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. MINTER, Egdon Close, Deputy Warden.

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E. RAWBONE, BRIG. D. TADMAN. P. WYATT

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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,

I came across the other day, an extract from a book of talks to children, called 'Cinder Paths'. It contained two excellent thoughts for the New Year. Here it is:

"A good old friend of mine was very fond of praying a very curious prayer. "Lord", he would say, "help us to re-cinder our paths". What did he mean? Well, in the little town where we lived the foot-paths were usually made of cinders, brought from the furnaces of the Salt factories, for it was a salt making town. Very good hard paths they made too once they were well trodden down, but they soon got worn and had to be renewed from time to time with fresh cinders. That is what my old friend was praying: that God would help him keep all the paths of his life in good repair.

When the paths were re-cindered, the workmen simply spread the new cinders all over the surface of the old pathway, but did not use any roller to roll them in. They just left them to be trodden in by the feet of the passers by:

I remember walking once with my old friend along a newly cindered path and saying "Let's walk in the road". "Nay lad," he replied in his rich Cheshire brogue, "let's keep on t'path, somebody else'll have to tread 'em in if we don't!"

Here then are two thoughts for us at the beginning of the New Year. One is the need of keeping our lives in repair. The business of living, the cares of this world, tend slowly to wear our finer spiritual qualities. Therefore, re-cinding is needed if the paths of our life - truth - integrity - uprightness - are to be kept in good repair.

What other ways of repair are there than the old religious habit of prayer and Sunday worship, "Lord help us to re-cinder our paths".

The second thought is whether we cannot do a little more in helping to make the rough places smooth for others upon the road of life.

We tread many paths today that are smooth because of who have patiently trod the rough places before us. Shall we not say to ourselves "Nay lad, let's keep on t'path; somebody else'll have to tread 'em if we don't"?

I know you will wish me, on your behalf, to express our very warm sympathy to Brigadier Tadman on the very sudden and tragic death of his sister. She was well known for the large part she played in many good works over a very large area. Miss Tadman will be greatly missed and mourned by many people and many societies.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
PAUL TRANTER.
A DATE TO REMEMBER
3 p.m. SUNDAY JANUARY 10th. FAMILY SERVICE for all the family, young and old.

SACRED FLOWER GUILD

January
3rd. Mrs. E. Lys. Miss A. Lys
10th. Mrs. Higgins Mrs. J. Jesty
17th. Mrs. Cobb Mrs. Sharman
24th. Mrs. Cobb Mrs. Sharman
31st. Mrs. Harding Mrs. Terry

A Meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 10th. The Vicar was in the Chair, and there were fifteen members present. Two new members were welcomed. The Vicar thanked all members for their continued help in adding to the beauty of the Church with their lovely flower arrangements. A rota was made out for the next six months and can be seen in the Church Porch. Subscriptions for 1965, 1/6, are now due and should be paid to Mrs. Tadmor.

C. T. T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JANUARY

Jan. 3rd. 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadmor & Lt. C. Maunder

6.00 p.m. Mssrs. M. Barnes & J. House

10th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne

6.00 p.m. Mssrs. D. Poore & P. Wyatt

17th. 11.00 a.m. Mssrs. R. Smith & F. Marsh

7.00 p.m. Mssrs. J. House & M. Barnes

24th. 11.00 a.m. Lt. C. Maunder & Brig. D. Tadmor

7.00 p.m. Mssrs. P. Minter & L. Bartlett

31st. 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Mr. F. Lys

7.00 p.m. Mssrs. R. Barnes & H. Pitfield.

COMMON LIFE PLAN

During the months of January and February, surrounding parishes who are members of this Scheme will be coming to Bere Regis to join with us at Evenings. As a number of them will be coming from some distance, in order to give them time to get here without them having to start inordinately early, during the Sundays we shall be acting as

"Host" parish EVENSONG WILL COMMENCE AT 7 p.m. instead of at 6 p.m. as is normal.

Herewith the Sundays and the visiting parishes:

Jan. 17th. Epiphany II. Evensong at Bere Regis 7 p.m. Visitors - Ibberton, Wooland and Belchalwell.


Jan. 31st. Epiphany IV. Evensong at Bere Regis 7 p.m. Visitors - Piddletrenthide, Alton Pancras and Plush.

Feb. 7th. Epiphany V. Evensong at Bere Regis 7 p.m. Visitors - Milton Abbas, Whitechurch and Cleinton.

