notts. Festival Eucharist will be held at Worksop Priory on Thursday, September 14 at 7.30 p.m. when the preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Peter Nyanja, Bishop of Lake Malawi, one of our youngest bishops.

Trowell St. Helen's require an organist/choirmaster. Present organist leaves at end of August. Salary negotiable. Contact churchwardens, Mr. D. Cook (Ilkeston 326159) or Mr. J. W. Bladen (Ilkeston 320972).

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Andrew Gordon Read has ceased to be Priest-in-Charge of St. Leonard's, Newark, and is on extended leave.

The Rev. Percy Campbell Cox has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Hickling, Kinoulton and Broughton Sulney. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Sherwood in Kinoulton Church on Wednesday, October 18 at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Hermon John Crowle, Vicar of St. Aidan, Basford, Nottingham, has been appointed Vicar of the united benefices of Everton and Mathersey with Clayworth, near Retford.

The Rev. David Arthur Jones, Assistant Curate at St. Christopher's, Bulwark, Chepstow, Gwent, is to be Chaplain of the Sutton Centre, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Priest-in-Charge of St. Katherine's, Teversal.

The Rev. Robin Townsend has taken up his duties as Assistant Curate at St. Leonard's, Wollaton, Nottingham.

MINSTER EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3, 3.15 p.m. Evensong sung by the Leicester Consort; 7, 5.45 p.m. Evensong sung by the full choir; 13, 7.30 p.m. Organ Recital by David Ponsford (St. Marthew's Northampton); 14, 2.30 p.m. Notts. County Council Service for residents of Homes for the Elderly; 15, 7.30 p.m. Concert—17th/21st Lancers; 17, 8.00 p.m. Music in the Crossing—Baroque Music played by a group of students from Music Colleges; 23, 5.45 p.m. Evensong and Installation of Revs. A. C. Shrimpton and T. W. Swift as Hon. Canons; 24, Harvest Thanksgiving; 30, 5.45 p.m. Presentation of awards to church musicians.

The Child in the Church

When the V.R.E.C. (Voluntary Religious Education Committee) went out of existence, the responsibility for the churches' work with young people was taken over by the Diocesan Education Committee. Initially much discussion took place on how best the Diocese could serve the parishes and help them in this vital area of concern.

Following the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Norman Todd as Training Adviser, a sample survey of typical parishes was undertaken to discover how the churches were dealing with this responsibility for children and young people at parish level.

The survey revealed a growing trend in children's work for the Sunday School to be more closely linked with the worship of the church and there was an increasing concern for children to be more integrated into the worshipping community. It also revealed considerable need in the area of teenagers where there seemed to be a very limited work going on in this age group. The Education Committee decided to form a consultative group to work on finding ways and means as to how best to forward the churches' task amongst children and young people.

The first major event will be a Teachers' Festival to be held at Eaton Hall College, East Retford on Saturday, September 16 commencing at 10 a.m. It takes as its theme, "The Growing Child in the Caring Church", and full details of this have been issued to all incumbents. Additional programmes are available from Dunham House.

The day will begin with opening worship and after the introduction by Dr. Byron Evans, there will be workshops for which those coming have been asked to advise their preferences. Lunch is included in the fee and the day will finish with a celebration of the Eucharist when the celebrant will be the Lord Bishop.

It is hoped that following the Teachers' Festival, there will be other opportunities for sharing together, particularly at Deanery level, in learning from one another how to teach the Christian faith to the young people of today.

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THE STORY OF AN ENGLISH LANE

So much history lies behind the small stretch of Brown's Lane. A walk in imagination will highlight this. On the right leaving Kneeton Road we pass a limestone wall bordering the property once owned by Colonel Francis Hacker. This Colonel, a dour Presbyterian preacher, signed the death warrant of Charles I and was present at the King's execution. For his treason he suffered the same fate and forfeited his properties, including that owned in Brown's Lane. An extract from the relevant document states '16. John Hall, Cottage and backside, next (Brown's) Lane 2R @ 14s'. This was probably the 'Pantiles'.

Colonel Hacker's property adjoins a field where once gypsum was mined. There are now 4 bungalows on the site. Only in East Bridgford was it found in such a refined state. It was known as Satin Spar and nowhere else did the crystalline fibres reach a length of 6 to 8 inches. The finest quality gypsum was translucent. Margidunum, a Roman fort, one mile from the village, on the Fosse, made note of the gypsum for its name, when translated, means 'Pearl Hill'. The seam of gypsum ran across the village at the end of Brown's Lane. It occurred at a depth of 28 feet and a description of its mining was given by Mr. F. Chapman. At the beginning of this century Mr. Chapman's father was a Foreman on the land in the lane owned by Mrs. Walker. Mining could only take place during the winter as in the summer months the air underground was foul and it was impossible to work in such conditions. The men took a lantern down the shaft to keep the air moving. Mr. Chapman can remember as a boy helping his father with the mining. When the gypsum was lifted it was used for the carving of attractive ornaments. When a nodule was exhausted it would be necessary to sink further shafts. Mr. Chapman says he mined 4 shafts in Brown's Lane. These were heavily worked and were exhausted by 1907/8.

The first house after the bungalows belongs to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Garland. Next door to this is the

"Hawthorns". The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. N. Tutin bought the property from the Garlands. The house, known earlier as Brompton House, was built in the reign of Queen Anne about 1714. It was reputed to have changed hands at one time in settlement of a card debt and passed into the ownership of three gentlemen from Yorkshire. It has more recently been used as a farm house and the land on which it stands was known as Home Close. Earlier this century it was exchanged by its owners for another house in the village, Mulberry Close. The owner of this, Sam Richardson, became resident in Brown's Lane. Next door to the "Hawthorns" are cottages now known as the 'Pantiles'. Prior to conversion this cottage was known as Olivants Shop. Earlier it had been a thriving bakery owned by Mr. Swannick and his two daughters, Henrietta and Tilley. Mr. Swannick used to put potatoes in his bread and throw the peelings onto the twitchel bank outside. He kept a pony in the stables, now the garage, and delivered his goods round the village by pony and cart. At the side of the bakery was a small shop where Mr. Brown sold fish and chips. He had been a footballer and lived on Kneeton Road, not at his shop. This building had previously housed a butchery business run by Mr. Foster who managed it for Parrs of Radcliffe. It had also been in the hands of Mr. Bauser Mason and had once been used as a barbers shop. Where the lychgate now stands we can look through to what was known as Swannick's yard. In this were the outside lavatories for the use of the cottagers and a wash house. The shop was in what is now the entrance hall to the house. A rickety door (now removed) covered steps down to the cellar. Through this door the children dropped their pennies and as Mr. Olivant feared for the safety of his customers this cellar was permanently closed. Under the floor in the kitchen was a brick built soft water tank to collect rain water from the roof. The water was pumped upto the sink. Mr. Olivant would go down a step ladder to scrub the tank clean and it was of such a size that he could stand upright in it.

Averil McCullough.

THE CHURCH'S STORY

The Fourteenth Century Aisles and Colonnades

It is interesting to speculate whether the enlargement of churches in the middle ages was done entirely for the Glory of God or perhaps partly for the glorification of patrons. For whatever reason, in 1320 the Caltofts with the help of the Deyncourts after their arrival in 1346 undertook a major scheme here. The north side was tackled first. The present north wall and the roof of the north aisle were built outside the old north wall, which was then replaced by the present north line of arches and pillars. Abreast the eastern arch a north transept was built jutting out beyond the new north wall for use as the Caltoft family tomb. A little to the west of it an arch, which is still there, led out to a smaller family vault for the Babbingtons. Then, after 1350, the same process was followed on the south side, with the addition also of the present porch. The steep pitched roof of the nave remained, rising on each side from just above the heads of the new arches.

How many people entering the church notice the difference between the north and the south colonnades? In the former the arches are all exactly the same size, and they sit correctly on upright pillars. On the south side the eastern arch is much wider than the other three, the pillars are slightly tilted and the arches rest crookedly on them. One explanation is that in 1349 the Black Death took some or all of the original team of masons and that their successors were less skilled. Another possible cause of the wider eastern arch is that the Deyncourts dealt with the southern side and wanted to have a bigger arch leading to their family transept than that of the Caltofts on the other side.

TRACING ANCESTORS

The following letter has been received by Mr. Fox of East Bridgford News in Main Street :-

200 South Creek Road,
Wheeler Heights 2098
N.S.W. Australia.

Dear Sir,

I am trying to trace some of my ancestors who were in the Nottingham area some years ago. I am seeking the brothers, children and parents of Captain George Bohun Martin, R.N., born about 1799 and died on 14th October, 1854 at his "Country Seat" in East Bridgford.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Martin.

Mr. Trevor Stott, a member of the Nottinghamshire Family History Society and an East Bridgford Resident has included the following edited references to East Bridgford in his reply :-

Capt. George Bohun Martin C.B., R.N., was the son of Henry Martin M.P. of Colston Bassett and a nephew of Sir George Martin, Admiral of the Fleet. His grandparents were Capt. William Martin R.N. and Arabella, daughter of Admiral William Rowley K.B. Capt. George lived at the Manor East Bridgford with his wife Isabella Harriet, daughter of Vice Admiral Briggs and his 12 children till his death in 1854. Among his four brothers was Henry Burgess Martin who had nine illegitimate children, for whom he was godfather, by Ann Mackley single woman, before marrying her on Christmas Eve 1864 and moving to East Bridgford. The family had strong connections with Lt. Peter Brooke of East Bridgford Hall, Henry Burgess Martin being an executor of Lt Brooks' will and Geo Martin son of Capt. George, receiving 19 guineas under the will of Frances Brooke, Peter's widow. Trevor Stott would be pleased to hear from anyone having further information about this family.

Phone 605.

2nd EAST BRIDGFORD BROWNIE PACK

We had a very happy week's holiday in the Village Hall at Rogate, West Sussex during the one fine week of the summer, so far. We were made very welcome by all at the village. During the week we welcomed the local Brownies to an afternoon of 'Olympic Games', spent a day at the seaside, swam daily in a private swimming pool, picnicked and followed treasure trails in the nearby woods. One of the highlights of the week was our visit to the local church for the Eucharist on the Sunday morning. The Vicar took a great deal of trouble to involve the children in every way he could and explained the service to them as it went, taught them a song to sing and invited them to sit around him on the chancel carpet while he talked to them - the sermon. We should all like to return.

During August a small group were invited to visit the Cub Scout Adventure day in Norfolk. We were the only Brownies there and in spite of the weather had a good time.

Another group cooked lunch for the luncheon club on Tuesday, 16th.

Our Jumble Sale is to be held on 16th September. The proceeds will go partly towards Pack funds and partly towards a charity to be chosen by the Brownies. We shall be grateful for all support.

Newspaper We should also be grateful for bundles of newspaper securely tied. These should be given to Mrs. Guy or Mrs. Bontoft or any member of the Brownie Pack.

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On first Sunday of each month -
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Also on the third Sunday of each
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6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon

Weekdays. See notice in Church Porch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meet at 10.30 a.m. each Sunday except on
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attend the Family Eucharist at 9 a.m.

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EXPLORING CONTEMPLATION

That was the title of the conference called by the Bishop and held at Swanwick from 18th - 20th September. There were nearly two hundred people present from parishes throughout the Diocese. It has been the tradition since pre-war days for the conference to be restricted to the clergy. This year for the first time, laity were also invited.

