THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Owing to pressure on space my letter this month can consist of no more than a few brief announcements.

1. Mrs. Tranter and myself would like to thank you all for your most generous Easter offering. An all time record - most gratifying.

2. Invitations will be going out soon for the 'Friends of Bere Regis Church' Annual Service and meeting on Ascension Day. I do hope all 'Friends' will be able to attend, when they will hear the progress of the project and what they have so far done for their Church.

3. Thanks to our decorators and those who gave Remembrance Lilies, the Church looked simply wonderful at Easter.

4. Note the Confirmation Service on Thursday, May 12th at 7 p.m. and please try and be present.

5. Note the Jumble Sale at 6.30 p.m. on Friday May 6th. We warmly welcome Mrs Howard as our new Secretary of the Church Council and Major Howard to the post of Treasurer. We are very grateful to them for undertaking these duties.

Mr. Carter-Jones has very kindly offered to supply us with a new flagstaff to replace the one broken off in a recent gale.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 1st. Miss McFall Miss Smith
8th. Mrs. Cobb Mrs. Sharman
15th. Mrs. Sharman Mrs. Cobb
22nd. Mrs. J. Jesty Mrs. Higgins
29th. WHIT SUNDAY

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR MAY

May 1st. 11.00 Mr. I. Mullins & Lt. C. Mauder
6.00 Messrs M. Barnes & R. Barnes
8th. 11.00 Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
6.00 Messrs. L. Bartlett & J. House
15th. 11.00 Messrs. W. F. Lys & I. Mullins
6.00 Messrs. D. Poore & P. Wyatt
22nd. 11.00 Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. A. Harding
6.00 Messrs R. Barnes & M. Barnes.
VILLAGE CALENDAR

May
2nd. Monday. 7.30 Parochial Church Council
9th. Monday. Ruri Decanal Conference
12th. Thursday 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Service
14th. Saturday Diocesan Guild of Ringers Practice.
18th. Wednesday British Legion Fete
19th. Ascension Day. 7.00 p.m. Annual Service and General Meeting of Friends of the Church.

June
11th. Saturday Congregational Fete at The Cedars
15th. Wednesday 8. Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting
16th. Thursday Deanery Missionary Festival, Tolpuddle Church, 7.30 p.m.

July
2nd Saturday Ancient Order of Foresters Skittle Championship
9, 10, 11th Floral Festival in Bere Regis Church
16th. Saturday Bere Regis Women's Institute Summer Sale 'The Cedars'

Dec. 6th. Bere Regis Floral Group Christmas Fair. 2.30 Drax Hall.

JUMBLE SALE

A Jumble Sale will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Friday May 6th in the Drax Hall in aid of Church China. Please look out any sellable articles and bring them to the Hall on the day or they can be left at the Vicarage.

If collection is necessary, a word to Mrs. Tranter and it will be arranged.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

Owing to the Confirmation Service on Thursday May 12th the May monthly Meeting has been brought forward one week to Thursday May 5th. The Speaker will be Mrs. Egerton Bird and her subject will be 'The Holy Land'. The meeting will be held at the Vicarage. Will members please note the chance of place of meeting.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on May 17th and includes a demonstration and talk on "Knitting finishes".

We are holding a Summer Sale on July 16th at 'The Cedars' by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Griffin. There will be stalls, competitions and refreshments and we hope you will keep this date free.

