



WE hope that this issue of the Magazine will appear in good time to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and also to convey the hope that the number of our readers will not become fewer. A Parish Magazine must, like any other publication, have its critics and we seek only for kindly and patient criticism if at times we may fall short of expectations and hopes.

To the kind distributors we record our grateful thanks for their most helpful assistance on which we feel sure we can rely during the forthcoming year.

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ON Christmas Eve, which this year falls on a Sunday, in the evening at 6 o'clock, there will be the First Evensong of Christmas at which the choir will render selections from the Messiah, followed by carols. We hope for a very large congregation at this service.

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ON Christmas Day the services will be as follows:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Parish Church.

9.30. Holy Communion, S. Nicholas.

11 a.m. Mattins and Holy Communion, Parish Church.

We should be grateful for flowers, etc., brought to both churches early on the Saturday morning.

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WE have to thank Mrs. Burgess and her many helpers for the very successful Sale of Work in aid of S. Nicholas funds which was held last month and brought in a most helpful sum of more than £20. The heating stove at S. Nicholas has perished after many years service and any contributions towards its replacement will be very gladly received. In the meantime we remain cold but hopeful.

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A DATE to be booked well in advance in Saturday, Jan. 6th, when a first rate variety show will be given by a party from Bournemouth and entitled 'Trifles in Season' in the Drax Hall. Seats may be booked through Mrs. Kellaway and from what we hear about this show early booking is advisable. Proceeds in aid of Parish Church funds.

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ON Advent Sunday awards were given to those who had attended the Parish Church Children's Service during the past year. The register records the largest number of children we have ever had and the average attendance is remarkable.

WE are glad to report that the sale of Poppies this year showed an increase of £8-10-0 on last year's sale. The total for the district supervised by Mrs. Deakin amounted to £122-13-4 and in our Parish, including Winterbourne Kingston, the figures are:—

	£	s.	d.				
Miss Lys ..	2	12	4	Miss E. Henson ..	1	11	7
Mrs. Coles ..	3	19	5	Miss D. Hoare ..	3	3	7
Bere Regis School	3	1	5	Mr. Beasley ..	1	5	8
Mr. Strang ..	1	18	8	Miss V. Long ..	1	18	6
Mrs. J. Joyce ..		17	0	Miss Crook ..	1	0	10
Mrs. Deakin ..	6	11	4	Mrs. Johnson ..	1	11	1
Miss B. Allen ..	2	3	11	Mrs. G. Johnson	1	1	3
Mrs. Osbaldstone	4	8	7	Miss Sheppard ..	2	2	0
				Mrs. Symes ..	1	8	3

Church collections:—

Bere Regis ..	6	4	1	Bloxworth ..	2	0	1
Winterbourne Kingston	13	0		Bere Regis Congre-			
Affpiddle ..	2	4	11	gational Church	2	0	0

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AND so we come to the end of another year with the world outlook full of shadows and forebodings. That Communism is the avowed enemy of Christianity cannot be denied. The former stands for hatred in many shapes and forms—a hatred of everything for which the Christian Faith stands firm and these are the opposing forces in the world today which are causing the clash of arms between the numerically largest nations in the world with repercussions which cannot be foreseen.

It is well for us to remember that all those things which we hold most dear in life have been won and held for us by generations of men and women to whom the Faith of the Christian has been their inspiration, and the days and conditions in which we live with a future full of uncertainty are a challenge to all men and women to recall that all that is best in life—those ancient traditions upon which the history and continuity of our English villages have been built and maintained owe everything to the first Christmas Day with the birth of the Prince of Peace.

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Register

Holy Baptism, Nov. 26th.

Stuart, son of John and Barbara Marion Mackenzie.