

JANUARY 1953

*St. Katherine's, Teversal*  
**Parish Magazine**



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Teversal Rectory,  
January 1953

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy New Year though I am afraid this message may be a little late in reaching you as the Christmas holidays make it impossible for our printers to get the Magazine into your hands immediately the year opens.

The year 1953 is likely to be a memorable one in the life of our nation for the coronation of our young and beloved Queen is fixed for June 2nd. Such events do not often happen and it may be many years before we have another—King George III reigned sixty years and Queen Victoria sixty-three. May Queen Elizabeth II enjoy a long and prosperous reign and may the days of her reign be days of peace and progress! Her Majesty has already shown herself admirably fitted for the high position to which she has been called, and I hope those who arrange her public duties will not lay too exacting a burden upon her.

As a New Year message may I give you some words Moses spake just before his death and as the people of Israel drew near to the Promised Land? Here they are!—"As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Ponder those words and you will see how true they are for all who consecrate their lives to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,  
W. R. POWELL.

### MISSIONARY BOXES

The annual opening of the above took place at the Rectory shortly before Christmas and we are glad to report that the boxes contained over £2/10/0 more than last year—two of the boxes contained over £3 in each and five others over £1. We are most grateful to all those who have given so liberally towards extending the Christian faith overseas. It must be becoming clearer as year succeeds year that the world must be won for the cause of Christ if His way of life is to be preserved and our hopes of true peace realised. You, through your boxes, are helping this ideal to be maintained and extended and we shall be only too pleased if some more friends would take a box. Mrs. Cook or the Rector will gladly see that a box is made available and as two of our regular holders have left the neighbourhood we do need someone to take on this all important work. Will you, my friend, do so?

BOXES—Mrs. Bestwick 7/5, Mrs. Bullock 7/10½, Mrs. Burlinson £1/0/4, Miss Clarke 16/11, Mrs. Cuckson 9/3, Mrs. Cook 12/0, Mrs. Colbourne £1/5/1, Mrs. Guest £1/4/0, Master Derek Hollis 5/7½, Mrs. Freeman 13/8, Mrs. King £1/5/3½, Mrs.

Jacklin 18/4½, Miss Christine Penford 11/11½, Mrs. Powell £1/9/6, Mrs. Seeley 13/6, Mrs. Thompson (Windyridge) 9/5, Mrs. Tideswell 12/1, Mrs. Tomlinson (South Bank) 14/2, Master Donald Watkinson 5/3, Mrs. Ray £3/6/10, Mothers' Union £3/2/6½. Total £20/11/1.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Mr. G. Warner 5/0, the Rector £1/1/0. Total £1/6/0.

LENT SAVINGS PURSES—£14/7/0.

Grand Total for 1952—£36/4/1.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School prizegiving took place on Sunday December 21st and Mrs. Durance very kindly presented the prizes for attendance while the Rector presented the smaller awards for the best stamp books. The prizegiving was preceded by a short service at which Christmas hymns were sung and Miss Porter was at the organ. Mrs. Durance spoke to every prizewinner and the Rector said how grateful he was for the splendid help of Miss Porter and Mrs. W. S. Jacklin together with that of the younger teachers—Mr. C. Burlinson, Miss M. Poyser, Miss A. Rickers, and Miss P. Rockley. Three of the scholars, John Burlinson, Michael Thompson, and Patricia Thompson, made full attendance for the year.

STAMP BOOK AWARDS—John Burlinson, Sheila Haycox, Joyce Ward, Keith Rickers, Judith Dring, Barrie Haycox, Patricia Thompson, Valerie Darby, Michael Thompson, Alan Rowe.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS: Ann Bircumshaw, Margaret Bircumshaw, John Burlinson, Graham Darby, Valerie Darby, Judith Dring, Stewart Dring, John Freeman, Hilary Gee, Sheila Haycox, Brian Haycox, Barrie Haycox, Kathryn Heathcote, Robert Henshaw-Allcock, Peter Henshaw-Allcock, Gillian Harpham, Kathleen Holling, Eileen Holling, Jeremy Elkington, Maureen Key, Christine Penford, Jill Pendlebury, Hilary Pendlebury, Dorothea Porter, Janet Porter, Joan Prothero, Janet Rickers, Keith Rickers, Allan Rickers, Howard Rockley, Alan Rowe, Pat Salisbury, Allan Stocks, Michael Thompson, Patricia Thompson, Jean Thorpe, Brenda Thorpe, Eric Thorpe, Isabelle Tomlinson, Brenda Turton, Michael Turton, Valerie Thompson, Julie Wells, Joyce Ward, Gillian Barnard.