I am writing this only a few hours after coming home from the conference. It was an event so rich and fulfilling that time is needed to ponder over and digest all that happened. At the same time I am longing to share with others something of the sheer joy of the experience.

That must come later. For the present I just want to speak of one thing which set this Swanwick conference apart from any other that I have attended. Every year there is a special theme and speaker and not surprisingly the subject does not have a universal appeal and nor for that matter does the speaker. There are invariably rumbles in the course of the conference and grumbles at the end.

This is not surprising. It is difficult for human beings to live and work together in harmony. One wants this and another that: one thinks that we should do things one way and another that way. We get aggressive if we can't get our own way or if someone irritates us. Tensions arise and then everyone starts taking evasive action, hiding their embarrassment and fear of conflict with a cold politeness. You can sense the unease as people avoid each other's eyes, look the other way or pretend they haven't seen or heard.

Yet as soon as you go into some homes you can sense a peace, a welcome, in the meeting of the eyes and the smile that communicates without words.

It would be tempting to say that this year's conference was all like that. That was certainly

the overwhelming impression which we all had when we came to the climax of our time together with the Eucharist on the last evening. But people are not perfect, we all get mixed up at some time or another. There was tension in the course of the conference and on the second day many doubts were expressed, fears exposed, pre-suppositions challenged.

It was right that this should have happened. This was reality and it must be faced. We have to be honest and admit that we are all wounded by sin and egoism. We must be ready to share our poverty, our hopes, our aspirations and desires, and grow in the Spirit.

What came through at Swanwick was a deeper awareness of one another and sensitivity towards each other. We became aware of a growing acceptance of one another, in spite of differences of churchmanship, interests, background and so many other things which tend to split a community into cliques.

As the false barriers began to fall the feeling of unity grew. We had a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God really means, the reality of people growing together, sharing deeply and without fear.

We realised with increasing force that it is only by the Spirit coming into us that we can experience real community and that this was happening because we were sharing not only in our discussions but - and this is all-important - in the silence we were learning to be still and quiet in prayer together.

The conference is over but the Exploration will continue throughout the Diocese. I hope very much that a group will be formed in our own parish for this purpose. Please let me know if you would like to share in this.

John Wilkins.

THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony Sept. 2nd Stephen Lumley and
Joanna Mary Hayman.

The Third Sunday of the Month

The introduction of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of September at 8 a.m. was obviously appreciated and there were thirty communicants at that service.

The next 8 a.m. service will be on Sunday, 15th October.

18 Oct
Beth Russell
P.C.C. MEETING, Wednesday 6th September

Finance

Mr. Blandy said that over the past seven years our expenditure had increased 700% due to inflation. He again urged the advantages of covented payments and it was agreed that he should write to every householder on the Electoral Roll, suggesting this method of contributing to the Church expenses. Various methods of fund raising were discussed and these will be considered by the finance sub-committee.

Newcomers to East Bridgford

Members of the P.C.C. will endeavour to make personal contact with families new to the village, giving them details of local activities and encouraging participation in our work and worship.

Forms of Service were discussed, particularly concerning the need for greater participation by children and young people and of finding the most suitable times for families to attend.

Harvest Festival Service will be held on October 1st., followed by a Harvest Supper in the school. Invitation cards will be distributed to new householders.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th.

LESSONS AND READERS

October 8th - Twentieth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) Genesis 32, 24-30 Mr. K. Finch
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 9, 19-27 Dr. G. Clayfield
6.30 (O.T.) Ruth 2, 1-20a and 4, 13-17 Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) Philippians 4 Mr. S. J. Goddard

October 15th - Twenty-first after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) Isaiah 1, 10-17 Mr. J. Ruff
(Ep.) 1 Corinthians 3, 18-23 Dr. K. Macdonald-Smith
6.30 (O.T.) Daniel 1 Mr. P. Blandy
(N.T.) 2 Corinthians 1, 1-22 Mr. A. Curtis

October 22nd - Twenty-second after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) Joel 2, 15-19, 21-22 Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.) 2 Corinthians 3, 4-11 Mrs. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.) Daniel 2, 1-23 Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.) 2 Corinthians 4 Dr. G. Brooks

October 29th - Twenty-third after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) Genesis 1, 1-3, 24-31a Mr. R. Hunt
(Ep.) Colossians 1, 15-20 Mrs. V. Backhouse
6.30 (O.T.) Daniel 2, 24-45 Mr. A. Curtis
(N.T.) 2 Corinthians 5 Mr. G. Stobbs

November 5th - Twenty-fourth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.) Genesis 3, 1-15 Mr. P. Blandy
(Ep.) Romans 7, 7-12 Mr. P. Slack
6.30 (O.T.) Daniel 9, 1-19 Mr. H. Russell
(N.T.) 2 Corinthians 9 Mr. J. Wheeler

Calendar for October and November

From the Village Diary in the Post Office.

October 4th W.E.A. Geology class starts
7.30 p.m. St. Peter's School

October 5th W.E.A. Local History class starts
7.30 p.m. St. Peter's School

October 7th East Bridgford Horticultural Society
Harvest Supper, followed by an entertain-
ment. Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £2 from:
Mr. C. Widdison
30 Straws Lane.
Mr. G. Lomax
20 College Street.

October 14th Bowls Dance, Village Hall

October 20th East Bridgford Conservative Cheese
and Wine, Village Hall.

October 27th Royal British Legion Annual Dinner
Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

October 28th Village Hall Committee's Hallowe'en
Dance, Village Hall 8 p.m.

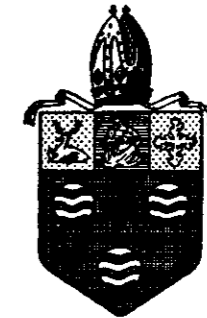
November 4th Scout Group Fireworks, Reindeer Field
8 p.m.

November 7th Royal British Legion Annual General
Meeting 8 p.m. Village Hall Committee

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The Bishop's Letter

Politics is part of Church's Task

I PROMISED to write further about the work the Lambeth conference did and its importance for us in Nottinghamshire. On this occasion I confine my remarks to that part which was concerned with the relationship of the Church to the world in which it is set. What is the Church for?



The Bishop of Southwell

Perhaps the most significant thing about the whole conference was the sense of urgency about the Church's Mission. The Church is on the move. Its job is not to survive but to be a sign and agent of God's Kingdom. This it does by what it is and what it does. It reveals what it is in its worship and its worship is the springboard for its compassionate service of the world.

It was evident that the Church is growing faster in the underdeveloped areas of the world. In the developed countries our concerns are more with the maintenance of a credible christian presence in an increasingly secularised society but in the Third World the gospel is heard with its original freshness and the Church is concerned with the training of converts and the achievement of freedom and justice for their countries as they emerge from colonial tutelage to selfhood. For them worship has the joyful note of thanksgiving for salvation and work is that of political and social redress.

In different parts of the world fellow Anglicans express the same gospel and the same worship in vastly different cultures. In each place the Church must be relevant to its local culture, baptising it into Christ. It is easy in such circumstances to compromise the faith by conformity

to a national culture. The Church while identifying with it must none the less be a constant critic of that culture. Christianity demands the offering to Christ of the best that each race and culture has to give.

This means that across the world ethical problems and their solutions will differ. Everywhere the family is an essential element in social life; but in the West we have lost the support and companionship of the extended family as it still exists in less developed countries. In our mobile society families are broken up, and the nuclear family unit, shorn of the presence of grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins is degenerating further into the loneliness of one-parent families with their attendant deprivations. With the disappearance of "tribal" loyalties goes the breakdown of social ethics, so that today in the West we are involved in selfish, materialistic, competitive, hardhearted attitudes to life; the search for excitement has replaced the satisfactions of family life.

The developing world is not very impressed with our sophisticated society, nor do they want to repeat in their countries our mistakes. It is virtually impossible for Western nations to simplify their lifestyles and retreat from the world of electronic gadgetry, mass-entertainment, multi-national companies and nuclear weapons. But does the rest of the world have to buy our way of life with its unemployment, fear, loneliness and boredom?

Today in the West we are aware that the world cannot afford the depletion of natural resources that our modern way of life demands. Environmental and ecological arguments must now be heard if our world is to survive, and the political system that offers the most hope is that which we must espouse. Some of our brethren see more hope in Communist or totalitarian systems than in Western democracy. Seeing what we have done to our society, what arguments can we advance in support of our system?

Politics is integral to the Church's task today all over the world, because the Church sees the need for being a caring, serving community bringing the insights of its gospel and its worship of God to bear upon the realities of people's lives. This means that the Church in many places is a persecuted Church challenging the injustices around it. In some places the Church has gone underground; in others it is preparing to do so if ever it becomes again, as at first, a proscribed society, so that the vital task of proclaiming the gospel can go on.

The questions we have to ask ourselves are surely these: Is our diocese concerned with the maintenance of an institution or the spread of the gospel? Is our worship the inspiration of our action? Is our mission expressed in realistic caring action, political if need be, to ensure that the gospel challenges and changes our culture and brings in a fairer, more just society? Do we love God enough to be prepared to make sacrifices and suffer for our convictions? Our fellow Anglicans across the world can be our inspiration and example, they are certainly a challenge to us.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Around the Diocese

Presentation to Provost. A fund has been opened for a presentation to the Provost of Southwell, the Very Rev. J. Francis Pratt, who is retiring next month. Contributions should be sent to the Provost of Southwell Presentation Fund, National Westminster Bank, Church Street, Southwell, not later than November 10. Presentation takes place in the Great Hall, Monday, November 13 at 7.30 p.m.

Farewell Present. A book in which clergy and laity of the diocese and particularly those in the Archdeaconry of Nottingham signed their names has been sent as a present to the Ven. M. R. W. Brown as part of his farewell present. Archdeacon Brown sends his gratitude for this personal and precious gift.

Mothers' Union Events. Oct 5, South Bingham Deanery Festival, Keyworth, 2.45 p.m.; 12, Training Day, Trebeck Hall, 10.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m. — Rev. P. Humphries, "Communications"; 17, Social Problems Meeting, Central Library, Angel Row, Nottingham, 7.45-9.45 p.m.; 23, Quiet Day, St. Jude's, Mapperley, 10.30-3 p.m.; 31, Training Day, Retford, Mansfield, and Worksop Deaneries, Whitegates, Sparton Hill, Worksop, 10.30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Additional Curate's Society. Diocesan Festival Eucharist, Warsop Parish Church, Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7.30 p.m. Preacher: Sister Margareta Mary, C.S.L. Ploughman's Supper afterwards.

St. Mary's Parish Church Choir, Lace Market, Nottingham, would welcome applicants from gentlemen (especially altos and tenors). There are also vacancies now for up to four boys. For further details please contact David Butterworth at St. Mary's or at the Bluecoat School (Tel. 291561).

Anglican Association Southwell Branch autumn meeting will be held at St. Giles' Parish Hall, West Bridgford, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Dr. W. Trueman-Dicken, Warden of Lenton Hall, Nottingham University, on "Has the Anglican Communion any Future?" All are welcome. Please let the Secretary — Mr. Roy D. Taperell at Bingham 38784 — know if going.

Leprosy Mission. Nottingham branch will be holding its Autumn Fayre at the Albert Hall Institute, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 3.15 p.m.

The Bishop of Truro will lead the Catholic Renewal Conference for clergy and laity at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 21. Details from the Rev. Alan Haydock, St. John's Vicarage, Graylands Road, Bilborough.

