

August 1960



THE month of August is essentially a holiday season and among those who write what others read are such as the writer of these notes, which this month will be brief.

Our first reference must be to the very great loss which the Parish has suffered through the passing of Mrs. Bedford, after a long life of help and usefulness to several generations. There was no form of activity in which she was not interested, and she occupied a place of honour in the Mothers' Union, the British Legion and the Women's Institute, and her annual Garden Party was for the benefit of the Children's Society and the Diocesan Moral Welfare work. The Parish Church was very dear to her and until recent years she attended four services each Sunday, and during the week she would spend much time in her garden tending the flowers and plants which she loved. During the last few months of her life she suffered much, but up to the end she kept up her interest in the every day happenings.

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THE Children's Service is always discontinued during August and will restart on September 4th, when we shall be glad to enter the names of new comers on the Register. We have registers covering well over 20 years with the records of the names and attendances of many who are now married and some are parents. The annual outing was again to Swanage where we were joined by the children of S. Nicholas Sunday School which continues to prosper under the guidance of Mrs. and Miss Sheppard.

Again we were most fortunate as far as weather was concerned. With the exception of one short, sharp shower we had a perfect day while all around were heavy clouds and obviously heavy rain.

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AT the time of writing it seems that the prospects for the harvest are good in spite of much very bad weather. Our Harvest Thanksgiving at the Parish Church will be on Sunday, September 25th and at S. Nicholas on Sunday, October 2nd when there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 7.15 p.m.

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OUR best wishes go with Mr. and Mrs. Berry who are leaving the Parish to make their home nearer to their family. We shall miss them greatly as the Parish Church has meant so much to them and Mr. Berry has been the valued Treasurer and Secretary of the Church Council for some years.

Register

Holy Baptism.

July 31st. Christopher Andrew, son of Alan Herbert and Winifred Annie Foot.

At S. Nicholas. Sandra, daughter of Edwin Percival and Sylvia Mary Durden.

Burial.

July 12th. Maude Catharine Bedford, aged 88.

July 23rd. Harold Richard Crocker, aged 52.