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DURING the past weeks the Coronation has been uppermost in our thoughts and conversation and now that it is over we can truly say that it was an occasion which will never be forgotten either by those who heard the service broadcast or who saw it by means of television. The latter was superb while the coloured film is beyond description in its beauty. The effect of this on people in other countries cannot be estimated. They saw all the beauty of a definitely Christian ceremony the centre of which was a young Queen so utterly and obviously conscious of the solemnity and responsibility of her Dedication to God and her people for the rest of her earthly life—that, after all, was the whole meaning of the Coronation.

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THE spiritual meaning of the Coronation is a reminder to all of us that the best traits of English thought and life—in fact, all that is best in what is known as the English tradition is based on generations of Christian faith and practice. It was the yeomen and countrymen of England who founded our English villages long before the growth of towns and cities, and it was they who put all their skill and craftsmanship into the building and maintenance of our English country churches, such as we have in our own Parish. At that period known as the Industrial Revolution—the discovery of the power of steam and other inventions, men flocked from the countryside to seek the higher pay which was to be found in the growing industrial towns of Lancashire and elsewhere. Agricultural pay was pitifully low but our villages still retained the peace and religion of our forefathers and it was they and succeeding generations who continued to uphold and maintain our Parish churches which are today England's greatest assets.

Will you, who read these lines, remember that our own Parish Church which has survived in all its beauty for more than a thousand years keeps its Patronal Festival on Sunday, June 28th? Let it be a real day of thanksgiving that so many centuries ago the forefathers of the village built our church and dedicated it to the name of S. John the Baptist.

If you were married within its walls—your children baptised there and so many of your relations and friends were brought there for the last time and lie within the shadow of its walls, come on that day and recall the past and pray for the future.

The Festival of S. John the Baptist is Wednesday, June 24th, when there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

We should be very grateful for flowers, especially delphiniums, to decorate the church for the following Sunday. Could they be brought to the church early on the Friday morning please?

Helpers will be most welcome.

ON Friday, June 26th, children whose names are on the Sunday School Registers both at Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston, will be entertained to tea and an exhibition of the coloured Coronation film 'Elizabeth is Queen.' A bus will leave Winterbourne Kingston at 3.30 and will convey children home later.

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IT is early to think of Harvest Thanksgiving, but we give preliminary notice that the Venerable Archdeacon of Sherborne has kindly promised to pay his first visit and to preach at Evensong on Sunday, October 4th, at S. Nicholas.

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Holy Baptism

Carol Anne, Daughter of Harold Richard and Kathleen Cicely
Rose Crocker.