



All Saints' Church, Wold Newton.

Special centenary service

A VISIT to Lincolnshire by the Archbishop of Canterbury 100 years ago will be recalled at a special service at All Saints' Church, Wold Newton, next month to commemorate the centenary of the re-consecration of the church after rebuilding.

One hundred years ago, on All Saints' Day (November 1), the church, the records of which date back to 1578, was reconsecrated by the then Archbishop of Canterbury.

It had been rebuilt and refitted at a total cost of £1,076 — raised by the rector, the Rev. George Wingfield Bourke. Of stone and brick, it is the fifth church to have been built on the site.

The first was believed to have been destroyed during the Danish invasion, probably in the 9th century. The second church is mentioned in ancient documents as standing in 175.

Old records and wills show references to the third church, which stood there around 1140.

The font in the church today is a relic of the third building.

The fourth church was built in 1360, and stood until 1861, when it was rebuilt out of public funds raised by Mr. Bourke.

Learning of the history of the church, and others that have been on the site, is the Rev. J. E. G. Hordern. He has recently been instituted to the living — his first in Lincolnshire — after livings in Essex.

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, is to preach at the commemoration service on November 4.