



**U**HITSUNDAY—or to give it its old title—the Feast of Pentecost, will be passed by the time these lines appear. For some strange reason this Festival never seems to be observed in a manner worthy of its great importance and meaning. Briefly it may be described as the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church in which we regularly declare our belief every time we say the Creed. The Holy Catholic Church consists of the three great branches—the Anglican, Roman and Eastern Orthodox Church and, apart from and dissenting from, the great Holy Catholic Church there are those numerous sects which have broken away at various times during the last century or two. They dissent from the Holy Catholic Church mainly on the matter of Sacramental Grace which is the foundation of our Orders of the Ministry and of our Sacraments. Their ministers are not a member of an Order and therefore are not ordained and their Sacraments are not Means of Grace but are interpreted more as memorials. These are the main differences between them and the Holy Catholic Church and are the points on which they are non-conformists.

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**W**ORK on the Tower of S. Nicholas is now proceeding well and before very long we hope that it will be safe for another number of centuries to be added to the 700 years of its past existence. The amount of work which is now being done under a very skilful architect and with modern technique and materials makes us wonder greatly at the labour of those who originally built it. Their work, indeed, was very remarkable, and this applies to all of our ancient Parish Churches. When they were first built the population of England was a fraction of what it is today and was entirely agricultural, but what patience and Faith they had!

Remember the date of the Garden Party in aid of the Restoration Fund—July 13th at the Old Parsonage.

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**A**ND remember, too, the Garden Party on Thursday, July 18th, in the Vicarage garden.

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**S**UNDAY, June 30th, is within the Octave of S. John Baptist, our Patron Saint. It should be a day of thanksgiving for the fact that well over one thousand years ago the inhabitants of Bere Regis built this Parish Church on the spot where the ancient Saxon church had stood. During all these centuries our Parish Church has been cared for as a witness to the faith of passing generations. It has remained steady and steadfast through all the wars and perils through which our country has passed. Please remember this on our Patronal festival, June 30th.

## Register

### Holy Baptism, June

Alan Owen Henry, son of Raymond Reginald and Estella  
Rosemary Skinner.

Gillian Lauraine, daughter of George Edward Gordon and  
Marjorie Beatrice Willis.

### Holy Matrimony, June 1st.

John David Cobb and Sylvia Audrey Nora Gough.