



HERE is an old saying that a child born on a Friday is 'loving and giving' and if the Royal Prince born to Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip inherits the characteristics of either or both of his parents he will have no difficulty in fulfilling this expectation. It was Queen Victoria who made it clear to her people that the Royal Family is in a true sense a family yet manifesting royal dignity with family simplicity consecrated by weekly worship and Christian devotion. 'Loving and giving' in this sense has characterised our Royal Family for over a century. Church and Commonwealth rejoice with them for their Friday's child.

The birth of a Royal Prince adds to the envy of those countries which have no Royal Family of their own but they see what a blessing we have. As we have said already our Royal Family is consecrated by weekly devotion and that is a point of great importance in these days when it is so easy to slip away from weekly worship.

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IT was reported recently in the Press that sums ranging up to £350,000 are given away each week by football pools, and we see the childish methods used to be given away as prizes on television shows. Football pools provide interest to vast numbers of people and they do no harm. But £350,000 a week is a staggering figure and this seems to suggest that such matters are very remotely connected with the teaching of the Church with regard to Lent. But Lent is a time when among other things we should consider one of the chief dangers of the present day. We are being overcome by our preoccupation with the idea that physical and material well-being is the main thing which provides peace and happiness of life—the belief that we can save mankind by manipulating outward circumstances and forgetting that it is not material measurement which is the most important thing for which we exist.

The real truth is that too much comfort can be man's undoing since the human spirit will not ever set out on the quest for a more noble standard of life as long as material matters absorb too much of man's time and energy and thought.

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THE World Refugee Appeal met with a good response and the total amount raised locally was not far short of £200. The Parish Church collections on the first day of the appeal amounted to just over £46.

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THE World Refugee Year Appeal at Winterbourne Kingston was organised by a committee from the Parish headed by members of the Parish Council. The result of the house to house collection was £27 13s. 3d. and the Sale £25 16s. 9d., making a total of £53 10s. 0d.

Register

Holy Baptism.

March 6th.

Kevin William, son of Cyril Brian and Brenda Leah Hewitt.

Burial.

March 7th. John Clark Goldie, aged 71.