BERE REGIS EVENING INSTITUTE

Our Summer Term begins on Thursday 5th May at 7 p.m. There is room for two more students, and anyone who is interested can obtain further information from F. Marsh, Southbrook. We shall be pleased to see any visitors to our classes during the Summer Term.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

All members will be delighted to learn that Mrs. Barne, and Mrs. Herridge have been invited to assist with the decoration of Westminster Abbey in May when the 900th year of the Abbey's foundation is being celebrated. Flowers are being flown from every Commonwealth country, and the most skilled flower arrangers in the country will be in the Abbey to use these, and all our native flowers, to add living beauty to this hallowed place on such a wonderful occasion. Mrs. Barne is doing a large Pedestal at the West Entrance, by the Shaftesbury Memorial - the door through which all good Dorset people would want to enter the Abbey. Mrs. Herridge has been asked to interpret Dryden's line - "Full Blown flowers of glorious beauty" by his memorial in Poets' Corner. This is to be a large arrangement of flowing lines. Perhaps as our two members arrange their flowers they will be helped by the thought that for nine hundred years women have taken flowers into the Abbey to beautify the Altars on Feast Days, or to lay at the tomb of someone loved and gone. All members will wish them joy in using their skill to deck the Abbey for this celebration. Everyone who is free to go can view the arrangements in the Abbey from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on May 24th - 27th.

COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday, 3rd May at Mrs. Sharman's, Robinwood, Bere Regis. (10.30 a.m. onwards). Bring and Buy Stall. In aid of the Flower Fund for decorating the Church in July. Please come, and bring friends. Transport can be arranged by ringing Miss A. Lys (Bere Regis 207) a day or two before.

Our next meeting will be in the evening instead of the afternoon. This is at 7 p.m. on May 10th when Mrs. Harris is to demonstrate "Fun with Flowers". It is hoped that this meeting will be very well attended as it has been especially arranged for all those who would like to come to a floral meeting, but who are never free in the afternoon. Bring your friends as visitors are always welcome.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 59

THE IRON AGE (BC 500 - AD 43)

Further influxes into southern Britain in about BC 500 of invaders and settlers who had discovered the use of iron for weapons and
implements, marked the beginning of the Iron Age. The most noticeable
remains of this period are the hill fort earthworks. There are fifteen or so
of such earthworks in Dorset occurring roughly in three lines running south
east to north west and following the three principal hill ranges. Woodbury
Hill in this parish occurs in the middle line and its immediate neighbours
are Woolbarrow on the east and Weatherby Castle on the west, both of
which are sited just outside the parish boundaries.

Although some of these earthworks were commenced during the Bronze
Age, most of them belong to the Iron Age, and the earlier examples were
enlarged during this period. Hill fort sites were carefully chosen: a
commanding position being essential and a hill of a suitable natural shape
being desirable. A suitable site having been decided upon, two, three or
even more rows of alternating ditches and banks were constructed around the
perimeter following the contours of the hill. Woodbury hill seems to have
been particularly suitable, as besides commanding extensive views, it has a
flat top of about 13 acres, and falls away steeply on the west, south and east
sides. It originally had a double ring of banks and ditches, and an engraving
of 1724 shows Woodbury very much as it must have appeared in the Iron Age.

A good deal of the banking and ditching can still be seen, but due to the
drainage caused by the use of the hill for the annual fair for some 700
years, and the removal of much of the outer bank for the gravel of which it
was constructed, it is now somewhat indistinct in many parts.

During the Roman conquest of Britain in AD 43 many of the hill forts
were defended by the Celtic inhabitants, and Woodbury Hill may well have
been the scene of such a battle. From excavations carried out at Maiden
Castle, Dorchester, one of the largest Iron Age hill forts, it is known that the
Iron Age people there held out for a long time and were only defeated by the
Roman forces after suffering heavy losses.

F.P.P.

EASTER LILIES 1966

DONOR
Mrs. R. Beasley and family
P. M. Minter
Mrs. L. Minter
Mrs. M. Smith and family
Mrs. Osmond
Mr. and Mrs. Davis
Mr. A. C. McFall

IN MEMORY OF
J. Beasley (Husband and Father)
R. Minter (Father)
R. Minter (Husband)
Frances Smith and Edwin Pollard
George (Husband)
John (Son)
Crawford and Annie McFall
(Mother and Father)
Vera A. C. Hoult (sister)