Feb. 14th. Septuagesima. No Evensong at Bere Regis, but a 'bus will leave the Church at 6.30 p.m. to go to Evenings at Winterbourne Kingston with Milborne St. Andrew and Dewlish.


Feb. 28th. Quinqueagesima. No Evensong at Bere Regis, but a 'bus will leave the Church at 6.30 p.m. to go to Evenings at Winterbourne Kingston with Hazelbury Bryan, Stoke Wake and Fifield.

INAUGURAL SERVICE FOR PARISHES JOINING IN THE COMMON LIFE PLAN

MILTON ABBEY. 7 p.m. Friday January 8th.

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

"FRIENDS"

Have you sent in your Pledge Card yet? We hope to have a preliminary report of progress to date ready in time for the February issue of the magazine.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

1965
March 31st. British Legion Coffee Evening, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
May 29th. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
June 26th. Bere Regis Garden Party
July 21st. British Legion Garden Party, White Lovington 3 p.m.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

Our grateful thanks to Winterbourne Kingston Branch for arranging such a delightful and happy Christmas Party for us. It was a most enjoyable evening and a very happy time was had by all.
Our next meeting will be the Quarterly Corporate Communion in the Church at 7.30 p.m. January 14th. One or two new members will be admitted at this Service. Tea afterwards at the Vicarage.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

New Year Greetings to all our members, and every good wish for a happy and successful "floral year", in 1965.

Members who were not at the recent A.G.M(7), may like to know that, largely as a result of the successful Coffee Morning and Christmas Fair in November, we were able to send donations to various charities - this time to aid Cancer Research, Muscular Dystrophy, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and our own local Cheshire Home for Children in Dorchester.

The Committee is very grateful to all who supported our efforts and so made these gifts possible.

Now, to look further ahead into 1965, we hope everyone will find the Programme interesting and varied: and will continue to come regularly to meetings.

To open the new season on Tuesday, January 12th, our demonstrator will be Mrs. Carnegie Brown, who has visited us on more than one occasion, and has been particularly helpful at Practice Meetings. This time her theme will be "Winter Arrangements", which will be very timely, although like all gardeners and flower lovers, we look forward to the unfolding beauties of Spring before long.

For the benefit of prospective new members who will be given a warm welcome at any time, we normally meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 2.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

P.L.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

March 31st. Coffee Evening, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
July 21st. Garden Fete, White Lovington. 3 p.m.


A.L. Coles. Hon. Sec.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 43

THE MANOR (continued)

In 1539 the Abbess of Tarrant's moiety (half share) of the rents and profits of this manor amounted to £31 13s. 10d as appears from an old account of that year:

"Rents of customary tenants .................. £2. 4d.
Rents of the farm of the capital mansion, manor, land etc 8. 16. 6.
Rents of the farm of demesne land .................. 5. 17. 0.
and from perquisites of court .................. £31. 13. 10.

Tarrant Abbey was situated at what is now Tarrant Crawford, the southernmost of the Tarrant villages, near Spettisbury, and was founded in 1220 for Cistercian nuns. Its 309 years of history seem to have been uneventful, and when it was surrendered at the Dissolution in 1539, it was the second largest monastic establishment in Dorset, with 20 nuns. The last abbess, Margaret Russell was given a pension and may well have retired to Bere Regis, for in her will, dated 1567, she desired to be buried in this church.

The other moiety of the manor seems to have formed part of the estates of the Earls of Hereford, but there does not seem to be a record extant of the granting of it to the Earldom, but it was at least before 1300, and continued till 1546. During this time the Turbervilles became tenants in chief, and hence lords of the manor: this family have been dealt with in greater detail in an earlier series of articles.

The family of Bridport became lessees of the Abbess of Tarrant at an early period in Bere, and John de Bridport is mentioned as lord of the township of "Kyngesbere" in 1316. He had been one of the burgesses of Bridport, Dorset, in 1313, and was knight of the shire for Dorset in 1322. A charter of uncertain date was granted to Isabel the wife of John Bridport to hold a three days' fair in Bere.

In 1546, after the Dissolution of the monastic establishments, the moiety of the manor which had belonged to Tarrant Abbey was sold to Robert Turberville for £608. 16s. 8d., so that from that date the manor belonged wholly to that family.

The male line of the Turberville family became extinct in 1704, on the death of Thomas Turberville, but his daughter Mary who married Major William Ducket, and his twin daughters Frances and Elizabeth, remained as coheirs. In 1731 they sold their estates to Henry Drax, to whose descendants the manor still belongs, although many portions have now been sold to individual owners.

