THE PARISH CHURCH OF BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Owing to the printing of Easter Lily lists and a report on the Annual Church meeting there is a premium on space this month, so I must restrict my letter to saying thank you to all who helped to make our Churches so beautiful for the lovely festival of Easter. I should also like to say how grateful Mrs. Tranter and myself are for the most generous Easter Offering you so kindly gave us at Eastertide. We appreciate it greatly.

Please keep in mind my plea in last months letter for people to help in running parochial activities. I gather it has been the subject of much conversation. Continue talking about it and out of talk there may come action.

Your sincere friend and Vicar.
Paul Tranter.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

There is not very much to write about this month except to remind everyone that the Outing to Exbury on May 12th will take place of the usual meeting in the Drax Hall.

For those who missed our April meeting the coach will leave Bere Regis Cross Roads at 1 o'clock sharp and granted the good fortune of a sunny afternoon, it will surely be a most enjoyable outing.

P. Lloyd. Hon. Asst. Sec.

HISTORY OF BEREG REGIS - 35.

The Church (continued - 19th century work)

In the county museum at Dorchester there is an old barrel organ which was formerly used in this church. It was purchased second hand from the churchwardens of Puddletown in 1852, and continued in use until about 1865 when a conventional organ was installed in the chancel. The barrel organ and choir had occupied a gallery at the west end of the Church. Somehow or other this old barrel organ found its way to Upwey, where it was taken care of by two old families, and in 1908 it was offered to the parishioners of Bere Regis, but no one seems to have been interested in getting it back.

Owing to the Industrial Revolution, the early part of the nineteenth century saw a great decline generally in villages and country districts, with the result that country churches no longer received the care which had been formerly given them. Our own church was no exception, and by 1870 it was in a very poor condition indeed. The roof leaked in many places, the woodwork was in consequence suffering badly from rot,
stonework was crumbling, and most of the windows were broken.

It was therefore decided to thoroughly restore the church, and in March 1873, the Rev. Francis Warre sent out a circular letter appealing for funds, and a committee was formed to arrange the restoration of the nave and north aisle. Mrs. Lloyd Eggington, as chief proprietor of the parish, undertook to restore the chancel and south aisle at her own expense.

Sir George E. Street, R.A., a well-known London architect, was commissioned to prepare a scheme and supervise the work, and Messrs. Hale were the building contractors. Mrs. Lloyd Eggington spent £2,485 on the chancel and south aisle, and £2,605 was collected in subscriptions for the remainder of the work. The restored church was re-opened on Thursday 7 October 1875, when the Bishop preached at morning service and lunch and tea were provided for 1,700 people. Another thanksgiving service was held at 6 p.m. on the same day, and for many years afterwards a combined thanksgiving and harvest thanksgiving service was held on the first Thursday in each October to commemorate the restoration.

Although Sir George Street ensured that as much as possible of the old work was retained, a large amount of new work was carried out, and as a result the church lost much of its mediæval character, especially internally. We are fortunate, however, in having two pre-1875 photographs of the church, one internal and one external, and with Streets' plan of the building as it existed, which can be referred to in the Diocesan Registry at Salisbury, a good idea of the church's pre-restoration appearance can be formed.

The next article will describe the actual work carried out in 1875.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 3rd. Miss Llewellyn & Mrs. J. Applin.
May 10th. Mrs. Roffey & Mrs. Harding.
May 17th. Whit Sunday
May 24th. Miss Smith & Miss McFall.
May 31st. Mrs. Endacott.

There will be a meeting of the Guild in the Vicarage on Thursday, May 21st at 3 o'clock. It is hoped as many members as possible will be present.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This important meeting was held on Wednesday, April 1st. A welcome innovation this year was for it to be held in the W.I. Hut which enabled the proceedings to be enlivened with a cup of tea at half way house. A good number of people attended and it was a very happy and helpful meeting.

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The first item on the Agenda was the Vestry meeting, at which Mr. R. Smith was appointed Vicar's Warden and Mr. F. Marsh. Peoples' Warden. The Vicar warmly thanked them for the way they had carried out their duties in the past and said that few people realised just how much work was entailed in the post of Warden.

The Side-servants were then re-elected with the addition of Mr. P. Wyatt. This concluded the Vestry meeting and the business concerning the Annual Church Meeting was then proceeded with.

The first business was the election of the Parochial Council for the year. At the conclusion of the election the Church Council consisted of the following ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. R. Smith and Mr. F. Marsh (ex officio).
Miss E. Lys, Miss Sheppard (Ruri-Decanel Representatives) and the following 24 elected members.

Messes R. Barnes, Canter, Janes, Hawkins, J. Jessy, Minter, Roffey, Tadman, Tranter.
The Misses Clark, Llewellyn, McFate, Murray, Smith
Messes R. Barnes, M. Barnes, Carter, Janes, Endacott,
F. Lys, R. Poore, Parsons, F. Pitfield, Rawbone
Col. Barne and Brig. Tadman.

