THE PARISH CHURCH OF BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

By the time most of you read this letter, the Mission will be over, or nearly so.

First of all, I should like to thank Mr. Isitt who has taken two Sundays and a week off from his Parish to be with us here, and I am extremely grateful to him. Secondly our thanks to Miss Calvert and Dr. Spencer-Payne - the Lay Missioners, who have given us a fortnight of their time to do the ground work of the Mission. Their help will have proved to have been invaluable. Thirdly my own personal thanks and gratitude to those of you who have so kindly given hospitality to the Missioners, in several cases at most personal inconvenience. Without your help the Mission would have been impossible.

As I write this, the Mission proper has not yet started but I did want to say 'thank you' in this issue as the November magazine seems a long way off and I did not want to wait so long before expressing my (and your) thanks.

I shall be hoping to say something about the Mission itself in next month's issue. It will not, I think, hurt to wait till then as we shall after the lapse of a few weeks be able more to assess the value of the work done during the course of this great effort.

What a comment it is on our so called affluent society that our Church should have been entered by sneak thieves on three occasions just lately.

On the first occasion the 6d. in the slot meter was broken open and ruined together with the leaflet box - on the second a further attempt was made on the leaflet box - this time without success - and on the third time, very recently, two bottles of the wine used for the Communion Service were taken from the vestry.

One could understand such mean and petty thieving better if it had happened in the bad old days when there was real poverty - but it is very difficult to feel charitable in this year of Grace 1963 when there is so little need for anyone to descend to such depths.

In many ways mean sins such as this are worse than the hot blooded sins which we are all so ready to condemn, for they show a meanness of mind and spirit which our Lord condemned so strongly.

I hope the thefts will be such a weight on the thieves conscience that it will give them no rest until they have repented
and put themselves right with their God.  
May God protect us all from committing the mean and petty sins.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

DUSTER FOR OCTOBER - Miss Smith.
CENOTAPH FOR OCTOBER - Mrs. Farnham.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

1963
Nov. 7. Bere Regis Whist Drive in aid of Poppy Day Fund.

1964
June 6. Bere Regis Carnival
27. Bere Regis Church Garden Party.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

VISIT OF THE REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF SALISBURY TO BERE REGIS,

11.00 a.m. SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th.

The Bishop will preach on the recent Church Congress at Toronto.

This will be the first visit of the new Bishop of Salisbury to this part of the Diocese. We have been greatly honoured. Do come and hear him.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

October 6. Harvest Festival.
20. Mrs. Roffey. Mrs. Harding
27. Mrs. Harding. Mrs. Terry.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

October 6. HARVEST 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Lys. Brig. D. Tadman, 6.00 p.m. Messrs. H. Pitfield, & R. Barnes,
13. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Mr. F. Marsh 6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & P. House,
20. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. F. Lys & D. Poore. 6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Minterne & D. Gibbs.
27. 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. R. Smith 6.00 p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett & M. Barnes.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion Service will take place in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 10th. Tea afterwards in the Vicarage. I hope that all our members will be present on this occasion to give a good start to the Autumn Session. P.J.T.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

At the September Branch Meeting a demonstration on "Made-up Dishes" was given by the Southern Electricity Board, which was much enjoyed by the members.

Afterwards the dishes made were raffled in aid of Branch Funds.
way to the Perpendicular, the nave and both aisles were lengthened by one bay westwards to their present extent. The two arches thus formed still remain, and can be seen to differ completely from the adjoining Transitional arches, both in span, height and moulding. On the south side, where the original arcade terminated with a semi-circular half pier, attached to the west wall, this half pier seems to have been retained, and a new half built against it. The two halves of the capital are quite different, and the junction in the work can be clearly seen. On the north side, a square pier was formed at the time of the extension. These western extensions of the aisles have since been re-built, but the lower part of the south aisle extension appears to be original, and a portion of the original walling of the north aisle can be seen adjoining the tower together with the jamb of the original window.

The hagioscope on the south side of the chancel arch is unique in that it still retains its original iron grill. It was formed in order to open a view of the altar from the south aisle, and can therefore not be earlier than the 14th century when the eastern bay of the south aisle was added.

(to be continued)  F. P. Pitfield.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The Floral Group’s next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8th at 2.30 p.m. as usual in the Drax Hall.

The subject of the demonstration, “Christmas Decorations” may sound very premature when we are still longing for a few more days of summer loveliness before we welcome the rich beauties of autumn, but this meeting will probably be one of the highlights of our “Floral year”.

Mrs. Hoggett, our speaker, is really an expert in many branches of floral work, and she is in such demand all over the country that we are indeed fortunate in obtaining her services on this date. We are grateful to her for making a special visit to us all the way from Worcester.

