THE PARISH CHURCH OF BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I think the Magazine will probably be in your hands in time for me to mention the Coffee morning at Doddings - 10.45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4th. At this event there will also be a Bring and Buy Sale. The proceeds from the Coffee morning will be given towards the Lighting Fund. I shall be most grateful, as Doddings lies a little outside the village, if any of you who are going by car will offer a lift to others.

I cannot tell you the exact figure in the Lighting Fund at the moment but together with the magnificent total of the Flower Festival, the accounts of which appear in a later page, we have sufficient to go ahead with the Wiring - and indeed the electricians have already been told to proceed with the work.

At the same time the order has been given for work to commence on the Wiring for the new electrical heating at St. Nicholas.

I am afraid this will mean quite a bit of muddle and dirt in both Churches, but I am sure you will put up with any inconvenience cheerfully. If we can get both these jobs completed before the real Winter sets in it will be a real achievement and will be due in no small measure to the very energetic steps our Architect, Mr. Colin Crickway, has taken in steering the Schemes through the maze of rules and regulations involved in obtaining the permission of the Diocesan Advisory Board and following on that the acquisition of a Faculty. I must say it will be really wonderful to be free of the fear of fire and to be able to see in the Parish Church and to be warm in St. Nicholas.

I have arranged our Harvest Festival at the Parish Church for the first Sunday in October, October 7th, and at Winterbourne Kingston the second Sunday in October, October 14th. I look forward to seeing our Churches beautifully decorated for the occasion and to large congregations ready to give thanks to God for all his many gifts to us.

Following on the wonderful success of the Harvest Supper last year we are proposing to have it again this year on Saturday, October 6th at 7.30 p.m., in the Women's Institute Hut. Tickets will very shortly be available from any member of the Parochial Church Council, price 2/6d. Again we shall have to limit the number to 100 owing to the space we have available, so if you
wish to come you should book your ticket as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

Following on the letter published recently in the Magazine asking about the possibility of holding a Family Service, for parents and children, I have had a number of enquiries from interested people and I am going into the possibilities of arranging such a Service once a month, commencing some time in the New Year. In the meantime, if any of you wish to make any suggestions about either the time or form of Service, I shall be very pleased to receive them.

While on the subject of the family there is another matter about which I want to talk to you all, and that is the question of the young people in the parish. We are pretty well supported by the adults - our Sunday Schools are flourishing, but we seem to have very little contact with the younger people between the time when they leave Sunday School and become completely grown up. I find it very worrying that there are so few young people coming to Church Sunday by Sunday. We shall have to do something about this in the very near future, and if you have any suggestions to make please let me have them. Perhaps some of those fairly recently confirmed would like to talk to me on the subject, if so I would assure them that they would have a ready and sympathetic listener.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 15.

HEARTH TAX RETURNS, 1662.

In 1662 a new form of tax was introduced to raise additional revenue by a payment of 1s. 0d. by each householder for each hearth or chimney in his dwelling, such payments being made at six-monthly intervals. The first collection was made at Michaelmas 1662, and subsequently at Ladyday and Michaelmas in both 1663 and 1664. Owing to the difficulty and expense of making the collections the tax was abandoned as being uneconomical after the Michaelmas collection of 1664.

For the purpose of the tax, lists of householders for all parishes were drawn up in 1662 giving the numbers of hearths, and copies of these original returns were used as a basis for the subsequent collections on which the collectors made notes when necessary. If a householder was sufficiently poor he could get exemption, and in which case he was described as a pauper, and the term "paup" appears against his name. Also, as might be expected, some householders took the simple precaution of bricking up unwanted fireplaces so as to evade the tax, and in these cases notes such as "2 stopt" or "walled up" appear. "Voyd" indicates that a house was unoccupied. The following is the assessment of Michaelmas 1664 for Bere Regis (the collectors' notes are shown in brackets, and Arabic numerals are used instead of the Roman of the original):-


F. P. Pitfield.

SANCUTARY FLOWER GUILD

September 2. Mrs. J. Jesty.
September 16. Mrs. Terry.
September 23. Miss E. Lys.
September 30. Mrs. Harding.

