The Parish Church of Bere Regis

With St. Nicholas Winterbourne Kingston
My dear Friends,

I acknowledge with gratitude this month the gift of six Psalters for the use of the Choir from Mrs. Hale in memory of her grandmother Mrs. Hewitt. I am most grateful to her for her kind thought and also for the very practical expression of it.

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council it was decided to join in with some other neighbouring parishes in a Scheme in which visits should be paid, on Sunday evenings to other Churches in the Scheme. This would mean that on three occasions in the year we should have no Sunday evening Service here but the whole congregation would go, in the main by coach to some other Church for Evensong. Then in due course the other parishes would visit us on a Sunday evening for Evensong.

Many of the details have still to be worked out, and meetings will be held when our P.C.C. will be represented, but it does now look as though anyhow a pilot Scheme may go forward. I will keep you in touch with all further developments but I do feel that it will be a grand opportunity of getting to know other people in neighbouring villages, and will be a real help in making us all realize now that we are part of a larger Church.

I sincerely hope that when the time comes you will warmly support the Scheme. I feel sure you will enjoy it.

If all had gone to plan, you would have by now had literature concerning becoming a "Friend of Bere Regis Church". This is a new plan formulated by the Parochial Church Council, of which, in due course, you will hear a great deal. But owing to the General Election to be held on October 15th, the publication of the plan has been put off till well after that date.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

7.30 Corporate Communion, Thursday October 8th. Triennial Elections in the Vicarage immediately afterwards. I do hope all members will make a strong effort to be present on this occasion as it will be such an important meeting.

FAMILY SERVICE

3.00 p.m. SUNDAY OCTOBER 11th. for all the family.

COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

6.00 p.m. SUNDAY OCTOBER 25th. There is a list by the Visitors’ Book for suggested favourite hymns.
We apologise for the lateness of this article which should have appeared last month, the fault was ours. Ed.)

SCHOOL NEWS

The Jumble Sale and Fete, organised by Miss E. Rowland, realised a profit of £70. I am very grateful for the support of parents and friends.

The Open Day was attended by a large number of parents and friends who came and saw the children's work. Special interest was shown in the Practical Mathematics Room and other exhibits.

Dr. Storrs presented our School awards. Prize winners were:

For good work: Trevor Lambert, Judith Goldie, Stephen Percy, Keith Quinton, Ian Cuff, Alan Crocker, Gillian Cheeseman, Christopher Hopkins, Jack Hawkins, John Quinton, Sally Dommett, Susan Pashen, Ian McLeod, Desmond Snook, David Hinz, Nicola Bennett, Brian Hackford.

For Needlework: Diane Lewis, Jane Marsh.

For Music: Anne Crocker.

For Gardening: Graham Gale.

For Crafts: Michael Gale.

Best Attendance: Linda Whalley, Peter Stone.

Most helpful pupil: Rita Elford

For politeness and courtesy: Frances Legg.

As a result of our Road Safety evening course, 23 children were awarded Cycling Proficiency Certificates.

The House was awarded to St. Andrew's House.

Robin Lockyer thanked Dr. Storrs for coming to present the awards.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The next meeting of our Group is on Tuesday October 13th in the Drax Hall, commencing 2.30 p.m. This time we are looking forward to seeing Mrs. Pullan who is coming specially from Bristol to give us one of her accomplished demonstrations on "Christmas Decorations". Mrs. Pullan is very well known in this sphere, and her visit is very timely, coming as it does just before our own Christmas Sale in the form of a Coffee Morning, on November 10th. So let us make the most of her ideas, and translate them into attractive gifts for Christmas.

Friends of members will, as usual, be very welcome. The charge for visitors on this occasion will be 2/- each.

Also please remember the Bring and Buy Table - have you any Spring Bedding Plants to spare, or any Perennials that can be divided and brought along? However small, they will be a welcome contribution to funds.

P.L.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 40

THE MUSTER ROLL, 1542.

Henry VIII, in order to be better prepared for any war in which he might have become involved, decided to carry out a census of all the able-bodied men in England who could be called upon in such an eventuality. For this purpose, reliable men in each locality were required to compile musters or lists of the men in each parish, stating the weapons they possessed (or lacked) and their ability to use them. Most were either billmen or archers and if the latter, they were compelled to practice regularly at the "butts". Even today many towns and villages have a road, street or other spot where the word "butt" figures in the name. In Bere Regis there is, of course, Butt Lane, and others which spring to mind are Butt Close, Puddletown: Lower Butt Street. Poole: Hillbutts, Wimborne; and Butts Pond, Sturminster Newton.

