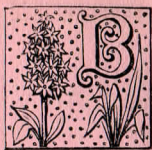


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OTH the Parish Church and S. Nicholas were, as always, beautifully decorated for Easter and we are grateful to those who so willingly undertake this work and to those who sent or brought flowers.

The Vicar is very grateful for the Easter offering at both churches. This annual gift is of very ancient origin and is more correctly described as 'Easter dues' and is customary in practically all Parish Churches in England.

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WE expect to hear very soon that the official inspection of S. Nicholas Church will take place. It will involve the whole building and not only the Tower, which is in a very bad state. Within the next five years every Parish Church in England will undergo this inspection and in every case a full and complete report will be made and an estimated cost of repair will be included. Our main concern at present is of course, S. Nicholas, and the cost of repair will undoubtedly be heavy. We feel that an appeal for funds will be generously met by every household in Winterborne Kingston. The church of S. Nicholas is the Parish Church of Kingston, and for hundreds of years parishioners have not only worshipped there week by week but it has been the sacred spot where during the centuries the children of the Parish have been brought for Holy Baptism, where young couples have 'pledged their troth either to other' in Holy Matrimony, and in the shadow of its walls lie the mortal remains of the forefathers of the village. Until comparatively recently it was the only place of worship and of burial in the Parish, and indeed to all except new comers it should be a very sacred and hallowed spot. The Tower has housed the bells which themselves are considerably more than 300 years old and what a dire calamity it would be if this ancient landmark in the centre of the village had to be demolished for lack of funds.

Our next stop towards the Restoration Fund will be a Garden Party at the Old Parsonage on June 30th. Brigadier and Mrs. Lipscombe are kindly lending their garden for the purpose so please note the date carefully. Brigadier Lipscomb is the treasurer of the fund and is glad to receive donations at any time.

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On the first Sunday in May, and until further notice, Evensong at S. Nicholas on Sundays will be at 7.15 p.m.

## Register

### Holy Baptism.

March 31st. Jillian Mavis Jane, daughter of Kenneth Arthur and Jean Ada Mary Way.

April 8th. Sarah Louise, daughter of Gordon Wallace and Peggy Joyce Sharman.

April 8th, at S. Nicholas.

Valerie Ann, daughter of William George and Rita Margaret Rose Stickley.

### Holy Matrimony

March 24th. Graham John Burt and Pamela Ann McDonald.

March 31st. William Frederick Slade and Maureen Rosemary Cheeseman.

March 31st, at S. Nicholas. James Alfred Middleton and Pamela Rita Symes.

### Burial.

April 7th. Samuel Hewitt, aged 57.