

DEDDINGTON WITH CLIFTON AND HEMPTON.

BAPTISMS.—May 25th, Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of John Reginald and Stella Elizabeth Mary Fullbrook. June 8th, Averil Josephine, daughter of Aubrey George and Vera Alice Goddard.

BURIALS.—June 4th, John William Cox, aged 4 years.

June 6th, Mary Elizabeth Goodfellow, aged 61 years. June 12th, Bertram William Sykes, aged 57 years.

In the passing of Miss Goodfellow and Mr. Sykes the Church and Parish have lost two loyal and good friends. Though a "foreigner" to these parts Miss Goodfellow had endeared herself to many friends, and become a veritable part of Deddington. Her cheerfulness and humour were a tonic to weary minds. Bert, as he was affectionately known to all, was one of those rare souls ready to put his skill and help at anyone's service. No matter what one wanted, Bert was ready to oblige, if it lay within his power—from spending many thankless hours trying to teach small boys carpentry to erecting the stage and managing the curtain at any show going. Though we have lost his presence, we still have the memory of his example. Sympathy for Mrs. Sykes and her son is both deep and universal.

CLIFTON COLLECTION.—Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Newell for undertaking the annual collection for Church Expenses. The Vicar 10s., Mrs. Comfort 2s., Mrs. Taylor 1s., Mrs. Gardner 5s., Mr. B. Bowerman 1s., Mrs. Bowler 5s., Mrs. Forman 1s., Mrs. Plumbe 2s., Mrs. M. Jennings 2s. 6d., Mrs. Homans 3s., Anon £1, Mrs. T. Bowler 2s., Mrs. Fred Whitlock 2s. 6d., Mrs. Fanny Whitlock 1s., H. Cox 6d., T.O., 6d., Mrs. M. Howe 5s., Mrs. Bowerman 2s. 6d., Mrs. Matthews 2s. 6d., Mrs. W. French 1s., Mrs. Hartwell 1s. 6d., Mr. F. B. Garrett 5s., Mrs. Doggett 1s., Miss E. M. Smith 5s., Miss Wright 2s. 6d., Miss B. M. Welford 2s. 6d., Mr. W. J. Welford 5s., Friend 6d. Total £4 3s. We are most grateful to the contributors for their generous help.

CONFIRMATION.—Dr. Kirk paid his first visit to Deddington as Bishop of Oxford when he came for the Confirmation on Whitsunday. As a full account of the service was given in the press, a list of the candidates from this parish will be enough here. Boys: J.G. Kemp, D. J. Kemp, H. A. O. Davis, J. A. C. Fortescue, G. N. Hopcraft, G. W. French, D. A. Franklin. Girls: J. M. French, V. M. Collman, D. Newton, R. A. F. Bennett, I. Weekes, E. L. Camp.

GREAT BOURTON.

SCHOOL NEWS.—All will read with sympathy and regret of the resignation, solely on the ground of health, of Mrs. Hawkins from the post of Headmistress. In a letter addressed to Mrs. Hawkins accepting her resignation the managers expressed their sympathy and regret, thanked Mrs. Hawkins for the good work she had done, and wished her improved health and happiness in the future.

Owing to the falling off in numbers the supplementary evacuee School has been closed and the remaining scholars transferred to Cropredy. Miss Baker who was in charge has returned to London, and she has left with everybody's good wishes, for she had made herself popular during her short stay.

BARFORD.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY.—July 6th, 6 p.m. (St. Michael's); July 13th, 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. (both at St. Michael's); July 20th, 11 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at St. Michael's) and 6 p.m. (St. John's); July 27th, 8 a.m. (St. John's) and 3 p.m. (St. Michael's).

RECENT FESTIVALS.—Both Churches were most pleasingly adorned with tulips for the Whitsun Festival, and we here record our appreciation of the efforts in this way of all who either provided them or set them in array. They will have had a more than passing beauty, if they were a reminder and sign to us of the manifold work of the Holy Spirit of God. In the late season of this year it has been the Festival of Whitsun rather than of Easter which has hallowed the message of spring and certified us that "the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come." On the evening of Trinity Sunday the Vicar exchanged duty with the Rev. A. T. Humphrey, the Vicar of St. Leonard's, Banbury, whose sermon on the meaning of the Holy Trinity was much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS.—We offer our hearty congratulations to Pilot Officer Derek A. Jackson, R.A.F.V.R., of No. 604 Squadron, who has been awarded the D.F.C. for "outstanding ability displayed during recent night-fighting operations." The whole parish felt pleased and proud when it read this news.

GIFTS TO SOLDIERS.—We have been asked to record that all of the Barford men who were actually called up from St. Michael's and St. John's and who are now serving in His Majesty's Forces have been sent two pairs of socks and 2s. 6d. each, as a present by S. Austin and his fellow Dance Band members. The knitting was very kindly carried out by Miss Crozier and Mrs. Lovell. Altogether a praiseworthy effort. And many will want to join with us in saying how much we miss our soldier friends whom the call of duty has taken away from their homes, and how we hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

RED CROSS.—The Collection in the parish on the National Flag Day for the Red Cross was efficiently undertaken by Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Mortimer and resulted in the sum of £6 15s. 11½d. being obtained for this vital need. The collectors wish to thank everyone for giving so generously.

THE NURSING ASSOCIATION.—Barford St. Michael and St. John have, during June, been making special efforts to raise their Quota towards the local Nursing Association. This note has to be written before all the events have taken place, and so it is not possible to announce the final result. However, it can be said that a Dance brought in £7 10s. 2d. and that a Jumble Sale raised a sum which, at the time of going to Press, is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of £35. Finally, a Dance, under the auspices of the Home Guard, is to be given and it is hoped that the total obtained by the month's activities will be around £50—a sum equal to five times the amount of the Quota! This truly magnificent result would not have been possible without the generosity of the donors of jumble, cigarettes, confectionery and other articles for competitions, or without the time and hard work—for hard work it must have been—of the many willing helpers.

M.M.