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THE Harvest Thanksgiving Services in both churches were attended by larger congregations than for many years and both churches, as usual, were beautifully decorated, and we are very grateful to those who made this possible both by their gifts and willing help. It is on those occasions when our churches are so full that we realise how wonderful it would be if this could be the case every Sunday.

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THE Confirmation will probably be over by the time these lines are read. It will have been a great event in the lives of those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and now the difficult time begins for their Confirmation is the *beginning* of a new way of life as full and responsible members of the Church. And they need help.

A great gathering of Bishops, Clergy and Laity met this month at Salisbury when the Diocesan Conference was held for two days. One whole day was devoted to the question of how the young girls and lads can be helped to take their place as members of the Church and not drift away as so often happens when the age of Confirmation is past. The Conference at which many of the Laity spoke, was unanimous in feeling that the supreme need was for encouragement and example in the home. Anyone who is experienced with young people can readily understand how difficult and almost impossible it is for young people to realise and accept their responsibilities as members of the great family of the Church unless they so receive help and encouragement and example in their own homes. Confirmation classes and instruction can do little or nothing otherwise.

If we believe that Jesus Christ stands for all that is best in human life can we possibly think that it is right to let the institution which exists for the purpose of keeping Him and His Gospel alive in human hearts perish for lack of our interest and support?

Those young people who are presented to the Bishop for Confirmation make a very solemn and real promise and they need help to keep it. Will fathers and mothers help them? Cannot the custom of family worship on Sundays be renewed? These lines are not written in any spirit of dissatisfaction but to ask earnestly that parents will do their best to help these young Christians to 'fight manfully against sin, the world and the devil,' as they promised to do at their Confirmation.

It follows, of course, that those who have been Confirmed will become Communicant members of the Church and we ask that the day for their first Communion should be on Advent Sunday, November 29th at 8 a.m.

WILL Parents and Godparents make a real effort to come gladly with these young people. What an opportunity this would be if all Communicant members of the Church would come to that Service and by so doing show their interest and welcome to the newly Confirmed.

The names of Candidates from this Parish are:—

Patricia Anne Collison, Margaret Elizabeth Drew, Edna Kate Hewitt, Marguerita Haldane, Shirley Evelyn Hewitt, Cythia Diana Cleall, Jennifer Elizabeth Hewitt, Mary Joan Barnes, Valerie Jean Ricketts, Doreen Mildred Phillips, Sally Andrews, Mary Ellis, Gracie Agnes Norman, Michael Roy Poore, Norman Richard Barnes, Alwyn Edward Day, Anthony Michael Hewitt, Marvin Albert James Pitfield, John Ashton William House.

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Register

Holy Baptism:—

September 28th. Olive Esther, daughter of Charles Norman Walter and Kathleen Esther Townsend.

October 4th. Sylvia Jean, daughter of Derrick William and Gwendoline Vera Standfield.

Holy Matrimony:—

September 12th (at S. Nicholas). Christopher Owen Staniford Eales and Elizabeth Joan Carter.

Burials:—

September 16th. Jane Louisa Stickley, aged 87 years.

September 18th. Ann Miller, aged 83 years.