### BAPTISM

Nov. 30—Peter Turner.

### BURIALS

Nov. 25—Gladys May Brewer.  
29—Thomas Holmes.

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The Rector very much regrets that owing to his illness and consequent absence from the parish he has not been able to prepare the usual matter for this March issue of the Magazine. He has great hopes of being able to resume in time for the next issue, when the extracts from the parish register and other items of interest will be brought up to date.

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We are sure that all parishioners and his many friends outside the parish will join in wishing him a speedy and complete return to good health. Meanwhile, it is earnestly hoped that you will remember the Rector in your prayers and by increased interest and regular attendance at services and meetings, keep the spiritual life of the parish very much alive.

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Abercrombie Nursing Home,  
Chesterfield,  
March 15th 1953.

Dear Friends,

By the time this Magazine reaches you I hope to be back once again among you. I was brought here in a hurry but have had wonderful care and attention and must thank you for your prayers and very kind gifts and messages. You must please excuse more as I am trying to write this in bed.

I send you my love and very best wishes for a very happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,  
W. R. POWELL.

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### THE CROSS

In the April issue last year the Rector wrote the following:—

“Some time ago I bought a small book on heraldry as I thought it might be useful to me in deciphering the meaning of the crests in our parish church. It is amazing how often the cross figures in heraldic devices, and the writer of another book on the same subject says:—

‘We treat first of the Cross, because the Cross is chiefest in honour.’ How very true that is as we approach another Good Friday! The cross of Jesus was, I suppose, nothing more than two rough pieces of wood nailed together—a tree of shame in His day—and yet it has become the symbol of our faith as Christians. The Cross did not bring honour to Jesus—it was Jesus who brought honour to the Cross and made it “chiefest in honour”—and so men have wrought crosses of gold and silver and of precious stones, and some have forgotten the original—and in forgetting the original have forgotten the One who hung there for the redemption of mankind.

Good Friday comes once again to remind us of that fact—Jesus on the Cross for you and me! Hence it is no day for Christians to make merry on, or to treat as a holiday! Try and remember that on April 3rd and come to one of the services so that you may receive a blessing from the crucified and risen Christ.”

### GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER DAY SERVICES

The services on Good Friday will be as follows:

11 a.m. Matins, Litany and address.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong and sermon.

Collections will be given to the Church Missions to Jews.

The celebrations of Holy Communion on Easter Day, April 5th, will be at 7-15 a.m. and 9 a.m. Every Communicant is reminded of the obligation the Prayer Book lays upon them to attend one or other of these services.

O let thy table honoured be,  
And furnished well with joyful guests;  
And may each soul salvation see,  
That here its sacred pledges tastes.

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### THANK YOU

We are grateful for the following gifts which have been given to the church.

Four altar frontals and falls to match.

Three sets of book markers from the Mothers' Union.

Two collecting bags from Mr. C. W. Tagg and family.

Two collecting bags from Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Parsons.

One set of book markers from Mr. and Mrs. Poyser.

We hope that these gifts will be dedicated on Easter Sunday morning.

The four cushions in the Carnarvon pew have been restored to their original beauty by Mrs. C. Heathcote of Teversal Manor. These cushions had been ravaged by moths and the original velvet completely spoilt. The crests have been placed back on new velvet. It has been a work of love.

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### BURIAL

March 7—Elizabeth Key aged 86.

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Teversal Rectory,  
May 1953

Guest, Harpham, A. Harpham, Parsons, Ray,  
Seeley and Swift.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Just as I was hoping to be soon amongst you once again I had a quite unlooked for relapse. It has been very disheartening to me but I trust the worst is now over and all will go well. I hope too that many of you who have been ill will profit from the sunnier and warmer days ahead.

I am sorry the Easter services had to be curtailed, but am delighted so many managed to get to the 7-15 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion. I hope those who missed their Easter Communion will do their best to make up for it at the great Festival of Whitsun which this year falls on Empire Day, May 24th. The following Sunday—also a great festival of the Christian Church commemorating the Holy Trinity—comes just before the coronation of our gracious Queen and has been appointed as the Sunday on which this great event is to be remembered. Special forms of service have been drawn up and will be available on that day and I feel sure many of you will wish to join in those services and pray for God's blessing upon our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and her consort, Prince Philip.