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Annie and James Seaddon (Parents)
Mr. and Mrs. Chubb (Father and
Mother, Mrs. Hoare)
George and Nora Lys
W. J. and M. Clarke,
Mrs. Langdon and Son
John and Florence Mary Joyce (Parents)
Lewis Joyce (Brother)
Margaret Ellen Rawbone
Percy Battrick
Arthur Pinnow (son-in-law)
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(Father and Mother)
John and Kate Pitfield (Father and
Mother)
William and Ethel Barnes
(Father and Mother)
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(Father and Mother)
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Elsie (sister)
T. Petty (Father) F. Petty (Mother)
Edith (sister)
Cecil Richard Victor Stickley (Husband)
Cecil Stickley (Father)
Hilda Kate Snook (Mother)
William George Farthing (Father)
William Toms (Son)
William Toms (Brother)
Frederick Hewitt (Husband)
William James Hewitt (Father)
Dorothy Drake
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hewitt (Parents)
Nellie Standfield (Wife)
Nellie Standfield (Mother)
Nellie Standfield (Mother)
Mrs. Clark (Mother)
EASTER LILIES (continued)

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IN MEMORY OF
Jane Barnes (Mother)
Richard Barnes (Father)
Mr. and Mrs. W. Platt
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Humphries
Reginald W. Lawes (Husband)
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(Mother and Father)
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J. J. L. and W. W. L. (Brothers)
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GARDEN PARTY - SATURDAY 4th JUNE

LADY FISHER OF LAMBETH HAS ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION TO
OPEN THE GARDEN PARTY

PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE FREE. MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

EASTER LILIES 1966

WINTERBOURNE ... KINGSTON

DONOR
Dennis Bentley
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Martin Bentley
W. R. Lemon
Mrs. C. Symes
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murray
C. Sheppard
Edna M. Sheppard
Mrs. M. Rolls
Joanna and Pete Wingfield

A. B. Wingfield
Mrs. E. Legg
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. E. Terry

Mrs. E. F. Legg
Mr. and Mrs. Bracewell

IN MEMORY OF
Amelia Frances Bentley
Jessie Kime
Samuel Kime
Daughter
Parents
Parents
Ethel M. Sheppard
My dearest Mother
Parents and Brother
Ellen Jane Laver and
Christopher Wingfield
Mother and Dad
(Husband) Ernest Legg
Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller
Mother and Father
Parents

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

THE FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY

TO REALISE THE SACREDNESS OF MARRIAGE

This service is derived from two ancient offices of the Church of England, and is still almost the same as it was in the Sarum Prayer Book, only of course it is in English instead of Latin.

Some public notice of Marriage has always been required by the Church, and the "Banns" of those who are to be married must be published in the Church on three successive Sundays and should the persons to be married live in different Parishes, then the Banns must be asked in both Parishes. The meaning of the word Banns is 'proclamation', and they are read after the second Lesson at Morning or Evening Prayer. In olden days the congregation used to respond with the kindly wish, "God speed them well". The publishing of Banns gives an opportunity for any objection to be made to the Marriage, and a further opportunity is given at the service itself when
friends and neighbours are present.

Before the Reformation, the actual Marriage Service took place in the Church Porch, and when they were ‘man and wife together’ they went into the Church for the final prayers and the Celebration of Holy Communion which always formed part of the wedding rites. Now, however, the first part of the service takes place at the entrance to the Chancel.

The mutual consent of the persons afterwards to be married is first of all solemnly given by each replying ‘I Will’ to the question asked by the Priest. This is no mere formality but a form of open declaration before God and man that the Marriage is willingly undertaken by each. It also constitutes a promise respecting the duties of Marriage. The priest then asks, according to very ancient custom, “Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?” The father, or nearest relative, gives the bride’s hand to the priest, and it is the priest who puts her hand into the man’s. In this way, the father or nearest relative gives the bride to the Church, and the Church in the name of God, gives the bride to the man.

The Betrothal, or “giving of troth”, that is allegiance to each other, is the next ceremony. Each alternately taking the right hand of the other say the words of the very ancient Marriage vow.

