THE PARISH CHURCH OF Bere Regis

WITH S. NICHOLAS WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

This month the preliminary letter concerning Friends of Bere Regis Church should be in your hands. I do trust you will read it most carefully as it has been given the most careful consideration and has been produced by a group of lay people, who have the welfare of our Church very much at heart. Please do not think of it as being just another 'pep talk' from the Vicarage typewriter, for I do assure you it is nothing of the sort. Obviously I, as the Vicar, have been closely associated with what has been going on, but this is from the outset a letter from parishioners to parishioners. So, please, no waste paper baskets, but study it, try and understand it, and above all, receive it sympathetically.

Then later on you will be receiving a brochure which will tell you in detail all about this new scheme whereby even if you are not a regular churchgoer, you can be associated in preserving and running your Village Church which is the responsibility of all of us.

With so much beauty in our midst we are a privileged community. But at the same time, we must remember that privileges mean responsibilities and duties as well.

How lovely our two Churches looked for their Harvest Festivals My grateful thanks to all those who contributed in any way towards the gaiety and beauty of the decorations. The produce from Bere Regis was sent to the Christmas Homes at Wareham, and that from Winterbourne Kingston to the Home in Blandford.

This year we are proposing to do something quite new at the Bere Regis Church Carol Service at 6 p.m. on the Sunday before Christmas. We shall have the Church lit only by Candles - some 400 - 500 of them. The effect should be most thrilling and inspiring.

The cost of the Candles is surprisingly large, so we shall ask for a particularly generous offering on this occasion and if any of you should feel moved to contribute beforehand to the cost of the Candles, I know our Treasurer will be very grateful. More about this Service next month.

I know that many of our readers will wish to send their good wishes to Mrs. Sheppard of Winterbourne Kingston, during her illness. We all send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.
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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

November 1st. Mrs. Barne.
November 8th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Mrs. Barne.
November 15th. Mrs. Barne.
November 22nd. Mrs. Barne. Mrs. Pratt.
November 29th. ADVENT.

SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

November 1st. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. D. Poore and F. Lys.
           6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Wyatt and P. Mintern.
8th.  11.00 a.m. Mr. S. Endacott and Col. A. Barne.
           6.00 p.m. Lieut. C. Mauder and Mr. M. Barnes
15th. 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman and Mr. F. Marsh.
           6.00 p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett and H. Pitfield.
22nd. 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Lys and Lieut. C. Mauder
           6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House and R. Barnes.
29th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. S. Endacott and Brig. D. Tadman
           6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore and P. Wyatt.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

1964
November 4th. Whist Drive, Bere Regis, in aid of Poppy Day Funds
December 20th. 6 p.m. Bere Regis Church. Carols by Candlelight.

1965
May 29th. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party.

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CEDARS OF LEBANON

When the War started in 1939 I was with my Regiment in Palestine. In January 1940 I took a week’s leave ski-ing in the mountains of Lebanon. Here in a great snow filled bowl stand the last of the forest of Cedars. Alas through the centuries they have been cut and cut, and not even Solomon for all his wisdom is known to have done any re-planting after taking sufficient timber for his Temple. In 1940 there must have been about fifty mature trees left and as I ski-ed through them I pulled a cone off a fallen bough with just a vague thought about employing the seed.

Twenty four years later when clearing out an old saddle box I found the cone and as it had dried off it had opened and seed was free to fall out. This we collected and put in a seed pan, and to everyone’s surprise within a few weeks had germinated. Now six months later, I have about 30 young Trees direct progeny of probably the most famous group of Trees in the world.

A recent article in The Times informs me that the first Cedar of Lebanon in this country was probably planted in 1870 **. At that time apparently, it was the fashion amongst the better-off Clergy (the Squarson for instance) to bring back Cedar saplings from Lebanon, or at any rate, acquire them from pilgrims, and plant them somewhere near their house.

My own view is that even in 1700, saplings were unlikely to have been found in sufficient quantities to account for all the ancient trees to be seen in this country, but that pilgrims did the same as I did, and slipped a large, round, pine-scented cone into the bottom of a saddle bag as a souvenir and later grew his trees from the seed.

A. O. B.

** The most famous Cedar is the Enfield Cedar reputedly planted by Robert Clivedale a Queen’s Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, later Master of Enfield Grammar School, a noted Horticulturist and one of the first persons in England to possess a hot-house.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

7.30 p.m. Thursday November 12th in the W.I. Hut, when Mrs. Maddock, the wife of the Archdeacon of Sherborne will be the speaker.

The following were elected to the Committee at the October meeting:

Secretary: Mrs. Mauder
Treasurer: Mrs. Endacott.
Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. Mullins.
FAMILY SERVICE
This month this Service will be combined with the British Legion Parade at 3 p.m. Sunday November 8th.

HYMN SINGING
6 p.m. Sunday, November 29th. There is a list by the Visitors' Book for suggested favourite hymns.

BRITISH LEGION
This year we at Bere Regis have the pleasure of welcoming the British Legion for their Remembrance Sunday Parade.
3 p.m. Sunday November 8th.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Morning Service commences at 10.50 a.m.
If fine, round the War Memorial.
If wet, in the Church.
3.00 p.m. British Legion Parade
6.00 p.m. Evensong and reading of names on Roll of Honour.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
Our meeting this month is in the form of a combined Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair to be held on Tuesday, November 10th. at 10.30 a.m. in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis. Admission is free; Coffee and Biscuits price 1/-d. Stalls will include Christmas Decorations and Accessories; Cakes and Savouries; and Produce of any kind. There will also be a Raffle for a Christmas Cake, Wine, Fruit etc.

