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REFERRING to the Bishop's Appeal in the *Diocesan Gazette* the Bishop reports that the amount received so far in the Diocese amounts to £215,000, leaving another £35,000 to be raised. The Bishop continues 'It is not easy to indicate the progress which individual Deaneries are making in comparison with one another . . . if outstanding individual contributions are omitted the Rural Deanery of Bere Regis is the first to pass its target with 103 per cent.'

It is particularly gratifying to know that our Rural Deanery leads the Diocese although we must not claim that our own Parish has made any outstanding contributions.

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IT has seemed for some years past that Harvest Thanksgivings were losing the place which they once held but this year proved that this was not the case as far as our own Parish is concerned. The congregations were really good and in the evening the church was full and the collections much larger than for many years.

We can report the same great improvement at S. Nicholas where the faithful few were on this occasion joined by many whom we rarely see at other times but whom we should be so glad to see more frequently.

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WE are faced with heavy expenditure on the roof of the chancel of the Parish Church, a large portion of which has collapsed. The roof will have to be completely stripped and new timber provided in addition to replacing the heavy stone tiles which were broken. We want £150 and as the Parish Church is the Church of the whole Parish we do not hesitate to ask for generous help. If every organisation in the Parish would undertake to make its own separate effort to raise funds it would be of great assistance and the Vicar would be grateful to hear from such organisations of their willingness to do this.

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WE hope shortly to be able to give the date for a Confirmation to be held in the Parish Church. It will not be for some months but in the meantime there must be a number who will wish to be presented to the Bishop and of course this applies to adults as well as to the youngsters.

Register

Holy Baptism.

Sept. 18th. James Andrew, son of James Alexander and Millie Margaret Bloxham.

Sept. 25th. Adrian Henry, son of Henry Reginald and Ivy Lilian Standfield.

Burial.

Oct. 1st. Alfred Thomas Allingham, aged 68.

Oct. 3rd, at Winterbourne Kingston, Maria Biles, aged 78.