

August 1953



THE Lord Bishop pays his first visit to the Parish when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 21st, at 7 p.m.

The Vicar has already a list of candidates who were to have been presented in March, but the Confirmation arranged for that date had to be postponed. Any other candidates should give in their names without delay. Preparation plays an important part but almost the most important part is the co-operation of parents who, by their interest and example, can do so much.

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THE Harvest Thankgaving at the Parish Church will be on Sunday, September 27th, and at S. Nicholas on October 4th, when the Archdeacon of Sherborne will preach at Evensong. We should be so glad if Parishioners from Bere would come to S. Nicholas on this occasion.

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AT a recent meeting at S. Nicholas it was agreed that something should be done to provide adequate heating for the Church, and if an appeal is made for funds we hope that the response will be generous.

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THERE seem to be more visitors to our Parish Church than ever before, the number running into many hundreds each week. The Archbishop of York recently said that our English country churches were among our most priceless possessions as they embody not only generations of Christian teaching and worship but also the history and culture of our land. This is certainly true of our own Parish Church and we are grateful to those who care for it and who give flowers to add to its beauty.

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WE have reason for thinking that there are several children in the Parish who have not been baptised. This neglect on the part of parents is a very serious responsibility. No unbaptised person, whether a child or an adult, is a Christian and is not entitled to any benefits of the Church—not even a Christian burial. This is clearly stated in the Prayer Book. In future the Vicar is not prepared to accept any mother for Churching unless it is understood that the child concerned is to be brought for Holy Baptism.

Register.

Holy Baptism.

Rita, daughter of Ronald Frederick and Mary Elizabeth Elford.

Holy Matrimony.

July 18th. Gordon Maxwell Dorrington and Jeannette Audrey Hewitt.

Burials.

July 1st. Jane Bartlett, aged 81 years.

July 16th. Frank Hewitt, aged 83 years.

July 20th. Winifred Jarvis, aged 70 years.

July 23rd. Eliza Jane Cleall, aged 68 years.