Contributions for any of the above will be gratefully received by the Committee, either beforehand or early on the Tuesday morning.

Please make every effort to help the Coffee Morning in some way, and make it known to all our many friends who so generously support us and whom we so enjoy meeting on these occasions.

Preliminary notices of the Bulb Classes in the Spring Show have now been distributed so don't delay too long in planting your Bulbs.

The Schedule of Flower Arrangement Classes will be coming along later.

P. L.

BRITISH LEGION, BERW REGIS AND DISTRICT
WOMEN'S SECTION
Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the W.I. Hut at 2.30 p.m. on November 25th when the programme for the forthcoming year will be discussed and the new Officers and Committee elected.

The County Conference is at the Town Hall Dorchester on November 1st. 11 a.m. A.L. Coles. Hon. Sec.

SPORTS CLUB
The collection for the Polio fund raised £11. 2. 0½d. Thanks to all the kind hearts that gave and particularly those who helped with the collecting.

E. Hewitt.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
At our meeting on September 15th Mr. Reed gave a most helpful and interesting talk on "The Storage of Winter Vegetables" and some useful hints on gardening.

On November 17th Mrs. Stoop will be with us for the Annual General Meeting, when we hope that all members will make a very special effort to be present.

I. L. M.

HISTORY OF BERW REGIS - 41

THE MUSTER ROLL, 1542 (continued)

The following is the remainder of the roll as far as it relates to this parish:


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The Tething of Sheleton (in Barrow Hundred)

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F.P.P.

Winterbourne Kingston Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be at 2.45 p.m. November 11th, in the Reading Room. The following were elected to the Committee at the October meeting:

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Bentley.
Mrs. Sheppard.  Mrs. Symes.
Mrs. Murray.  Mrs. D. Legg.
Mrs. Lock.  Mrs. Willcox.

Winterbourne Kingston
Church of St. Nicholas

Saint Nicholas Market  Friday 4th December

In the Village Hall, to be opened at 7 p.m.
By Mrs. Lloyd Jones

Stalls, including New Stall with attractive Christmas Gifts; White

Elephant: Cakes: Toys: Produce: One Shilling: etc.,
Christmas Tree: Refreshments.

Gifts received at the Village Hall on MARKET DAY between 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Your support will be greatly appreciated and we hope to meet YOU at the MARKET.

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For Our Younger Readers.  Lives of the Lesser Saints.

Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093.  16th November.

When Margaret was nine years old she lived in Westminster, and might well have watched the glorious Abbey being built, although only one chapel remains of the original building.

At this time William of Normandy, known as William the Conqueror, was King of England and Edgar, the brother of Margaret, heir to the throne, was in danger of captivity. In order to escape from William, Edgar and the Princesses Christian and Margaret fled from the country and set out for France. During their voyage there was a terrible storm, the ship was driven off course and eventually they landed on the shores of Scotland. They were welcomed by Malcolm, King of the Scots, for the King who had some time before been given shelter by their uncle, Edward, at Westminster, invited them to his court.

Not long afterwards the King made the Princess Margaret his Queen, and the people of Scotland rejoiced, for she was not only beautiful, but kind and good. The people in the King’s court were rough and ignorant, it would have been so easy for her to have followed their way of life, but as you will see, this she did not do. Margaret wrote to an old friend of hers, the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking him to send a Priest to the court who would help her and support her and this he did.

Each day Margaret went to a little cave in the castle to pray in secret. One day the King followed, he watched and was impressed; after that sometimes he went with her to pray too.

Margaret always liked pretty things and loved gentle ways. She began to wear her prettiest clothes, she made the rooms in the castle more gay and cozy. Others wanted to have pretty dresses, so the Queen brought teachers from England who taught the ladies how to spin silky threads and to dye them in gay colours. Soon the people became happier themselves. She went in and out among her people and found how she could help them. She opened schools that
boys and girls, and men and women too, could learn to read and write, very few of them could read, and therefore could not read the Bible. She had churches built, where God could be worshipped. Every day at twelve o'clock the door of the castle opened wide, so that the poor and the needy could come in and be helped, and King Malcolm was often with her. There was something for everyone, food for the hungry, money for the poor, clothes for the cold and medicine for the sick.

Her deep religious feeling was evident in all her actions. She stirred the hearts of the people of Scotland and she is remembered as "Queen and Saint".

She tried by her life to be a true follower of the Lord Jesus, by being gentle and loving in her ways.

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

BURIAL
September 18th. Ernest John Day. 82 years.

WEDDINGS
October 3rd. Grenville Gordon Young and Mary Cheall
October 17th. Henry George Leigh and Sheila Margaret Rawbone.

'SMALL ADS'

(2/6 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.

FOR SALE: MURPHY 17" TELEVISION, B.B.C. I.T.V., IN PERFECT WORKING ORDER, CAREFULLY MAINTAINED. CAN BE SEEN WORKING ANY EVENING. £10 OR NEAR OFFER. APPLY 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. MINTERN, Egdon Close, Deputy Warden.

Sidesmen:
LT.-COL. A. BARNE, M. BARNES, R. BARNES, L. BARTLETT, S. ENDACOTT
J. HOUSE, W. F. LYS, LT. C. MAUNDER, R.N., H. PITFIELD, D. POORE,
E. RAWBONE, BRIG. D. TADMAN, P. WYATT

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