My dear Friends,

Congratulations to Winterbourne Kingston on the result of their Garden Party, when they had record takings and a record profit. We are most grateful to Messrs. Cherry of Blandford for their co-operation over the Dress Show, which proved such an enjoyable event. We are also most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones who lent us their beautiful garden for the event. The grounds were in most beautiful order and formed a charming setting for this happy occasion. I see that last year I wondered what the weather would be like for the Bere Regis Garden Party and said that I was writing under lowering skies and a chill wind. When the day came it was glorious.

I write this year under similar weather conditions. I only hope the weather on the day will be equally kind as last year!

The Church Council have been very worried recently concerning the re-appearance of death watch beetle in the Church roof. They had a complete survey of the timbers recently and I am glad to say that while beetle has occurred again, the infestation is not quite as bad as we first feared. We shall have to spend, however, quite a considerable sum of money in repairs and spraying, but we are hoping that, thanks to the 'Friends of Bere Regis Church' we shall be able to cope with this without a general appeal.

You may like to know that up to the present the 'Friends' have promised over £500, which is an excellent start and we are most grateful to those who have already taken up this scheme. But I very much hope that many more will become 'Friends'. We have many expensive repairs looming up ahead, including the re-building or replacement of the organ, which is now in a very poor state of repair indeed.

So the first achievement of the 'Friends' will be the repair of the roof and the eradication of beetle. Will others of you join with them in the next item on the repair list.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JULY

July 4th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. A. Harding & Col. A. Barne
6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & P. Wyatt
11th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. W. F. Lys & K. Woolfries
6.30 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & P. Mintern
18th. 11.00 a.m. Lt. C. Maunder & Mr. D. Poore
6.30 p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett & J. House
25th. 11.00 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & A. Harding
6.30 p.m. Messrs. P. Mintern & M. Barnes.

We warmly welcome this month to the ranks of Sidesmen three new members, Mr. H. Harding, Mr. K. Woolfries and Mr. I. Mullins, and are very grateful for their help.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

July 4th. Mrs. Poore Mrs. Janes
11th. Mrs. Tranter Mrs. J. Applin
18th. Mrs. J. Applin Mrs. Woolfries
25th. Miss McFall Mrs. Keeping.

A Meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Thursday, 10th June at 3 p.m. The Vicar was in the Chair, and there were nine Members present. The Vicar again thanked all Members for their help in adding to the beauty of the Church with their flower arrangements. A special word of thanks was given to Mrs. Applin and Mrs. Woolfries for their decoration of the pillars at Festival times.

The rota for the next six months was made out, and can be seen in the Church Porch.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

July 3rd. Skittles A.O.F. Championship S. W. D.
July 10th. Bere Regis Carnival
July 21st. British Legion Garden Fete 3 p.m. White Lovington.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

Quarterly Corporate Communion 7, 30 p.m. Thursday July 8th.

BRITISH LEGION

The Annual Parade and Service of all the Dorset Branches of the British Legion took place once again at Bovington Camp.

Despite the fact that the merry month of May was nearly finished we were well advised to retain our "clout". I don't know how many of those on Parade wore their "clouts", but I should dearly love to know what they are.

There was a cold North wind that set the sixty or more Standards waving in the breeze. It requires considerable strength to bear them steadily but our Bearer, Harry Cleall was untiring, and held his Staff most truly erect.

Walter Poore was "excused marching" as we used to say, so sat amongst the V.I.P.s in the Church. John Strang however was marching with the best of us. I believe he won his Distinguished Service Medal fifty years ago almost to the day.

Unfortunately, not as many of the Branch were able to attend as Joe Hewitt would have liked. Very often we have been one of the strongest detachments on Parade. Those who did attend had the privilege of hearing the address by the Most Reverend the Archbishop, Lord Fisher of Lambeth. He gave us a really inspiring talk, and a message which I am sure all will remember.