I would close this letter with a word of gratitude for many kindnesses received during my absence from among you—and not least from the children of the day and Sunday Schools.

Yours sincerely,  
W. R. POWELL.

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### VESTRY AND ANNUAL MEETING

In the absence of the Rector Mr. George Warner kindly acted as chairman. The Rector wrote nominating Mr. Warner as his Warden for 1953-4 and expressing his deep gratitude for all the help Mr. Warner had given during the past year. Mr. W. S. Jacklin was re-appointed People's Warden and a similar vote of warm appreciation was accorded him for his devoted services.

At the Annual Meeting which followed Mr. G. Warner was elected as Diocesan Representative for three years, and Mr. A. Harpham and Mr. C. Ray as Ruridecanal Representatives for one year, and the following were elected to the Parochial Church Council—Mesdames Bailey, Cook, Elkington, Graham, Guest, W. S. Jacklin, Keetley, Lee, Parsons, Penford, Powell, Poyser, Tideswell, Ward, Miss Hartshorne, Miss B. Porter, and Messrs. Bestwick, C. Burlinson, Cook, Guest, S.

Mr. Guest was re-appointed secretary for both meetings and warmly thanked for his past services.

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### "IN MEMORIAM" GIFTS

Among the gifts mentioned in last month's magazine we regret that two beautiful collecting bags, the gift of Mr. Horace White and his family, were quite inadvertently omitted. We are very sorry for the omission; and for these bags, together with two bookmarkers, the gifts of Mr. Harold and Mr. Alfred Parsons, we would like to express the Council's gratitude.

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### CALENDAR STAMPS

Since the list published in our February issue of the magazine the following further amounts have come in and we gratefully acknowledge these gifts which help us so much in meeting our Parochial Quota which, we understand, is going up to £72.

STAMPS—Mrs. Burton 12/9, Joyce Ward 4/1, Mrs. Rockley (2nd instalment) 5/5, Mrs. J. Tomlinson £1/4/0, Mrs. W. Tomlinson £1/5/6.  
CASH—Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Parsons £2/12/6, Mrs. W. Redshaw 10/-, Joyce Ward 3/-, Anon £1, Anon 5/-, Anon 1/-, Miss Clarke 10/-, Miss Hartshorne 10/-, Mrs. Watkinson (Hardwick) 10/-, Mrs. Thompson (Windyridge) 7/-, Anon £1.  
Total to April 18th, £26/2/6.

Stamps or cash may still be sent in.

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### SUNDRY ITEMS

Our Parish Magazine last year cost us £36/14/0. We started the year with a balance of £1/9/2 and we finished it with a deficit of £1/3/4, hence we are very grateful to all those readers who are giving us a little more this year. Each copy costs a fraction over threepence to produce.

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### BAPTISMS

Apr. 5—Malcolm Alan Elliot.  
5—Susan Harrison.  
5—Michael Thomas Jackson.  
5—Christine Mary Ockelford.

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### BURIALS

Apr. 7—Elizabeth Ann Godfrey aged 78.  
9—George Albert Reeves aged 75.



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Teversal Rectory,

June 1953

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

By the time this copy of the magazine reaches you the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II may have taken place. Whether it has or has not the ordeal of such a solemn service must fall with peculiar heaviness upon so young a person as our beloved Queen. To be called upon at twenty-seven years of age to take up the full responsibility of sovereignty is no light thing, but the Queen has already shown her worth and hence we can look forward with confidence to her rule over us and over our Commonwealth.

It is not loyal flattery, but the plainest truth to say that in the sovereign who now fills the place of our late beloved King we have one who will carry on the noble example of selfless service he set. The motto "I serve" so long borne by our Princes of Wales and adopted after the battle of Crecy in 1346 accurately describes the spirit of our Royalty. Not only the Queen, but other members of the Royal Family are constantly fulfilling some public engagement and all this travelling about must exact a heavy toll upon one's strength and spirit. Hence we ordinary folk do need to pray regularly for the members of our Royal House that they may be supported by God's Spirit in their arduous tasks and blessed in all their undertakings. So shall we and they help to "build Jerusalem" in England's green and pleasant land.

Yours sincerely,  
W. R. POWELL.