After the conclusion of the elections the Church accounts were submitted to the meeting and were unanimously adopted. All accounts showed small balances, but it was pointed out that with the large amount of work scheduled to be carried out on the church, with rising expenses and greatly increased commitments, something drastic would have to be done to procure a more assured income for this church. This would be one of the matters which the new Church Council would have to consider, and in due course the public in general would be hearing of a new departure in Church finance.

The Vicar then gave a short report on the year's work and thanked all the people who had in so many ways helped the church during the past year.

This concluded the business of the evening and the Vicar closed the meeting with the Blessing.

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MOTHERS' UNION
BERE REGIS BRANCH

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in the W.I. Hut at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th when the Rev. F.C.A. Griffiths will be speaking on the Church of England Children's Society.

Those who heard Mr. Griffiths when he preached in the Parish Church during Lent will be anxious to hear him again.
BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Women's Section Outing to Coventry Cathedral has been cancelled owing to lack of support. The recent jumble sale made a profit of £18 6. 1d. Next Branch Meeting June 17th, 7.30 p.m. Talk on "First Aid in the Home". Tea Hostess Mrs. Parsons.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Women's Institute. At the W.I. Meeting on May 19th, Dr. Jay will be giving a talk on "France Today" do join us, the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

BERE REGIS

REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER

Given by In memory of
J.D. Talbot Basil L. Talbot
Mr. & Mrs. Harding Mother & Father
Mrs. R. Goldie Margaret & Percy
Mr. & Mrs. Rawbone Francis C. Smith and Edwin Pollard.
Mrs. Smith & family
Mrs. Endacott Father
E. & A. Lys George & Nora Lys
Mr. & Mrs. R. Stockley Father & Sister
Mr. M. Barnes Mother (Jane)
Mr. A. E. Barnes Father (Richard)
Mrs. Spicer Father (James Moorhead)
Mr. D. Higgins Husband (Albert)
Miss R. Lampett Murray Mother - E. Lampett Murray
Mrs. R. Poore Mother, Dad & Edith
Mr. R. Poore Mother, Dad & Elsie
Mrs. Dean Father
Mrs. G. Marsh Father, Frank Hewitt
Mrs. Howe & family Husband & Father
Mrs. J. A. Drew Amy & James Pattison Brown
Mrs. G. Barnes Jack Ricketts
Mrs. M. Barnes Edwin & Florence Ricketts
Mrs. F. Hewitt Husband, Frederick Hewitt.
P. Mintern Father, Reginald Mintern
W. Mintern Father, William James Hewitt
M. Roffey Richard Roffey, Maureen Heycock
J.B. & P. Jesty Husband, Father, Son & Brother.
and Mrs. Deakin
M. Llewellyn John Jesty & Mr. W. Llewellyn
Mr. W. Standfield Wife
Fred, Ken, Pearl.
Mrs. R. Barnes Mother, Father, K.J. Pitfield.
Mr. R. Barnes Father, William Barnes
Mrs. F. Hawkins Mother
Mrs. Legg Father
Mrs. K. Woolfries John & Florence May Joyce (Parents)
Lewis Joyce (Brother)
Mr. K. T. Woolfries Louise & Harry Woolfries (Parents)
Jessie Woolfries (Sister)
Mrs. Goody Husband, Charles
Mrs. Davis Son, John
Mrs. Osmond Husband, George
Mr. J. Applin Mother & Brother
K. M. Clarke W.J. & R.K. Clarke
R. Strikley C.R.W. Strikley (Husband)
J. Snook C.R.W. Strikley (Father)
E. Snook H. K. Snook (Mother)
The Vicar & Mrs. Tranter Adrian Tranter
Mrs. Norman & family Norman Mitchell. Mother & Father.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

May 12th. Bere Regis District Floral Society Annual Outing
May 14th. Women's Institute Spring Sale.
May 30th. St. Nicholas Garden Party
June 6th Bere Regis Carnival
June 17th 7.15. Bere Regis Deanery Missionary Festival in the Church.
June 20th. Bere Regis Congregational Church Garden Party
June 27th. Bere Regis Church Garden Party
July 7th Ancient Order of Foresters
Skittle Championship. Recreation Ground,
July 18th. Women's Institute Summer Show.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR MAY

May 3rd. 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadmor. Col. A. Barne
6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes. F. Marsh.
10th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Lys. Brig. D. Tadmor
6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House. L. Bartlett.
17th. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne. Mr. S. Endacott
6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore. R. Barnes.
24th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. R. Smith. Brig. D. Tadmor
6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Mintern. H. Pitfield.
31st. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. F. Lys. F. Marsh
6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore. P. Wyatt.
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON  

At the Annual Church Meeting the Vicar was in the chair and thanked everyone for their work on behalf of the Church throughout the year. Reference was made to the loss the Church had suffered through the sudden passing of Prebendary Dancaster.

