



WE hope that this issue of the Magazine will be in time to wish all readers a really happy Christmas and a New Year free from anxiety and worry.

The very old and familiar message of the Christmas Festival is of course the message of goodwill, and has the world ever been in greater need of such a message?

Christmas would not be Christmas at all if it did not bring a message such as this. But we may ask the question why it is that peace and goodwill are so essentially linked with the Christmas story. The answer is of course, because Christmas is the day of Good News and which brings us 'good tidings of great joy'. But the translation of the angels' song given in the Authorised Version of our Bible tends to obscure the true meaning of their announcement. Rightly translated the message which they proclaimed was 'Peace on earth among men of God's goodwill.' That is to say not primarily the goodwill of men towards each other, but the goodwill of God towards mankind. And it is because God has thus shown His goodwill toward us that we in turn must show goodwill toward all our fellow men.

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NOW a word of gratitude to the good ladies who month by month distribute the Magazine throughout both Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston. We are most grateful for this kind work. And to those who take the Magazine we are very grateful and ask that they will give continued support during the coming year. To those who may be tempted to ask 'wether it is worth the money' we ask them to accept out assurance that it is!

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ON Advent Sunday the children who attend the afternoon service received rewards for good attendance. As we said last month the average attendance is remarkably good but the following are worthy of special mention as they never missed on one Sunday during the whole year:—Jennifer Hewitt, Elizabeth Wyatt, Raymond Percy, Jimmy Barnes.

ON Christmas Day the services will be:—
Holy Communion, Parish Church 8 a.m., and after Mattins at
11 a.m.

S. Nicholas, 9.30 a.m.

On the Sunday after Christmas there will be a Carol Service at the
Parish Church at 6 p.m. when there will be ample opportunity for
the congregation to take part. There will also be a Carol Service at
St Nicholas on the same date at 7.15.

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We are indebted to Mrs. Hoare for the beautiful lace which she has
made for the new altar cloth and for the credence table. Mrs. Hoare
will be known to many as Mr. Hagget's sister.

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Register

Holy Baptism, at the Parish Church.

Nov. 11th. Christina Ruth, daughter of Walter Kenneth
Sydney and Edith Alice Trim.

Nov. 25th. Carole Ann, daughter of Derrick William and
Gwendoline Vera Standfield.

At S. Nicholas.

Oct. 28th. Kenneth Michael, son of George Henry and Vera
May Barrett.

Nov. 4th. David George, son of Emyr Millson and Ellen Mary
Treharne.

Nov. 11th. Colin Edward, son of Cyril Edward James and
Elizabeth Legg.

Holy Matrimony, at the Parish Church.

Oct. 21st. Desmond George William Lambert and Leonora
June Hewitt.

Dec. 1st. James Lindsay Gilchrist and Phyllis Joan Davis.

Burial.

Nov. 12th. Frank Stickley, aged 84 years.