
THE VICAR’S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

May I first of all, on behalf of both Mrs. Tranter and myself, thank you for the very generous Easter offering which has been handed over to me by the Church Treasurer. The first year in a new house and parish is always rather an expensive period so we are particularly grateful at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsark are very kindly opening their garden on Sunday evenings from after Church till dusk for any who would like to stroll round. They will sell from the garden pieces of any plants that you may fancy and the proceeds will go to the rewiring fund. I would commend this excellent idea to you and hope that many will take advantage of it.

I have been sent two etchings to sell on behalf of this fund. Both of them hung in Thomas Hardy’s house during his lifetime and were bought at the Sale consequent upon his death. One is of Stinsford Church and the other was given by the artist and is inscribed ‘To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy with best wishes for the New Year. 1.1. 1902’. I should be very glad to find a buyer for these delightful and interesting etchings so if you have any suggestions to make please let me know. I have them at the moment at the Vicarage and will willingly show them to any interested.

I hope you are all keeping the Garden Party well in mind. You will find a notice about it in a later page of this issue. It is very important that we should make a good profit this year, with the heavy commitments we have for the future. So please start thinking if you can give something for one of the stalls or can help in any way. Mrs. Tranter will be very pleased to receive any gifts for the stalls at the Vicarage.

Then following on almost immediately after the Garden Party we shall be having the Floral Exhibition in the Church and I will see that full details of this will be given in next month’s magazine. It will be advertised very well so I think it will be sufficient for the moment just to say that it is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 14th and 15th.

Finally, there is one other event I wish to speak about and that is the Deanery Missionary Festival to be held at Piddlehinton Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21st. I do trust that a number of our people from Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston will try and come to this Service.
I am glad to feel that we are at last making an endeavour to clear the Churchyard at Winterbourne Kingston. A band of men are meeting every Monday at 7 p.m. to start clearing. I hope that a good number will be moved to help.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.

MOTHERS' UNION

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION COMBINED OUTING TO SIDMOUTH

TUESDAY, JUNE 12th.

PICK UP AT WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON 9.00 a.m.
BERE REGIS 9.15 a.m.

BERE REGIS EVENING INSTITUTE

The Summer Term of Woodwork Classes on Thursday evenings has begun, and students will have the opportunity to make up for loss of time during the Spring Term.

F. Marsh, Organiser.

TERCENTENARY SERVICE - SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1662 - 1962

It was a privilege to attend with others from the Parish, the Thanksgiving Service in Salisbury Cathedral to mark the Tercentenary of the unaltered use of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Sermon which was preached by the Dean of Salisbury, was based entirely on the Prayer Book. The Intercessions by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese were taken from the Collects ending with the General Thanksgiving.

Members of the Salvation Army, the Free Churches, Civic Heads in the Diocese as well as the Mayors and Mayoresses of various towns were among the congregation. A notable figure present was the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Fisher.

The Book of Common Prayer is indeed a precious heritage.

E.M.S.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 12.

INVENTORY OF CHURCH GOODS, 1552.

In 1530 an Act was passed for the dissolution of the lesser monasteries, under which Act, all ornaments, jewels and other goods belonging to those establishments were to be surrendered to the King. When various commissions were issued in 1545, 1547, 1549 and 1552 to survey the goods of churches, chapels, chantries and guilds, fear was felt for their safety, and some of the goods were secreted away for recovery later, while some were embezzled by officials and others. The stone altar top of our church was hidden by being turned over and used as a paving slab. It was discovered in 1875 and restored to its original position, and is now one of the 4 or 5 known pre-Reformation altar slabs in Dorset.

The following is extracted from the returns of the 1552 Commission:

The Parishes of BEARE REGIS

Fyrst, Twoo chalice, havinge but one cover, j shute of vestments of redd sylke, j vestment blanke sylke, j vestment with a cope of redd sylke, j cope with a albe & decon & subdecon of bustyon, j cope of sudry cullers, j cope redd velvet, j cope of whyt Damaske, garnshed with biewe velvet, j cope with a vestment for a decon, j albe with decon & subdecon, ij copes one of grene Imbroded with goulde, thother grene, ij Surplices, j lytell bell, iiiij belles in the Tower.

Thuse of the churche - Appoynted by the said commissioners, j chalis, j cope of redd sylke, with all the surplices and Table Clothes. The resydwew of all the premisses commytted to the custodye of thse men Whose Names be vnder Wrytten.

Sir William valance, vicar
Sir John Sargent.
Nicholas Grout

Thomas Townberfylde

In explanation of the above extract, the spelling is of course the variable type of the period, and the numbers are in the written form of Roman numerals which were in use at this time (i.e. "j" = 1, "ij" = 2, "iiij = 3, etc.).

F.P. Pitfield.
BERE REGIS CHURCH

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY
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3.p.m. SATURDAY, JUNE 30th.

IN THE GARDEN OF SUMMERODS
by kind permission of Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman.

ATTRACTIONS:

MANNEQUIN PARADE
(through the courtesy of Messrs. Genge & Co. of Dorchester)
DANCING BY THE CHILDREN OF BERE REGIS SCHOOL.
SIDESHOWS AND COMPETITIONS.
STALLS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
TEAS -
ICE CREAM.