The Bere Regis roll was compiled in 1542, and commences with a lengthy loyal address to the king, together with a rather obscure explanation of the way in which the abilities of the archers and billmen have been set down:-

"Every person being an able archer and very good, thos too Ir aA and upon the name of evy psn being of the sede sorte and yt wyll serve a time this letter A not a pricke and ykyewye upon the names of them yt be able bylmen, thos too Ir aB upon the names of them that bythe of ye sede sorte and wyl syre, this yr b with a pryczke."

It is interesting to see that several of the names on the roll can still be found in Bere Regis after more than 400 years, although of course the spelling has usually changed. Before giving the list, one or two of the terms employed should perhaps be explained 'Harnise' is armour; 'ij' is 2; 'vij' is 6; 'most p vid' means 'must provide'; 'di S. off arr'
means 'two sheafs of arrows'; 'a byll' is a bill - a kind of spear on a wooden shaft; 'a Sallett & a p of splets' means a helmet and a pair of splents - splents being small pieces of armour to protect the arms.

The Hundredth of Bere Regis

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George Turberfield, gent. horses and harnise for ij men, ij bowis, ij shefis of arrowis, ij swerd & ij daggars & harnise for a byllman.


(to be continued) F.P.P.

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS - WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

ST. NICHOLAS MARKET

FRIDAY - 4th. DECEMBER.

More details next month.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS

SAINT DENYS

9th October.

Saint Denys is the patron saint of France. He was born in Italy and sent as a missionary to Gaul, as France was then called. With him Christianity came to the banks of the Seine, and on an island in the river a Christian Church was built. Denys became Bishop of Paris, but it was the pagan priests who persuaded the Romans who ruled them to behead this saintly Bishop and two of his followers. This most treacherous act was carried out on the hill of Montmartre, where four hundred years later a Church and an Abbey were erected on the site where the martyrdom took place.

It is interesting to recall that the name Denys is an abbreviation of the Greek name Dionysius, and we read in the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 17 verse 34 that someone by the name of Dionysius was converted to Christianity through the teaching of Saint Paul. This Dionysius is said to have become the first Bishop of Athens and to have been martyred in the persecution of Diocletian, the Roman Emperor.

So we remember these faithful Christian men, but especially Saint Denys on the 9th October.

SAINTS CRISPIN AND CRISPINIAN.

26th October.

Two brothers, Crispin and Crispinian, belonged to a noble Roman family, but when they became Christians, they decided to go together to France as missionaries. They went to Soissons, about 65 miles from Paris, and in the market place they set up a shoemaker's stall. They were specially good shoemakers and were so nice to everyone, that those who came to have a job done liked to talk to them. These two brothers told everybody about Jesus Christ, till the whole town was converted to Christianity. The enemies of the Church, however, heard of this and asked who had been making the people Christian - they were told it was the two cobbler's in the market place. So it happened that Crispin and Crispinian were brought before the judges. These two Christian men were told to offer sacrifice to the idols and if they refused they would be put to death. They in their turn preached about Jesus Christ to the judges, but the judges would not listen and put them to death. But that was not the way to act to stop people from being Christians.

Today these two Saints are remembered on the 25th October.

ALFRED THE GREAT

26th October.

Alfred was born about the year 848 at Wantage. He had an interest in learning which lasted from his early years until the end of his life. He became a great soldier and a great statesman, but we should also remember him for his efforts to reform the Church. He founded a monastery at Athelney in Somerset and at Shaftesbury a house for women, with his daughter as the first Abbess and it is thought that this place developed without any break, until the nunnery which existed there in the time of King Athelstan.

Linked with his desire to train men for service in Church and State, there is his founding of the 'Court School'. Here boys were educated - they were taught to read books in both Latin and Anglo-Saxon languages.

King Alfred died on the 26th October in the year 899. His name
is included in our Church Kalendar and we do well to remember this Wessex hero.  

E.M.S.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

Quarterly Corporate Communion, 2.30 p.m. Wednesday October 14th. Tri-ennial Elections immediately afterwards. I do hope all members will try and be present on this occasion as it is so important

P.J.T.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

MARRIAGES

August 15th. Christopher Emlyn Watkins and Eva Patricia Ada Hawkins.


September 19th. John Gareth Edward Jenkins and Sylvia Margaret Thorne.

HOLY BAPTISM


September 20th. Doreen Lucy Bartlett.

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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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DORSET.

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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

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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