THE PARISH CHURCH OF BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
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:
MRSRS. 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 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

THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to" said the Cat.

"I don’t much care where" said Alice.

"Then it doesn’t matter which way you go" said the Cat.

Which just about sums up what most of us feel to-day.

Here we are at the beginning of a new Year and we really haven’t the faintest idea which way to go.

There is certainly a very welcome easing of tension in World affairs but in many ways the prospect looks pretty grim.

Unrest - poverty - starvation - persecution, these are all still with us.

In the circumstances, what is there any of us can do about it? Most of us will shudder for a day or so under the impact of each successive crisis - and carry on as before.

And of course, we’re quite right - it is the only thing to do. But there’s a difference in the way we do it.

You can carry on because you couldn’t care less and only want to get as much of what’s going as you can while the going’s good. Or you can carry on because you realise that economic crises and World upheavals and threats of war are nothing new and nothing to despair about.

There is no such thing as ‘normal times’. Mankind has always lived on the edge of a precipice. And intelligent people know that the history of the World depends on those who can keep faith, and stick to their ideals and hang on to their sense of values when there is every reason on the face of it, for not doing so.

That’s the advantage of being a Christian. While the materialists are getting all worked up about the breakdown of our civilisation the Christian knows it doesn’t matter basically all that much anyway. He will do everything he can to save the situation but he doesn’t imagine that the end of our World is the end of everything.

He knows human existence was designed to be a pretty hectic ordeal anyway and that what matters is what we are like at the end of it.

This is being called "other worldly" and "escapist". The truth is that the people who have done most to improve this world are the ones who have had their eyes most firmly fixed on
the next.

What was it the old rhyme on the posters used to say -

'Two men there were behind prison bars
One saw mud, the other stars'.

Well, then, a Happy New Year to you all, but remember to look at the stars.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

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TWO DATES TO REMEMBER

AT BERE REGIS CHURCH

3 p.m. Sunday January 12th.
FAMILY SERVICE
for all the family, young and old. Bring your prams into the Church.

6 p.m. Sunday January 26th.
COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING
Suggestions as to hymns welcomed.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There will be a Confirmation in Bere Regis Church on Tuesday March 10th at 7 p.m. to be conducted by the Bishop of Sherborne.

The Vicar will be conducting Confirmation Classes for those who wish to be presented at this Service, and he will be glad to receive the names of those proposing to offer themselves.

The first Class will be held at the Vicarage on Monday, January 13th at 7.30 p.m. when all candidates should be present.

No person under the age of 12 years can be accepted unless there are special circumstances to be taken into consideration.

Please note the date January 13th (Monday) 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage.

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BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday January 9th.

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There will be tea afterwards in the Vicarage.

There are several new members to be admitted this month and I hope that not only those to be admitted will be sure to be present, but also many of those who are already members in order to give a true feeling of fellowship to each one of those to be admitted into full membership of the Mothers' Union.

P.J.T.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JANUARY

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

1964

May 30th. St. Nicholas Garden Party
June 27th. Bere Regis Church Garden Party

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HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 31

THE CHURCH (continued - 15th century work)

The nave roof was erected between 1475 and 1500, and is said to have been the gift of Cardinal Morton. This seems likely enough as the roof bears his coat of arms and other symbols associated with him, and a parish such as this would probably not otherwise have been able to acquire such lavish workmanship without such a benefactor.

The roof is supported by six trusses, each consisting of a massive tie beam, with vertical posts and braces supporting the ridge and purlins, all elaborately carved and painted. Beneath each tie beam are wall posts springing from stone corbels, with
arched braces having cusped edges, and the spandrels filled with timber tracery.

In the centre of each tie beam is a huge pendant boss, carved and painted with symbols, which, on the four middle trusses are said to represent (working from the east) :- 1. The head of Cardinal Morton (some authorities say John Baptist, but Morton seems more likely). 2. The coat of arms of Cardinal Morton, quartered with those of the See of Canterbury. 3. The Tudor rose symbolising the union of the two houses of Lancaster and York. 4. The golden cord, symbolising the marriage which Morton brought about between Elizabeth of York and Henry VII, so ending the Wars of the Roses.

Carved and painted bosses occur where the purlins intersect the secondary rafters, and there are carved and painted heads on the wall plates, mid-way between the trusses.

Within the spandrels of the trusses, under the tie beams, are pseudo-hammer beams, each carved into almost life-size full length figures which are generally held to represent the twelve Apostles. Some authorities, however, strongly deny this, and state them to represent "Saints in monastic attire", or "pilgrims in medieval costume". There are two points in favour of them being the twelve Apostles as far as can be seen, and one point possibly against. To take the point against first; the number of figures depend on the number of trusses, which is in turn decided by the length of the nave, so that the number of figures, namely 12, could well be co-incidental. In favour of the figures being the twelve Apostles is firstly, the fact that some of them, at least, carry symbols that can readily be associated with the Apostles; for instance, one holds a money bag and could represent Judas Iscariot, and another carries a key and could symbolise St. Peter, to name but two. The fact that they are all dressed in medieval costume does not mean that they represent mediaeval characters, as all painters and craftsmen in the middle ages painted or carved their human figures, whoever they may have represented, in the costume of the day, which was presumably the only sort of dress with which they were familiar. Giotto, Uccello and other early Italian painters used mediaeval dress in their paintings regardless of the period which the painting was meant to represent.

The figures in the roof were obviously thought to represent the twelve apostles in 1788, however, for in the churchwardens' accounts for that year we find this entry:-

"Paid Benjamin Moores for Cleaning & Oyling the Apostles . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4s. 6d."

