

May 1957



THE Vestry Meeting which was followed by the Annual Church Meeting was held last month and at the former our two Churchwardens, the Deputy Warden and Sidesmen were elected. We are very glad to say that there was 'no change' and that Mr. Ronald Barnes was added to the list of Sidesmen.

At the Annual Church Meeting the routine business was carried through and the Council was elected together with representatives to the Ruri-Decanal Conference. Mr. Berry gave a very comprehensive Statement of Accounts which revealed increased prosperity all round. Collections, both for Church Expenses and for other objects, all showed an increase, the total turnover for the year amounted to £767 6s. 2d. The meeting agreed unanimously to a grant of £50 being made to S. Nicholas Restoration Fund, and the Vicar commended the efforts made at Winterbourne Kingston to raise funds for this most worthy cause. In conclusion, the Vicar expressed his gratitude to all who carry on the work of the Parish Church, and referred in particular to the Wardens and to Mr. Berry for their unfailing support. Much work is done behind the scenes by many helpers who maintain our Church and Churchyard in a manner worthy of their beauty. Among these, none will be missed more than Miss Percy who is to be married shortly, and goodwill and wishes for her future happiness goes from everyone who knows her great service to the Parish Church over very many years.

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WE feared that the shortage of flowers at Easter would detract from the usual beauty of our church decorations. The reverse was the case and neither the Parish Church nor S. Nicholas could have looked more beautiful. It was in every sense a happy Festival and the Vicar takes this opportunity for expressing his great thanks for the Easter offering which this year was considerably larger than ever before.

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AT S. Nicholas the work of restoration of the Tower has actually begun but so far we have not received the architect's final report on the amount of work which is necessary, but we have a first-rate architect on whose supervision we can completely rely. Further funds will undoubtedly be necessary, so may we remind readers of the Garden Party at the Old Parsonage on July 13th, which is in aid of the Restoration Fund. Brigadier Lipscomb will gladly acknowledge any gifts from those who are kind enough to contribute.

Register.

Holy Matrimony.

April 20th.

Reginald James Hodge and Joan Margaret Mileham.

Burial.

May 8th.

Florence Evelyn Mary Taylor, aged 65 years.

At Winterbourne Kingston—May 11th.

Michael Parkhouse, aged 16 years.