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THE holiday season is drawing to a close and this year we cannot complain about the weather. For both holiday makers and farmers it could hardly have been better and the harvest prospects appear to be unusually good. At this time of the year we who live in the country have no need to envy those who live amid the noise and bustle of town life. We see England's countryside almost at its best and the fields ripening to harvest. We should be reminded that seed-time and harvest are phases of the same process. There would be no reaping if there were no sowing, and the toil of preparing the land and sowing brings with it the joy of harvest.

Suppose someone for the first time saw a sower scattering his seed, it would appear to be one of the most foolish and wasteful acts imaginable. But this is God's way—cast away in order to reap.

The Sower is the type of the man who acts in obedience to what is God's law, who acts in faith and works in utter trust upon God's word that seed-time and harvest shall not fail so long as this earth of our's remains. At the beginning of all is God and God is in the process all through.

The annual thanksgiving for the harvest has always been an occasion of importance in a country community although of latter years its observance has somewhat waned. We hope however that this year, when the harvest prospects appear to be so bright, we shall not neglect our thanksgiving.

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THE Harvest Thanksgiving at the Parish Church will be on Sunday, Sept. 18th and at S. Nicholas on the following Sunday, Sept. 25th.

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THIS year the number of visitors to our Parish Church has been unusually great and especially from overseas. The mellowed beauty of our ancient churches carries memories to all parts of the world and our own church certainly fulfils this purpose for which we have cause to be thankful.

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THE repair of the tower of S. Nicholas has been postponed for a time as a scheme dealing with the restoration of all ancient churches in the diocese is to be considered at the autumn session of the Diocesan Conference. If we put the work in hand previous to that we should run the risk of losing some extra grant which may come from Diocesan sources.

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S. NICHOLAS Sunday School outing took place this month when a party of the children together with members of the Mothers' Union and parents spent a day at Weymouth. Unfortunately the weather gave way to rain in the afternoon but thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Mrs. and Miss Sheppard everyone enjoyed a very good tea and all agreed that it was in every way a very happy day.

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THE Parish Church Children's Service starts again on the 1st Sunday in September and we do ask for the co-operation of parents in seeing that attendance is regular. Any new comers will be very welcome at the opening service and on following Sundays at 2.30.

We hope to arrange an outing probably on the Saturday after opening and children whose names record good attendance will be given notice of arrangements.

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HOLY BAPTISM.

June 4th, at S. Nicholas.

Helen Elizabeth, daughter of William James and Audrey Frances Ames.

June 27th at the Parish Church.

Gary Brian Charles, son of Cyril Brian and Brenda Leah Hewitt.

BURIALS.

July 18th. Ronald Reginald Robertson, aged 41.

July 21st. Ada Blanche Hawkins, aged 69.