



## Bishop visits East Meon

All Saints Church, East Meon, was crowded for the harvest thanksgiving evensong service on Sunday, when the Bishop of Portsmouth (the Very Rev. Ronald Gordon) paid his first visit to the parish.

The singing of the hymns was led by Mr. Lodge at the organ, and the augmented village choir included one member who had just returned from Canada, and had not sung in the choir since 1931.

The Bishop gave a sermon on the many-sided bounties of God and how men should not debase them for their own uses.

After the blessing, he talked to members of the congregation, and was welcomed by Mr. H. Goddard, chairman of East Meon parish council.

The church was decorated with pressed flowers, and many gifts of fruit, vegetables and tinned food.

Afterwards, a buffet harvest supper was served in the village hall. The food was prepared by ladies of the parochial church council, under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Atkinson.