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DVENT Sunday is on November 30th and marks the beginning of the Church's new year. After the long list of Sundays after Trinity during which the teaching of the Church has been directed mainly on aspects of Christian conduct in everyday life Advent is, among other things, a time of preparation for the great Festival of Christmas and it is known also as a Penitential season, reminding us of the need of a Saviour.

Everything which is new brings with it a sense of pleasure which is not easy to define but can be felt. Can we have this in connection with Advent and its anticipation of Christmas. The first Christmas dawned on a dark and cruel world but the herald angels were heralds announcing the Birth of the new born King and the coming of Peace to men of goodwill.

The world is still dark with fear inspired by so much lack of goodwill among the nations—but nations are made up of individuals and we who write and read these lines are individuals. If we observe the season of Advent in the right spirit Christmas will have a very real meaning for all of us.

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OUR Parish Magazine is one of the oldest in the country and except for a short time during the last war it has been issued for more than 70 years. Its production, of course, has varied in style and its value has varied, too. Its composition is not always easy but we like to think that it serves a useful purpose and for that reason we ask that it may continue to be supported during the year ahead. To the good ladies who distribute it both here and at Winterbourne Kingston we are immensely grateful. It is often a tedious task and that makes our gratitude for their help all the more real.

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THE amount in the boxes raised during the past year for the Church of England Children's Society amounts to £10 1s. 8d. Mrs. Drew is our treasurer and will be very glad to hear of new subscribers who will take a box for this very deserving Society.

Register

Holy Baptism.

November 2nd

Nichola Jean, daughter of Cyril Thomas Henry and Elsie Mary
Bennett.

November 9th

Alan Terence, son of Cyril and Brenda Nellie Mary Fripp.