J. D. T.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

INCOME
From Sale of Brochures and Donations. £400. 6. 9.

EXPENDITURE
Advertising
Newspapers £10. 19. 6.
Posters £3. 16. 0.
Signs £1. 5. 0.
Brochures £36. 7. 6.
Flowers £9. 10. 0.
BALANCE TO THE CHURCH LIGHTING FUND £338. 8. 9.

£400. 6. 9.

BERE REGIS W.I.

The September meeting will take place in the W.I. Hut on September 18th, at 7 p.m. A Talk will be given by Mr. M. Rice on Education, and all members are asked to attend, and enter the competition: Programme planning.

Asst. Sec. B. Barnes.

BERE REGIS AND WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON M. U.

I am much looking forward to seeing you all on our open Garden meeting at the Vicarage on September 15th at 3 p.m. Mrs. Christie our Diocesan Secretary is to be the speaker, then tea and a good chattering! There will be a Bring and Buy Stall for each Branch. If there are others who are not yet members, who would care to come, they will be most welcome, in fact, DO COME all of you.

P. J. T.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

In spite of commencing our Sunday School Outing to Swanage in a deluge of rain, it was wonderful how the spirit of happiness prevailed, and money seemed to disappear in the usual way!

However, the sun did break through and the homeward journey was most enjoyable. Two coaches from this end of the Parish made up the party and we were delighted to meet with those from the Mother Church for tea. Miss Sheppard expressed thanks to the Vicar on behalf of the Sunday School.

'MILE OF PENNIES' RESTORATION FUND.

The second opening of the 'Jar of Pennies' which Mr. Simpson has on the counter of his shop amounted to £2. 7. 0. bringing the total to date to £5. 0. 4d.

Quite a worthy effort! Still continuing.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Sixth Annual Folk Dance Festival was held in the School Playing Field, when many parents and friends enjoyed a display of
Dancing by the Pupils, who were trained by Miss E. Knight, the Headmistress, and Miss Palmer. Violin accompaniment was by Mrs. Brayshaw.

During the afternoon refreshments were served by the School Staff and other helpers.

On the last day of the Summer Term the Annual Prize-giving took place when the prizes were distributed by one of the School Managers, Mrs. Sheppard, who congratulated those who had gained awards and remarked on the high ideals that Miss Knight has set for the School, which during the past few months have been supported by Miss Palmer the Assistant Mistress.

The outstanding achievement of the School during the past academic year must surely be the fact that thirteen pictures, painted by the Pupils of the School, have been accepted for the National Exhibition of Children's Art, which is being held at the Royal Institute Galleries, London, from the 5th to the 29th September, after which the Exhibition tours the country.

As only 300 pictures have been accepted from a total number of 40,000, it is indeed a remarkable effort for a village school to have 13 accepted, three of which have been commended. It must not be forgotten that this achievement is to a great extent due to the teaching of the late Mrs. Elsa Inwood, during her seven years at the School.

Caroline Richards was highly commended for two pictures and received a certificate and an award of three guineas. The School received six guineas. Marion House and Teresa Whittle were both commended for their pictures, and received a Certificate each and an award of two guineas each, the School received eight guineas. These being National Exhibition of Children's Art Awards. Certificate for pictures accepted and hung in the Exhibition were also awarded to Yvonne Stickley, Kenneth Wellstead, Joan Pickering, Kenneth Stickley, Sheila Wellstead, Trevor Pickering, Maurice Cliff, Sarah Brayshaw, Teresa Whittle. Top in Form Prizes were presented as well as Special Subject Prizes, Scholarship Prizes and General Progress Awards. One Pupil received a perfect attendance certificate for three years and three Pupils for one year.

