



THREE dates of importance are Sunday, Sept. 27th, when we have the Harvest Thanksgiving at the Parish Church for which we should be glad to have flowers etc. for decorating on the previous day.

Oct. 4th the Harvest Thanksgiving will be at S. Nicholas and the Archdeacon of Sherborne will preach at Evensong. Please note that Evensong at St. Nicholas on that date will be at 6.30 *and there will be no Evensong at the Parish Church*. It would be so much appreciated if as many as possible from Bere would visit S. Nicholas that evening and if car owners would be kind and bring passengers.

Then on Wednesday, Oct. 21st at 7 p.m. the Lord Bishop will administer the sacrament of Confirmation at the Parish Church. Seats will be reserved for parents' and friends of the candidates and these tickets will be distributed in good time.

This will be the first occasion that the Bishop visits our church so we hope for a large congregation.

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THE church Fête held at the Old Parsonage, Winterbourne Kingston last month was a great success. Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscombe kindly lent their garden and Mrs. Peel very kindly opened the fête and asked for generous support towards the fund for repairing the Church Tower. Good weather for the first part of the afternoon soon gave way to a downpour of rain which brought everything to an end. However, through the kindness of Mr. Harry Miller, bowling for the pig was continued on the Saturday evening and brought in the excellent sum of nearly £20. The following were helpers at the stalls—

Household and produce, Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Hewitt; jumble, Mrs. Wellman, Mrs. Lake; new and fancy, Miss Crook, Miss Cockett; children's stall—books and toys—Mrs. and Miss Lipscombe; handkerchief, Mrs. Sheppard; hoop-la, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Miller; treasure hunt, Mrs. Edwards; roll-a-penny, Mr. E. Wellstead; Teas, Mrs. Symes, assisted by Mesdames Barnes, A. Legg, E. Legg, Mitton, Rolls, Shears and Vincent; ices and soft drinks, Miss Sheppard; skittling for pig, Messrs. Harry Miller, R. Henville, J. Henville, A. Legg, L. Lake, C. Raymond. Competitions were run by the Vicar and Mr. D. Herring. Flower sellers were Janet Legg, Eileen Hansford and Sheila Rolls. The pig was won by Mr. Beck, and the ladies' prize by Mrs. Burgess. Gate Steward, Mr. E. Calder. Total Profit was £56. 13. 8.

A Distinguished but unrecognised visitor to the Parish Church on a Sunday morning in August was the Very Reverend the Dean of Manchester who has just been appointed Lord Bishop of Birmingham. The Dean came again on the following Sunday, motoring a considerable distance to do so. We have heard since from an entirely independent source that he expressed appreciation of our services in most glowing terms.

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WE have not yet heard the result of the preliminary courses for the Free Will Offering Fund, except that there are some who dislike the idea of promising a regular contribution. May we make it quite clear that anyone joining the fund is at perfect liberty to discontinue at any time if it should be necessary. The Fund is a Free Will Fund and it is meant for those who have goodwill towards their Parish Church and we should not wish for anyone to join grudgingly or unwillingly.

Register

Holy Baptism, Sept. 6th.

Gillian Beryl, daughter of Robert William and Florence Mildred Beryl Cobb.