(to be continued) . P. Pitfield.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

1964
January 5th. Miss McFall. Miss Smith.
January 12th. Miss E. Lys. Miss A. Lys.
January 19th. Mrs. Cobb.
January 26th. Mrs. Cobb.

A Meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Wednesday, November 27th, with the Vicar in the Chair. He again thanked all Members for continuing to add to the beauty of the Church with their lovely flower arrangements, and mentioned that many visitors to the Church particularly remarked on the flowers.

It was decided to increase the Annual Subscription from 1/- to 1/6. It is now due for 1964, and should be paid to Mrs. Tadman.

Mrs. Goldsack has had to resign from the Guild as she will shortly be leaving the Parish. One of the original Members, she will be much missed, and the Vicar expressed everyone's gratitude for her help in the past.

A rota for the next six months was made out, and can be seen in the Church Porch. If any dates are inconvenient will Members please let either Mrs. Tranter or Mrs. Tadman know.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

New Year Greetings to all members, and every success and enjoyment in any floral work in 1964.

To start the New Year's activities a Practice Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, January 7th, when Mrs. Paver will give a demonstration on "Flowerless Beauty".

It is hoped as many members as possible will bring a container and any kind of material, whether flowers or "flowerless" and try out an arrangement.

Mrs. Paver will give much practical help and advice, which will be specially useful in view of our own "Spring Bulb Show" on March 10th and which will include a class entitled "Flowerless
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held at St. Nicholas at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday January 8th. I hope we shall have a good attendance in spite of it being the cold period of the year.

P.J.T.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE.

This happy occasion was organised and run by Mr. and Mrs. P. House. We are most grateful to them for a wonderful effort and for all the hard work they put in to make it so successful.

There was an excellent attendance and Mrs. Tranter distributed the many prizes to the winners.

A profit of nearly £10 was achieved for the Church Maintenance Fund and we are all most grateful for this welcome addition to our funds.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS. LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS.

SAINT WULFSTAN. 19th JANUARY.

Saint Wulfstan was born at Little Itchington near Warwick and received his education in monastic schools at Evesham and Peterborough. In time he became a Monk, a Schoolmaster and Prior in the Cathedral Monastery at Worcester. It was in the year 1062 that Wulfstan was consecrated as a Bishop at York and became Bishop of Worcester.

It seems, however, that by his preaching at Bristol, this saint did much to put an end to the kidnapping of Englishmen and women and to the selling of them as slaves. It is difficult for us to realise that such things happened in our country and we do well to remember such saintly men as Saint Wulfstan who fought against such evil deeds.

E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

The St. Nicholas Market - held on St. Nicholas Day - was a most successful occasion, both from a social point of view and a financial one. Mrs. C. N. Taylor, of the Old Parsonage, who opened the Market, reminded us that the life of St. Nicholas was one of giving and making others happy. Her wish that the Market would prove to be a bumper success, in keeping with the special day, indeed came true. A box of chocolates was presented to her by Miss Margaret Vincent.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all who had contributed to the Market. Without givers and buyers such an event would not be possible.

Stalls and helpers were:

- Mothers' Union - Mrs. Tranter, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Lock.
- New - Miss Robertson, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Thrush.
- Cakes - Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Murray.
- One Shilling - Mr. and Mrs. P. House, Miss S. Rolls.
- Produce - Mrs. Legg, Mrs. Rolls, Mrs. E. Vincent.
- Children's - Miss Symes, Mrs. Willcox.
- Christmas Tree - Mrs. J. Legg, Miss M. Montgomery.
- Treasure Hunt - Mrs. Edwards.
- Refreshments - Mrs. Barnes, Miss W. Pickering, Miss D. Legg.
- Door - Mr. Sheppard.
- Main Competition - Miss Sheppard, Mr. Simpson.
- Other Competitions - Miss R. Knight, Miss M. Vincent.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

INCOME EXPENDITURE

Donations:
- Brig. Lipscomb 1.0.0. Printing of Draw
- Mrs. F. Lys. -10.0. Tickets 1.10.3.

Main Comp. 25.0.6. Hire of W.I. Hall -13.0.

Stalls:
- Mothers' Union 21.17.2. Balance in hand 80.5.11.
- New 9.2.6.
- Produce 5.0.0.
- Cakes 4.9.4.
- One Shilling 4.1.0.
- Children's 3.1.1.
- Christmas Tree 1.6.4.

Competition:
- Poole Pottery 3.3.0.
- Tin of Biscuits 1.15.0.
- Treasure Hunt -17.6.
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Balance - being profit **£80. 5. 11**.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON**

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH REGISTER.**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

1st December Sandra Ann Middleton.

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'SMALL ADS'

(2/6 for every three lines)

LADIES HAIRDRESSING BY QUALIFIED STYLIST. MRS. LAMB, 'MERRYDOWN', SITTERTON, BERE REGIS 308. RING BEFORE 9.30 a.m. FOR APPOINTMENT. REPRESENTATIVE FOR AVON BEAUTY PRODUCTS.

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FOR SALE MAN’S BICYCLE, CYCLO GEARS. FULL SIZE, IN GOOD ORDER. PROCEEDS OF SALE TO GO TO FAMINE RELIEF. WHAT OFFERS? APPLY TO THE VICARAGE WHERE BICYCLE CAN BE SEEN.

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ALL THE FLORENCE SPACE HEATERS AND THE PARAFFIN TANK RECENTLY ADVERTISED, HAVE NOW BEEN SOLD, AND NO FURTHER OFFERS SHOULD BE MADE.

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ESSE STOVE FOR SALE. EXCELLENT CONDITION £4. CAN BE SEEN AT THE VICARAGE.