Contributed.

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A SERMON FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

being a condensed form of a Sermon preached by the Vicar on Trinity Sunday.

H. G. Wells once wrote a fascinating story called *The Time Machine*, in which a character invented a machine which could move not through space but through time.

One sat on the machine - pulled the appropriate lever and went forward through time into the future or backward into the past.

Time is indeed a fascinating subject. Suppose we were able to move about in time. Suppose you could go right back in time for millions and trillions of years, before the world was made, before the stars and sun had come into being. Would you ever reach when time began and if so what came before. Or the future? Millions and billions of years into the future, could you ever come to the end of time and if so, what would be beyond?

The same with space -

Suppose you travelled in a rocket which could go on for ever and you went straight on for millions of years - past the sun, past the stars, past the milky way and on and on. When you come to the end of space what lies beyond - can space ever come to an end?

Of course it's impossible to imagine. So in whatever direction you care to look, space or time, you meet this bewildering thing called infinity - unending - going on for ever.

Surrounded on every side by this strange mystery which we cannot even imagine much less understand, it is scarcely surprising that there is a good deal about God, Who made it all, that is quite beyond our human power of comprehension.

It makes all our human ideas of God look a bit silly when we clothe Him with skin and bone and the other attributes of our human personality.

True enough God has shown us quite a bit of Himself through Jesus Christ. We know for instance that he is wise, loving and strangely enough that God who made this baffling and sometimes terrifying Universe of space and time is one who loves us and who we can love in return.

But when we've said all that, it's still true that God is a Being so tremendous and far beyond our very understanding that we can only feel we want to bow before Him in reverence and worship and in same acknowledge His greatness, His wisdom and His goodness and exclaim with the Psalmist -

"Whose judgements are unsearchable and whose ways are past finding out"
FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

July 29th. Martin Ray Pitman.
Mark Anthony Bennett.

SMALL ADS.
(2/6 for every three lines)

LADIES HAIRDRESSING by QUALIFIED STYLIST.
MRS. SOLDAN. "MERRYDOWN", SITTERTON, BERE REGIS 308.
RING BEFORE 9, 30 a.m. FOR APPOINTMENT.
REPRESENTATIVE FOR AVON BEAUTY PRODUCTS.

MINIATURE BLACK POODLE PUPPY (DOG) FOR SALE.
APPLY: MRS. TRANTER, THE VICARAGE, BERE REGIS 262.
Parish Church of St. John Baptist
BERE REGIS,
DORSET.

Vicar: The Rev. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.

Churchwardens:
MR. R. SMITH, Heath View.
MR. F. MARSH, Southbrook.
MR. P. MINTERNE, Egdon Close, Deputy Warden.

Sidesmen:
MESSRS. P. PITFIELD, E. RAWBONE, LT.-COL. A. BARNE, H. PITFIELD, W. F. LYS,
M. BARNES, R. BARNES & BRIG. D. TADMAN.

Secretary and Treasurer P.C.C.: MR. S. J. ENDACOTT, Glebe Cottage, Bere Regis.

Parish Clerk and Verger: MR. E. RAWBONE.

Organist: MISS G. B. SMITH, A.T.C.L.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
Holy Communion .. 8 a.m. and 2nd Sunday after Matins.
Matins .. 11 a.m.
Children's Service .. 2.30 p.m.
Evensong .. 6 p.m.

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St. Nicholas
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

Churchwardens:
MR. C. SHEPPARD, The Nottings.
MR. A. V. SIMPSON, The Stores.

Treasurer:
MISS SHEPPARD, The Nottings.

Organist: MRS. SHEPPARD.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
Holy Communion 2nd Sunday, 9.30 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Evensong 3.15 p.m. 1st and 3rd Sunday; 7.15 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday
Matins 10 a.m. 4th Sunday. Family Service 3.15 p.m. 5th Sunday