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THE holiday season will soon be in full swing and many hundreds of people will be visiting our beautiful old Parish Church.

Modern easy transport and increased earnings are making it possible for many visitors to see our villages and the beauties of the country in a way which they have never done before and this applies to those who live and work in the large industrial areas. Unfortunately urban influence is spreading to our countryside and new and widening roads are adding to the speed and noise of village life—our hedges are disappearing and every facility is being given to rob rural life of its once peaceful beauty. On the other hand the exodus from our villages especially at weekends is spoiling the community life which in the past had been one of the features of rural England. Bishop Lovett of Salisbury published a short book a few years before he died in which he pointed out so truly that the break up of this community spirit was having a disastrous effect on the spiritual life of the country, and that the place of the Parish Churches was no longer the centre which it had been for countless generations. The fact is, however, that our ancient churches which are the only features which remain steadfast and unchanged, are conveying a message to a new generation to which we have already referred—the visitors from our big cities and industrial areas who, while on holiday, so often experience the quiet and sacred beauty of our village churches and makes them realise perhaps for the first time how much the country folk themselves have valued these quiet places in the lives of so many generations.

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REMEMBER the date of the Vicarage Garden Party—June 25th.

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IT will be noticed that new copies of the Prayer Book are available in the Parish Church and very shortly the new edition of hymns will replace the old ones. This means that we shall have some new hymns and tunes in addition to the old ones.

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Burial, at Winterbourne Kingston.
May 2nd. Lilian Kate May, aged 67.