My dear Friends,

I was very thrilled at the numbers who turned out on a very wet evening to go to the Central Service of the Common Life Plan at Milton Abbey. It was a wonderful Service and all who went found it most inspiring.

Our next away visit will be to Alton Pancras on October 17th and I think, as it is on the far boundaries of the Deanery, that we had better have the coach at Winterbourne Kingston Reading Room at 6 pm to pick up at Bere Regis Church lower entrance at approximately 6.15. There will be no afternoon Evensong at Kingston at 3.15 pm and no 6 pm Evensong at Bere Regis on that day.

Mr. Cottill, the new Incumbent of Piddlememthide with Alton Pancras is to be Inducted on the previous Friday, 7 pm at Piddlememthide. It would be a nice gesture if some of our people went to that Service and made a particular effort to get to Alton Pancras on the 17th for the Common Life visit.

I should like to commend to you a Missionary Exhibition which is to be held in the Bere Regis W.I. Hut in the evening of Monday October 18th and all day on Tuesday. Full details of opening times will be found in a later page of this issue.

This Exhibition was originally planned by Mr. Edwards before he moved from Piddlememthide and I felt that as plans were partly formulated it should be continued. In all conscience we do little enough for Missions in this parish. So I trust you will support this venture and will be sure to visit it while it is here. The Exhibition is being put on by the C.M.S. and is being sponsored by the whole of the Rural Deanery, the theme will be that of Nigeria.

Congratulations and thanks to Miss Pitfield, our Church cleaner, on the way she has restored the Church to its usual beauty of cleanliness and polish after the men had been in to spray against beetle. When they left it was in a terrible state - on my return from holiday it was perfect. Thank goodness the terrible smell has now abated somewhat and is now only oppressive after the Church has been shut up for some time.

The article on cows in Bere Regis which appeared in last month's issue has caused much discussion in the village. Have any other of you any words of appreciation in other directions you would like to add? If so let us have them for publication. There is plenty to grumble at, and we are not slow in making our grumbles heard by all - there is also plenty to be grateful for, let us be equally free in making our thanks and appreciation public.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranté.
BELLRINGERS

A meeting for all Bellringers and those who would like to learn.
Adults only, 8 pm in the Vicarage, Thursday October 7th.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR OCTOBER

| Oct 3rd  | 11.00 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins | K. Woolfries |
| 6.00 p.m. Messrs. D. Poore | J. House |
| 10.  | 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys | Lt. C. Mauder |
| 6.00 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes | R. Barnes |
| 17.  | 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries | Col. A. Barne |
| No Evening Service at Bere Regis |
| Bus at 6.15 pm to Alton Pancras |
| 24.  | 11.00 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman | Mr. A. Harding |
| 6.00 p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett | P. Mintern |
| 31.  | 11.00 a.m. Lt. C. Mauder | Mr. W. F. Lys |
| 6.00 p.m. Messrs. J. House | P. Wyatt |

SANGUARY FLOWER GUILD

| Oct. 3.  | Harvest Festival |
| 10.  | Miss A. Lys: Mrs. Howard |
| 17.  | Mrs. Roffey | Mrs. R. Barnes |
| 24.  | Mrs. Lys | Mrs. Benjafied |
| 31.  | Mrs. Harding | Mrs. Jesty |

VILLAGE CALENDAR (continued)

Dec. 3. Friday St. Nicholas Market.
Opener Miss M. Llewellyn.
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25. Saturday Bere Regis Garden Party.

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Bere Regis Parish Council invites applications for the position of Clerk to the Parish Council, which please forward to Mr. G. M. Emmott, Clerk to the Council, 67 Butt Lane, Bere Regis.

COFFEE EVENING - EARL HAIG'S FUND

A Coffee Evening and Bring and Buy Sale, Wednesday November 10th, 7.30 p.m. at "The Crofters" Winterbourne Kingston., in aid of Earl Haig's Fund. We hope all will support this worthy effort.

COMMON LIFE PLAN

Our next visit is to 7 p.m. Evensong at Alton Pancras. The coach will leave the Reading Room, Winterbourne Kingston, at 6 p.m. and will pick up at the lower entrance to Bere Regis Church at approximately 6.15 p.m. The Vicar hopes many will come. There will be no 3.15 p.m. Evensong at Winterbourne Kingston and no 6 p.m. Evensong at Bere Regis on this Sunday.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday October 14th.

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION

Sponsored by the Bere Regis Rural Deanery, in the W.I. Hut:
Monday Evening October 18th. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A Film will be shown at 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday October 19. 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
6.00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
A Film will be shown at 7 p.m.
ALL WELCOME.
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION
WOMEN'S SECTION

Members are reminded that the meeting on October 20th is at 2.30 p.m. There will be a cookery demonstration by Southern Electricity Board, and members can bring their friends.