Youth Work in the Parish. A consultation has been arranged to take place at Dunham House, Southwell, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Diocesan youth officers from some of the Midland Dioceses have been invited.

Age Concern. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire branch are holding their annual service in St. Nicholas Church, Nottingham, on Fri., Oct. 20, at 10.30 a.m.

The Investiture of the Friends of Cathedral Music scholar will take place at Southwell Minster during Evensong on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 5.45 p.m. to be followed by a buffet supper and entertainment in the Great Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, price £1, available from the vergers or at the door. All proceeds in aid of the Minster Choir funds.

The Annual Quiet Day for Laity in the Diocese will be held in Southwell Minster on Saturday, November 25, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be conducted by the Archdeacon of Nottingham (The Ven. Roy Williamson). Please notify Canon C. S. Bayes, 2 Vicars' Court, Southwell, of numbers attending.

Minster Appeal. The Mothers' Union throughout the Diocese has raised £624.44 for the Southwell Minster Appeal Fund.

Women in Ministry. A conference for anyone interested in the opportunities for full-time ministry in the Church of England, will include the Parish Worker, the Deaconess, the Church Army Sister and the Religious Orders for Women. Based on Kirkby-in-Ashfield and residential in the weekend November 24/26. Full details available from Rev. F. Crowther, St. Thomas's Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (Mansfield 752259) or from Deaconess McQuillan, (Nottingham 55483).

C.M.S. Membership renewal service for the Nottingham and District C.M.S. Association, Saturday, Oct. 21, St. Jude's, Mapperley, 6.30 p.m. Officiant: Archdeacon of Nottingham. Preacher: Dr. Edward Tomalesali, of Uganda.

News of the Clergy

The Rev. Frederick Oriel Osborn, Vicar of Scrooby with Ranskill, near Retford, is resigning these benefices on his retirement on Oct. 31.

The Rev. Stephen John Smith, Vicar of St. Bede's, Morris Green, Bolton, Diocese of Manchester, has been appointed Rector of St. Martin of Tours, Bilborough, Nottingham, with All Saints', Strelley.

The Rev. Paul Hancock, Rector of Blisland with St. Breward, Bodmin, Cornwall, Diocese of Truro, is to be Vicar of St. Lawrence, Mansfield. He will be instituted on Friday, November 17, at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Anthony Charles Hodge, Vicar of All Saints, Tuckingmill, Camborne, Diocese of Truro, has been appointed Vicar of St. Paul's, Manton, Worksop. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Sherwood on Oct. 2, at 7.30 p.m.

The Rev. Brian Cecil Walker, Assistant Curate at Chilwell with Inham Nook, is to be Rector of St. Helen's, Trowell.

The Rev. Kenneth Samuel Brazier, Vicar of Willoughby with Wysall and Priest-in-Charge of Widmerpool, will be resigning on January 10 next year.

The Rev. Geoffrey Maltby will be instituted as Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Carrington, on Monday, October 9 at 7.30 p.m.

30 Days of Prayer for Ulster

The Bishop of Southwell has agreed with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham that the period of October 9 to November 9 will be observed throughout Nottinghamshire as 30 days of Prayer for Northern Ireland, and hopes that every parish in the diocese of Southwell will observe this vigil, praying that the Government may be guided to take right initiatives, that the armed forces and the police will preserve peace and be preserved in their work, that new love and understanding will grow between Catholics and Protestants, and that the churches will take their full part in promoting a just and lasting peace.

Greasley Players will present "Waters of the Moon", a modern comedy by N. C. Hunter, in Greasley Church Hall on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 12-14, at 7.30 p.m. Admission 50p.

The Diocese Remembers in October

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| 1 Bramcote (Roy Williamson, Archdeacon of Nottingham, Anthony Cardwell, David Bowler) | 16 Cinderhill (Richard Hanmer, Richard Tebbs) |
| 2 Gunthorpe and Caythorpe (Ben Hopkinson) | 17 Hickling (Percy Cox) |
| 3 Clifton, St. Mary (Wilf Wilkinson, Tony Roake) | 18 Kinoulton (Percy Cox) |
| 4 Clifton, St. Francis (Allan Wakefield) | 19 Langold (Neil Timberlake) |
| 5 Clifton, Holy Trinity (David Nash) | 20 Upper Broughton (Percy Cox) |
| 6 North Wilford (John Pennington) | 21 Nottingham All Saints (John Perkins) |
| 7 Stoke Bardolph (Cecil Watson, Canon) | 22 Kelham (Albert Brown) |
| 8 Halloughton (Bernard Hill, Canon) | 23 Averham (Albert Brown) |
| 9 Morton (Bernard Hill, Canon) | 24 Scarrington (Geoffrey Blackmore) |
| 10 Ollerton St. Paulinus (Roy Akerman, Peter Lindeck) | 25 Whatton-in-the-Vale (Geoffrey Blackmore) |
| 11 Aspley (John Finney, Martin Oram) | 26 Mapperley, St. Jude (Ian Russell, Alistair Sutherland) |
| 12 Wilford (Kenneth Gratton) | 27 Elton (John Milner) |
| 13 Old Basford (Leslie Cowley) | 28 Rainworth (John Fern) |
| 14 Screveton (Allan Chappell) | 29 Cropwell Bishop (John Milner, Gerald Mann, C.A.) |
| 15 Kirkby, St. Wilfrid (Richard Birt) | 30 Thurgarton (Bernard Hill, Canon) |
| | 31 Hyson Green, St. Stephen (William Beckett) |

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THE STORY OF AN ENGLISH LANE (Continued)

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Behind the Pantiles are three old cottages. That belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fernley has been modernized and during the conversions a space was discovered behind the sitting-room wall. This was thought to house a stockinger's frame.

In front of these cottages prior to the 1st world war stood a Primitive Methodist Chapel. The Rev. Du Boulay Hill tells that Primitive Methodists used Euerby's barn and 'then had built a chapel in Brown's Lane'. Mr. J. Allwood says that his father took down the chapel in the early part of this century and that he can remember seeing parts of the tin roof in the farmyard. This chapel served the 'Primitives' until such time that they were able to use Lockwood's Chapel on College Street. In 1880 they acquired ownership of this. Mr. Lockwood had built this chapel in the 1830's and the opening was recorded in the 'Nottingham Review' on 11th November 1936. Mr. Bullers can remember attending magic lantern shows in this small chapel and Mrs. Morris says it was used as a men's club.

Next door to Mrs. Fernley lives Mrs. Morris, whose husband Reuban was the village shoemaker. Attached to this cottage is a disused building. In 1924 when Mr. Morris married for the second time this cottage housed an elderly Mr. Brown. He lived in this until he died when it was sold for £100. The 2 roomed home had a bed-room with a wrought iron fireplace and a living-room with an old kitchen range. This cottage has been built of wattle and daub and the construction can be seen on the outside wall. On the garden stands Mr. Morris's workshop where he and his father before him carried on their business of making and repairing boots and shoes. In front of Mrs. Morris's cottage was a well which supplied water to a large part of the village.

Let us keep alive memories of the past by recording them. They are quickly forgotten and village life will undoubtedly change as expansion takes place.

Averil McCullough

East Bridgford Cricket Club

Report from July 1st to September 9th

Since July the East Bridgford Cricket Club 1st XI played eight Newark League matches, winning three and losing five. Three Friendly Games resulted in two wins, one lost.

Our 2nd XI finished their South Notts. Village League programme in grand style, winning five of the last eight games losing one match by one run and two matches cancelled.

Final League placings are not yet known.

G. W. Willis
Hon. Secretary

Hallowe'en Dance

East Bridgford Village Hall Committee are holding a Hallowe'en Buffet Dance on Saturday 28th October in the Village Hall, 8 p.m. till Midnight. Tickets £1.75 inclusive of Buffet available from:

Mrs. J. Wheeler
2, Moss Close.
Mr. T. Large,
Potts Farm, Kneeton Road.
Mr. T. Poulter,
22, Cross Lane.

We need your support. Please join us.

Royal British Legion The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, 27th October at the Village Hall at 7.30pm Tickets £1.25.

East Bridgford Women's Institute - September Meeting.

MR. G. REVILL from Retford talked about antiques and his life in antiques. He showed the members various miniatures (made by his brother) of desks and chairs. Samples of different varieties of wood were passed round and Mr. Revill gave examples of furniture which would be made from the various woods.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Averil McCullough.

"Going for a Song", our Social time game was organised by Mrs. J. Wheeler. Members had great fun identifying various objects, giving its age and an approximate price.

The recipe of the month 'Savoury Loaf' was produced by Mrs. J. Wheeler, as usual, copies were quickly sold!

Mrs. J. Flint, the Fosse Group Convenor, was a guest at our meeting. She gave a brief explanation of the membership and working of the Group and announced its next meeting - 18th October at Car Colston when the speaker will be Ivan Baker, a writer.

Mothers' Union

September Meeting.

Two new members were admitted to the branch at a Service in the Church, taken by the Rector. Mr. Howells was at the organ. Tea was served at Mr. and Mrs. Hunt's house.

An outing to the Convent of St. Lawrence, Belper, has been booked for September 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. K. Guy will speak on modern parables.

New members are always welcome.

Dates for your Diary:-

Tuesday, October 17th. Please note that the new Mothers' Union Film called Mission Unlimited will be shown at Bingham Church at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Bontoft has ten tickets only, so please apply early. Transport will be arranged.

THE CHURCH'S STORY

Appointment of a famous Rector

Under the Norman Lords of the Manor the people of East Bridgford and their Church seem to have gone peacefully on, untroubled by the Wars of the Roses or even by Lambert Simnel's rebellion which was crushed by Henry VII at the Battle of East Stoke only five miles away. But in the next two centuries Bridgford people were to be caught up again in national history.

In 1486 William Deyncourt gave his share of the manor and advowson to his friend William de Wainflete, Bishop of Winchester, to form part of the endowment of St. Mary Magdalen College which de Wainflete was founding at Oxford. So it came about that for the next 438 years Magdalen College owned half the village and also acquired the right, (shared for the next three centuries with the Chaworth family), to appoint our Rector, a right which it still has. In 1538 Rector William Woodworth died and both the college and Sir John Chaworth claimed the right to appoint his successor. They appealed to the Archbishop of York, who ruled that the new Rector should be nominated by the college and appointed by Sir John. The college nominated their president, Owen Oglethorpe who at the time was also Dean of St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle and Registrar of the Order of the Garter.

A Church Study

A traditional part of an architect's Student life requires him to produce a set of drawings illustrating some historic and worthy buildings. It is exacting, often tedious work requiring team effort in measuring and recording every part of the building then reproducing it as true to scale drawings.

We are fortunate that last year three young architectural students of Nottingham University chose our Church as their subject of study. Mr. D. P. Coyne

who lives in Crossways Drive, and his friends spent much of last summer in, on and around St. Peter's, time which resulted in the presentation to the P.C.C. of a set of reduced copies of plans, sections and elevational drawings including even some details of the Saxon Cross now used in the Lady Chapel as a credence table. They are splendidly executed, a real worthy addition to our archives and Mr. Coyne and his colleagues are to be congratulated upon them. We wish them well in their studies; the drawings we hope to display in the Church.

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NOVEMBER - MONTH OF HOPE

A few years ago I had the privilege of attending the first Ecumenical Retreat Conductors' Conference, held at Manchester University. There were 250 delegates. Besides Anglicans there were Roman Catholics, Methodists, Congregationalists, Swedish and German Lutherans, Greek and Serbian Orthodox and members of the Society of Friends.

