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GOOD FRIDAY is the one day in the year which stands apart from all other days and there must be something amiss with those who are satisfied to treat as a mere holiday a day which is essentially a *holy* day—something about it which differentiates it so sharply from even such days as Christmas Day and Easter Day.

There is something which will not allow the holiday-maker to be altogether happy in mere amusement for it meets him with an abrupt challenge to face the question whether we need not indeed a Saviour—someone who can save us from ourselves and our sins. Good Friday warns us that true life cannot be reached by half-measures, and that only on those who are willing to sacrifice all lesser objects to the demands of truth and reality will perfect peace descend. Easter Day by contrast brings its message without which we should be as S. Paul reminds us 'of all men most miserable'. It is the message of 'sure and certain hope' which brings comfort concerning those whom we have lost, and on the truth and meaning of the Resurrection the whole of the Christian Faith is built.

The services on Good Friday and Easter Day are as follows:—

- Good Friday:* 11 a.m. One Hour's Devotion.  
7.30 p.m. Compline and address.
- S. Nicholas: 6.30 p.m. Compline and address.
- Easter Day:* Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
Mattins and Holy Communion, 11.15 a.m.  
Children's Service, 2.30 p.m.  
Evensong, 6 p.m.
- S. Nicholas: Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m.  
Evensong, 7.15 p.m.

We should be very glad if flowers can be brought on the Saturday morning and any helpers will be very welcome.

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MEMBERS of the Mothers' Union were joined by members from Winterbourne Kingston for the Lady Day service which was held in Dorchester. The Bere Regis banner was used on this occasion for the first time.

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THE Mothering Sunday collections in church amounted to £11 6s. 0d. and to this must be added the very generous donations of £10 each from Mrs. Bedford and Mrs. Deakin. At S. Nicholas the collection amounted to £1 14s. 6d., with a donation from the children of the Sunday School.

WE have always had reason to be proud of the appearance of the churchyard. Will owners of dogs kindly see that they are not allowed to roam there. It is, after all, consecrated ground.

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THE Church Council at a recent meeting decided on the proposition of Mrs. Deakin that the Produce Stall should be held again this year in aid of a Church Improvement Fund. It was also decided to hold a fete on Thursday, July 14th, and this will be in the Vicarage garden. Please note the date.

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### Register

#### Burials.

March 19th. Charles Mitchell House, aged 84 years.

March 19th. James Janes, aged 73 years.

March 28th. Cynthia Ida Hewitt, aged 8 years.

Above we record the passing of two parishioners who during their long lives have played their part in the well being of the village and have earned their rest. The passing of a little child is an event which we are rarely called upon to record and Cynthia's parents are assured of the greatest sympathy of the whole parish.