After the Service we witnessed what must be an almost unique sight. A retired General taking the Salute with a retired Archbishop beside him. The General was, of course, our own County President, whom most of us will remember at the last Dinner. General Charles Keithly was an outstanding Army Commander, but he is also a cheerful friendly person who always has time for a word with everyone. We are indeed lucky to have him both as President and living in Dorset.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Despite the wet afternoon many members and friends were at Culeaze to enjoy the President's Open Day on June 8th. The Raffle raised £2.5.6d. Miss Smith won the chicken, and Mrs. Waddingham the Strawberries and cream. Teas made £5.10.0 and the Bring and Buy brought in £4.14.9d. The total of £12.10.3d. has gone into a Flower Fund - a happy start to the Floral Festival at the Church next year.

Mrs. Rowe will be with us on July 13th to do arrangements for "Party and Special Occasions". Mrs. Rowe is so original in her treatment of flowers, that we are certain to have a rewarding afternoon. Come, and remember that all your friends are welcome too.

Do not forget that Mrs. Cummins will be collecting your Bus fares for the Outing to Longleat House on September 24th.

M.A.

HISTORY OF BERES REGIS - 49

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1607 - 1740

The parish of Bere Regis has always been a "Peculiar", that is to
say, an ecclesiastical exception, and has been responsible to the Dean of the Diocese rather than to the Bishop as is usual, and during the period covered by these accounts, the Dean of Salisbury held a kind of annual inspection of parish affairs, known as the Dean’s Visitation Court. On these occasions the churchwardens were required to furnish copies of all the entries in the parish registers, and these copies still remain in the Diocesan archives at Salisbury. This is fortunate, as our registers were burnt in the fire of 1788.

The function of the visitation court was to initiate proceedings against those who failed to pay their rates, and other offenders, to enforce the churchwardens to undertake any necessary repairs to the church, and to generally ensure that the parish affairs were properly conducted. Typical of the items concerning this court are those for 1699:

"pd. the fees of ye Court .......... 5s. 2d.
pd. ye Aparators fees & proclamacon .......... 2s. 0d.
pd. Mr. Abell at visitation .......... 3s. 0d.
(it seems that the Vicar - the Rev. William Abell in this case, was always supplied with a free dinner on these occasions)
pd. Expenses at Visitacon ............. 13s. 3d.

Apparently in 1700 it was decided to limit the amount spent at these visitations and to close a loophole concerning payments to travellers:

"July the 17th 1700 - Mem. yt is agreed upon by the Parishioners of this parish in Genrall that if any Churchwarden shall bring in on his accounts any sume of money by him laid out on any sort of travellers seamen or passengers, it shall not be allowed them againe. Neither shall they expend at any one Visitacon kept in Beere more than seaven shillings and sixpence with expectacon of allowance for their own & the Ministers Eating & drinking whereunto wee sett or Hands ... Tho: Turberville, Tho: Williams, W. Coombes, Jno. Adams".

As an example of the decisions made by the court, here are two items for 1624:

"Layd forth at salsebewry when we wersitid (cited) for the want of a beybell and for that the glase windowes wer in decaye ... 8s. 2d.

"The viith day of September 1624 I layd forth for a Bible more than the old owne came to ............... 19s. 6d.
(this was obviously a part-exchange deal).

Another relevant item illustrates the powers of the Lord of the Manor rather than those of the Dean's Court:

"These are to certify all whom it may or shall any ways hereafter concerne that Thomas Turberville of Beere - Regis in the County of Dorstt and peculiar Jurisdiction of the Revrend Dean of Sarum, Esqr.

was presentt at the last Visitacon by the Churchwardens of the sd parish for not paying his Rates towards the repacon of the said Church of Beere Regis aforesaid, Whereupon the said Mr. Turberville was cited to the Deane of Sarum's Court, he, appeareing by his proctor, denied the said presentmt to be true, then Notice was given thereof to the Churchwardens, but they never prosecuted the business any farther, whereupon the said Mr. Turberville was dismissed from the said presentment. In testimony of the truth hereof Wee have hereunto sett our hands this sixteenth day of May 1684. Geo: Frome. Hugo Frome ".

