

June 1952



THE main event of interest during the past month was the Vestry and Annual Church Meeting. At the Vestry the churchwardens, Messrs. Smith and Marsh, were re-appointed and also Mr. Minterne as Deputy Warden.

The Church Council was re-elected without change and Mr. C. Berry and Mr. J. Parsons were appointed Sidesmen.

Miss Percey presented a statement of accounts which showed a credit balance at the end of the financial year of £304 7s. 1d., which was accepted by the meeting as being most satisfactory. The Vicar expressed his gratitude to the many kind helpers who gave their time and labour so willingly in caring both for the church and churchyard.

A meeting of representatives of the congregation of S. Nicholas also met last month and it was decided to get estimates for necessary repairs of the fabric of the church. The guttering is in a bad way and it was also agreed to have the Tower inspected in order that the bells may again be rung. The bells of S. Nicholas are about 400 years old and the largest is over a ton in weight but judging from what is visible of the condition of the Tower it would not be safe to ring the bells until repairs have been carried out. Since the meeting the bells have been chimed on several occasions and it would be a great thing if they could be pealed.

The Vicar asked the views of the meeting on the question of the hours of Service. It was agreed that Evensong should continue to be at 7.15 except during the months of October, November, December and January when it will be at 3.15. In future it was agreed that when a fifth Sunday occurred in the month Mattins should be at 9.30 a.m.

Brigadier Lipscombe was appointed as member of the Ruridecanal Conference as representative of the Kingston part of the Parish.

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**M**AY we again remind readers that our Patronal Festival is on Sunday, June 29th and we should be very grateful for flowers on the previous Friday.

Tuesday, July 1st, is the date of the Church Garden Party in the Vicarage garden, opening at 3 p.m. Please be sure to come.

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