MEMORABLE event at any rate in the minds of the younger generation was the tea and exhibition of the coloured Coronation film to which the children of the Sunday Schools attached to the Parish Church and also S. Nicholas were invited. Perfect weather made it possible for tea to be had in the open air and we are very grateful to the willing band of helpers who assisted. The film was well produced and will long be remembered by those who saw it.

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IN accordance with our usual custom the Children’s Service at the Parish Church will be discontinued during the month of August.

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THERE are many problems facing the Church in country parishes and these problems concern the laity as much if not more than the clergy if our country parishes are to have a resident Vicar. One of the greatest is the size of so many Vicarage houses. It is not generally realised that the Vicar of a parish is in every respect the owner of the house for as long as he occupies it and is responsible for all upkeep and repairs as if he was the unfortunate owner.

To replace these large houses with smaller and more suitable ones means that the former must be sold before a smaller one can be built. The following figures are interesting and alarming.

The average estimated cost of all new parsonages approved in the year ending March 31st, 1951 was £4,004. In the following year it rose to £4,666 and for the period January to December, 1952, it was £4,989. The average figure for 1952-53 worked out at £5,005.

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MRS. Deakin has kindly presented to the Parish Church a very beautifully illuminated list of the names of those from this Parish who gave their lives in the two wars. It is the work of Miss Isabel Saul who is well known for her exhibits at the Royal Academy.

Mrs. Deakin has given this in memory of her son, Philip Jesty, who was so well known to all of us.

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Holy Baptism.

Martin Derek, son of Leslie John and Beryl Mavis House.