(to be continued) F.P.P.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS. THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

Continuing from last month, I would like us now to consider more closely the services of Morning and Evening Prayer, or Mattins and Evensong, as these services were called in the first Prayer book of 1549.

If we examine in detail how these services have been arranged, we shall see how beautifully they fit into a pattern, perhaps the pattern can be described as a symphony in three movements, there is the Preparation followed by God's Word and finally Our Response.

It is about the Preparation that we shall think of first, or we may call it the introduction to the service by priest and people. The service as you know commences with The Sentences taken from the Bible recalling our need for the forgiveness of sins, followed by The Exhortation. The Exhortation is really a homily, in other words a short address or it can even be called a short sermon, which reminds us of the purposes for which we assemble together, these are the actual words taken from The Exhortation - "And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most Holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul."

The "General Confession" is said by the whole congregation after the Minister, all kneeling. It is called "General" because it is expressed in general terms, and does not detail any particular sins. God knows the different sins of which we are guilty, and He knows what is in the minds of each of us.

The Absolution or Remission of sins, which follows, is said only by a Priest, or by a Bishop, and it is said by him standing. The authority by which the Priest speaks is committed to him at his Ordination. The
power to forgive sins belongs to Christ, but the Priest who through his Ordination has received a commission to speak in His Name, has the authority to pronounce God's forgiveness.

When we have confessed our sins, and heard the Priest pronounce God's forgiveness, The Lord's Prayer is said "with" the Minister, word by word, not "after" him, as the Confession is said. The Lord's Prayer fits into the service here most beautifully, for we meet together to do Him service, to honour His Name and to show forth His Kingdom and the prayer confirms and seals the words of the Absolution and opens the door of Praise.

Two versicles and their response, which really may be called little verses, follow, and are taken from Psalms 51 and 70. They are in fact known to have been used since the sixth century. Then comes the hymn to the Blessed Trinity, "Glory be to the Father..." The Gloria Patri can be traced to the angelic hymns in Isaiah, Chapter 6, verse 3 and St. Luke, Chapter 2, verse 14 and the reference to the Trinity can be found in St. Matthew, chapter 28, verse 19. The Gloria Patri as this hymn to the Trinity is called, has been in use in this part of Divine Service for at least 1300 years.

Then follows the versicle, "Praise ye the Lord" with its response. This brings us to the next part of the service, "God's Word", and I hope we shall be able to think of this together next month.

E. M. S.

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BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN

The House to House collection in Bere Regis amounted to £21. 0. 0. The coffee morning held at Broadwater raised £16.19.0d.

Many thanks to everyone who supported these efforts.

M. I. Benjafield.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

Quarterly Corporate Communion 2.45 p.m. Wednesday July 14th.

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SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

The Annual Summer Garden Party was held at the Old Parsonage, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and proved to be a most successful one, both from a financial point of view and that of a friendly parish gathering. This lovely English garden made an ideal setting for the Fashion Show, which was made possible through the kindness of Messrs. A. Cherry & Son of Blandford, not forgetting the members of our Church who modelled the fashions so excellently and Mrs. Tranter who organised this new venture, which was much enjoyed.

The Vicar has already thanked everyone for their help and support - givers and buyers. How lovely to have so much sunshine on this day, even though the wind was a little boisterous!

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Paid to Bank.

E. M. S.
'SWEEPINGS'

If you think politics easy try sitting on the fence while keeping one ear to the ground.

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Some men grow under responsibility, other only swell.

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What terrifies me is that they always speak of a doctor "practising".

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Marie Dressler: 'It's not how old you are but how you are old'

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A New York detective agency that specialises in tracing missing persons has been employed by more than 70,000 wives to find their husbands, but by only 15 husbands to find their wives.

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Reprouved for calling his employer 'Mr. 'Arrison' a Cockney protested, 'Well, if a haitch and a hay, two hars and a Hi and a hess, a Ho and a hen don't spell 'Arrison, wot does?''

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Lord Lindsay: Try and learn that people from whom you differ very strongly are nevertheless quite reasonable people and are not necessarily villainous.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM


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