



BEFORE we reach the end of the year we have the opportunity once again of wishing each other a Happy Christmas—an age-long custom which brings a little softness and mellowness at a time when both are so badly needed. We have only to read the headlines of our daily paper or listen to the headlines on the wireless to realize how much strife and bitterness there is in the world and too, how uncertain the future seems to us. Not only is there certain and definite unrest in international and political affairs but modern science is bringing into civilization a new kind of fear of a subtle kind—man is beginning to fear what he himself has created—the almost complete elimination of time and space and the terribly destructive power of atomic force. And so the great Christian Festival brings its message and with it we can not do better than recall the words of a wonderful old prayer composed centuries ago and to be found in our Prayer Book that 'Peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations.' As we recall the outstanding events of the closing year we remember with gratitude the solemn and sacred crowning of our Queen and its great message literally to the whole world.

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ON Advent Sunday the newly confirmed received Holy Communion for the first time. In addition there were many others present in a quiet and solemn service which meant so much to all who attended. It was also an occasion of great encouragement to all of us.

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THE services on Christmas Day will be—  
Holy Communion at the Parish Church at 8 a.m. and after Mattins and at S. Nicholas at 9.30 a.m.

We shall be most grateful for donations towards the purchase of flowers for the church decorations. Helpers will be most welcome on the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

There will be Carols at Evensong on the Sunday after Christmas.

ON Advent Sunday the new Queen Elizabeth II Service Book for the Priests Stall was used for the first time. We are most grateful to Miss Ethel Percy for this beautiful gift to our church.

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AND now may we express our really grateful thanks to the kind ladies who distribute the Magazines month by month. It is a most valuable piece of work. And our thanks go too to those who with patience (and sometimes perhaps with impatience) continue to subscribe and read. We are well aware of its imperfections but on the other hand we feel that our Magazine is valued and appreciated.

We hope that all past readers will continue and we should be very glad to know of others who would become subscribers.