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THE Annual Vestry meeting was held last month when Mr. F. Marsh and Mr. R. Smith were re-appointed Churchwardens and Mr. Minterne re-appointed Deputy Warden. Sidesmen were elected without change and with the addition of Mr. F. Pitfield.

The Vicar expressed his great appreciation of the loyal and helpful support which he continued to receive.

The Parochial Church Meeting followed and after Mr. Berry had read the minutes of last year's meeting the usual routine business was completed. Mr. Berry's financial statement was accepted as being very satisfactory especially in view of the fact that there had been heavy expenditure on items which are not likely to recur. The usual payments of the Quota and Clergy's Incomes had been made in full to the Diocesan authorities and the Vicar mentioned that Bere Regis Rural Deanery had headed the list of payment for three consecutive years as top of the whole Diocese.

The Parochial Church Council was re-elected without change and the meeting ended by the Vicar expressing his great gratitude to the many officials for their ungrudging work and mentioned that Mr. Berry as Treasurer and Secretary had always been of the greatest assistance.

The Council voted unanimously that a grant should be made towards the income of the benefice for which the Vicar expressed his great appreciation.

It has been agreed that a fete should be held on September 6th in aid of Church funds and Mrs. Bedford has kindly agreed to lend her garden. The date was purposely fixed for rather later than usual in order to avoid clashing with so many similar events which are to take place during the next few months. We hope for generous support especially in view of the fact that we seem likely to suffer a heavy loss of income from visitors to the Parish Church, especially those who come by coach. The bus companies do not appreciate the state of the road in the neighbourhood, especially in the district of Chamberlaynes bridge over which so many of the daily trips to the sea normally would travel.

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Register

Holy Baptism.

Paul Graham, son of Cyril Thomas Henry and Elsie May Bennett.

Burial.

April 20th. Oliver Tom Nutbeam, aged 84.