



WE have reason to believe that our Parish Magazine is one of the oldest in the Country and has been issued regularly for well over 60 years with the exception of a short break during the last war, when publication was more or less impossible. Now we have come to the end of another year and once more we express our great gratitude to the ladies both at Bere Regis and at Kingston who so kindly act as distributors each month, and our gratitude to our readers who patiently accept the shortcomings of the Editor. We ask for continued support and ask that present readers should try and obtain others in order that our monthly circulation should expand rather than fall.

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THE ending year has been particularly memorable. We lost a great and good King who was an example of an Englishman at his best and who made God and his people the first place in his life. But has our Country ever known a reigning Sovereign who can surpass our young and beautiful Queen who so obviously is happy in spite of her tremendous duties and responsibilities. The Coronation must naturally be the centre of thought and again we would like to make it abundantly clear that this is a purely religious occasion. In earlier times the title of the service in Westminster Abbey was not the Coronation but the Consecration of the Sovereign. The very heart of the whole ceremony is not the crowning but the anointing when by the Hallowing with the Holy Oil the Sovereign is 'anointed, blessed and consecrated King over the peoples whom the Lord God hath given him to rule and govern.'

Following the Anointing, the ceremonies end by the Sovereign receiving Holy Communion as acknowledgment of his or her dependence upon God and of loyalty to Him who is King of Kings.

We hope to say more later on about the meaning and form of the Coronation but while making plans for all the joyful festivities let us remember what a solemn and sacred occasion it will be for our young Queen.

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WHILE our thoughts are naturally taken up very largely with home affairs we cannot be blind to the state of the world in other parts—particularly in Korea and in parts of Africa, where as the result of the subtle infiltration of Communism we see lawlessness and bloodshed so rife. It is our duty to follow these world-wide happenings and to realise that absolutely the only force which can prevent them from spreading now to Europe and our own Country is the Christian Faith.

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ONE of the most successful Socials ever held at Winterbourne Kingston took place last month in order to raise funds for S. Nicholas Sunday School. The proceeds amounted to £8 and the evening was in every way most enjoyable.

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WE were glad to welcome members of the British Legion at the Parish Church for their annual parade. The collections on Remembrance Day and at the Parade amounted to £11 5s. 6d. Other collections which were also in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, were:—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Miss E. Lys	2 7 10	Mrs. Osbaldstone	3 5 3
Mrs. Coles	3 12 5	Miss E. Henson	1 16 9
Mr. Strang	1 15 7	Mrs. Anderson	2 7 9
Mrs. Deakin	6 9 7	Mr. Beasley	15 11
Mrs. F. Lys	2 19 7	Miss D. Barnes	2 10 1

Winterbourne Kingston:

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mrs. Pitcher	1 2 10	Mrs. Symes	1 4 6
Mrs. C. Johnson	1 8 3	Mrs. Mittom	15 3
Mrs. G. Johnson	1 12 7	Miss Crook	1 7 3

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THE date fixed for the Confirmation is Sunday, March 15th at 6 o'clock. The Vicar has received the names of several candidates already and would be glad to have others as soon as possible. As we have said before, Confirmation is a Sacrament and not merely a form of entry into the Church. It would be good if prospective candidates would read through the Service in the Prayer Book and so get a clear idea of what Confirmation entails.

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'GOOD Tidings of great joy for all people' was the angelic message at Bethlehem: and let us note that it is the Christian Faith alone which has ever claimed to have good tidings for mankind. There are other ancient and historic religions, but at best they offer man no more than counsel for dealing with the evils of the world and for making the best of a bad job. They have no message of joy for all people.

The bells of our ancient Parish Church have rung out at Christmas for over 300 years. When you hear them ringing this year will you 'come and worship'?

A very Happy Christmas to all our readers.

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Register.

Burial, at Corfe Castle.

November 10th. Sarah Selina Harris, aged 78 years.