



AS we come to the end of another year, it is good to recall the fact that our Parish Magazine has been published for something like 80 years and is one of the oldest in the country. As far as we can make out there has only been one short period during all those years when it has failed to appear and that was due to the shortage of paper and other war-time difficulties. During this long period the Magazine has, of course, altered in many ways but we feel that it has its place and value. Year after year our band of faithful distributors continues its valuable work and to each one of them we are exceedingly grateful for all that they do. To them and to all our readers we send wishes for a very Happy Christmas. These good wishes, of course, extend over the new year which lies ahead—a year which in many ways seems likely to be memorable in view of the unhappy and uncertain conditions prevailing in the world at the present time. Christian nations are indeed fighting against what St. Paul in his day described as 'wickedness in high places'. National leaders are faced with stupendous problems and, unfortunately, bitter differences of opinion have arisen in seeking to solve those differences. In making our criticisms do we ever think of the strain which modern international problems impose on those who seek to solve them? We may have our own opinions as to how those great problems can best be dealt with, but even to those with whom we disagree we should be grateful for their efforts and give them credit for believing that they honestly believe that they are doing the right thing. This is often difficult.

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WE are glad to record that the Bere Regis and District Poppy Day Fund this year beat all previous years by £25 14s. 4d. The total sum was £152 7s. 3d. Church collections were:—

	£	s.	d.
Bere Regis (Parade) .. .. .	14	0	0
Kingston .. .. .	16	0	
Zelston .. .. .	19	6	
Bloxworth .. .. .	1	10	0
Affpuddle .. .. .	2	4	0
Bere Regis Congregational Chapel .. .. .	10	6	

The collection at the Parish Church in aid of the Hungarian Relief Fund amounted to £14 15s. 4d.

ON Christmas Day the Services will be:—  
Parish Church: Holy Communion—8 a.m.  
Mattins and Holy Communion—11 a.m.  
S. Nicholas: Holy Communion—9.30 a.m.

On the Sunday after Christmas there will be a Carol Service at the Parish Church at 6 p.m.

At S. Nicholas a Family Service with Carols at 3.15 p.m.

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**Register.**

Burial.

November 25th—Frank Standfield, aged 79 years.