THE PARISH CHURCH OF
BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
The Vicar's Letter.

My dear Friends,

Life, thank God, is made up of new beginnings. Every hour of the day, every morning we wake up, can be a new start to life, every time we fail we can make a new beginning, and it's never too late to start again in the Christian life.

What a chance, therefore, awaits us at the beginning of a New Year. "Forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forward to those things that are before".

All the last year's failures and mistakes are behind us, and a fresh chance lies before us again. And, indeed, we can all do so much better.

We can be more thoughtful, we can look out better for opportunities of being helpful. We can work harder at our tasks, we can be more tolerant in our outlook. As you begin this New Year, give thanks to God because of the chance it has again brought you to go out, and in spite of all your past failures and unworthiness, justify yourself in the sight of God and Man.

Greet the New Year, then, with hope, confidence and trust.

A very happy New Year to all our readers from Mrs. Tranter and myself.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

Bere Regis and District British Legion Women's Section.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the W.I. Hut on Thursday, January 25th at 3 p.m.

In the account of the Annual General Meeting given in last month's Parish Magazine the name of Mrs. J. Jesdy elected on the Committee should have read Mrs. W. Jesdy.

Audrey Lys. Assistant Hon. Secretary.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

JAN. 7th. MRS. LYSE.
JAN. 14th. MRS. POORE.
JAN. 21st. MRS. TERRY.
JAN. 28th. MISS SMITH.

The second Meeting of the Guild took place in the Vicarage on Thursday, December 14th, with the Vicar in the Chair. He began by thanking everyone for all they had done over the past months in adding to the beauty of the Church with the many lovely flower arrangements.

Four new Members joined - bringing the Membership up to 21. From this a rota was made out for the next six months, and can be seen in the Church Porch. If any Member has been given an inconvenient date, please let either Mrs. Tranter or Mrs. Talbot know. Subscriptions for 1962 (1/-) may be paid to the Vicar at any time.

Various matters were discussed, and in particular the Vicar wishes to emphasize that Members should not hesitate to ask him for money from the Fund if flowers have to be bought — that is what the Fund is for!

Also, as there has been some confusion as to who should be responsible for the eventual removal of wedding and other special floral arrangements, it was thought that the best plan would be to leave it to the discretion of the Member doing the Sanctuary flowers to decide when to remove them, unless the provider of the flowers expressed a wish to take them away.

And to end — A very happy and successful New Year to all the "Constance Spry"!

J.D.T.

A SERMON PREACHED BY THE VICAR ON NOVEMBER 5th. 1961.

In response to a request made in a letter to the Editor, we print in a shortened form, and as far as he can remember what he said — the Sermon preached by the Vicar for All Saints Day, on the above date.

What an extraordinary nation we are! Turn back the pages of the history books and you will find them full of great deeds and great names which are bound up with the history of our nation. Crecy, Agincourt, Trafalgar, Wellington, Nelson, Elizabeth, Drake, Raleigh. Magna Carta. Emancipation of the Slaves. Factory Acts, and hundreds of others enriching history and of which we can be proud. And yet the only date which the average person can ever remember is that of a miserable plot, which did not even succeed, November 5th. Guy Fawkes Day! And this date is so firmly entrenched in the year's calendar, that it stirs up the tongue of the youngest or oldest person in the land; when every other great date in our history has fallen into oblivion.

And that is typical of so much in our daily lives. The worth while fades and is ousted by that which is shoddy and second rate. Names of second rate people - film stars, singers, politicians - popular heroes. Stories in the newspapers of dingy people - murders, divorces, rackety.

Is this all there is in life? If so, then the world is as rotten as it could be. Well, it isn't! Like Guy Fawkes, the sensational and evil comes to the surface and the really good is swamped by it all. But that doesn't mean it isn't there.

All Saints Day reminds us of the real goodness there is in the world which is never publicised. All the kindness - love - gentleness - real Christian goodness. People who fight temptation - stand against wrongs - do right when all is against them. Christian people who live the Christian life.

These are the Saints and these we thank God for and remember. Many you must have come across in your own lives - friends or relations or just people you have heard about or know. People who live the Christian way of life in an un-Christian world.

Remember, remember the fifth of November? No! Remember, remember the Saints of November.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION.

The first Quarterly Corporate Communion will take place on Thursday, January 11th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Church, when several new members will be admitted.

A cup of tea will be provided afterwards in the Vicarage. We hope for a large number at this very special Service.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Church Council will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, January 15th in the Vicarage. It is hoped that all members will try and be present.
Bere Regis Evening Institute.

