My dear Friends,

How very fortunate we were in Bere Regis with the weather for the Garden Party, who would have thought with the rain and gales which persisted from Monday to Friday that on the Saturday we should be able to hold this event out of doors. There was a strong wind and it was cold, but the ground had dried out wonderfully and we had a most successful day. Summerods garden was at its very best and was a perfect setting.

Thanks and congratulations to all helpers and friends on the wonderful total achieved. The full accounts appear in a later page of this issue and they make very good reading indeed. I should like to add my thanks to Mrs. Tranter who, in spite of only recently coming out of hospital planned and carried through the highly complicated business of the Dress Shows which added so much to the enjoyment of the afternoon, and to Miss Smith also who very kindly helped her by taking some of the load of the Children’s Dress Show off her shoulders.

Thanks too to Messrs. Goulds Ltd., of Dorchester without whose co-operation they of course would not have been possible.

Please patronise them when you go shopping in Dorchester.

I shall be glad if you will note the arrangements for Services during the latter part of August, and the first week in September when we shall be on holiday. The arrangements really affect Winterbourne Kingston more than Bere Regis, but I trust in both villages you will support my ‘stand ins’ by making a point of being present if you are not on holiday and especially the 8 a.m. Celebrations of Holy Communion at Bere Regis which often are affected particularly badly by the holiday season.

I am hoping in the Autumn to start some sort of Club for the younger ones of our congregation, both boys and girls. I am not sure just quite what form it will take or the exact age group we shall try and cater for, or when we shall meet. All these details must be worked out during the next few months. But one of the qualifications for membership will be a close attachment to the Church. I shall be very grateful for offers of help in running this Club. Will some of our readers volunteer to give me a hand in seeing what can be done? If you will speak to me about it, we will arrange a meeting after the holidays to thrash out the details. In the meantime I shall be grateful also for any suggestions and comments.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.
CONFIRMATION

There will be a Confirmation Service in Bere Regis Church on May 12th (Thursday) 1966 at 7 p.m. The Vicar will be arranging classes next Spring. In the meantime he will be grateful if those concerned will make a note of this date now.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

BERE REGIS

August 22nd. 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Rev. Howell Jones 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Stacey.

29th. 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Rev. Howell Jones 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Stacey.

Sept. 5th. 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Rev. Howell Jones 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Stacey.

SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR AUGUST

Aug. 4th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & W.F. Lys 6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & D. Poore.

8th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. I. Mullins & Brig. D. Tadman 6.00 p.m. Messrs. P. Wyatt & J. House.

15th. 11.00 a.m. Lt. C. Mauder & Mr. A. Harding 6.00 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & P. Minter.

22nd. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Mr. K. Woolfries 6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House & L. Bartlett.

29th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. W.E. Lys & I. Mullins 6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore & M. Barnes.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Aug. 1st. Mrs. Cobb Mrs. Sharman

8th. Miss Llewellyn Mrs. Applin

15th. Miss A. Lys Miss E. Lys.

22nd. Mrs. Wyatt Mrs. G. Griffin

29th. Miss Llewellyn Mrs. Higgins.

N. S. P. C. C.

In the recent house-to-house Collection for the N.S.P.C.C., the amount raised was £9. 15. 10. I am most grateful to all who contributed to this cause and to all the collectors. Audrey Lys.

HISTORY OF BEREGIS - 50

THE CHURCHWARDENS’ ACCOUNTS, 1607 - 1740

During this period the churchwardens appear to have taken some part in arranging apprenticeships between craftsmen and boys, especially it seems by acting in the capacity of mediators when disputes arose. This is evident from these extracts from 1725 - 1727:

"pd. Expenses at the treaty abt. apprenticing Moores’s boy ... 6d.
"pd. the Expenses at Satchels at the making a Reconciliation between Tho. Applin & his Ma.r. Bence ............... 1s. 0d. (Richard Satchell was one of the village innkeepers, and it appears from a later item that Thomas Applin’s “master Bence” was one John Bence, a carpenter).
"pd. the Expense at a parish-meeting abt. Tho. Applin ...... 1s. 0d.
"pd. horshire & expenses going abt. Tho. Applin to his Aunt Mrs. Guise at Wichampton ......................... 2s. 6d.
"For horshire & expeince to Mr. Bonds concerning Tho. White & his Apprentice ................................. 2s. 6d.

