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CHURCH SERVICES. FEBRUARY/MARCH. 1970.

<u>FEB.</u>	<u>EAST CARLTON</u>	<u>COTTINGHAM</u>
1st.	<u>SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.</u>	
	10 a.m. Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong
5th.	Thursday	10 a.m. M.U. Corporate Holy Communion
8th.	<u>QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.</u>	
	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong	10 a.m. Family Eucharist
11th.	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY.</u>	10 a.m. Holy Communion
15th.	<u>SUNDAY. LENT I.</u>	
	10 a.m. Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong
19th.	Thursday	10 a.m. Mid-week Lenten Holy Communion (every Thursday until Maundy Thursday)
22nd.	<u>SUNDAY. LENT II.</u>	
	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong	10 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral)
26th.	Thursday	10 a.m. Mid-week Holy Communion
<u>March</u>		
1st.	<u>SUNDAY. LENT III</u>	
	10 a.m. Holy Communion	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong
5th.	Thursday	10 a.m. M.U. Corporate Holy Communion
8th.	<u>MOTHERING (LENT IV) SUNDAY.</u>	
	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.00 p.m. Evensong	10 a.m. Family Eucharist with distribution of Mothering Sunday Cards.

1970 CONFIRMATION

The Rt.Revd., the Lord Bishop of Peterborough proposes to visit Cottingham Church on Friday, June 5th, at 7.30 p.m. to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Although there will be a few candidates from other nearby parishes, this Confirmation is primarily for people from our own villages. The Rector will be glad to have the names of candidates wishing to receive preparation for Confirmation. They should be twelve years old, and members of the Church of England. Classes will commence about three months before the due date of the actual Confirmation, but information about all possible candidates will be appreciated as soon as possible.

It very often happens that there are some older people for Confirmation besides the young - special provision is always made for their separate preparation. The Rector has specialised in preparing the older age group and will be most willing to call to discuss the matter with anyone who wishes to know more about it.

COTTINGHAM CHURCH RESTORATION

The actual work on the church will probably be finished when this issue of the magazine is in your hands. This does not mean that our church is then fully restored, but that that portion of the restoration embarked upon in 1969 has been completed. This leaves us with a similar but (we hope) not quite so extensive (or expensive) job to be done on the North Aisle roof as well and, given that we successfully raise funds this year and next, is something that we can probably put in hand about 1972.

I cannot tell you at present the exact amount of money that the latest portion of restoration has cost but a rough estimate places it somewhere in the region of Two Thousand pounds. This money we have got, and will be able to pay without delay when the account is fully worked out.

To keep the pot boiling - towards the remaining parts to be restored, the Parochial Church Council intend to have a series of special efforts again this year which will include several Whist Drives, a Summer Fete, and an Autumn Fayre. Saturday, June 20th has been mentioned for the fete, but there are various matters to be gone into before it is settled definitely.

COTTINGHAM - CHURCHYARD

Along with the other residents of Cottingham cum Middleton, I have shared the concern about the untidy appearance of the churchyard, and rejoice that through the good work of Mr. Ron and Mr. Reg Claypole, a marked improvement in its general appearance has been achieved. Mr. Mike Medwell is also working

to clear the area of self-set saplings and young trees which have grown up over the years. Our grateful thanks to him - it is hard work and very time consuming.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

A small band of children from Park, Gardens and Village of East Carlton sang carols before Christmas and raised £3.10s.0d. for this fund. Well done!

LENT 1970

Everything seems to come around more quickly - it could be just another sign of increasing age, but Easter is very early this year, and so Lent begins before the month of February expires.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on February 11th., and we shall have a 10 a.m. Holy Communion in Cottingham Church that morning.

Then - as in previous years - there will be a 10 a.m. Holy Communion at Cottingham EVERY THURSDAY up to Maundy Thursday which is on March 26th.

Lenten Savings Boxes will be available for people to take home, from the backs of both our parish churches. Please write your name in the book provided for the purpose so that at the end of Lent we know who has boxes.

SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT

Although not new, Synodical Government is a departure from the kind of Church government that we have all been used to in the Anglican Church.

It is said to be more democratic, and to provide government from the bottom upwards rather than from the top, downwards. One wonders, the word Democratic does not always mean what we would like it to mean!

However, the new Synodical method of doing business for the Church will affect every parish in the land. Already plans and preparations for its inception are well advanced. The number of Rural Deaneries within the Diocese have been reduced to about half the previous number, and - the boundaries of the two Archdeaconries of Oakham and Northampton have been adjusted.

We are little affected in our Rural Deanery except that the name changes from Weldon to Corby, and the parishes of Great with Little Oakley are brought into the Deanery for the first time.

In the past we had Ruri-decanal Conferences, Diocesan Conferences, and Church Assembly (an elected body meeting in London). All these are swept away.

Instead there will be a Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod, and General Synod.

The aim is to give a greater say in Church management and government to its Lay members and it is hoped to achieve this by the possibility of local recommendations through the Deanery Synod, being made via the Diocesan Synod to the General Synod and, if adopted, being implemented throughout the Church in England.

The number of representatives each parish supplies to the Deanery Synod is based upon (roughly) one per every 65 names on the Parish Electoral Roll. Election is carried out at Annual Parish Church Meetings.

Corby Deanery Synod will elect eight clerical and eight lay people to serve on the Diocesan Synod as Deanery representatives. Thus the Deanery Synod will be larger and much more important than the previous Ruri-decanal Conferences, and the Diocesan Synod, smaller but no less important than the previous Diocesan Conference.

Synodical Government is a system well-tried in the Church overseas. It has always been the system in Churches within the Commonwealth - Asia, Africa, and Australia - and, is the system used in the Episcopal Church of Scotland, and in the Episcopal Church of America. Government in these overseas churches differs from what is intended in this country in only one respect - THEY are permitted to elect their own Bishops, - ours are 'appointed' by the Crown.

If you get asked whether or not you wish your name to be placed on the Church Electoral Roll - you will now have a little idea what it is all about. Those who are Baptised and belong to the Church of England, can have their names on the Electoral Roll as soon as they reach their seventeenth birthday.

JUMBLE SALE - EAST CARLTON

There will be a Spring Jumble Sale in April or May. The date is not yet chosen. Those who supply us with goods for sale, please hang on to them for the time being or, if they take up valuable space, we will relieve you of them.

COTTINGHAM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thanks to Mrs. Smedley and her band of teachers for organising an excellent tea party in January, and to all local friends who supplied the 'eats'. Also to Mr. Parslow of Corby for his amusing sound film show which everyone enjoyed so immensely.

THE REGISTERS

COTTINGHAM PARISH CHURCH.

Cremation. December 23rd.1969. Gladys Lucy Burgess, aged 83
(Ashes later interred at Cottingham Churchyard)
Cremation. January 6th.1970. Edward Spriggs, aged 88
Burial. January 6th.1970. Frederick Basil Binley, after
service in the Methodist Church.

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