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### SUMMER SALE AND FETE

The excitement of the Coronation may have helped some people to forget that the time of our Summer Sale and Fête draws near and that little more than a month separates the two. Saturday July 4th is the day fixed for this annual event and Mrs. Geoffrey Lane of Mansfield has kindly consented to open it. Mrs. Lane used to live in Teversal and hence will be known to some of you and so we must give her a real welcome back to the old parish. The stallholders will be glad of all kinds of gifts, for we do rely upon the stalls as our main source of income. The ladies who do the refreshments and those who run the cake stall will also be pleased to receive contributions—indeed, we shall be glad of anything we can turn into money. The church and the Rectory are

both in need of repairs and improvements—particularly the latter and the cost of maintenance is constantly increasing. Last year our income exceeded our expenditure by only £8, but through our Summer Sale and Fête we were able to have the churchyard wall pointed, the heating apparatus repaired, and sundry other things put in order—and we finished as stated with £8 in hand.

You will see therefore how very necessary it is to make this annual event a success. Pray for God's blessing upon it and work for it with the same devotion that has been the mark of Teversalians for many years.

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### LENT SAVINGS BOXES

Up to the time of going to press the following Lent boxes have come in and we are most grateful for the very generous amounts that have been given—the Sunday School children alone have contributed over £4. There are still a few boxes to come in so that the total of £10 will no doubt be exceeded. The Church Missionary Society needs all we can send it as the cost of its work has so greatly increased and the Christian message is needed more than ever to combat the spread of materialism and godlessness.

BOXES—Ann and Margaret Bircumshaw 8/5½, Graham Darby 4/3½, Judith and Stewart Dring 9/10½, Jeremy Elkington 5/7, Hilary Gee 8/7½, Gillian Harpham 5/3½, Kathleen and Eileen Holling 8/8, Janet Rickers 2/0½, Howard Rockley 6/11, Alan Rowe 2/5, Jean Thorpe 2/3½, Isabelle Tomlinson 5/2½, Brenda and Michael Turton 3/9, Joyce Ward 4/9½, Julia Wells 2/11½, Miss W. Heathcote 13/10, Mrs. Morley (Dunsil) £1/0/3, Miss M. Poyser 18/9, Rector £2, Miss Saunders £1/6/0. Total £10.

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### SUNDRY ITEMS

—The Rector hopes to resume most of his public duties in June though he may have to go a little slow at first. He is very grateful to the Clergy and Lay Readers who have carried on the Sunday services during the past three months and to the Churchwardens for arranging these details. He regrets that one or two baptisms have had to be postponed, but he hopes now to be able to take any that have unavoidably been kept waiting.

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Teversal Rectory,  
July 1953

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Coronation of our beloved Queen is now a matter of history, but all those who were privileged to see the moving ceremony on TV or more lately on the technicolour film must admit that its beauty and solemnity could hardly be surpassed. For so young a person the ordeal must have been terrific and when one thinks that on top of this great event have followed days which have been crammed from morning to night with further public duties such as the four rides through London, the great Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's, the Trooping of the Colours, the Naval Review at Spithead, Ascot, etc., it is amazing Her Majesty is not worn out—but the smile on her face is still there and her people have shown without any shadow of doubt how they feel about "our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II." God bless her and her husband and family and may she be spared to reign long over us.

And now I must turn to parochial affairs and once again remind you that our Summer Sale and Garden Fête is fixed for the first Saturday in July, namely July 4th, and ask for your presence and support. July 4th is Independence Day in the United States and is a public holiday—it marked in 1776 the separation of the thirteen original states from Great Britain, but we would like our July 4th to mark the separation of some of your cash from you towards keeping your Church and Rectory "independent"—and all in a holiday spirit. The function will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Geoffrey Lane of Mansfield and formerly of this parish. We shall be glad of any gifts towards the same. We are almost invariably blessed with a fine day so let us hope and pray that God's blessing will be bestowed upon this annual event and then it cannot fail to be a great success.

I must still ask your patience if I cannot do all I would like to do, but I have just had a reminder that I cannot do more than a minimum.

Yours sincerely,  
W. R. POWELL.

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### **CORONATION TEA AND GIFTS**

The members of the Teversal Mothers' Union provided the children of the Sunday School and members' children with tea on the day after the Coronation and a very happy party sat down to a feast of good things. It had been intended to adjourn to the Rectory garden for games when

tea was over but the weather made this impossible so the Rector tried to fill the gap by importing his old magic lantern and showing some funny slides. Owing to the insufficient black-out and the merry mood of the lantern this was not as successful as it might have been, but it kept the young people occupied until it was time to go home, when each received a Coronation pencil to mark the termination of a very enjoyable evening.

