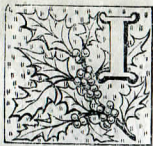


May 1953



It is right and natural that we refer to the great event in our Country's history—the Hallowing and Crowning of our young Queen. We purposely put the word 'Hallowing' first because that is the essential part of the Service which from beginning to end is a deeply spiritual and religious ceremony and which rightly includes the pomp and pageantry associated with it through many centuries. Amid all the celebrations and festivities we must not forget the spiritual significance of this great occasion.

Our Queen used these words in her broadcast on Christmas Day '... I ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making and that I may faithfully serve Him and you all the days of my life.'

Sunday, May 31st, is the day on which we invite all parishioners to join in the special services which will be held in the Parish Church and which will be at the usual hours.

At S. Nicholas there will be a United Service at 7.30 p.m., when we hope that the ministers from the two Chapels will attend and take part.

On Coronation Day itself there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the Parish Church at 8 a.m., and an open-air united Service at 9 a.m. It is with great regret that we hear of Mr. Lauckner's illness and that consequently he will not be able to join us either at the Parish Church or at the open-air Service. We wish him a complete recovery.

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At the Vestry Meeting held last month Mr. Marsh and Mr. Smith were reappointed Churchwardens, and Mr. P. Minterne was reappointed Deputy Warden. The Vicar expressed his great appreciation of all that they had done during the past year and especially during his illness. At the Parochial Church Meeting which followed Mr. Berry presented a Statement of Accounts which was considered very satisfactory and was adopted.

The following elections were made:—

Ruri-decanal Representatives: Messrs. Marsh and Smith, Mrs. Deakin and Brigadier Lipscomb.

Church Council: Ex-officio: The Churchwardens and the Deputy Warden, Brigadier Lipscomb and Mr. Berry. *Elected:* Mrs. F. Marsh, Mrs. P. Minterne, Mrs. Gardner, Miss Smith, Miss Lyster, Miss Percy, Mr. H. Pitfield, Mr. E. Rawbone, Mrs. Herring, Miss Lane, Mrs. Bedford.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. C. Berry. *Assistant Secretary:* Mr. P. Minterne.

Sidesmen: Messrs. H. Pitfield, E. Rawbone, G. Drew, C. Berry, A. Toop, J. Parsons and M. Barnes.

In view of heavy expenditure which has to be met in replacing the heating stove, repairs to porch roof, and painting of the gutters and down pipes, etc., the meeting decided to introduce the Free-Will Offering Scheme which is being adopted in many parishes and which assures a definite income in addition to the collections in Church. Briefly the scheme is this—every Church member whether attending or not is supplied with a book of envelopes—one for each week, and numbered. Each subscriber is asked to promise a weekly contribution which is known only to the Secretary of the scheme and may be as little or as much as the contributor promises. This amount is placed in the envelope and put into the Free-Will Offering box which will be placed on the table near the door of the Church each Sunday. If the contributor does not place the envelope in the box for each Sunday he or she will be visited and the envelope collected.

These contributions represent new money and does *not* take the place of the ordinary collections in Church.

We do ask for loyal and willing support for this scheme which gives everyone an opportunity of supporting our beautiful Parish Church.

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Holy Baptism:

April 12th. Peter John, son of Alfred Giles and Mary Cheesman.

April 19th (at S. Nicholas). David and Peter, sons of Ernest Charles and Elsie Louisa Allingham.

April 26th (at the Parish Church). Lynn Margaret, daughter of Peter Frederick Henry and Lilian Catherine Davidge.

April 26th. Christopher Robin, son of Thomas Walter and Mary Jarvis.

Holy Matrimony at S. Nicholas:

April 4th. Robert Leslie Cooke and Phyllis Elizabeth Cross.

At the Parish Church, April 18th. John Leslie Cooper and Betty Vera Shave.