The impressive panel of speakers included Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury and leaders of other churches represented at the conference. One whose words made a special impact, was Fr. Vladimir Rodzianko of the Orthodox Church.

He began his address by speaking about the differences between East and West. He said this was not just a matter of linguistic difficulties but of a completely different world outlook and attitude to life. He came to this country a few years after the war, having survived over two years in a German Concentration Camp. One of the things which struck him forcibly was the attitude of the Western World to death. It seemed to him that, especially in England, people did not have a right attitude to death. Death is something which is not spoken of. It is something which is pushed aside, something to be dreaded.

Fr. Vladimir referred to a television programme in which Archbishop Anthony Bloom compared the Western point of view with a picture of two old people in Yugoslavia. They had received from their sons a birthday present of a tombstone for themselves. It had a cross on it and their names and they were photographed together with it in an Eastern attitude - full of joy. He asked 'Can you imagine such a picture in England?' And why? Because there is a different attitude to the world and to our life'

When we speak about Heaven or think about the other world, we in the West cannot imagine it otherwise than as a shadowy counterpart of our earthly existence. We are so earthbound, so obsessed with the business of this world, so pre-occupied with the affairs of this life that the question of death becomes a terrible

question. A terrible problem.

In the Eastern Church, death is not seen as a loss, but as a change of and fulfilment of life, something which we can experience here and now. "The Church itself, as it is stated in the prayer of the Orthodox Liturgy, is heaven on earth. It is the Kingdom to come. During the Liturgy we are already incorporated into this Kingdom. Death is no more, for we are already beyond the limit of our earthly life. We are already, in the Eucharist, in union with God and the whole company of heaven".

Fr. Vladimir referred to the new services of the Church of England. In the Prayer Book service of Holy Communion the absolution ends with the words 'and bring you to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord' In the new services the absolution ends, 'and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord' He saw this as a healthy move towards the Eastern way of thinking. This priest from the Eastern Church was not saying something new but reminding us of something which we in the West have neglected and almost forgotten, that 'as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive'.

When we join in the worship of the Church, it is the whole Church that is present: Christians past, present, and the Eastern Church would add 'future', are all involved. We should remember what this means each time at Holy Communion, when we say "Therefore with angels and archangels and with the whole company of heaven". The Eucharist is the liturgy of the whole, entire Church. November, with the Feast of All Saints, the Commemoration of the Departed on All Soul's Day, and Remembrance Sunday, is a solemn time but it should not be a miserable time. The loss of loved ones, the tragedy of war, the sacrifices that have been made have not been in vain. They have been gathered together by Christ, and in Him the victory has been won. The sadness is more than compensated by the assurance of eternal life and the fellowship we have with one another in Him, which death cannot destroy. JOHN WILKINS

ADVANCE NEWS CHRISTMAS 1978

There will be a CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE in the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am on Sunday, Dec. 10th. There will be a CAROL SERVICE at St. Helen's, Kneeton at 6 pm on Sunday, December 17th.

CHRISTMAS EVE is on Sunday, Dec. 24th. In addition to the normal 9 am service at St. Peter's there will be a CAROL SERVICE at St. Peter's at 4 pm to which all the Methodists are invited.

THE MIDNIGHT MASS will start at 11.30 pm. NOTE the time 11.30 pm. Earlier than in recent years. The collection will be shared between the Salvation Army and the C. of E. Children's Society.

CHRISTMAS DAY there will be a communion at 8 am at St. Helen's, Kneeton. At St. Peter's, East Bridgford, there will be a family Eucharist at 10 am. This time is thought to be suitable for families with children. There will be a CAROL SERVICE on Sunday, 31st. Dec. in the Methodist Chapel at which it is hoped the St. Peter's congregation will be present. There will be no Evensong at St. Peter's that evening.

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P.C.C. MEETING, WEDNESDAY OCT. 18th Thanks were sent to Mrs. Payne and her helpers for the recent HARVEST SUPPER. It was decided that next year tickets should be sold in advance to solve catering problems.

Progress with COVENANTS leading to refunds for the Church from the Inland Revenue was reported. 27 more people had shown interest. More are needed. Consideration was being given to a GARDEN OF REST in the Church Yard. Ashes from cremations would be placed there.

The Rector suggested that in view of our close association with St. Helen's of Kneeton, members of their PCC should be asked to St. Peter's Council meetings. Also Kneeton items should be reported in the News Sheet.

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A whole page of the enlarged Christmas Issue of the News Sheet will be special for younger readers.

LESSONS AND READERS

November 12th - Twenty-fifth after Trinity

Remembrance Day

9.00 (O.T.)	Micah 4.1-5	Miss S. Nicholls
(Ep.)	Romans 8.31-end	Mr. J. Wheeler
6.30 (O.T.)	Zechariah 9.9-12, 16	Miss E. Church
(N.T.)	1 Timothy 6.1-16	Mr. G. Stobbs

November 19th - Twenty-sixth after Trinity

9.00 (O.T.)	Exodus 3.1-15	Mr. A. Curtis
(Ep.)	Hebrews 3.1-6	Miss E. Church
6.30 (O.T.)	Zechariah 13	Mr. R. Hunt
(N.T.)	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Mr. P. Blandy

November 26th - Sunday next before Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	1 Kings 19.9-18	Mrs. J. Wheeler
(Ep.)	Romans 11, 13-24	Mr. K. Finch
6.30 (O.T.)	Malachi 3, 1-6 and 4	Mrs. J. Goddard
(N.T.)	Hebrews 11, 17-12.2	Mr. J. Wheeler

December 3rd - First in Advent

9.00 (O.T.)	Isaiah 52.1-10	Dr. K. MacDonald-Smith
(Ep.)	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Miss C. Price
6.30 (O.T.)	Isaiah 2.10-end	Mr. G. Stobbs
(N.T.)	1 Thessalonians 5	Mr. G. Curtis

TO ST. PETER'S CAMPANOLOGISTS

Dear Bells! How sweet the sound of village bells,
When on the undulating air they swim!
Now loud as welcome! Faint, now, as farewells!
Thomas Hood 1799-1845.

REMEMBRANCE AND POPPY APPEAL - 1978 Remembrance Sunday falls this year on 12th November. The Legion will parade, and hopes that the Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Cubs and any other village organisations which wish to do so will join them outside the Church at 10.50am in readiness for the wreath-laying at the Memorial and two minutes' silence and for the Remembrance Service in the Church afterwards.

POPPY WEEK will be from Monday 6th to Saturday 11th November, which is POPPY DAY.

VILLAGE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- Sat. 4th Nov. Poppy Week starts.
Sat. 4th Nov. Scout Group Fireworks,
Reindeer Field 6.30pm.
Tues. 7th Nov. Royal British Legion AGM -
Village Hall Committee Room 8pm.
Sun. 12th Nov. Remembrance Sunday.
Sat. 18th Nov. Sale of Plants. THE BARN
10.30am to 12.30pm (Church Funds).
Thur. 23rd Nov. Village Hall AGM.
Village Hall Committee Room 8pm.
Fri. 24th Nov. Autumn Fayre -
St. Peter's School 7.15pm.
Sat. 25th Nov. Antique Fair (Conservatives)
Village Hall 10.30am to 4pm.
Sat. 2nd Dec. Village Hall Christmas Fair 2.30pm.
Fri. 15th Dec. Royal British Legion -
Fur and Feather Bingo - Village Hall.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, EAST BRIDGFORD

The school Harvest Festival was on Oct. 11th. Mr. Eric Dix, the Headmaster of Orston Primary School was the guest speaker. There were special musical items by the children. The gifts of fruit and vegetables which were brought by the children and their parents were distributed the next day to some of the older residents in the Village. From the many comments we have heard these gifts were greatly appreciated. All the more so as they were brought by the children themselves.

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MRS. ELSIE FOSTER'S RECOLLECTIONS OF ST. PETER'S
FEAST IN DAYS GONE BY

Twitchells without weeds. All hedges cut and trimmed. Sun shining. All this was to be seen over the very long week-end of St. Peter's Feast in the old days. Even the passages and privies had been lime washed! Everywhere upstairs there were clean covers on the chests of drawers. In all four pubs the pewter pots had had an extra clean. For days the village ladies had been goffering their petticoats ready for the dances. The Feast was the occasion when children living away came home for a holiday and to see parents and relations. It was the only occasion in the year for many of them to come home and they came from as far away as London. The whole village was certainly "en fete". Friends from the surrounding villages joined in, coming long distances on foot and some in wagonettes and pony traps.

The main event on the Tuesday was the all day cricket match against City Police. This was played on Butts field even then. Hams for the midday meal were cooked at the Masons Arms, which was then a pub next to the present Royal Oak. The building is still there but is now called "Church Cottage". The present Royal Oak car park was then the Mason's Arms garden with a large Glory of Dijon rose tree to enliven it.

Mrs. Elsie Foster's mother (Mrs. Manchester), a widow, then ran the Mason's Arms with the help of her family and she catered for the cricketers.

The present Church Service is a "flea bite" compared to the afternoon Service which used to be held on the Sunday of the Feast. With band and banners there was a large procession to the Church which included contingents from the Girls' Friendly Society, the Boys' Brigade, the Royal British Legion and Scouts, Guides and Brownies. The Church was packed.

From the children's point of view the highlight was the fair with such things as swings and roundabouts. It occupied more than one field and came to East Bridgford from a fair at Newark. The children had been at fever pitch since running out of school on the Friday afternoon. Another event for the

children was the ham meal provided by the four village publicans.

The Flower Show was on the Tuesday. In those days all the big houses had a head gardener and under-gardeners to vie with each other for the prizes. There was no special field on which the show was held as the site changed from time to time. In the afternoon the dancing started. Not the modern sort where the chaps don't touch their partners but the good old fashioned waltzes, polkas and two steps with light-footed partners and lots of twirls at the corners ... with the odd glimpse of goffered petticoat. Then it was back to work for the next year with nothing but thoughts of Feasts still to come in the years ahead.

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The importance to rural life of maintaining Village Halls was stressed at a recent conference in Cumbria reported in the National Press. Everything should be done to maintain and finance them. East Bridgford's Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm in the Hall's Committee Room on Thursday, Nov. 23rd. It is hoped that many who live in the Village will come and make suggestions on the running of the Hall.

CHRISTMAS 1978 IS NEAR Problems of what to buy for Christmas presents can be solved by a visit to the Village Christmas Fair at the Village Hall from 2.30 on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. For years organisations and individuals have worked together to offer home made cakes and sweets, toys, fancy goods, books, pottery, interesting presents, competitions suitable for all ages, cups of tea plus Father Christmas with a sack full of presents. A visit is a must for everyone living in the Village, preferably with their friends.

THINK OF THIS

An answer, when mild, turns away rage.
A sharp word causing pain, makes anger to come.

MOTHERS' UNION Eleven members went to Bingham to see the new film about the work of Mothers' Union all over

the world. It was called "Mission Unlimited". Owing to illness our speaker was not able to come. Mrs. Bontoft showed slides of Ely Cathedral, Bishop Markham's last Parish Breakfast, and previous outings we have enjoyed.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday, November 15th. Mrs. Clayton, the health visitor, will be showing a film about self-examination for the prevention of breast cancer. This meeting will be held in the chapel starting at 2.30pm. It will be open to any person interested in the subject.

