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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I have now received the name of the Priest who is to conduct our Mission at the end of September. He is the Rev. D. F. R. Isitt of Haslingfield Vicarage, Cambridge, and he will be coming here for the second week of the Mission, when the Special Services commence.

Three laymen will be coming the previous week and they will be visiting throughout the parish the whole of that week. I do trust you will welcome them when they come.

In the meantime, we have to find hospitality for them, somewhere for them to stay.

Captain Horton, the Secretary of the Village Evangelists, has told me that they do not wish those who are coming to stay at the Vicarage but like them to be out in the parish.

I shall, therefore, be very grateful to have the names of those of you who would offer accommodation for any of them. Even if you could only take one of them for one night; or one meal, it would be the greatest help. It does not matter how small or how simple your house may be - if you can have one of them in any way please let me know as soon as possible.

The lay Evangelists should be arriving on the 21st September and staying till the following Saturday, and then Mr. Isitt will be coming for the following week, for whom we must also find hospitality, and we shall conclude the Mission with our Harvest Festival on October 6th.

Once again we are proposing to hold a Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 5th. It will take the same form as on previous years which has proved so popular in the parish. This year, however, the tickets are to be limited to 110, as last year so many people wanted to come that there was no room even to wield a knife and fork, and one or two of the Church Council helpers gallantly went without their supper to make room for others who had come.

So it is more important than ever this year to obtain your ticket in really good time, as otherwise you may very well be disappointed.

Tickets will be obtainable from all members of the Church Council in the first instance and later from Mr. Ray Smith who will be holding the residue.

If all goes according to plan the new Bishop of Salisbury
should be preaching in Bere Regis Church at the 11 a.m. Service on October 20th. We are greatly privileged to have him here at such an early date after his Enthronement and it will be a great day in the Church Calendar. Will you please make a note of this date right away so that you can be sure of being in Church to hear him. I am hoping for a really large congregation on this occasion.

Finally, I am most grateful to Miss Llewellyn who has very kindly offered to defray the cost of the slot machine for lighting the church roof. This has proved a great convenience to visitors on dull days and is used a great deal. Anything it now takes in sixpences will be a useful addition to the Church funds.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

P.S. Inserted in this Magazine you will find a paper containing information concerning the Mission. Please read it carefully.

VILLAGES FOR SEPTEMBER  -  Mrs. Day.
ADDITION FOR SEPTEMBER  -  Miss Smith
Mrs. Poore.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

1963

Oct. 5. Harvest Supper
6. Bere Regis Church Harvest Festival
13. Winterbourne Kingston Church Harvest Festival.


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

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SIDESMEN'S QUARTERLY MEETING 7.30 p.m. Wednesday September 18th.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 27

THE CHURCH (continued - 13th century work)

Previously we have traced the development of the church from basically a nave with apsidal east end, and a short tower over a north transept where the organ now stands, to the addition of a south aisle during the transitional Norman period (about 1140) and a somewhat later north aisle. This would have been the form of the church by about 1200, and interesting comparisons can be made with Wimborne Minster and Chaminster, both of which have work of approximately the same date, and where similar alterations have since been carried out. The Transitional work at Chaminster bears a striking resemblance to that of Bere, and can perhaps be accounted for by the fact that the two churches were originally endowed together under the same foundation. They were very richly endowed, and were known as the 'Golden Prebend' of Chaminster and Bere.

In the thirteenth century during the Early English period of architecture, the apse at the east end was taken down and replaced by a larger chancel, basically as it now exists. The side windows would have been narrow 'lancer' windows (that is windows with sharp pointed arches) grouped in pairs, and the east window was a triple lancet type, that is a group of three lancet lights, where the centre one is rather higher than the other two, like the east window of
Affpuddle church and Wimborne Minster. This type of Early English window normally has slender shafts attached to the mullions and reveals internally, and these still exist on the east window, the lower part of which below the springing of the arch is original. The top of the window, however, has been replaced twice since the thirteenth century; once during the Perpendicular period in the fifteenth century, and again in 1875 when the church was restored, and the present rather less suitable top installed. The Perpendicular top can be seen in an engraving published in 1861, and an old photograph taken before 1875.

The side windows also were replaced in the fifteenth century by Perpendicular windows, but the existing internal arches appear to be basically original, as they are somewhat higher than the windows themselves, and can be seen to have been capable of accommodating double lancet lights. When the chancel was built, the chancel arch was enlarged and rebuilt, and this Early English arch remains intact. The springing stone on the south side of the arch is rather curious and appears to have originally served some other purpose.

This church had a large rood loft before the Reformation, but it is difficult to date as only the supporting corbels and the staircase to the loft remain. A rood loft was a kind of gallery over the east end of the nave, and was used in connection with the services. It would appear to have belonged to the thirteenth century, as the stone corbel on the south side seems to have been inserted before the insertion of the fourteenth century arch adjoining it on the east. Each of the corbels are decorated by a carved figure, and both are rather indistinct owing to the decay of the stone.

Any other work which may have been carried out in the thirteenth century does not now remain.

(to be continued) F. P. Pitfield.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

The Flag Day in aid of the above realised the sum of £6. 19. 7d. Miss A. Lys is most grateful to those who contributed towards this amount.