The Spring Term commences on Tuesday the 9th of January 1962. New Students may enrol then. Fees 10/- per term of 12 lessons. Further details from F. Marsh, Southbrook.

In and Around Bere Regis, by Parishioner.

Our imagination is often fired by stories of wildlife in distant lands in books or on the radio and television. We tend to forget that here, in our own parish, we have many interesting and often rare plants, mammals, reptiles and birds.

What finer sound is there on a warm spring morning than the cry of a curlew from Black Hill. Perhaps it is the surprise of it that is appealing for this is a bird of the moors and fells and it is not common in Southern England.

Among the gorse and heather may be found one of our rarest British breeding birds, the Dartford Warbler. This little bird about the size of a blue-tit is slate grey in colour with a dark wine-coloured breast. It is a secretive bird and is seldom seen in full view, only its voice in the undergrowth betrays its presence. Unlike other warblers it stays with us all the year round, living on the heath while its relations the Nightingale, Blackcap and Willow Warbler prefer the woods, hedgerows and withy beds. It is interesting that all twelve British Warblers nest in the parish.

The river and water meadows never cease to be a source of interest whether it be the flute-like call of the Green Sandpiper at dusk on a winter’s evening or the antics of the Dipper as it feeds in the river in summer. Above on the downs the profuse song of the skylark stops as a buzzard circles above.

This is not intended to be a catalogue of British birds but rather an illustration of how many birds of interest can be seen and heard on a short walk from the village at any time of year.

Sometimes it is pleasant to escape from the humdrum pace of modern life and we are fortunate to have on our doorstep so much of interest in the way of scenery and wild life which is free for all to enjoy.

J.G.

Bere Regis County Primary School.

The Annual School Christmas Concert was enjoyed by a large gathering of parents and friends. The programme included a number of recitations, two plays "The King who could not laugh", and "The woman who was lonely", and a Nativity play, "Light is come". These concerts would not be possible but for the combined efforts of all the Staff and of course, the children who thoroughly enjoy performing.

The silver collection realised £10.

A number of people have asked me if there will be a School Whist Drive. Normally this is held before Christmas but owing to the difficulty of fixing a suitable date, it was decided to hold it early in the New Year when fewer events take place in the village.

On Monday, 18th December, the children played host to the over 70s of the village. (those who were able to attend). There were several items of entertainment, followed by tea, and gifts were distributed. A beautifully iced cake prepared by Mrs. C. Minter was cut by Col. Lane, a School Manager. A vote of thanks to children and Staff was given by Mr. J. Strang. Transport was provided by some of the Managers and Mr. Toop.

S.J. Endacott. Headmaster.

Bere Regis Flower Show.

A Public Meeting will be held in the Drax Hall on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7.30, p.m.

Last year, owing to lack of interest in the Show, it was decided to let it lapse for a year and discuss the future of it in a year's time. It is now earnestly hoped that as many people as possible will attend the Meeting and give their opinions as to whether the Show shall be held again this year or discontinued.

Audrey Lys. Hon. Secretary.

Confirmation.

There will be a Confirmation Service in the Parish Church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27th.

There will be a preliminary Meeting at the Vicarage for those intending to come forward for Confirmation at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday January 17th, to take names and to arrange times of classes.

All Candidates, whether young people or adults, should be present at this Meeting.

P.T.W.T.

History of Bere Regis - 7.

The Turberville Family (continued)

Most if not all of the Turbervilles of Bere Regis were buried under
the floor of the South aisle of the Church. In this floor is a 3'6½" x 7'1" slab bearing this inscription in Roman lettering cut in the stone:—

**OSTIUM SEPULCHRI ANTIQUAE FAMILIAE TURBERVILLE 24 JUNII 1710
DOOR OF THE SEPULCHRE OF THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF THE TURBERVILLES.**

John Turberville who died in 1633 had a separate floor tomb. The stone slab is 6'10" x 3'0" and bears the following inscription incised in Roman lettering:—**HERE LYETH THE BODIES OF JOHN TVRBERVILLE OF BEERE AND WOOLBRIDGE ESQVIER WHO DECEASED THE FIRST OF JANUARY 1633 AND ANN HIS WIFE DAUGHTER TO THOMAS LORD HOWARD VICOVNT BINDON WHO DECEASED THE 21 OF NOVEMBER 1633.**

