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ANY weeks of bad weather have not only caused much disappointment to those who have been fortunate enough to have holidays, but much more serious is the effect on the crops and the anxiety caused to farmers and all who work on the land.

It seems, however, that locally conditions have been considerably better than in other parts, and for this we have cause to be thankful not only at our Harvest Thanksgiving, which will be over by the time these lines are read, but at all times in a community such as ours which is so closely connected with the land. In any case it would be a poor Christian who was tempted to withhold gratitude to God except in times of bountiful results.

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THE Harvest Thanksgiving at S. Nicholas will be on October 8th. The Services will be—Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.

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WE are glad to know that the visit by the Vicar of Shebbear was appreciated. He, too, enjoyed the Services in our beautiful Church and thoroughly enjoyed being here.

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THE Festival of Britain which is to be held next year is an event which should concern not only London and the big towns but also our country districts as well. The purpose of the Festival is by no means restricted to promote international trade relationships and matters of that kind. Much more it is to promote what might be called the spiritual life of our country—its history both secular and religious—its arts such as music and drama and all those things which may be described as ‘essentially English’. The Church in England has done more than anything else to mould and guide the arts and thoughts which make up the English character. The history of our own Church and village would provide material for a truly wonderful pageant but perhaps that would be more ambitious than we could attempt. We hope, however, that as far as our Parish Church is concerned we may do our part and on that subject we shall say more later. Needless to say we shall hope, too, that our ancient daughter Church of S. Nicholas will play her part.

**Register.**

Holy Baptism.

August 27th. Lesley Anne, daughter of Morgan Ashton and  
Margaret Clark Applin.