HE New Year will be well on its way by the time these notes are in print, but it is never too late to wish each other well and to express the hope that this may be a happy year in spite of much distressing discord which is rife in the world today. The Archbishop of Canterbury has commented on the fact that never before in history has there been a greater effort to settle differences by negotiation rather than by force. And this provides a gleam of light on an otherwise dark picture of international relationships. Let us hope that this gleam will also shine on industrial relationships in our own country.

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THE petrol shortage is bound to make a decline in church attendance as far as the Parish Church is concerned and if the shortage should continue when better and brighter weather comes, we will miss the constant flow of week-day visitors.

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WE have now received the architect’s report on S. Nicholas Church. It is a very full and comprehensive volume and points out among other things various items of historical interest in the actual building.

As we expected, the Tower is the part most urgently in need of restoration and it is likely that some of the battlements may have to be removed and replaced after renovation. Needless to say the work can only be done in sections, and we hope that there will soon be visible signs that the Tower is being dealt with. This is likely to absorb all or more than the funds in hand.

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ON December 15th, S. Nicholas Market was held in order to increase the Restoration Fund and thanks to hard work which was so gladly undertaken, the excellent sum of £49 4s. 0d. was raised. Help came from all directions and we are most grateful.

The following were the stall holders:—Pound Stall: Mrs. and Miss Sheppard—£3 5s. 0d.; 1/- Stall: Mrs. Langdown and Mrs. Symes—£3 17s. 0d.; Fancy Stall: Miss Crook and Miss Cocket—£8 4s. 8d.; Produce: Mrs. Legg, Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Rolls—£3 5s. 4d.; Christmas Tree: Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. H. Miller—£3 0s. 0d.; Second-hand Stall: Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. House—£17 7s. 3d.; Competition Table and Sale of Dinner Service: Mrs. Lipscomb and Mrs. Sherrin—£9 0s. 0d.

Doorkeeper: Mr. Sheppard; Treasurer: Brigadier Lipscomb.
Register.

Holy Baptism.
December 2nd.
Sally Jane, daughter of Alan Herbert and Winifred Annie Foot.
Russell Lawrence Shaun, son of Ian Tyrell and Eileen Frances Hewitt.

At S. Nicholas.
Timothy Hayter, son of Anthony Hayter and Sylvia Florence Patricia Burgess.

Burial.
December 31st
Lilian Matilda Edridge, aged 71 years.