

May 1954



THE Annual Easter Vestry Meeting was held last month. The only business of the Vestry Meeting is the election of Churchwardens and Sidesmen. The Vicar expressed his gratitude for their help during the past year and was particularly glad when Mr. Marsh and Mr. Smith accepted office for another year; and Mr. Minterne is good enough to continue as Deputy Warden. The Sidesmen were elected without any change.

The Parochial Church Meeting followed and Mr. Berry presented a Statement of Accounts which was in every way satisfactory and included increases in collections for ordinary Church expenses and also for outside objects.

Miss Percy, who has care of our Visitors' Box, announced that the amount contributed during the past year was a record. The Vicar expressed his gratitude for the Easter offering which in both Churches was more than in any previous year. The Meeting then re-elected the Church Council and Representatives to the Ruri-Decanal and Diocesan Conference, all without change. Finally, the Vicar expressed his great appreciation for all the work done by the voluntary workers who gave so much willing help.

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THE Easter Services at both the Parish Church and at S. Nicholas were very well attended and as usual, both were beautifully decorated.

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#### PROPOSED SALE OF THE VICARAGE

IT is now generally known that steps are being taken at last to sell the present Vicarage and to build a much smaller house and one which will be much more convenient and less costly in upkeep. And, of course, it must have a much smaller garden. Parts of the present house are about 500 years old and although it is in many ways attractive it is in these days quite unreasonably large.

Negotiations are now proceeding for an alternative site. Even at this early stage the Vicar would be glad to hear from anyone who would care to buy the present house. He does not anticipate a rush of applicants.