COURT PROSPECT ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

The annual Skittles “Pairs” Competition will be held at the Women’s Institute Paddock on Saturday, June 9th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. sharp. All entries to be in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. A.E. Barnes, not later than Thursday, June 7th. The District Chief Ranger, Bro. Cyril Allen of Bournemouth, will present the Trophies.

Light Refreshments.

DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, JUNE 21st, 7.30 p.m
at PIDDLEHINTON CHURCH.

PREACHER: REV. A.F. BOWERS,
C.M.S. Education Secretary.

Refreshments after. Any requiring transport please speak to the Vicar.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

June 3rd. Mrs. Benjafield.
June 10th. Whit Sunday. Mrs. Tranter.

Will Members, and others wishing to join the Guild, please note that the Meeting arranged to take place at the Vicarage on WEDNESDAY, June 6th, will now be at 3.30 p.m.

J.D.T.

BERE REGIS W.I.

The June Meeting will take place in the W.I. Hut on June 19th.
at 7 p.m. Talk on Flowers.

Competition: Fruit Flan. or Cake. (Recipes given)

Our May Meeting was made very interesting by Mrs. J. Jesty, V.C.O.,
when she spoke on Resolutions.

The President, Mrs. G. Griffin thanked everyone who put in such good work in the Maypole that went to the May Festival at Dorchester,
and also everyone who made our Spring Sale such a success, we raised over £20.

Asst. Sec. D. Barnes.

IN AND AROUND BERE REGIS - by Parishioner.

It seems that however many comforts man may invent, nothing influences his mood more than the weather. Except at Christmas
time everyone is more cheerful when the sun shines. This year, so far, has not produced much good weather but one hopes that an improvement is round the corner with the carnival not far off.

With the summer comes the traffic and Bere Regis and many other villages become hazardous to pedestrians. It does seem terrible that millions of pounds are spent improving roads while very little is done to provide pavements on which it is safe to walk. It is a disgrace that children going to school should have to walk on the main road.

Bullfinches have been on the increase in recent years and there have been many reports this year of these birds eating the apple buds. It is a pity because they are attractive birds to watch.
Despite the cold winter this seems to have been a year for pests of one kind or another. Many creatures fluctuate in numbers from year to year becoming a serious problem one year and then they are of little significance for several seasons. The wood pigeon on the other hand continues to increase in number and in some counties crops such as peas and kale have been discontinued because of these birds. When one saw the flocks of several hundred pigeons feeding in the district last winter it looked as if we should suffer the same fate. One wonders if the wholesale use of powerful weed and insect killers may one day land us in trouble. Ignorance or short sightedness can upset the balance of nature.

There are many creatures, fortunately, whose interests do not conflict with man’s. The swallow family for instance seem to enjoy man’s company and it is hard to imagine how these birds managed without eaves to nest under and wires to perch on!

J.G.

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

The Vicar, the Revd. P. Tranter, was in the Chair at the Annual Church Meeting.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year, both the General Church Account and the Restoration Fund Account showed a satisfactory balance in hand. Although it was pointed out that a new heating system was necessary, which would be costly, Churchwardens and Council were elected as follows:

Churchwardens - Mr. G. Sheppard, Mr. A. Simpson.
Council - Mrs. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. O. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. P. House, Mrs. D. Legg, Mrs. E. Legg, Mrs. S. Miller, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Rolls, Mrs. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. C. Symes, Mrs. Thrush. Mrs. Tranter, Mrs. E. Vincent.
Secretary and Treasurer - Miss E. M. Sheppard.
Elected to the Bere Regis P.C.C. - Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Thrush.

Matters relating to the Church and Churchyard were discussed. The Vicar thanked the Church Workers for their help during the year and said he was encouraged by the attendances at the Sunday Services, the times of which would remain the same.

E.M.S. Secretary.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

The Coffee Evening held at Crofters by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Murray, proved most pleasant and enjoyable and was the meeting place of those who wish us well in our endeavours to make the adequate heating of our Church a reality, benefiting those who worship within its walls and preserving the fabric of the building. £5. 10. 0d. was raised and the Members of the Council who organised the evening were -

Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Thrush - Coffee;
Mrs. Hooper - Bring and Buy Stall.

We thank them and others who helped as well as those who supported this effort.

Mr. Simpson, at the Stores, has emptied the ‘Jar of Pennies’ which he has had on his shop counter. The amount realised £2. 13. 4d. is equal to 80 feet. As the target is ‘One Mile’ a start has been made on the second filling of the jar. Your spare ‘pennies’ will be much appreciated.

E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

The GARDEN PARTY is to be held at North Farm on SATURDAY - 16th June, when it will be opened by

Mrs. H. De B. Lipscomb at 3.0 p.m.

Various Stalls - New, Secondhand, Produce, Cakes, One Shilling, etc.,

Children’s Sports. Teas will be available. Ices, etc.,

SKITTLES FRIDAY - 15th June, from 7.0 p.m.
Continuing SATURDAY.

PRIZES - 50/-; 30/-; Ladies 20/-;
10/- for highest score on Friday.

We hope to meet old and new friends at this Party. Please make
a note of the DAY, TIME and PLACE - you will have a warm welcome - in which we hope the SUN will join!
In aid of the Church Heating Fund.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS.

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Mark William Chilcott.
Angela Marylin Milton.

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