Isle of Purbeck Group Meeting at Sandford 7.30 p.m. October 21.
Will members wishing to go please give their names to Mrs. Coles by
October 10th so that transport can be arranged.

A. L. Coles. Hon. Sec.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

The clocks go back one hour on Saturday evening October 23.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday October 2nd. 7.30 p.m. Harvest Supper, W.I. Hut.
The speaker on this occasion will be a Miller. Entertainment after
Supper. Tickets price 3/- obtainable from Churchwarden Smith
or Church Councillors. Bring your own knife, fork and spoon.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
2.30 p.m. The Children bring gifts.
6.00 p.m. Evensong.

Decorating for the Harvest Festival will take place on Friday October 1st
Gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables etc., will be warmly welcomed
for this lovely Festival.

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GEOLOGICAL HISTORY

The furthest one can go back in tracing the history of a parish, is
to the very creation of the earth, because this 8312 acres of the earth
now known as the parish of Bere Regis is of course as old as the earth
itself. This period of time between the formation of the earth and
when man first appeared on the scene, is the province of the geologist,
and the number of years involved is so vast as to be incomprehensible in
human terms, being measured in hundreds of millions of years. The
geologist derives his information from the study of rocks of which the
earth is formed - rocks in this sense being taken to include materials
such as chalk, sand, gravel and clay. There are three main categories
of rock formation :-

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

We are hoping to introduce new Prayer Books into our Church at
Christmas. Would you like to make a gift of such a Prayer Book to the
Church, in memory of a dear one, or of a special occasion in your life,
or as a friend of Saint Nicholas? It will be possible for you to inscribe
your name in the book, as the giver, if you so wish. The Price - 7/6 each
Please enter your names on the list in the Church, or others farther afield,
please let the Vicar or Treasurer know that you desire to help the Church
in this way. We will obtain the books on your behalf.

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**HARVEST-TIDE AT ST. NICHOLAS**

Friday - October 8th. 7.30 p.m. Harvest Supper - Village Hall. Tickets Price 2/6 obtainable from the Organising Sub-Committee or Members of the Church Council. You are warmly invited to join us for this Harvest Supper.

Sunday - October 10th. **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Sunday School
- 7.15 p.m. Evensong.

Your gifts of vegetables, fruit, flowers etc., will be gratefully received at the Church on Saturday 9th October from 10 a.m. onwards.

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**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH**

COFFEE EVENING. Despite a wet evening, a number of people attended the coffee evening, held by invitation of Miss Lee Jones at Alpha Cottage. This was to aid the forthcoming St. Nicholas Market and the sum of £6 11. 6d. was raised. As well as the usual attractions a treasure hunt proved to be of special interest. Thanks was expressed by the Vicar of Miss Lee Jones and others who were responsible for the arrangements, which made the evening a successful and happy one.

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**FOR OUR YOUNGERS READERS.**

**THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The service of Holy Communion is the most beautiful, the most wonderful of all our services, for it was instituted by Our Lord Himself.

The earliest name given to this service we find in The Acts of the Apostles, (chapter 2 verses 42 and 46), "The Breaking of Bread." In the early centuries it was called "Eucharist", a Greek word meaning "Thanksgiving". In Thomas Cranmer's first Prayer Book of 1549 it was called "The Supper of the Lord and the Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass." In the second Prayer Book of 1552 the title was changed to the title we have in our Prayer Book of today, "The Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion." Holy Communion, which has now replaced the former
title for this service, is taken from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (chapter 10, verse 16). The word "Communion" is from a Latin root meaning, "Belonging equally to more than one, ready to serve together with.

How did this service begin? It was at the time of the Feast of the Passover that Jesus, with His Disciples, met together in an upper room, which is a room upstairs, to have supper. Of course, as you can imagine, the Disciples were usually very happy on such occasions, but at this meal they were sad, sad because Jesus had told them He was going to suffer and that this was the last supper they would have like this, with them sitting round Him. He took bread from off the table and blessed it, broke it, and handed a piece to each of His friends, saying "Take, eat," and they shared the bread. Then Jesus picked up the cup of wine, and after giving thanks for it, gave it to His friends and said, "Drink this", they held the cup in turn and drank a little of the wine, as they sat round the one table. We are bidden to do the same in the words of Our Lord. "This do in remembrance of me."

The Disciples knew they were meant to go on and carry out the command of Jesus. The little Fellowship who first shared in the Meal has grown into a big Fellowship, which we call the Church. But it is the same Fellowship and we share the same Meal. The Fellowship is so great that the members cannot now all gather round a table, but we gather together in our Churches throughout the world, the table, or altar, is there, where all can see it, and we kneel down quite close to it, when we partake of the bread and drink the wine, at the service of Holy Communion.

We are ONE with Jesus and each other, Christians near and far, our dear ones who have departed this life and the saints, when we come to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

E. M. S.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION**

The Quarterly Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Church at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday October 13th.
SMALL ADS

(2/6 for every three lines)