

Church newsletter extract September 1960

There have been many minor arguments in the past about the origin of the established practice of holding services of thanksgiving for the harvest. It has now been established that the honour belongs to the parish church of Morwenstow in Cornwall where the original thanksgiving service was held in October 1843.

Mr John Langley and Miss Dorothy Gill Ward were married on 16th August. We wish them every happiness.

Mrs Lucy Emma Jeffs aged 82 wife of former sexton of the church died on 6 August, and was buried on the 11 August.

Mr W Roberts has been appointed caretaker of the churchyard.

More complaints have come in about the removal of flowers from graves. The matter has been reported to the police but we ourselves will take drastic action to curtail entrance to the churchyard of people not having graves to attend to particularly young hooligans who have no respect for the church itself or God's acre.

The rewiring of the church will commence in the middle of September and the work will take about 2 weeks.

Messrs Bowman and sons have completed the first part of repairs to the failing gullies and downpipes. The firm is now working on the new screen for the western arch and the new ringing chamber. When the work is nearing completion, it is hoped to arrange a service of dedication conducted by the Bishop of the Diocese.