A few years after his purchase, Henry Drax commissioned a famous map-maker, Isaac Taylor of Ross, Herefordshire, to survey the whole of his estates at Morden, Charborough and Bere, and this was done between the years 1773 and 1777. The manor at Bere occupies eight large scale maps, showing the land divided into each small tenancy, with the area and the name of the tenant. These maps are very useful documents for historical research, especially as one of them
BERE REGIS EVENING INSTITUTE

Woodwork Classes. Second Term begins on Thursday 14th January. We still have room for a few more students. F. Marsh. Organiser.

BERE REGIS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Prizes for good attendance were won by the following children, to whom we send our congratulations.

Mark Pitfield. Judith Goldie
John Pitfield Sandra Dean
David Miller Carol Dean
Richard Mullins Elizabeth Miller
Desmond Snook Paula Endacott.

Sunday School commences at 2.30 p.m. every Sunday, with the exception of the 2nd Sunday in the month, when the Family Service begins at 3 p.m.

We hope that many more Parents will send their children on Sundays to receive the religious instruction which was promised for them at their Baptism.

ST. NICHOLAS MARKET

Once again St. Nicholas Market proved a most happy occasion. It was our great pleasure this year to welcome Mrs. Lloyd Jones as our openet and a good opportunity too of welcoming her to the village. In a charming speech she declared the sale open and gave us a good start by immediately going round the stalls.

Thanks were expressed to all who by their efforts had made the sale possible. Heather Legg presented a box of chocolates to Mrs. Lloyd Jones as a token of appreciation.

When the takings were counted and expenses paid it was found that a splendid profit of nearly £70 had been made. A welcome addition to St. Nicholas Maintenance Fund.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS

KING CHARLES, MARTYR, 1649.

In the Nicene Creed, the Creed used at the service of Holy Communion, we say: "And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church." 'Apostolic' really means that the Church has gone through the ages the teaching of the Apostles, and the work of the Church has been carried on by the authority of the threofold ministry - Bishops, Priests and Deacons. It was because King Charles the First believed so firmly in the Apostolic succession of Bishops, Priests and Deacons that he became a Martyr.

Charles Stuart, ascended to the throne of England in the year 1625. In those days it was by no means a happy thing to be King of England, there was trouble with Scotland regarding matters of religion and a section of English people were determined to destroy the Church, if they could. Charles the First, loved the Catholic Church, but knew himself there were things that needed to be changed and with his faithful Archbishop Laud he wanted to improve the Church, not separate it and break it up. He also knew that he was faced with a difficult but important choice. If he were to be popular he must please his subjects - if on the other hand he put first what he knew to be loyalty to God and His Church, then he must risk the cost and maybe the loss of his earthly kingdom and perhaps the loss of his life.

The King made his choice, and for the Church of his country he gave his life. If he had agreed that the Church in England should not be guided by Bishops, consecrated to act as God's chief ministers in His Church, he would most probably have saved his life. But Charles the First felt that this was God's will for His Church, something which kept the Church in England in unbroken continuity with the Church of God - the Church which began on the very first Whitsunday; and this Church has continued to the present time. The people pressed King Charles to agree that the Church should not be governed in this way, but he stood firm for what he believed to be right and according to God's will.

He was taken prisoner by his own people. He was tried and condemned to death - led out to Whitehall and there beheaded. He died for the faith of his Church - and we remember him especially three hundred years later on the 30th January.

A poet of his day, who took sides against him, wrote of him then at the time of his martyrdom - "He nothing common did, nor mean Upon that memorable scene."

E.M.S.

SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH MARKET

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Produce 3. 13. 6.
Miscellaneous 2. 7. 6.
Children's 2. 4. 0.
Christmas Tree 2. 2. 6.
Treasure Hunt - 17. 9.
Refreshments - 12. 7.
Door Admissions - 17. 10. Balance in hand 68. 12. 3.

£ 70. 15. 6.

Balance - being profit £68. 12. 3d.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
November 22nd. Harvey Llewellyn Jennings
29th. Andrew Joseph Bugler
29th. Pauline Mary Taylor.

HOLY MATRIMONY
December 12th. Rex James Strutt and June Marion Phillips.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

November 29th. Peggy Hughes.

'SMALL ADS'
(2/6 for every three lines)

MOTOR ASSISTED BICYCLE FOR SALE, WHAT OFFERS? APPLY THE VICARAGE.

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