THE W.I. IN OCTOBER

Mrs. Peggy Heason and a team of four demonstrated exercises to music for our October meeting which was called "Swing into Shape". During the evening several of our members joined Mrs. Heason and her team. The Institute's thanks were expressed by Mrs. V. James. Continuing our theme Mrs. MacDonald-Smith organised a game "Count the Calories" which was won by Miss B. Glover.

We all forgot to count the calories when Mrs. C. Stobbs produced the "Recipe of the Month" - a beautifully decorated Chocolate Chequer Cake. After sampling the cake and buying the recipe the institute was unanimous in its approval of the winner of the raffle - Mrs. C. Stobbs!!!

Mrs. Bontoft who was our delegate at the Autumn Council Meeting gave an excellent report of that meeting.

A general discussion took place on our Victorian Christmas Evening scheduled for December. Members were reminded of our next meeting (November) on hair care.

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THE CHURCH'S STORY

The Reformation

Owen Oglethorpe cannot have had much time to spare for his new parish. He had barely been appointed before he became embroiled as a national figure in the great upheaval of the Reformation. Changing religious beliefs, resentment of "foreign" domination of "our Church", jealousy of the affluence of some of the monasteries, emptiness of the national exchequer and the King's matrimonial affairs became inextricably mixed. Oglethorpe was a strong supporter of the old forms of religion. He was one of a group of Oxford and Cambridge scholar-churchmen who took part in a famous public "disputation" with the great reformist leaders Cranmer (of Aslockton), Latimer and Ridley. At one time he was forced to resign from his presidency, but was restored to it. In Queen Mary's reign, when the pendulum swung back, he was made Bishop of Carlisle. When Mary died and was succeeded by her Protestant half-sister the Archbishops and senior bishops all refused to take part in the coronation. Owen Oglethorpe agreed to do so and so it came about that the first Queen Elizabeth was crowned by a former rector of this parish.

We do not know how these events affected the Church and people here. Probably, if the absent rector exerted any influence on his curate, changes came slowly, but there is nothing to suggest that the New English Prayer Book was not introduced peacefully on the appointed day, Whit Sunday 1549.

In the course of the Reformation some of the Church's sources of revenue were probably lost and without the support of the Caltofts and Deyncourts living here the Church's days of growth were over and deterioration began.

JUMBLE GALORE REQUIRED All kinds of JUMBLE is needed for two jumble sales soon to be held. One is in aid of the Tennis Club and the other to raise money for more new tables for the Village Hall. Collection and storage can be arranged. Phone Christine Lewis at East Bridgford 612 ... or bring it to her at 7 Moss Close.

A SALE OF PLANTS A sale of PLANTS will be held at THE BARN .. COLLEGE STREET on SATURDAY 18th NOV. 10.30am to 12.30pm

WET OR FINE

Entrance 10p including Coffee, Children 5p. This sale will be of especial interest to new house and garden owners. Come and stock your garden at BARGAIN PRICES. Proceeds donated to ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Would anyone who has surplus plants, seeds, or bulbs please send them packed and labelled to Mrs. Russell before 18th November. This sale is also supported by the East Bridgford Horticultural Society.



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EAST BRIDGFORD BOWLS CLUB The Bowls season ended with the presentation of the trophies at a very successful and enjoyable dance in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 14th. The singles champion for 1978 and winner of the Lodder cup was - MR. E. MANCHESTER. Doubles champions and winners of the Hillgrove Shield were - DR. G. O. BROOKS and MR. D. BLY. Proceeds from the Dance were £72.

OBERAMMERGAU A party to Oberammergau is being organised by the Rural Dean for 1980. The cost will be £250 a head. Anyone interested should contact the Treasurer, Patrick Blandy at E.B. 376.

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LESSONS AND READERS - As the list of lessons and
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with the lessons by the Church Wardens well before
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1978

Sunday Dec. 10th Children's Gift Service at
Methodist's Chapel. 10.30am

Sunday Dec. 17th Carol Service at St. Helen's,
Kneeton at 3.00pm

Sunday Dec. 24th Eucharist at 9.00am at St. Peter's
Carol Service at 4.00pm at
St. Peter's. Methodists are
invited. No Evensong

Christmas Day Midnight Eucharist will start at
St. Peter's at 11.30pm
on Christmas Eve.
10 am ~~Parish Eucharist~~
Communion at St. Helen's,
Kneeton at 8.00am

Sunday Dec. 31st Carol Service at Methodist Chapel
at 6.00pm. No Evensong at
St. Peter's.

CAROL SINGING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

The W.I. Choir augmented by husbands and friends will
be walking round the village singing carols on Saturday
December 23rd. They will start with carols round the
tree on the Car park, Main St., at 6.00pm. Come for
the sing and help raise funds for the National Children's
Home and the C. of E. Children's Society.

POPPY APPEAL RESULT

The East Bridgford and District Branch of the Royal
British Legion would like to thank all those who gave
so generously to the APPEAL which this year raised a
record £631 against £466.18 last year. East Bridgford
Total = £297.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

"God so loved the world that He gave his only Son": this is what Christmas is all about. No festival has a greater appeal than Christmas. Its message of love and goodwill transcends the divisions which split up the human race and gives us a vision of God's sublime love for his children.

It is essentially a Family Festival, inspired by the Holy Family of Bethlehem, gladdened by the joy of children and pointing us beyond our individual families to the great family of mankind - God's Family, which embraces every nation on earth. Christmas is not for the Church only but for the whole world. Our Lord did not come for a select few but for all men. He came to inject new life into the lives of men everywhere. "He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God" Christmas is the time for presents and gifts but the true spirit and joy of Christmas is in the giving as well as in the receiving. It is the time for rejoicing but it is also the time for renewal.

"To all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God". This is the secret of Christmas and I hope that all of you will experience the real joy of Christmas this year, so that you will carry the Spirit of Christmas into the year ahead and know, come what may, that God is indeed with you and loves you.

Christmas Services You should note the changes in the times of the Christmas services this year set out on page 3.

The Carol Service on Sunday 24th Dec. will be at 4pm. The time and the shape of the service, which will be different from previous years, have been arranged with families in mind.

The Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve will begin at 11.30pm. This is probably the most popular service of the year, with more communicants than at any other service on any day of the year. There are however, some who are uneasy about this service and I share

their concern. They say, and rightly so, that Christmas Day is the great Family Festival and that we should do our best to come to Church together on that day. The difficulty about the Midnight Eucharist is that a service in the middle of the night is not a suitable occasion for the children or for the majority of older folk. The objection is not against the Midnight Eucharist as such but that the majority of those who come at that time do not come on Christmas Day itself.

Last year, for example, the attendance at the service on Christmas morning was less than on an average Sunday, and that was so in spite of the fact that the service was conducted by the Bishop of Southwell. This is not good and I hope this year a real effort will be made to ensure that on Christmas morning there will be a full congregation. In particular I make the plea that worship on Christmas Day should be given priority in our Christmas arrangements and that families make a special effort to come to Church together.

The Parish Eucharist on Christmas Day will be at 10am. We hope that this later time will make it easier for families and especially those with younger children to get there.

A Very Happy Christmas to you all,

John Wilkins.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - Nov. 12th Robert Guy BAKER
Katherine Anne PEABODY

A Kneeton Correction Last month the time for the Kneeton Carol Service was wrongly stated. The time on page 3 . . . 3pm on Sunday, Dec. 17th is CORRECT.

HOUSE GROUP Meetings for December and the New Year will be:- Tuesday 12th December at the Flat behind Bede's Cottage, Kneeton Road.

Tuesday 2nd January at 2 Cherryholt Close.

Wednesday 17th January) Venue to be decided

Thursday 1st February)

All meetings start at 8.00pm.

As ever all are most welcome.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS PLUS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

The Church's Christmas Greeting to all who live in the six hundred and seventeen dwellings which make the Village. A special welcome to those who have moved into the Village during 1978. This News Sheet is the sole publication which deals specifically with East Bridgford affairs. Its circulation has been growing rapidly during the year and now reaches about 250 homes each month. This Christmas copy is distributed free to every home by the Church Council. If you are not already a subscriber and wish to keep in touch with the activities in your Village each month in 1979 leave a note with your name and address with Miss Doris HAND, 93 Main Street (The house next door but one to Cross Lane) or 'phone either of the editors (20338 Or 20217)

WELCOME FROM THE METHODISTS TO NEWCOMERS

The members of the Methodist Church hope that you will have a full and happy life now that you have come to live in East Bridgford. We invite you to make good use of the chapel in Main Street where you will find a warm welcome and friendly fellowship. If you have a child under three the Mothers and Toddler Group will welcome you on Friday mornings and Sunday School meets each Sunday with a monthly Family Service. There is a Luncheon Club for retired people and all ages will be welcome at the Evening Services every Sunday at 6pm. Why not join us for the Christmas Gift Service at 10.30am on 10th December. More details are available from Mr. or Mrs. David Atkins E.B. 20390 or other Methodists in the Village.

ROYAL MAIL IN EAST BRIDGFORD A familiar figure on her bicycle, Mrs. Evelyn Keenahan is retiring on Christmas Eve after twenty years of postal work in the village. We wish her a happy retirement after the rush of the heavy Christmas postal traffic.

2nd East Bridgford Brownies The Brownies invite the over 60's to a New Year Party in the W.I. Hut on 2nd January 1979 from 3pm to 5pm.

WE, THE PARISH COUNCIL

We gather together once a month
To talk of many a thing,
Of bridleways and footpaths
And problems parishioners bring.

We try to spend the money
To help both one and all,
But it isn't always easy
To answer every call.

We try to keep the village
Looking at its best,
Siting all the litter bins
To stop it getting messed.

We advertise our meetings
In the hope that you will come,
To see just what we're doing
Before you see it done.

With SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL AND
THE CLERK.

FROM THE VILLAGE DIARY - Friday, 15th December -

Royal British Legion. Fur and Feather Bingo,
Village Hall 7.30pm.

The usual Dec. 31st supper dance in the Village Hall
will not take place this year as Dec. 31st is a Sunday.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, ANNUAL DINNER - 1978

Ninety-five lucky men sat down to an excellent dinner in the Village Hall on Friday, October 27th. The occasion was the annual dinner of the East Bridgford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. The dinner was prepared and served by the Ladies Section. The President, Dr. Geoffrey Brooks, had the sad duty of starting the evening by referring to the ten members who had died since the 1977 dinner. After dinner the branch chairman, Mr. Peter Cornell proposed the toast of the Royal British Legion. The East Bridgford and District branch now had 139 members, 13 of whom had joined during the year. He reminded members of the Fur and Feather Bingo to be held in the Hall on Friday, December 15th and of the Church Parade on Sunday, 12th Nov. He paid tribute to the Ladies Section and as a "thank you" the Branch had added a panel to their banner saying "Royal".

County Chairman, C.W. Broughton in reply gave the company some facts about their Legion. A new Legion dwelling was being completed every four days, the Legion being one of the largest private landlords in the country. They were at present planning a further housing expenditure of a hundred million pounds. Other interesting but little known facts from his speech were that seven out of every ten London taxi drivers were trained in the Legion school, that the Legion had a factory in Wales working in wool which grazes its own sheep, and that last year £200 worth of Poppies were sold in Moscow and £2000 worth in Peking. He left the company with the thought that the Legion had now fallen to the 18th charity in size in the UK and that the top ten included two devoted to animals. The formal part of the evening concluded with the President proposing a toast to the Ladies Section as a thank you for the dinner, but the conviviality continued for a long long time.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7th Nov.

