My dear Friends,

I shall be commencing Confirmation Classes on Monday 7th March at 7.30 at the Vicarage. The Confirmation Service itself being on Thursday May 12th at 7 p.m. I shall be glad to have the names of any who desire to be Confirmed at or before this meeting. By the Bishop’s Regulations young people must be at least 12 years of age, though exceptions can be made in special circumstances. I hope that a good number of our young people will come forward. Confirmation is the final step to becoming a full member of the Church and is the crown of Baptism. I think I should just say that, of course, coming to the classes neither forces you to be Confirmed nor does it entitle you to be presented to the Bishop. This is a decision which is taken on both sides of the classes. But coming to the classes provides a great opportunity of learning what we believe and why we believe it.

I shall also be very glad to have the names of any adults who may wish to be Confirmed. And for such I shall be very pleased to arrange separate classes.

We were all very sad to hear of the closure of the W.I. Hut. I know our sympathies go to the Women’s Institute in their difficulties and trust they will have every success in the Drax Hall. The W.I. Hut has been a landmark in the Village for many years and has been of real service to a great many people and organisations. I think we should say a word of thanks to the ladies of the W.I. who have kept it going and allowed others to use it for such a long time.

I trust that the long-suffering Drax Hall Committee who have worked hard under the greatest financial worry to keep the Drax Hall going may find their burdens eased somewhat through the greatly increased number of letting that should now be made with them. They deserve all our support and gratitude.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting this Diocese on March 15th and 16th (Tuesday and Wednesday). There will be a Choral Celebration at 10.30 on the Tuesday at Sherborne Abbey at which he will preach, especially for this Archdeaconry. Tickets for this Service are strictly limited in number and I shall be glad to have the names of those of you who would like to go, as soon as possible. On the Wednesday, 16th there is to be a special Diocesan Service in the Cathedral at which he will again preach - I have but 5 tickets for this Service so it is again a case of first come first served.

By the way, I fancy the clocks go on one hour on Saturday March 19th, but it would be advisable to double check on this!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
P.S. Please support our Lenten preachers on Sunday evenings.

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**SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD**

Mar. 6th.  2nd Sunday in Lent  
13th.  3rd Sunday in Lent  
20th.  4th Sunday in Lent  
27th.  5th Sunday in Lent

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**SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR MARCH**

Mar. 6th.  11.00 Messrs, K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys  
6.00 Messrs, J. House & D. Poore  
13th.  11.00 Messrs, I. Mullins & A. Harding  
6.00 Messrs, M. Barnes & R. Smith  
20th.  11.00 Messrs, W. F. Lys & K. Woolfries  
6.00 Messrs P. Wyatt & R. Barnes  
27th.  11.00 Col, Barne & Mr. A. Harding  
6.00 Messrs, L. Bartlett & J. House.

**N.B.** The Quarterly Sidesmen’s meeting will be held on Wednesday March 9th 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.

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**VILLAGE CALENDAR**

Mar. 7th.  Mon. 7.30 Confirmation Classes  
9th.  Wed. 2.45 Winterbourne Kingston Mothers’ Union  
     Mrs. Gooch  
     8.00 p.m. Sidesmen’s Meeting.

10th.  Thurs. 7.30, Bere Regis Mothers’ Union, Drax Hall  
       Mrs. Hampton.

15th. Mons 10.30. The Archbishop of Canterbury’s visit to Sherborne Abbey. Choral Eucharist for this Archdeaconry

16th.  Wed. 2.45. The Archbishop preaches at Salisbury Cathedral.

19th.  Sat.  Put clock on one hour.

21st.  Mon. 7.30, P.C.C. Meeting at Vicarage

22nd.  Tues. 3, M.U, Deanery Festival at Milborne St, Andrew

25th.  Frid, Annunciation of B.V.M., 9.30 Holy Communion

April 14th.  Thurs. 7, Annual Church Meeting in Drax Hall.

May 12th.  Thurs. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service at Bere Regis.

14th.  Sat. Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers practice.

18th.  Wed. British Legion Garden Fete, White Lovington 3 p.m

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**EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE**

Will those of you who would like to give a Lily at Easter in memory of some departed relative or friend, please fill in the list which you will find on the table at the back of the Church. We require the name of the donor, the full names of the person in whose memory it is to be given, and the number of lilies you wish to give. It will be a great help if we can have your requirements as soon as possible so that we can have some idea of the number to order.

