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THE forthcoming General Election marks a momentous stage in the life of our Country and indeed of the British Empire and the result whatever it may be is bound to have a repercussion on our daily way of living. The days have gone since religion and politics were considered as being independent of one another.

The reverse, indeed, should be the case. The honest politician—and that should include anyone entitled to vote—should be one who is anxious to promote the best interests of his Country and the happiness and well-being of his fellow Countrymen. The method by which this is to be brought about is a matter for the individual conscience and calls for a vote not influenced by prejudice or Party hatred, but by the really honest conviction that he has his Country at heart so much that allegiance to any particular Party in the past counts as nothing.

The Archbishops bid all Christian folk to seek Divine guidance and to pray that bitterness and hatred may be avoided at all costs—to pray that 'peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established amongst us for all generations.' Surely politics in their best sense should be to promote those very things.

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WORK on the Chancel roof is now progressing and with good material and good workmanship it should be safe for many generations yet to come. We acknowledge very gratefully an anonymous donation of £5 from a parishioner.

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THE Nativity Play at S. Nicholas was attended by an even greater number than in previous years, and under Miss Sheppard's skill and patience, the production was in every sense reverent and impressive.

THE Annual Sunday School party at S. Nicholas suffered in numbers in consequence of much illness in the village but those who attended enjoyed a thoroughly happy time. Awards were given for good attendance—an excellent tea and a Christmas tree were included in the programme. The Vicar expressed his great appreciation of the good work done by Mrs. and Miss Sheppard in connection with the Sunday School.

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ASH Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is on February 22nd. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Evening Service at 7.30. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. on Ash Wednesday at S. Nicholas. Our Thursday Evenings in Lent will commence the following week. Last year the attendance was not as good as in previous years and several of our most regular attendants were missing. This has applied lately to Sunday Evensong. It would make such a difference to all concerned if some of our vacant seats could be occupied more regularly.

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Register.

Holy Baptism.

January 29th. Colin Percy, son of Arthur Reginald Percy and Edith Kate Cleall.

Burial.

January 23rd. John Arthur Barnes, aged 61.

January 28th. Emma House, aged 89.