The officers elected at the AGM for 1978/79 were:-
President: Dr.G.O. Brooks, Chairman: Mr. Peter Cornell,
Vice Chairman and Poppy Organiser: Mr. F.B. Henson,
Asst. Poppy Organiser: Mr. A.G. Latty,

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Treasurer, Mr. P.M. Blandy, Secretary: Mr. K. Morley,
Subscription Secretary and Standard Bearer: Mr. E. Blagg.

EAST BRIDGFORD ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS The Parish Council are working on a Guide to the Village and its many facilities. They hope to publish this soon. In the meantime we list in this News Sheet some very useful addresses and phone numbers.

Parish Council Chairman: Councillor Albert Lodder
The Post Office E.B. 20231
Clerk: Mrs. E. Gaskell
1 Spring Lane E.B. 20581
Surgery Doctors: Dr. J.S. Fraser
Dr. A.S. Harrison
75A Main Street E.B. 20216

Church Groups

St. Peter's Bell Mr. Guy, Lammas House
Ringers: Kneeton Rd. E.B. 20296
Choir: Mr. Sainsbury
4 Haycroft Way E.B. 20323
Mothers' Union: Mrs. Bontoft
47 Main Street E.B. 20753
Sanctuary Guild: Mrs. Brooks
(Maintains church Cross Lane E.B. 20412
furnishings)
Sunday School: Mr. Clarke
31 College St. E.B. 20682
Methodist Sunday Mr. Atkins
School: 23 College St. E.B. 20390
House Group: Prayer and Discussion -
Contact Mr. Jerry Moore E.B. 20200

Sports and Social Groups

Badminton Club: Plays in Village Hall on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings. Secretary, Mr. J. Williamson 6 Baslow Avenue, Carlton. Tel: Nottm. 242761.
Bowls Club: Butt Close. Secretary, Mr. Lodder
57 Main Street. E.B. 20231
Cricket Club: Butt Close, Secretary, Mr. Willis,
57 Main Street.
Football Club:
Butt Close Secretary: Mr. Church, 63 Main Street.
E.B. 20334

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King Edward Club: Behind Village Hall. Snooker and Indoor Games. Secretary: Mr. Hand, 93 Main Street.

Social and Sports Club: Butt Close Pavilion, Licensed Bar, Indoor Games, Secretary: Mr. Crampton, 3 Magdalen Drive E.B. 20683

Tennis Club: Two courts between Rectory and Mill Gate. Secretary: Mrs. Nichols, 3 Moss Cl. E.B. 20471

Youth Groups

Brownies: 2nd East Bridgford Pack.
Meets in School Tuesdays 6pm to 7.30pm
Mrs. Guy, Lammas House, Kneeton Road. E.B. 20296

Cub Scouts: 1st Shelford and East Bridgford Group.
Shelford Village Hall.
Tuesdays 7pm to 8.30pm
Mrs. Cheetham, Greenfields, Main Rd., Shelford. Radcliffe-on-Trent 3894

Guides: 1st East Bridgford Company.
Meets in School Wednesday 7pm to 8.30pm
(Mrs. Cheetham as above)

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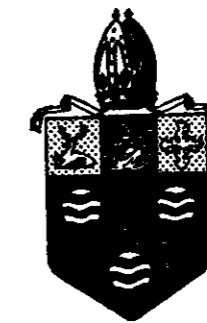
East Bridgford Youth Club: Meets in Village Hall
Monday and Wednesday 7pm to 10pm
Mrs. Susan Taylor, East Stoke. 883 85 542

Play Group: Ages 2½ to 5.
Women's Institute Hut.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9.15am to 11.45am
Wednesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Mrs. Hazel Willis, 17 Crossways Drive. E.B. 20322

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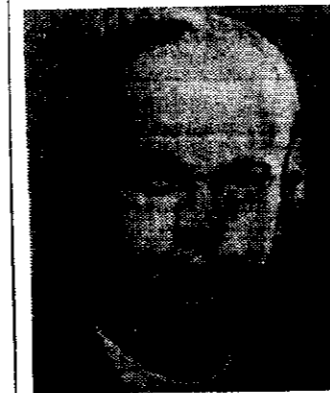
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Steady Progress at the Minster

ON November 18 Francis Pratt retired as Provost of Southwell. He has accepted my offer that he should be Provost Emeritus. This is just recognition for his eight and a half years service of this diocese. He was appointed by my predecessor who made in my opinion an inspired choice. He arrived at a moment of crisis in the diocese a few months ahead of me and his quiet, firm and patient ministry at the Minster provided me with rare support as I began my work here and indeed ever since. His wife Elizabeth has been a marvellous support to him and both have won a firm place in the affections of Southwell and of the diocese.



Canon Murray Irvine, Chancellor of Hereford Cathedral, who will be installed as Provost of Southwell on Saturday, December 16.

So much has been achieved at the Minster over the past eight years. Materially speaking, the Minster has been provided with new lighting and heating, a restored organ and new parish halls, giving fine facilities to those who come to the Minster for special events. In addition, the external stonework has been renewed and repairs effected, as the result of the Minster appeal, to the Chapter House roof, the roof of the north face of the nave and the north porch, which has been restored and re-opened. This is a formidable list of improvements.

But this is matched by an intangible but real work in the realm of relationships. Francis Pratt's aim was to make sure that every parish in the diocese was made to realise that their Cathedral was always ready to welcome them: it was to be their home from home, their Mother

Church, whose task it was to provide example, encouragement, support and inspiration to all. Great strides have been made in this regard which I believe is vital to the life of the diocese. More needs to be done. The move of the Diocesan Offices to Southwell provides the opportunity for the development of practical working relationships between the Cathedral and the Boards and Councils of the Diocese as well as the formation of stronger ties of affection.

Francis Pratt was chairman of our Liturgical Committee in the diocese and one who gave great support to the Rector Chori in the development of the music of the Minster which has maintained its high standard during the difficult years in which the Minster School, which has provided us with choirboys since before the Norman Conquest, became a Comprehensive school. This is another great achievement and the prospects look bright for the future.

All who have known Francis and Elizabeth Pratt are now missing their real friendship. We wish them a long and happy retirement in Somerset. I know that the best farewell present we could give to them is a final effort swiftly to complete the Minster Appeal. Individuals, parishes and organisations have given generously and the Appeal Committee has given devoted service. I am planning with the goodwill of the Committee to ask every member of the Church of England in the diocese to donate one pound and inscribe his signature in a book which I am providing for this purpose. If this idea is taken up enthusiastically we will not only complete the appeal but will be expressing in a small but tangible way our membership of the Church in this diocese.

On December 16 the new Provost, Canon Murray Irvine, will be installed. We welcome him and Mrs. Irvine very warmly and hope that they and their children will be very happy in Southwell and in the diocese. He comes to us after thirteen years experience of work on the Cathedral Chapter of Hereford. His work in Westminster for the Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry won him many friends and many have expressed the desire to be present when he is installed. I hope that the diocese will remember him in prayer and help him in his efforts to fulfil the mission of our Cathedral in the whole evangelistic task of the Church.

Then comes the great festival of the Incarnation, Christmas. We celebrate it in order to recover in our hearts the wonder of God's engagement with us in our human lives. Christianity has never been a religion divorced from history, from the stark events that face us in each place each day. It is only as we seek to work out our faith in the context of modern life that we shall find the eternal Christ. It can be as joyful a discovery as that of the Shepherds of Bethlehem. A happy Christmas to you all.

Yours sincerely,

+ Denis Southwell

Homeless Shelter Needs Your Help

Seven years ago an ecumenical group of Christians met at St. Catharine's Vicarage, Nottingham, because of their grave disquiet at the number of single homeless men on the streets of the city and the sometimes fatal consequences of homelessness. An association was formed, a company limited by guarantee, called the Nottingham Help the Homeless Association.

The earliest help came from The Little Company of Mary (who run the Convent Nursing Home) who rented us a large rambling house in Basford for "a shilling a year"—a house used for five years until it was demolished.

In the meantime, a night shelter had been rented and opened—first on Heathcote Street in Nottingham's Lace Market; secondly, when this was condemned as unfit for human habitation, to a second world war prefabricated building just outside Nottingham's Victoria Bus Station. For four years this night shelter has provided up to 16 beds a night, seven nights a week, three hundred and sixty five nights a year—over 20,000 bed nights! Supper and breakfast go with the bed. The cost is heavy—£1.35 a night at present—for workers employed to run the shelter (four Community Service Volunteers or Cyrenians who do four months' work for £6.99 a week pocket money plus their board and lodgings) for heating, food and worker accommodation. The Association was not content merely to take men off the streets and put them back the next morning so it rented two houses for the regular residence of those very few dossers who were not content to live rough until they died. We could have more houses if we could administer or staff them.

£1,000 FOR RE-EQUIPMENT

The present shelter is about to be demolished to make way for a new factory—the local authority's response to high unemployment in the inner city. However, new shelter premises have been found in an old police station at the corner of London Road and Canal Street in Nottingham; the finances have been arranged with the Supplementary Benefits Commission, the City Council and the County Council. We shall open it in the early months of 1979.

The only problem is the replacement of equipment—beds, mattresses, cooking and cleaning equipment as our present equipment is worn out either by years of heavy wear or cannot economically be moved.

It will cost £1,000 to re-equip a new shelter which may not seem much against the £15,000 it is costing the local authorities to put the new building into order, but this is exactly £1,000 more than we have. So I am asking you in a pre-Christmas Appeal to help us towards equipment for the third (and permanent) shelter, by gifts, especially of money.

An Advent collection—a gift from a charity—the proceeds of a coffee morning—in thanks for your own home and family.

Ronald Lacey,
(Bishop's Adviser in Social Work and
Association Chairman).

All enquiries, or gifts, to St. Catharine's House, St. Ann's Well Road, Nottingham NG3 1EJ (Telephone Nottingham 52497).

December Events at the Minster

Sat. 2, C.E.M.S. Quiet Morning, 10 a.m.-noon; Christingle Service 2.30 p.m.; Sun. 3, Advent Carol Service, 6.30 p.m.; Fri. 8, Notts. Federation of Women's Institutes Carol Concert, 7.30 p.m.; Sat. 9, Notts. Federation of Townswomen's Guilds Thanksgiving Service, 3 p.m.; Wed. 13, Deanery Mothers' Union Carol Service, 2.30 p.m.; Sat. 16, Installation of new Provost, 2.30 p.m.

Catholic Renewal in East Midlands

The follow-up conference to Loughborough for the dioceses of Derby, Lincoln and Southwell took place in St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 21 and was attended by 300. The Bishop of Truro set out the main themes of Loughborough—God known as creator, reconciler and sanctifier—and spoke of God seen in the cross. The Christian, who rejoices in the riches of God's world, overcomes evil by the way of the cross. This meditation led into the conference eucharist celebrated by the Bishop of Sherwood.

The afternoon was devoted to group work on prayer and worship, mission and evangelism, catholic thought about social problems and ecumenical developments. The conference ended with choral evensong sung by the choir of St. Mary's at which the vicar, Canon M. J. Jackson, presented a summary of the conference.

