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BLESSING THE WELLS - The picturesque ceremony of thanksgiving for the "great gift of water", at Tissington.

-Derbyshire-

Picture:- Lots of us never think of water as--
--a great boon, but this ceremony of Blessing the--
--Wells should remind us of it. Hundreds of--
--years ago, so the story runs, a great drought
occured, and prayers for rain were held--
--at these spots. Water commenced to flow, and has
done ever since. For this Blessing, the Wells--
--are dressed with designs made of flowers and--
--leaves from wood and hedgerow. In fact it has
become a local--
--art to create these pleasing tapestry effects with
natural plants for this occasion.

The Church asks for the continued blessing of
the gift of--

--water. This has been done every year for nearly
a thousand years. I expect it's postponed during floods.