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**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**CHURCH JUMBLE SALE. FRIDAY MAY 6th.**

**BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 10th Mrs. Hampton, the wife of the Vicar of Piddlehinton, is to be the speaker. This will be her first visit to our branch so I hope a really good number will be present to welcome her.

Will you please note that this meeting and all future meetings will be held in the lower room of the Drax Hall.

P.J.T.

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER**

**MIDWEEK SERVICES:**

3.00 p.m. Thursday March 10th. “Thinking more of Words than Deeds”

3.00 p.m. Thursday March 17th. “Listening without obeying”

3.00 p.m. Thursday March 24th. “Watching for the faults of others”
3.00 p.m. Thursday March 31st
"Shirking what is Hard"

Mothering Sunday March 20th. 2.30 p.m. Mothering Sunday Service

SPECIAL PREACHERS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT:

LENT II. March 6th.
6.00 p.m.
Rev. C. H. Hampton
Rector of Piddlehinton

LENT III. March 13th.
6.00 p.m.
Rev. H. A. Johnson
Vicar of Affpuddle

LENT IV. March 20th.
6.00 p.m.
Rev. J. E. B. Cattell
Vicar of Piddlestroughide

LENT VI. April 3rd.

Rev. O. D. Harvey
Vicar of Puddletown.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday April 4th.
7.00 p.m. Compline

Tuesday April 5th.
7.00 p.m. Compline

Wednesday April 6th.
7.00 p.m. Compline

Maundy Thursday
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday 11.00 a.m.
Devotional Service
7.00 p.m. Evensong

EASTER DAY 8.00 a.m.
Holy Communion
11.00 a.m.
Mattins
12.00 noon
Holy Communion
3.00 p.m.
Family Service
6.00 p.m.
Evensong

RANDOM THOUGHTS

You are unlikely to have remembered the time and date, but I can remind you that it was just about moonrise at Bere Regis on February the 4th 1966 that a fabulously expensive and intricate fabrication was gently landing on the Moon's surface, and on the following day we were all to see photographs of the moonscape taken by a camera on the Moon. No doubt before we have read many more editions of the Bere Regis Parish Magazine, a dust-bin full of mud or matter will have been retrieved from the Moon's surface, thus proving definitely and irrefutably that the Moon is not made of cheese.

For years now Scientists have been spending vast sums and sleepless nights probing space and solving theories about the formation of the world and the universe. The more they discover, the greater they find the mystery, and the worse the worry and the less happy are our "Boffins".

How much more content they would be if they were to read the first chapter of Genesis. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". What a simple story. It was probably written about three thousand years ago, and for centuries before that was recounted by endless nomad fathers to innumerable, questioning children as they sat at open camp fires in the chill desert hills. In that clear night sky the moon and stars as well as the whole known world must have been a subject of great wonder.

It is such a simple explanation, and how much better it has proved to be over the centuries, to believe and accept that the unknown is the work of God.

Another bit of old Bere Regis has disappeared. This time it is Mrs. Lane's house in Southbrook: pulled down no doubt to enable more cars to travel faster on that bit of road. In a year's time the house will be as forgotten as a tooth extracted last month. I believe that all the Timbers were of Ash, not the normal Oak. There was one ash beam in the chimney that had burnt a bit on one occasion. It is not unusual hereabouts for old cottages to have Timbers in the chimneys and one wonders why there were not more fires. 1965 was notable I think for the number of times our Fire Engine turned out - but the sound of the Engine's wailing siren always faded out on Gallows Hill which leads to an area where every fireplace is modern. Does not that seem strange?

A date found marked on a beam was 22 Feb. 1902, but I believe that the large bread oven was part of a much earlier building and is even to be found mentioned in an old Guide Book.

There was an exceptionally cold spell in November, and we have had a period of hard frosts and bitter winds in January which delayed the earliest harbingers of Spring. However, the mild weather that followed has brought many things on far faster and earlier than
usual.

Normally the first "Lent Lily" daffodils appear in the rough grass on the 19th or 20th of February but this year before the first week of February was gone, there was a mass of buds and even a few flowers to cheer us up.

Blackbirds are already selecting their nesting sites, so Spring and all its yearly recurring beauty cannot be far away.

A.M.B.

AN APPRECIATION

The Lady whose friendly, cheerful and brave spirit I would like to record in this magazine is no longer with us in the flesh, but I am sure all who knew her can feel her spirit around them still. For almost the whole of life, whenever I passed her window in the West Street my mind and eyes were drawn to it, always hoping and often seeing there, her smiling face and waving hand.