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### **CORONATION PRAYER BOOKS**

All members of the Sunday School except very new ones or those whose attendances have been very few were presented with a special Coronation Prayer Book and a Coronation card on the Sunday following the Coronation. This was largely made possible by the gift of a number of churchpeople to whom we are most grateful. The previous Sunday some very interesting little booklets issued by the Lord's Day Observance Society were distributed among the scholars. We are grateful to the Society for these booklets as they too were a free gift and they sent us fifty. There has been apparently a very heavy demand for the Prayer Books and we were rather fortunate in being able to secure enough.

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### **SUNDRY ITEMS**

—It has come to our ears that this year Mr. and Mrs. Colbourne have celebrated their golden wedding. We offer them our congratulations and very best wishes as well as our prayers that they may long enjoy good health and happiness.

—We are very sorry to report that Mr. H. Tideswell, owing to pressure of work, finds it impossible to carry on the work of Verger and Sexton. Mr. Tideswell has held the dual post for over twelve years and the Rector hopes to refer to his work at greater length in our next issue as this month space is so limited.

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### **BAPTISM**

May 31—David Ockelford.

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### **WEDDING**

June 6—Douglas Alan Hendy to Barbara Payne.

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Dear Friends,

A great Archbishop of Canterbury named Anselm, who lived in the days of William Rufus and Henry I wrote an epoch making book entitled "Cur Deus Homo?" which in plain English means "Why did God become a Man?" That question admits of a variety of answers and the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews supplies us with one when he says that God became a man in order that "He" (i.e. the Incarnate Christ) "might deliver all them that through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." That is a true and very comprehensive answer and one we need to bear in mind as we approach another Christmastide, for at Christmas God did become man and amidst all the preparations for keeping this a happy season it would be criminal to forget it.

If your Christmas and mine are to be really what they ought to be we must not then be like the inn-keeper who could find no room for Joseph and Mary and the unborn Babe. Little did he realise what an honour he was losing for his house and that within a few hours the stable and not the inn would be the birthplace of God Incarnate.

The moral surely is this, namely, that despite all the getting ready for this great Festival we should set apart some definite period of time at Christmas to visit God's House to worship Him as the shepherds did long ago and to thank Him not only for becoming Man but also for all that that "becoming" has meant to the world and to you and me. Only thus can we ever hope to derive from Christmastide the joy and hope and inspiration which this holy season is capable of bestowing. God grant you all this happy experience!

Yours very sincerely,  
W. R. POWELL.

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### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Day falls this year on a Friday and we are once again hoping to hold our Christmas Eve service at 11-30 p.m. on the Thursday. It will take the form of a Holy Communion service so that communicants may receive their Christmas Communion in the early minutes of Christmas Day. Non-communicants will also be very welcome to come and join us in the worship and singing of the hymns. As regards Christmas Day the services will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at the close of the Morning Service which will be at 11 a.m. At all these services the offerings will be on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's

Homes and your generous help is solicited. There will not be an Evening Service, but on Sunday December 27th there will be the usual evening celebration of Holy Communion and the Rector hopes that any who have not been able to communicate earlier will do their utmost to do so then. May we also take this opportunity of wishing all readers of our Parish Magazine a very happy Christmas.

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### SUNDRY ITEMS

—As this is our first opportunity of doing so we would like to express to Mr. Ernest Harpham and his family our sympathy in the bereavement which came so suddenly upon them.

—For two years we have raised over £28 towards our Parish Quota from Calendar Stamps or money given in place of stamps. This has been a very great help and has taken part of the burden off our other funds. As I said a year ago let your Calendars act as your sidesmen and put on them week by week a regular sum. It is surprising how much this method of giving can help your Church.

—Our Parish Magazine enters upon another year of its existence in January and though keeping the price at threepence we shall be grateful for friends who can give us a little more and so help us not to run at a loss. The Rector would very much like to thank the kind friends who help him with the distribution. He takes out nearly fifty each month and knows the labour involved. He can therefore fully appreciate the services of his helpers.

—The Mothers' Union are hoping to hold their annual Bring and Buy Party on Saturday December 12th commencing at 3 p.m. at the Manor Room. Teas will be served and we hope quite a number of friends will support the effort and make it a great success.

—We are proposing to hold the Sunday School Prizegiving on Sunday December 13th and the New Year Party on Saturday January 2nd. For the latter we have booked a surprise item.

—You may like to know that the population of Teversal is about 1100.

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### BAPTISM

Nov. 22—Elizabeth Dawson.

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### BURIAL

Oct. 27—Elsie Harpham aged 53 years.