There are many items in the accounts which concern building repair work to the church, but examples of these have been given in previous articles. However, it is of interest to note that most building work seems to have been carried out on a system of direct labour, when the churchwardens bought the necessary materials, and arranged for their transport to the site.

One or two bills and receipts still remain between the leaves of this account book and are perhaps worth quoting for the contrast they illustrate in presentation. The first one was submitted by Mr. Ash a local jobbing builder, and the second is a receipt from Richard Ham, a plumber who seems to have had legal ambitions:

"for work about the church 1715 £ s. d.
for 12 days work a peice for I and my Son .......... 1. 4. 0.
for 11 days work a bout the Church ................. 0. 14. 8.
for 9 days work a bout the Church .................. 0. 12. 0.
for making of the bellwele and mending of 2 more ........ 1. 8. 0.
for half a days work mending of doors and putting on of locks 0. 0. 8.
3. 19. 4.
"April 14: 1719 Received of ye Church wardens of Beare Reagis ye sum of nine pound & ye sum of tenn wch was paid by ye Church wardens of ye said beare Reagis; ye 25: of July: Last past wch sum in ye hole makes nintene pound wch is in full of a contracte made be twixe ye said Church warinds & I ye said Richard Ham: for Lead worke don on ye said parish Church as a bove said and is in full for ye said worke & Recied by me Richard Ham".

(to be continued)  F, P, P.

THE DORSET ASSOCIATION FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

The amount collected in Bere Regis was £8. 9. 11d, the total for the Wareham district being £123. 4. 0. Mrs. Lys would like to thank those who undertook the collection, also those who supported the appeal.

FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

There appears to be some doubt as to which numbered week is which. The month of August consists of weeks 22 to 26 inclusive. If possible we will endeavour to have the date printed on the next set of envelopes.

VILLAGE CALENDAR


COMMON LIFE PLAN

It was most unfortunate that the bus failed to turn up to take our large congregation to Affpuddle on June 20th. Very disappointing for those of us waiting at Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston and I suppose even more so for Mr. Johnson who had made arrangements to accommodate us all.

However, we have arranged a visit to Mr. Johnson's parish on the evening of August 8th when the Bishop of Salisbury is going there to preach. So I hope that a really large number of people will take this opportunity of hearing our Bishop and of paying a delayed visit to our nearest neighbour. The only difference is that on this occasion the

GARDEN PARTY 1965

NETT TAKINGS

| Orangery    | 10. 12. 6.  |
| White Elephant | 12. 15. 1. |
| Mothers' Union | 10. 11. 7. |
| Groceries   | 30. 1. 6.   |
| Clothes     | 2. 15. 8.   |
| Cakes       | 15. 19. 3.  |
| Posies      | 1. 11. 9.   |
| Teas        | 7. 17. 0.   |
| Tombola     | 13. 16. 1.  |
| Side Shows  | 8. 0. 5.    |
| Draws       | 7. 13. 6.   |
| Ices        | 3. 5. 6.    |
| Gate        | 6. 10. 6.   |

161. 18. 5.

Draw 25. 0. 0.
Donations 13. 12. 0.

£ 200. 10. 5.

GRAND TOTAL :- £200. 10. 5.

Christopher Maunder. Hon. Treasurer.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

WASTE PAPER!

The waste paper collection has got off to a good start, thanks to Mrs. D. Legg, who is organising this, and her band of very young helpers. The first consignment has been collected and weighed 10 cwts.
another load was collected a few days ago - and we are collecting for the next one! If anyone would care to give assistance in this very worthwhile effort, by being responsible for collecting in certain parts of the parish, please contact Mrs. D. Legg at Broadclose.

TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES PLEASE - ONE FOR 1965 and one for 1966
Friday, 3rd December, 1965 Saint Nicholas Market
Saturday, 4th June, 1966. Saint Nicholas Church Garden Party.
Please keep these dates free, so that you may be with us on these occasion and ask your friends to do the same.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS
August 22nd. 3.15 p.m. Evensong Mr. R. Stacey
August 29th. 3.15 p.m. Evensong Mr. R. Stacey
Sept. 5th. 3.15 p.m. Evensong Mr. R. Stacey

CRAFTSMEN

I saw a Thatcher at work today
Thatching a barn in his expert way,
And seeing this man, with his straws and his comb,
I thought of thatches on millions of homes
That dotted around our fair countryside.
Hold the men of an age when there was time to bide
And watch a craftsman doing his job
Be it Thatcher, or Ploughman, or Smithy's red hob.

To work with one's hands is a rewarding task
And to watch your work growing, perhaps not very fast
And to know at the end of a long happy day
The work that you've done, perhaps for small pay.
Is a job that only a craftsman can do
A job that could only be done by you,
So find all the jobs you can do with your hands
And remember the craftsmen throughout the land
Who still love to work without a machine
Yet do a job that is fit for a Queen.

Constance Wilby.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.  THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

Last month we began to think in detail about our services of Morning and Evening Prayer, and it was said that the arrangement of these services can be described as a symphony in three movements, there is the first movement "Preparation", and now we come to what may be called the second movement, "God's Word."

The note of praise on which we ended the preparation is now continued with the Venite - in Morning Prayer - and it is so named as it comes from the Latin words Venite excultemus being also the 95th Psalm, which opens with these words. It has been called "the great invitational Psalm" for it invites us to praise God, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

Then follows the Psalms. The use of Psalms in public worship was taken from the worship of the Temple and Synagogue, and the version of the Psalms we have in our Prayer Book comes from the Great Bible. The Psalms are grouped together for each day of the month, so that all the Psalms may be sung through in the course of four weeks, as indeed they are in our Cathedrals and some of our Churches.

Morning and Evening Prayer two Lessons are taken from the Books of the Old Testament, the Apocrypha and the New Testament, and the Anglican Church has taken great care in selecting the portions of Scripture to be read day by day. The practice of reading two Lessons in the public services of the Church follows yet again the example of the Synagogue. The reading of Holy Scripture is not only to instruct the congregation but to set forth the Glory of God, it is an act of worship. That is why the Lessons are followed by the singing of Psalms or Canticles - the word 'Canticle' means a sacred song, the words often being taken from the Bible.

The "Te Deum" follows the First Lesson and it is referred to in our Prayer Book as a hymn. It is in fact the Church's great hymn of thanksgiving, and has been in use for more than 1400 years. Tradition has associated this glorious hymn with the baptism of St. Augustine by St. Ambrose, in that they sang it in alternate verses on that occasion, but there is reason to think that it was a well known hymn of the Church long before that time. The Benedictine is an alternative canticle and may be used at any suitable time in place of the Te Deum.

After the Second Lesson, taken from the New Testament, we come to the Benedictus, in which we praise God for the fulfillment of His promises, in the words of Zacharias, the father of John Baptist. The Jubilate, Psalm 100, is an alternative to the Benedictus.
At Evening Prayer after the First Lesson, we have the Song of Mary, The Magnificat, which is more closely associated with Our Lord than any other hymn, for it was spoken by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Following the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer, we have the most beautiful song of the aged Simeon, known as the Nunc Dimittis. We see the fulfilment of God's promises in the Birth of Jesus Christ. It has been used from the earliest ages of the Church, and is so fitted for Evening Prayer.

The Cantate Domino and Deus Miseraetur may also be used on special occasions instead of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

And so we come to the next part of the service, 'Our Response' - which I hope we shall consider together next month.

E. M. S.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

MARRIAGES

June 19th. Michael Harold Dare and Gail Lylie Armitage.

David Leslie Weeks and Patricia Jean Crompton.

HOLY BAPTISM

June 27th. Nigel John Pitman.

BURIAL

July 7th. Thomas Slade. 90 years.

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'SMALL ADS'

(2/6 for every three lines)

Please send your requirements to the Vicarage on or before the 15th of every month.

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