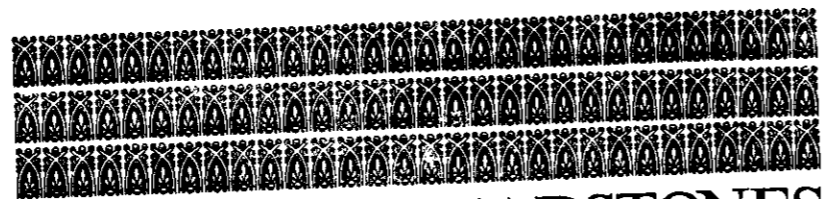
The thinking of the conference converged on certain points: a revived spirituality of withdrawal and participation, using the catholic disciplines, inspiring mission and evangelism; catholic social thought beginning from doctrine and not secular ideologies; joining in God's great drive towards human as well as Christian unity.

NEXT STEPS

The next steps will be taken in the towns and districts of the three dioceses in many different ways, retreats, study programmes and consultations. These steps will be taken along with preparations for a national conference in 1983, the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Oxford Movement, usually dated from John Keble's Assize sermon in 1833. It is intended that there should be thorough preparation for the 1983 conference.

Copies of the address of the Bishop of Truro and the summary of the Nottingham Conference can be had from the Rev. G. C. France, St. Cyprian's Vicarage, Sneinton, Nottingham. Please send stamped addressed envelope.

Bibles on Offer. Mr. K. L. Beales, Head of Religious Education at Long Eaton School, states that as a result of re-organisation, he has 21 copies of the Revised Version and 29 copies of the Authorised Version, all in very good condition, which are surplus to his requirements, and available to churches at a nominal sum. He can be contacted at school by letter or at home on Nottingham 258847.



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Synod Budget call for Extra 15%

For the first time for several years the Autumn Diocesan Synod was not swamped by financial matters. In an hour the Synod approved the Budget for 1979 which will increase the amount required from the Diocese by 15 per cent, compared with the revised figures for 1978 (i.e. after the 10 per cent reduction has been taken into account).

Mr. Alan Davis, the honorary treasurer, stated that the Church Commissioners advised that the Diocese should aim at a minimum stipend for incumbents of £3,500 from next April, and that this was the amount which Southwell would raise. However, of the increase of £75,835 which this would mean, only £16,575 would come from the Commissioners, leaving the remainder to be raised from the parishes. "It is the parishes which have to provide the majority of all finance now — five years ago we produced one-eighth of £208,108; for 1979 we shall have to produce 41 per cent of £500,000. It shows how dramatically the whole of our church finances have changed in that short period."

Earlier the Synod had stood in silence in memory of the Rev. Robin Nixon, Principal of St. John's College, whose sudden death at an early age had robbed the Synod of one of its most gently persuasive members.

In his presidential address, the Bishop gave his further thoughts on the Lambeth Conference. He spoke of the aim of the conference as being a deliberate "waiting upon God" in which His voice had been listened to. If the Christian Church was to help to shape society, rather than be shaped by it, then it had to listen to God as well as the world. The Bishop spoke of the impact the Anglican Communion had made upon all who were there, with so many Bishops from Third

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Synod Budget—continued

World countries. The grants by the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism had caused much disquiet in parishes. He stressed that the money given had been from a special fund to which there went no official money of the Church of England. The Bishop also spoke about ministry, and said that though the Church should "mobilise every christian to fulfil his ministry", there was great need for full time men and women and asked for prayers for people to offer themselves for this work.

The Synod passed a resolution nem-con asking for "separates" (i.e. booklets) with the services contained in the 1980 Alternative Services Book to be produced at the same time as the new book. The motion was moved by the Rev. T. G. Oliver with the backing of the Gedling Deanery, and now passes to General Synod.

During the Synod there was a lively presentation of the "pastoral care on the air" provided by "Who Cares" on B.B.C. Radio Nottingham. The Rev. Ian Gatford and the Rev. Ron Lacey spoke with taped illustrations of the sort of questions which are asked (nearly half have to do with welfare rights and mobility), the way they are dealt with, and the interest which is shown in this phone-in programme by the 140,000 listeners. It was a refreshing reminder of the work of the Church in local radio on this and other programmes. —J.T.F.

Christmas at the Minster

Sunday, December 24. 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins; 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.

Monday, December 25. 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins. Preacher—Bishop of Sherwood; 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion; 3.15 p.m. Evening Prayer.

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Contemplative Prayer. Following on his offer at the Diocesan Consultation at Swanwick in September on the subject of Exploring Contemplation, the Rev. Peter Goldthorpe will be leading a Session of Contemplating God's Word in St. Michael's Church, Linby, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, December 8. The second session will be Fri., Jan. 12. Further information phone Hucknall 2346.

Bishop Kenneth Thompson. The Cathedral Chapter has authorised a memorial slab to the first Bishop of Sherwood and approved the design. Many will want to be associated with this and parishes will be circularised shortly.

Mrs. Betty Darby, wife of the Bishop of Sherwood and president of the Southwell Diocesan Mothers' Union, is one of 18 delegates elected to represent the Mothers' Union at the Worldwide Conference on the Family to be held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, from 8 to 21 July next year.

News of the Clergy

The Very Rev. John Francis Pratt, former Provost and Rector of Southwell Minster, has been awarded the title of Provost Emeritus on his retirement on November 18, nine years after his appointment to the Minster.

The Rev. Stephen John Smith was instituted as Rector of St. Martin of Tours, Bilborough, and All Saints', Strelley, on Friday, November 24.

The Rev. Roy Catchpole, Assistant Curate at St. Paul's, Hyson Green, Nottingham, has been appointed Vicar of St. Martha's, Broxtowe.

Canon Robert Tinsley Warburton, Vicar of Mansfield St. Peter and St. Paul, and Rural Dean of Mansfield, has been elected to the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.

Obituary. **The Rev. Robin Ernest Nixon**, Principal of St. John's College, Bramcote, since 1975 died on Wednesday, October 18. Aged 46, he was a skilled New Testament scholar and teacher and for many years was editor of "Churchman" the Anglican quarterly journal.

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| 2 Winkburn (<i>Gordon Calthrop-Owen</i>) | 16 Walkeringham (<i>Robert Fearn</i>) |
| 3 Bircotes (<i>Michael Briggs</i>) | 17 Clipstone (<i>Stanley Cheetham</i>) |
| 4 Hockerton (<i>Derek Mills</i>) | 18 Harby (<i>Roy Palin</i>) |
| 5 Beckingham (<i>Robert Fearn</i>) | 19 Huthwaite (<i>Frank Tanner</i>) |
| 6 Bawtry (<i>Geoffrey Springett, Rural Dean</i>) | 20 Kirkby Woodhouse (<i>Sidney Allso</i>) |
| 7 Tuxford (<i>Thomas Swift, Canon and Rural Dean</i>) | 21 Aslockton (<i>Geoffrey Blackmore</i>) |
| 8 Ladybrook (<i>Dennis Hibbert</i>) | 22 Barton-in-Fabis (<i>Andrew Woodsford</i>) |
| 9 Nottingham S. Nicholas (<i>David Huggett</i>) | 23 Cemeteries and Crematoria |
| 10 Gringley on the Hill (<i>Ivon Baker</i>) | 24 Nottingham Women's Hospital |
| 11 Harworth (<i>Michael Briggs</i>) | 25 Church of England Children's Society |
| 12 Mattersey (<i>Hermon Crowie</i>) | 26 Vergers |
| 13 Misson (<i>Geoffrey Springett, Rural Dean</i>) | 27 Nursing Homes for the Aged |
| 14 Misterton (<i>Michael Paice</i>) | 28 Christian Aid |
| | 29 Lowdham Grange Borstal |
| | 30 Nottingham Eye Hospital |
| | 31 Nottinghamshire County Council |

Permission to Officiate. The Bishop has granted Permission to Officiate to Canon R. O. Oatey, 9 The Green, East Leake, Loughborough; the Rev. Gordon Jones and the Rev. Malcolm Potter, both of the Church Pastoral Aid Society.



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6 Moss Close E.B. 20462

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25 Brickyard Lane E.B. 20710

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Mrs. Atkins
23 College Street E.B. 20390

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Cherry Holt Lane, E.B. 20457

Royal British Legion: Mr. Blagg, 16 Closes Side

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East Bridgford
Drama Group: Activities include play-readings and visits plus two productions a year. New members welcome. Apply to Craft Shop, Main St., or Mr. Wood, 25 Main St. E.B. 20655

East Bridgford
Art Group: Meets 7pm to 8pm on Wednesdays at the School and on Thursday forenoons in W.I. Hut, 10am to 1pm. Contact Mrs. Arnfield, Yew Tree Cottage, Westhorpe, Southwell. Tel: Southwell 813769 OR Mr. Arthur Curtis at E.B. 20677

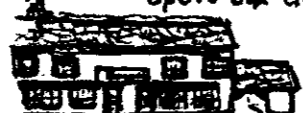
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Music Group: Anyone wishing to meet others to make music should contact Mr. Peter Hindle, 31 Main Street E.B. 20655

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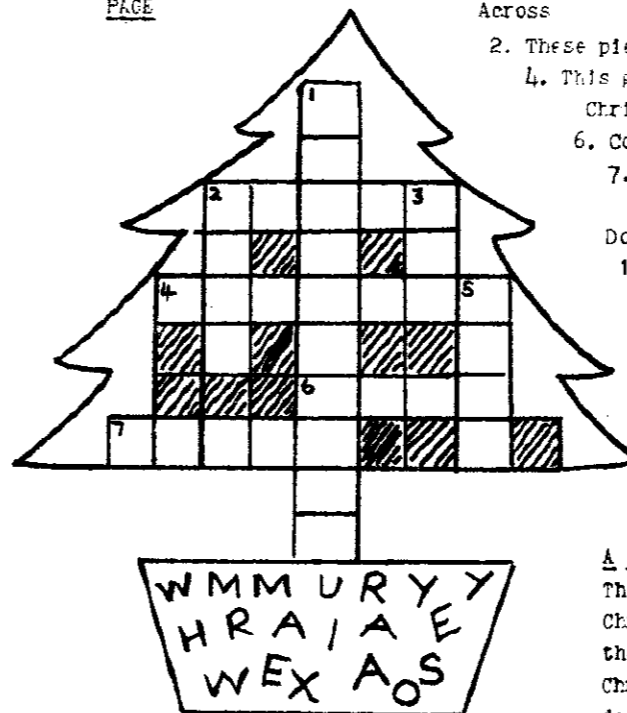
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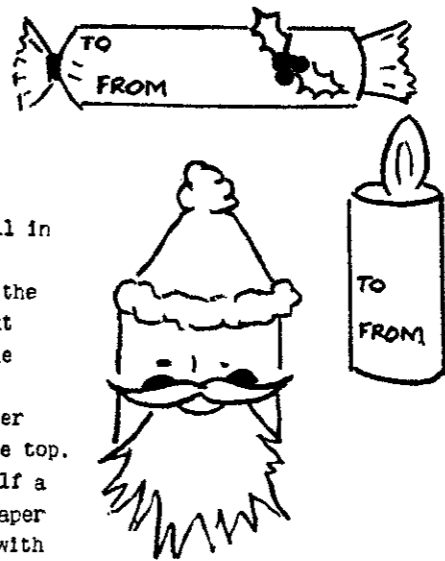
- Across
- 2. These pies aren't made with meat.
 - 4. This goes with a bang at Christmas Parties.
 - 6. Cook your turkey in this.
 - 7. A messenger from God.