It is not from habit alone that I still do not pass that window without picturing there her smile and wave as of old.

No-one could say her life was carefree. Her husband died while her children were still at school. Her youngest daughter died aged 19, her eldest son in early middle age. She did not enjoy robust health. During one of my visits to her in her latter days I remarked on her jollity. She said she had to die sometime so she may as well be happy while she lived. When at last she died and I was allowed to gaze upon her as she awaited burial, her face was so serene and happy I was forced to say that she looked too beautiful to bury. What a pattern for some of us who wear long faces because it rains.

R.M.P.

THANKS

May I say a very belated 'thank you' to all those good friends who by their visits, treatment, good wishes and enquiries did so much to help me through a very dull month during November - December when confined to my bed and the house with some sickness.

Also thank you to those who smilingly welcomed me back to my place at Church.

Roy Poore.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

SPECIAL NOTICE

It is with much regret that we announce the closing of the W.I. Hut on February 26th, 1966. No further bookings can be taken after that date.

Our February Meeting will be held in the Hut on February 16th and includes a talk on "Poole by Night" illustrated with slides. The March meeting will be in the Drax Hall - third Tuesday in the month and is to be an exchange programme with our link in New Zealand.

Please come and help us make a fresh start in our new surroundings - all are welcome.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 57

THE BRONZE AGE (BC1900 - BC 500) - Excavated Barrows.

A large barrow on Roke Down was opened in about 1785, but records, it seems, were not kept, and mention was only made of the unusual fact that the barrow contained large stones placed over the urns. Some of these stones remained on the site for many years, whilst others were used in building a cottage.

Roke Down A. This barrow was opened by Shipp and Durden in October 1844: it had a diameter of 55 - 60 feet and was 10 feet high. It contained, besides a number of cremated remains, four skeletons, six urns, one of which was broken and two quartz amulets.

Roke Down B. Opened in July 1845, it had a diameter of 70 feet and was 10 feet high. It contained several cremated remains, six skeletons, three drinking cups, seven urns, four of which were broken, various animal teeth, a bronze tag and a bone needle. One of the urns was nearly 2 feet high, had a capacity of 13 gallons and was the largest Bronze Age urn found at that date.

Roke Down C. This barrow was 40 feet in diameter and 3 feet high. It contained animal bones and teeth, 1 skeleton and 6 urns, 5 of which were in fragments.

Roke Down D. 45 feet diameter and 6 feet high, its principal contents were 3 urns in addition to the usual cremated remains.
Roke Down E. Opened by Mr. and Mrs. Solly of Parkstone in 1840, this barrow was between 4 and 5 feet high, and had 6 or 7 large sandstones protruding through the top, one of which weighed about 1½ tons. It contained 4 urns, one of which contained a doubled up skeleton, several glass beads, 2 bronze spear heads 2½ inches long, and a 13 inch long bronze dagger with ivory handle in perfect condition. It was at that time the only Bronze Age dagger ever found complete with handle. Unfortunately this dagger perished when Mr. Solly’s house was destroyed by fire some time later, although there are drawings of it in existence.

Roke Down F. 5ft 6 ins high. It contained 1 skeleton and 1 urn.

F.P.P. (to be continued)

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our next meeting is on March 8th when Mrs. Blain will show slides of Church Decorations and Gardens. As we are decorating our own Church in July, these slides should be of special interest.

The Bulb Show on February 8th was most successful, and we were delighted that Wareham and Lychett and Upton Group members supported us, and won some prizes. The Raffle prizes went to Mrs. Janes (Basket of Fruit), and Mrs. Harding won the chocolates. With the Bulb Show fresh in your minds, will all members think of new classes for the decorative and growing sections of the Show for next year, and pass any suggestions on to the Committee.

M.A.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER AT ST. NICHOLAS

SPECIAL PREACHERS:

LENT I. February 27th
7.15 p.m. Rev. J. L. Baillie, Vicar of Milborne St. Andrew.

LENT III. March 13th.
7.15 p.m. Rev. H. A. Johnson, Vicar of Affpuddle.

On Wednesdays during Lent at 7.30 p.m. there will be a course of Addresses by the Vicar on "The Religion Jesus hated". For details please see under Bere Regis.

Mothering Sunday March 20th 3.15 Special Family Service.

