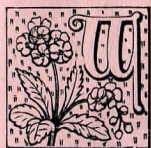


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LOOK back on two outstanding occasions during the past month—the Confirmation and, of course, the Easter festival. Unfortunately at the last minute the Bishop of the Diocese was prevented from coming for the Confirmation as he was unwell, but in his place we were glad to welcome Bishop Moberly, who is now

Dean of Salisbury and was formerly Bishop of Stepney. Fifty-two candidates were presented to the Bishop from this parish and from Bovington and Morden. In spite of much extra seating the church was full for the very impressive service. The following were presented from this Parish: Michael Standfield, Keith Snook, Terence Snook, Ronald Legg, Raymond Meakin, Norman Meakin, Peter Gale, Michael Hawkins, Mary Smith, Janet Legg, Sheila Rolls, Mary Stevens, Elizabeth Wyatt, Sarah Wyatt, Mary Cleall, Angela MacDonald, Valerie Cheeseman, Sylvia Hewitt, June Phillips, Eileen Hansford, Patricia Barnes.

The week night services which were held on Thursdays during Lent were well attended and the same applies to Easter Day when both churches were, as usual, beautifully decorated. The Vicar takes this opportunity for expressing his thanks for the very kind and generous Easter Offering. We thank, too, those who so kindly assisted to make our churches look so beautiful.

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THE Seventh Centenary of the consecration of our Cathedral at Salisbury arouses much interest. Several men from this Parish will attend the Men's Service on April 26th, and members of the Mothers' Union will go to the service arranged for June 10th for which a bus will leave this Parish. On June 28th there is to be a Service of Commemoration which will be attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and the preacher will be the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. J. W. C. Wand, formerly Bishop of London. Unfortunately seating must be very limited and only four seats will be allotted to this Parish.

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IT is good to know that the Rural Deanery of Bere Regis is again placed first of all other Deaneries in the Diocese for contribution to Quota and Clergy Incomes Fund. Our deanery is small in population compared with others but is very widely scattered and we have reason to be proud of occupying this place for the fourth year in succession.

CHURCH people everywhere should be much concerned about the influence of television on church attendance on Sundays. It is having a really serious effect and especially on the young and they naturally look to parents for example and guidance.

A London Metropolitan magistrate said recently:

'It is not right that children of tender years should have the dreadfully difficult choice to make in their early years of Sunday School or television thrills. Christian parents must make this choice for them'.

The Archdeacon of Dudley recently appealed for leniency for a fifteen-year-old boy who was brought before the Worcestershire juvenile court for cruelty to a cat. The Archdeacon said that in one week on children's television he had counted twenty-three deaths, eighteen beatings up and eleven instances of people being kicked in the stomach.

It is appalling to think of the effect of all this on the minds of young people and indeed on the minds of older people, too. Television can be so interesting and instructive but its effect on the Christian way of thinking and on public worship can be very devastating and calls for serious thought.

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Register

Holy Baptism.

March 15th.

Gloria Bridget, daughter of Dennis Bernard Thomas and Eileen Georgina Maidment.

Nicholas John, son of John Frank and Elizabeth Margaret Rose Brown.

Robin Peter, son of Peter Cyril and Pamela May Lockyer.

April 13th.

Sally Marie, daughter of Frederick William Cyril and Jean Margaret Corbin.

Holy Matrimony.

March 29th.

Wilfred Tony Stickland and Gwendoline Bertha Rosina Bartlett.

Burial.

March 17th.

Nellie Gladys Standfield, aged 55.