



At a recent meeting of the Church Council the Vicar reported on a decision of the Diocesan Board of Finance with regard to the income of the clergy. The Board has decided that in order to bring the incomes to a minimum reasonable figure would require something like £16,000 per annum for this diocese. There are approximately 460 clergy in the diocese and the income of some of the beneficed clergy is as low as £4 per week and even less.

The sum asked for from each parish is roughly equivalent to the quota already fixed. Our contribution of new money asked for is £50 per annum. The Church Council appointed a small committee to deal with this matter and we understand that an envelope collection is to be made. By this means those who rarely or never attend church will have an opportunity for being generous.

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THE Churchwardens' staves (which were not purchased out of Church funds) will shortly be ready and will supply a long needed want, as part of the normal furnishing of a Parish Church. They will probably be used for the first time on the occasion of our Festival of Britain service on June 3rd. We hope that the Mayor and Corporation of Wareham will attend Evensong on that date when the preacher will be Canon Archer, Rural Dean of Poole.

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THE date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be announced shortly. Will those who have not already got their names on the Electoral Roll kindly inform Miss Percy who will supply the necessary form. It is at this meeting that the Church Council is elected in addition to considerable other business.

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LADY Day this year falls on the same day as Easter and consequently the former is transferred to April 3rd. On this date the Annual Festival of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Cathedral at Salisbury and the beautiful banner which has been made for the Winterbourne Kingston Branch will be carried for the first time.

Register

Burials

Jan. 3rd. Mary Sarah Ann Churchill, aged 76.

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Jan. 9th. Nigori Massahie Tashiro, aged 85.