Robert Turberville who died in 1559 also had a separate floor tomb, stone slab size 5'10½" x 2'9½". Until recently this slab bore a brass plate which is now affixed to the east wall of the aisle nearby, as it was found to have been suffering some damage in its position on the floor. It bears this Latin inscription in old English lettering:—"Hic jacet Robertus Turbervyle Armiger qui tempore suo procuravit alteram dimidiatam partem huius manerii de Bere Regis (past dissolution Abbatie de Terrant) et eandem adiectit ac univit hereditato patrimonio antecessorum suorum ad longa temporae dominorum huius manerii. Qui quidem Robertus obiit quinto die Aprilis, Anne domini 1559. Cuius anima propicietur clementissimus Christus Jesus. Amen". A rough translation of which is:—Here lies Robert Turberville, arm bearer, who in his time united the part of the manor of Bere Regis formerly belonging to Tarrant Abbey until its dissolution, to the part which he had inherited from his forefathers who had been lords of this manor from ancient times. Which said Robert died April 5th, A.D. 1559, be merciful Christ Jesus. Amen.

There are two carved Purbeck marble altar tombs of the Turbervilles in this aisle of Tudor date, but both sets of brasses have disappeared. Another low altar tomb just east of the south door is of 14th century work but bears no inscription. In 1774 there were two floor slabs in the south aisle which have since been removed. They bore the following fragmentary inscriptions:—"Orate pro a't'a Willi ....... " and "Ricardus Turbervyle arm. quondam Dominus de Bere Regis. et Johanna uxor eius; qui quidem ....... "

(to be continued) F.P. Pitfield.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

**CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.**

St. Nicholas-tide was observed when a special toy gift Service, combined with Evensong was held on the first Sunday in December.

Children of the Sunday School and others brought a variety of books and toys, which were received and placed on the Altar by the Vicar. These gifts were afterwards taken to the Children's Ward of Blandford Hospital and were greatly appreciated. It was a fitting tribute to our Patron Saint.

E.M.S.

ST. NICHOLAS MARKET.

Although the evening was damp and dark a large number of people were present when Mrs. Tranter opened the St. Nicholas Market, after having been introduced by the Vicar. The stalls were well laden and trade was brisk. The Committee is grateful to all those who supported the Market by their many gifts and purchases. It was pleasing to have Brigadier Lipscomb back with us for the evening and support from the Bere Regis side of the Parish, as well as that of our many friends in this village.

Stallholders and helpers were:-

**Mothers' Union** - Mrs. Tranter, Mrs. S. Miller, Mrs. Richards.
**New Stall** - Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Thrush, Miss Yvonne Stickley.
**Cakes** - Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Murray.
**Produce** - Mrs. E. Legg, Mrs. Rolls, Mrs. E. Vincent.
**Children's Stall** - Mrs. S. Langdown, Mrs. Symes.
**One Shilling** - Mr. and Mrs. P. House, Miss Sylvia House.
**Sixpenny** - Misses Margaret Vincent, Janis Richards, Caroline Richards.

Christmas Tree and Bran Tubs - Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. D. Legg.
**Refreshments** - Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Hustings.
**Sweets in Jar** - Miss Sheila Rolls; Treasure Hunt - Mrs. Edwards.
**Door** - Mr. C. Sheppard; Draw - Miss E.M. Sheppard.

Winners of the Christmas Draw were - Mrs. Grant (Langton Matravers); Mrs. G. Davis (W. Kingston); Brigadier Lipscomb; Mrs. R. Thorne; Miss Dakin (Blandford); Miss C. Cliff; Mr. L. Langdown.

The sum of £66. 15. 0d., which was raised is a welcome addition to the Restoration Fund.

Arrangements were made by the Church Committee, with the Vicar as Chairman, and Miss Sheppard, Secretary/Treasurer.

Grateful thanks to everyone.

E.M.S.

**PARISH COUNCIL.**

When the monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held letters were read from the Member of Parliament and from the District Traffic
Manager, Southern Region, British Railways, in connection with the proposed closure of the Broadstone to Templecombe local railway service. Matters relating to the Cemetery were discussed. It was thought that the Refuse Dump was somewhat unsightly, and Councillors agreed to visit the site and report back at the next Meeting of the Council. The next Council Meeting is to be on Monday, 8th January, at 7.30 p.m. in the Reading Room. (E.M. SHEPPARD, Clerk.)

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION.

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held at 2.45 in the Church on Wednesday, January 10th.

The Mothers’ Union Christmas Party is to be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 13th in the W.I. Hut.

It is hoped that every member of the M.U. will be able to be present to help make it a really enjoyable evening.

Every member of the Mothers’ Union is at liberty to bring a friend with her.

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