BRITISH LEGION JUMBLE SALE

The Entertainment Section of the Bere Regis and District Branch British Legion have pleasure in announcing that they are holding a Jumble Sale in the Women’s Institute Hall, Bere Regis, on Thursday 19th September 1963, at 3 p.m. The Committee will be extremely grateful for your support.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Sept. 1st Miss Llewelin. Mrs. Tadman.
Sept. 8th Miss Smith. Miss McFall.
Sept. 15th Mrs. Goldsack. Mrs. Cobb.
Sept. 22nd Mrs. Goldsack. Mrs. Cobb.
Sept. 29th Mrs. Lys. Mrs. Benjafield.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

This is just a reminder that the Floral Group will be meeting again after the summer break on Tuesday September 10th at 2.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

There is however, a slight change in the programme. Instead of the Practice Meeting originally planned, will members please note that we have been most fortunate in being able to have a visit from Mrs. Margery Fish, who was prevented from coming last January and February owing to bad weather.

Mrs. Fish is very well known for her books and articles on gardening and has a gifted knowledge and love of the plants she so aptly describes. No doubt we shall be hearing about her own lovely garden at East Lambook Manor, South Petherton, where she also raises many plants and shrubs for sale.

This promises to be a really delightful afternoon, so please do your best to come - and bring friends too if you wish.

It will be appreciated if members will let it be known that the Practice Meeting has been cancelled for the time being.

P. Lloyd. Hon. Asst. Sec.

BERE REGIS EVENING INSTITUTE

The 1963-64 Session of Woodwork Classes begins in September. Posters, with dates and time will be displayed later.

Any information can be obtained from F. Marsh, Southbrook.
SAINT GILES 1st SEPTEMBER

Saint Giles who was born in Athens lived in the late seventh century and the early part of the eighth century. He was of royal birth and both his parents were Christians. Even when quite young he became famous and popular because of miracles which he was said to perform. But he wanted to find a place where he could live along with God and pray. He gave all his money to the poor, fled the country and reached the south of Gaul, which is now called France, and there in a clearing of a forest he built himself a hut.

He was happy in this place, the birds and the wild creatures grew to know him, and in humility and quietness he could serve his Lord, by a life of meditation and prayer. Huntsmen were surprised to find a holy man living in the forest - he talked to them in such a wonderful way about God, that they brought the King to him. The King wished to build an Abbey and to make Giles its first Abbot, but he would not leave his forest hut or cell. However, much later he did consent to become the Abbot of a settlement which grew up near his hut, where a group of men who came to share his solitary life lived; and they in their turn in the quiet and peace of the forest, learned from Giles how to be wise and gentle and to serve God by praying for the needs of the peoples of the world.

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ARCHBISHOP THEODORE 19th September

In the year 668 Theodore was consecrated to the Primacy of England. Archbishop Theodore was a Greek, as was Saint Giles, but he came from Tarsus, which was the home of Saint Paul. Archbishop Theodore did much for the Church of England and was a really remarkable man.

When he came to this country he was sixty-five years of age, but full of vigour and energy. He visited every diocese and was anxious that this large Church of England should be governed in a better way, and that she should have laws - canons as they are really called.

The Archbishop summoned all the Bishops to meet him at Hertford, where they held a Synod or Council. That meeting was in fact the first Council of the English Church. At this Council, in the year 673, many good canons (laws) were made, and they are still the rules of our Church today.

He did another great work in the founding of ten new bishoprics, and in 690 England was divided into seventeen dioceses, this number remained almost unaltered until the time of King Henry VIII.

Archbishop Theodore started the Parish system in 673, and each Parish has its own Council, known as the Parochial Church Council, at which the affairs relating to the Church are discussed. Maybe one day you will yourself be a member of that Council.

It was in the year 690 that the Archbishop died and we remember him especially on the 19th September.

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SAINT JEROME 30th SEPTEMBER

Saint Jerome lived about four hundred years after the time of our Lord. He was a learned and studious man and the son of Christian parents. He lived a very strict life and spent much time making a study of old writings and making copies of them. He studied Hebrew because the writings of the Old Testament were in Hebrew and he wanted to translate them into Latin. This would have taken him years to do and when completed he then turned to the New Testament and translated it from Greek which he knew very well. It was from the translations of Saint Jerome that the Bible was first translated into English. The last thirty years of his life he lived in the Holy Land where our Lord lived when He was on earth.

Through his love for our Lord he did much to spread the Kingdom of God on earth.

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/-d. 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.
MOTHERS' UNION
BERE REGIS & WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

The Autumn Session will commence with a combined meeting in the Vicarage Garden on Thursday September 12th at 3 p.m. The special Speaker will be the Rev. B. P. H. Balls of Abbotsbury, and tea will be provided. There will be 'Bring and Buy' Stalls on behalf of both branches. We shall be glad if members will please note that the date has been altered from Saturday 14th to Thursday 12th. If the weather is bad the meeting will be held in the Church and the tea will be provided in the Vicarage. Do please come and bring a friend.

P.J.T.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS
BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
July 28th. Nicholas George Hooper.
August 4th. Susan Barbara Clayton.

MARRIAGE
July 6th. Ronald James Mileham and Wendy Marion Mills.

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