- Down.
- 1. We call him Father Christmas.
 - 2. Jesus' mother.
 - 3. Hang up your stocking on Christmas . . .
 - 5. Bells do this at Christmas.

A Puzzle
The jumbled letters in the Christmas tree pot spell the first line of a Christmas song. Can you decipher it?

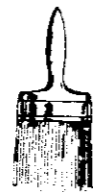
Making Pretty Parcels

Even if we haven't a lot of money to spend on Christmas presents we can do them up to make them look exciting. Card-board rolls are very useful. Make a cracker by wrapping a roll in crepe paper and tying the ends tightly. Frill out the ends of the crepe paper and stick a scrap cut from an old Christmas card on the front. A candle can be made by covering the roll with plain paper and sticking a paper flame on the top. Father Christmas is made from half a toilet roll covered with white paper and a red crepe paper hat edged with cotton wool. His beard and moustache can be made from cotton wool or cut out paper.



SYMPATHY FOR A NEWS SHEET DISTRIBUTER We send our sympathy to Miss Rose Ingram who had a bad fall whilst out delivering copies of this News Sheet. She had to spend several days in hospital but we are delighted to know she is safely home again and feeling much better. Miss Ingram has recently decided the time has come to give up her shop at the corner of Kneeton Rd., and Main St., which she has been running herself for the last fifteen years. We shall sadly miss her cheerful and friendly welcome as we went into the little corner shop. Where shall we now buy our soap, our jigsaw puzzles, our wellington boots, our Christmas cards, our knitting wools and our zippys? The shop will also be a real loss to the many school children who over the years have bought their sweets for school each morning at 8.30. We wish Rose a very happy retirement and are glad to know she will be still living with us in the Village.

EAST BRIDGFORD YOUTH CLUB In September John Blatherwick retired from the club and the leader is now Mrs. Susan TAYLOR assisted by Mrs. Karen COWLEY and Mrs. Caroline SMITH. Autumn has seen the establishment of a fortnightly programme of outside activities which have included ten pin bowling and ice skating at Nottingham, swimming at Rushcliffe and a visit to 'Grease'. A Jumble Sale on November 4th raised £90 which will meet the expenses of the clubs party for senior citizens on December 16th (if anyone hasn't yet received an invitation please let us know). The club welcomes new members in the 12-18 age group, and also help from anyone interested in helping to run the clubs activities. People with special skills or who could help with transport should contact Sue Taylor on a Monday or Wednesday Club night or Andrew James at 20512.



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EAST BRIDGFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

RESULTS

First Team	Second Team
30th Sept. Grove Celtic 1-5 (Notts. Intermediate Cup)	2nd Sept. Santos Res. 1-2
28th Oct. Parliament St. Meths. 5-1	16th Sept. Arnold Rovers
4th Nov. Keyworth Res. 2-5	23rd Sept. Swingate (1-2 Reserves 3-3)
11th Nov. Men of Trent 1-4	30th Sept. Bestwood Colts 3-6
	14th Oct. Walkeringham St. Mary 2-6 (Notts. Junior Cup)
	21st Oct. Elastic Yarns 4-4
	4th Nov. Bulwell FC 0-4 (League Cup)
	11th Nov. Sherwood Olympic 2-1

MOTHERS' UNION

The Breast Screening film with a talk interested the members of the Mothers' Union greatly and they thank Mrs. Clayton for the talk and the film. They will be sending £5 to the Breast Screening Fund.

Members should note that the December meeting has been altered to the second Wednesday i.e. Dec. 13th.

There will be no 10am service. A carol service with communion will be held in Church at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served at the Rectory afterwards, and Christmas crackers will be made for distribution at Saxondale Hospital on Wednesday, December 20th. Transport to be arranged.

EAST BRIDGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

One of the youngest members Miss Deliah Curtis gave a fascinating and helpful talk on Hair Care for the November meeting. She gave two demonstrations, the first with Mrs. P. Beresford as a model, was "Blow Drying" and the second with Mrs. V. Jones was "Eye Lash Tinting". Mrs. A. Powel gave the vote of thanks. After refreshments the members divided into three groups to discuss critically all aspects of the activities of the Women's Institutes.

The recipe of the month for a Whisky Gateau was produced by Mrs. Metcalfe. The next meeting on Tuesday, 12th Dec. will be "A Victorian Evening".

FURTHER MEMORIES OF EAST BRIDGFORD "Carrier and passenger services to Nottingham leave East Bridgford on Wednesday and Saturday at 9am arriving at Broad Marsh at 11am via Radcliffe-on-Trent where one horse is left. The return service leaves Nottingham about 4pm and picks up the second horse at Radcliffe for the hilly drive to East Bridgford which is reached at 7pm. The fare is one shilling return, children six pennies." This is one of the early recollections of Mr. Ted and Miss Annie Bullers of Main St. It refers to the carrier service run by their father about the turn of the century. And what a service it was - none of our present day do-it-yourself - Goods of all sorts were carried in addition to twelve passengers. Laundry hampers were taken to Nottingham and the clean linen brought back. Give your shopping list to the driver and your goods would be brought to you and delivered to your door that evening. Joseph Burton, the Nottingham grocers did a great trade with some East Bridgford residents. Crates of live poultry were brought back, baskets of fresh fish, huge boxes of candles for the local shops and groceries of all descriptions, but not bread. There were then plenty of bakers in the village. The transport used was a large covered waggon with seats around the sides and plenty of room on the roof for the hampers and crates. The Bullers kept three horses. Two of these would start off on the journey, one tackled up and one spare to help pull the waggon on the hills to Radcliffe. Once there the extra horse would be stabled at the Manvers Arms and the other would carry on along the level road over Trent Bridge and into Broad Marsh. There it would rest and be fed with all the other horses and ponies who jogged their way into Nottingham each day. The return journey in the dark winter evenings could be eventful if not hazardous. Carriage lamps were apt to fail, loads were heavy and there was a steep hill to go down. The metal shoe brakes had to be put in place on the wheels and it was wise to check that the breeching straps on the harness were securely fixed to the shafts to prevent the waggon itself pressing forward against the horse. The service continued with one additional trip to Newark until

about 1912 when it was brought up to date with the introduction of a Daimler lorry with seats. Then came the 1914-1918 war. The Army requisitioned the Daimler. Back came the horses and the service continued. Mr. Ted Bullers joined the Army so his sister Annie helped with the carrier service throughout the war. After the war the horses were pensioned off once more and a T Model Ford was bought but only for the carriage of goods. No more passengers were carried as by this time a private bus service to the village had started. Mr. Bullers carried on with the carrier service right up to 1962 and a very valuable and efficient service it was. Many in the village have used it and have every reason to be grateful to Mr. Bullers for all the help he gave.

Mr. and Miss Bullers' grandmother (whose brother was Mr. Jack Kemp's grandfather) was before her marriage a Miss Straw whose family lived in what is now Straw's Lane.

The Bullers' father went to school in Clough's College in Walnut Tree Lane. This was a boarding and day school for about 40 boys. There was also a girls' section, kept well apart from the boys in College Street. The building was subsequently moved and now houses the King Edward Club behind the Village Hall. None of the present co-educational ideas were allowed to flourish in East Bridgford in those days.

Another recollection of Miss Annie Buller's of about 1911/12 was Plough Monday (Rogationtide) when all the children would go to Mrs. Beaumont at the Hill and be given one penny each. Later the penny was stopped and a sugar bun and an orange were given instead. After the 1918 war New Year Parties in the Village Hall were very popular. Food and soft drinks and tea would be provided at a cost of one shilling a person or half a crown a family. This would be followed by a Magic Lantern show and Community singing and probably some hand bell ringing organised by the then Rector the Rev. DuBouley Hill.

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1st EAST BRIDGFORD GUIDES In July 29 Guides and Guiders camped at Easby, near Richmond in North Yorks. They visited Richmond, Kirkby Fleetham (to see the Devonports) and Durham. Most Guides gained the Entertainers, Backwoodsman, and Challenge Badges. The Company are entering a team in the Division Fashion Show on Dec. 1st. The theme is "What we shall be wearing in the Year 2000". We are pleased to welcome a new Assistant Guider to the Company, Mrs. Jenny Hance, 11 Moss Close, East Bridgford.

1st SHELFORD AND EAST BRIDGFORD CUBS AND SCOUTS
Cubs Thirteen out of the twenty cubs at the District Cub Camp at Keyworth for the August Bank Holiday gained the Athlete Badge. Several football matches have been arranged against Packs from Bingham, Aslockton, Keyworth and Radcliffe. Five Cubs entered the County Chess Competition. Two of our Cubs have been chosen to swim for the District in the County Swimming Gala. The Pack now has a short waiting list for new members.

Scouts Thirteen Scouts and Scouters enjoyed a fortnight's camp at the International Scout Centre, Kandersteg, Switzerland this July. The troop will be taking part in an International Camp at Walesby near Retford in August 1979. We came second in the District Swimming Gala. One of our Scouts has been chosen to swim for the District in the County Gala. Philip Currier, who has been Scout Leader for seven years has been appointed District Commissioner. We wish him every success. Geoff Nichollass took over as Scout Leader in September but unfortunately his job will take him away from East Bridgford in December. We are therefore needing VERY URGENTLY adult Assistants for the Scout Troop, which meets in Shelford Village Hall on Friday evenings. A minibus transports boys and leaders from East Bridgford to Shelford. There are 21 very enthusiastic Scouts and several Cubs waiting to go "up". Anyone willing to help as Scouter or Instructor please contact Mrs. B. Cheetham "Greenfields", Main Road, Shelford. Tel: Radcliffe-on-Trent 3894. We would like to start, some time in the future, a Venture Scout Unit if enough Leaders could be found. B. Cheetham, Guide, Cub, and Group Scout Leader.

ELECTRONIC AGE COMES TO EAST BRIDGFORD The long awaited new electronic telephone exchange in Springdale Lane was brought into service at 7.30am on Thursday, Nov. 22nd. Quietly and without fuss, East Bridgford telephones joined the electronic revolution. The average telephone user will probably not notice any difference, but with the new electronic system there is now potential to provide many additional facilities for telephone users when the whole of the British telephone network is similarly modernised. Presently approximately 10% of British Post Office telephones are connected to electronic exchanges, but it will be many years before all are converted due to the vast equipment and labour costs involved. One important new facility now available to East Bridgford subscribers (at extra cost) is 'Subscriber Controlled Transfer'. A customer with this facility can have incoming calls transferred automatically to any other East Bridgford telephone by dialling a short code. Calls can also be transferred by this system to customers on other Exchanges by arranging to have them intercepted and answered by the Post Office operator, who will advise the correct number to dial.

Electronic exchanges are far more compact than the more common 'electro-mechanical' exchanges. They are less prone to faults and the background noises sometimes heard during telephone conversations, and they need far less routine maintenance attention. East Bridgford subscribers should have received new Dialling Code Booklets by now. These are orange-red in colour and are dated November 1977 (There have been delays in the opening of the exchange for which the Post Office apologises) The blue books dated July 1976, and any earlier issues should be destroyed. Additional copies of the new book may be obtained free by dialling 100 and asking the operator for 'Freephone 2014'. The new exchange has nearly 600 telephones connected now, and the fitted equipment will cater for 700. The equipment was installed by the G.E.C. Electric underfloor heating is employed in the building as damp and humidity are two of the biggest enemies of electronic telephone equipment.

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