Christmas is a time when there is endless scope for artistic and imaginative creations, whether they are to beautify our homes or entertain our children, and I am sure we shall gain plenty of new ideas from Mrs. Hoggett to help us with our Christmas decorations.

So please do not miss this meeting. Outside friends are of course very welcome but on this occasion we have to make a charge of 2/6d
per visitor - members of course are free.

P. Lloyd,
Hon. Asst. Sec.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION.

The Quarterly Celebration of the Holy Communion will take place in the Church at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9th.

I hope all members will be present to give us a good start off to our Autumn Session.

P.J.T.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS

SAINT FRANCIS

4th OCTOBER

Assisi - I suppose the very name of this town in central Italy makes us think of St. Francis, for it was here that he was born over seven hundred years ago. He was the son of a merchant of Assisi and seems to have been in his youth a leading spirit among the gay young men of the town, having been known in fact as the "gay lad of Assisi".

When Francis reached the age of twenty-one he had a serious illness and it was at that time that he began to realise the presence of God and His call of service. He then went on a pilgrimage to Rome, finding there a crowd of beggars outside St. Peter's he decided to exchange his clothes with one of them - this he did and spent the remainder of the day begging, which was an experience of great joy to him. On another occasion he met a leper along one of the narrow and winding streets of Assisi, who asked alms of him, but Francis went past turning his face away as he had a horror of lepers and their dreaded disease, but as soon as he had done this he remembered Jesus and turned back giving the leper all he had, and even kissed his hand. Because he loved God he loved all the people he met.

Home and wealth he surrendered and became a wandering friar, he tried to imitate the earliest disciples of our Lord. He gave his best clothes away to the poor and himself wore a ragged old brown type of dress which he tied around the waist with a piece of rope, cast away his shoes and went barefooted. He gave away his money and he had nothing of his own, but he was so happy that he attracted others to him. Other men came to live with him and they went about together preaching.

But Francis not only loved the people, he loved all things that God had made. He loved the warm sunshine, calling it "Brother Sun", the clear cool tinkling stream where he could paddle he called "Sister Water". He loved the animals as well and he had a special love for birds calling them his "Little Sisters" and he would often talk to them. You have doubtless seen pictures of St. Francis surrounded by God's creatures, the birds.

Francis was the founder of a religious order, which still today bears his name, the Franciscan Friars. Two years before he died, the Franciscans paid their first visit to England and soon they became popular in this country. People liked their preaching, which they could easily understand, for it was full of stories and anecdotes. The Friars would readily go into hovels of dirt and squalor, and like their founder gladly ministered to the sick and the hungry. Today, the Franciscans are still carrying on their great work in the English Church, they dress in the same way as St. Francis did, wearing a brown habit, tied at the waist with a piece of white cord.

There are other stories I could have told you about Francis and his love for men and creatures. The people who knew him called him Brother Francis, today we call him by another name - Saint Francis - for he was a true follower of the Lord Jesus, loving and kind and fearless.

E.M.S.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR

THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

We are hoping to transfer to the Revised version of Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Would you like to make a gift of such a Hymn Book to the Church, in memory of a dear one, or of a special occasion in your life, or as a friend of St. Nicholas?

It will be possible for you to inscribe your name in the book as the giver if you so wish.

The price - 6/- each.

Please enter your names on the list in the Church, or others farther afield please let the Vicar or Secretary know that you desire to help the Church in this way. We will obtain the books on your behalf.

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS - SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children of the Sunday School together with parents and friends spent an enjoyable day at Weymouth on the occasion of their
annual outing. We were blessed with a fine day.
We regretted not having the Vicar and Mrs. Tranter with us owing to it coinciding with their holiday. E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

MARRIAGE

September 21st. Eric Roy Frank Haskell and Jennifer Elizabeth Hewitt.

BAPTISM


BURIAL

August 24th. Rodney Ronald Hewitt, aged 16 years.
September 21st. Harry Jesty. (Cremation) aged 44 years.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

MARRIAGE

September 21st. Peter William Edward Nash and Joan Marjorie Toms.

'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.

FOR SALE TWO 2 BURNER 'COMMODORE' FLORENCE SPACE HEATERS, 50 GALLON PARAFFIN OIL TANK IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, BOTH HEATERS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY MAINTAINED AND ARE IN FIRST CLASS ORDER. WHAT OFFERS?
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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.
Family Service .... .... 3 p.m. 2nd Sunday

St. Nicholas
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

Churchwardens:
Mr. C. Sheppard, The Notings.
Mr. A. V. Simpson, The Stores.

Treasurer:
Miss Sheppard, The Notings.

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