The financial statement was presented which shewed a balance on the credit side, in spite of expenditure in connection with the new heating system in the Church, and a mower having been purchased for use in the Churchyard. The Church Account and the Restoration Fund Account were adopted.

Churchwardens and Committee for 1964-65 were elected, also representatives to the P.C.C.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and Mrs. Tranter by Mr. Simpson.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

at THE OLD PARSONAGE

by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor

on SATURDAY - 30th MAY

to be opened at 3.0 p.m. by

SIR O WEN MORSHED

VARIOUS STALLS  

MANY ATTRACTIONS  

TEAS

SKITTLING - Friday - 29th May from 7.0 p.m. continuing SATURDAY.

PRIZES

50/- : 30/- : Ladies 20/- :

10/- for highest score on FRIDAY.

Stallholders will be glad to receive gifts of any kind.

COME AND JOIN US IN THIS DELIGHTFUL GARDEN.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER

Given by

Annie E. Legg
G. Thrush
D. M. Rolls
Mary Bentley
Deanna Bentley
Martin Bentley
Mr. & Mrs. J. Perry
Rowland & Julia
Mrs. A. Legg

In memory of

Ernest Reginald Legg
Alexander Moody (Uncle)
Mother & Father. (Mr. & Mrs. Legg)
Jessie Kinne
Francis Bentley
Elsa Linwood
Mr. & Mrs. R. Miller.
Mr. & Mrs. Calder.

MOTHERS' UNION  

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON BRANCH

The next meeting will be held in the Reading Room on Wednesday May 13th at 2.45 p.m. when Mrs. Johnson of Affpuddle will be the speaker.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS  

LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS

SAINT AUGUSTINE  

26th May, 605.

It was many years after the Romans had left Britain, that a young Priest went into the slave market in Rome and there saw small boys waiting to be sold, boys who were fair-haired and blue-eyed. The Priest, whose name was Gregory, could not but help noticing these boys, they were so fair whereas most people in Rome were very dark. He asked who they were and when told that they were Angles, said, 'they should be called not Angles but Angels.' These small boys had come from England, or Anglelond as it was then called, and Gregory knew that they had been taken from their homes in Anglond and that they were heathen. Some years later, Gregory became Pope of Rome, but he never forgot the Angle children he had seen in the market place - he could not go to teach the Angles himself, but now he had an opportunity to send someone to do so., and he chose his friend Augustine.

Augustine set out with forty monks for the shores of our land. Day by day they travelled through Italy and France, it was a long journey and by no means an easy one. In the spring of 597 they landed in Kent at Ebbsfleet. It so happened that the King of Kent, Ethelbert, who was a heathen, had married a Christian princess from France, named Bertha, so that when Augustine sent messengers to the King, he returned a kind message saying that he would come and see him. It was out-of-doors, half a mile from Ebbsfleet that King Ethelbert with Queen Bertha and the their court received Augustine and his forty monks. A large silver cross was borne by one of the monks and another carried a banner showing the painted figure of Our Saviour, and as they came they sang Christian hymns. Stopping before the King, Augustine advanced and told very clearly the object of their mission, the King listened carefully and was impressed by the teaching of this saintly man.

King Ethelbert gave the monks a dwelling-place in his royal city of Canterbury. They were allowed to use the Church of St. Martin on the hill outside the city, the Church which the Christian Queen Bertha used. However, it was in the same year 597 that King Ethelbert and his whole court were baptized. The little Church of St. Martin became too small for so many worshippers and the King gave Augustine another old building inside the city, which was rebuilt and dedicated in the name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This was the beginning of Canterbury Cathedral.
Augustine went to Arles, a town in France, there to be consecrated Bishop, and the Pope made him afterwards Archbishop of the English Church, having his see at Canterbury. That is why nowadays the chief of all our Bishops is the Archbishop of Canterbury. On May 26th we remember especially the first Archbishop - who was Saint Augustine.

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

WEDDING
April 4th. Robert Stockley and Sylvia Margaret Hewett.

BURIALS
April 11th. Thomas Stephen Churchill 88 years.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

BURIAL
March 20th. Peggy Alice May 32 years.

HOLY BAPTISM
March 7th. Andrew Iain Murray Rogerson.
April 5th. Karen Dawn Hustings.

“SMALL ADS”
(2/6 for every three lines)

SUPERB BLACK POODLE PUPPIES FOR SALE - READY JUNE.
APPLY MRS. TRANTER, THE VICARAGE, BERE REGIS 262.

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.

FOR SALE (available end of May)
MODERN ELEC. COOKER (TRICITY QUEEN), AUTO TIME and HEAT CONTROL, MINUTE TIMER, FLOOD-LIGHT PANEL, 2 RADIANT RINGS, GRILL, LARGE OVEN. Price £17.10.0.

Also - MURPHY TABLE MODEL RADIO (MAHOGANY CABINET) GRAMO PICK-UP CONNECTIONS. Price £3.10.0.

And STOUT OAK WORK BENCH - 4'3" x 2'2"
Price £1.10.0.

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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.
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