Good Friday April 8th. 6.00 p.m. Devotional Service

Easter Day April 10th. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.15 p.m. Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held at 2, 45 in the Reading Room on Wednesday March 9th. Mrs. Gooch, a great favourite with us all, is to be the speaker, so I feel sure as many as possible will be present to hear her.

P.J.T.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

A word of appreciation and thanks to the members of the Church of St. Nicholas who Sunday by Sunday make themselves responsible for the Church flowers.

The present rota is:

First Sunday in the month Mrs. P. House and Mrs. Thrush.
Second Sunday in the month Miss Sheppard
Third Sunday in the month Mrs. Simpson
Fourth Sunday in the month Mrs. Hooper
Fifth Sunday in the month Mrs. Murray

There are no flowers during the Lenten Season.

If there are others who would like to help in this way, will they please get in touch with the Secretary.

WASTE PAPER !!!!

The amount received for the sale of waste paper since the campaign started totals £13. 18. 3. and great credit is due to the collectors who so laboriously and regularly collect and to all those who are kind enough to save their paper for us.

Please continue to save every scrap.
find that the special work of a Priest is:
To declare God's forgiveness. To Preach. To give people the Sacraments.

Now, if we look at the service for the "Consecration of Bishops", and the word 'consecrate' really means to set apart for sacred work, we find that the special work of a Bishop is:
To care for all those in his charge. To administer Confirmation. To Ordain, that is lay hands on those who wish to be made deacons and priests. To consecrate Churches, etc.

At the Ordination of Deacons, the candidates kneel before the Bishop who lays his hands upon each one, and says the words conveying authority to execute the office committed to him, in the Name of the Blessed Trinity.

At the Ordination of a Priest, the Bishop with the Priests present lay their hands upon the head of everyone that receiveth the Order of Priesthood. In the actual Ordination of the Priest the Bishop says, "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Priest", and authorizes him to execute the functions of that office.

At the Consecration of a Bishop, all Bishops present take part in the laying on of hands.

Ordination is always accompanied by the celebration of the Holy Communion, and the Litany is always said or sung.

Down through the ages from the time of the Apostles to the present day, men have been chosen, after careful preparation, to be Ordained and have received a special gift from God. The Church has a continuous link with the Apostles through the Ministry, and we profess this when we say in the Nicene Creed that we believe in the Apostolic Church.

Christ sent His Apostles forth, the adventure has never ended and still goes on.

E.M.S.

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GENESIS

"Who are you?" said the Prime Minister, opening the door. "I am God", replied the stranger. "I don't believe you," sneered the Prime Minister, "Show me a miracle". And God showed the Prime Minister the miracle of birth. "Pah," said the Prime Minister, "My scientists are
creating life in test-tubes and have nearly solved the secret of heredity. Artificial insemination is more certain than your lackadaisical method, and by cross-breeding we are producing fish and mammals to our design. Show me a proper miracle." And God caused the sky to darken and hailstones came pouring down. "That's nothing," said the Prime Minister, picking up the telephone to the Air Ministry. "Send up a met, plane would you, old chap, and sprinkle the clouds with silver chloride crystals. And the met, plane went up' and sprinkled the clouds which had darkened the world and the hailstones stopped pouring down and the sun shone brightly. "Show me another," said the Prime Minister. And God caused a plague of frogs to descend upon the land. The Prime Minister picked up his telephone, "Get the Min. of Ag. and Fish," he said to the operator, "and instruct them to procure a frog-killer as myxomatosis killed rabbits." And soon the land was free of frogs, and the people gave thanks to the Prime Minister and erected laboratories in his name. "Show me another," sneered the Prime Minister. And God caused the sea to divide. The Prime Minister picked up his direct-link-telephone to the Polaris submarine. "Lob a few ICBMs into Antarctica and melt the ice-cap, please, old man." And the ice-cap melted into water and the sea came rushing back. "I will kill all the first-born," said God. "Patriot tricks," said the Prime Minister. "Watch this." He pressed a button on his desk. And missiles flew to their ordained destinations and H-bombs split the world asunder and radioactivity killed every mortal thing. "I can raise the dead," said God. "Please," said the Prime Minister in his cardboard coffin. "Let me live again." "Why, who are you?" said God, closing the lid.

(Extracted from The Week-end Telegraph)

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

Jan. 23rd. Jane Elizabeth Milcham

30th. Sandra Dawn Gale.

BURIAL

Jan. 30th. Elizabeth Julia Martha Lovell. 83 years.

MARRIAGE

Jan. 15th. Anthony Hubert Blount and Sarah Georgina Howard.

SMALL ADS

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