The Wedding ring in the Marriage goes as far back as pre-Christian days. The man gives the ring to the Priest, who gives it back to him, and the Sarum Manual directed the man to place the ring upon the woman’s thumb as he said, “In the Name of the Father,” on the second finger as he said, “and of the Son,” on the third as he said “and of the Holy Ghost,” and as he said “Amen” to place it upon the fourth finger and leave it there. The ring being placed on the fourth finger of the left hand, and whilst the man is still holding it there, the Priest says the prayer which follows, and which represents the ancient benediction of the Ring.

The Church completes the Marriage rite by joining their hands together once more, with our Lord’s own command, “Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.” The Priest tells the congregation in the Name of the Holy Trinity that “They are man and wife together” and gives them a solemn blessing in the same most holy Name.

In olden days, it was at this point that the newly wed bridegroom and bride went into the Church to begin their new life together. Now, however, as the service up to this part has taken place at the entrance to the Chancel, the remainder of the Service is at the Altar rails.

The rubric at the end of the service says that it is “convenient” - which is the old English word for “fitting” - that the new-married persons should receive the Holy Communion at the time of their Marriage, or at the first opportunity after their Marriage.

The part of the service which follows belongs properly to the celebration of a Marriage Eucharist, and is begun by the Priest leading the way to the Altar and reciting one of the special Psalms, The Lord’s Prayer, Versicles, Collects and Benediction which follow are all taken from the ancient Latin Office. The address or homily, which is the weaving together of texts of scripture concerning Marriage is to be used when there is no sermon on the subject, but the implication is that a sermon is better.

This is how Christian people ought to be married, it is how they have been married for hundreds of years. The Church sends them away with the blessing of God, “to lead the rest of their lives according to this beginning.” And it is well worth remembering that they are married in their “Christian” names, the names they received when they were baptized; surnames only being used in the Registers and not in the Service.

E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at 2.45 p.m. in the Reading Room on Wednesday May 11th.
Mrs. Honeybun will speak on “Watch, and Social Problems”.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON W.I.

Our Spring Sale, held on April 1st in the Village Hall, was a great success realising a nett profit of £17. 10. 3d. We wish to thank all who helped and supported this occasion.

Branch Meeting on April 6th was well attended and one new member was welcomed. We were very pleased to have with us, Mrs. Herridge, who demonstrated some lovely floral arrangements, giving us ideas for our Flower Show entries. Tea hostesses were Mrs. P., House and Mrs. Scott.

A Date to Remember. Mrs. Cameron has kindly offered us hospitality for a Coffee Evening on Thursday June 16th. All are welcome.

T.M.
FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

MARRIAGES
March 19th. John Frederick Albert Ebdon Pitman
Bronwen Delsy Elvircer Crocker.
March 26th. Leslie Charles Hyde
Valerie Ann Cheeseman.
April 2nd. George Rupert Lemon
Christine Ruth Standfield.

BURIALS
March 26th. Nina Daisy Jocelyn McCarthy. age 54.
April 2nd. Frederick Charles Vye. age 76.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM
April 3rd Philip George Scott.

BERE REGIS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1965

INCOME
9. Salaries and Wages 174. 11. 0.
Special Offertories 9. Common Life Plan 59. 4. 11.
Visitors 273. 1.
Post 225. 12.
Publications 97. 15.
6. Transport 37. 10. 0.
Fees 259. 16.
8. Heat and Light 257. 2. 8.
Functions 18. 4.
1. Insurance Premium 91. 3. 6.
Taylor Bequest 18. 4.
Insurance claim 259. 16.
6. Transport 37. 10. 0.
Transferred from Deposit 416. 15.
8. Renewals 577. 16. 4.
Cr. Balance at 31. 12. 65. 58. 13. 4

£1599. 14. 6.

EXPENDITURE

Diocesan Funds 204. 4. 0.
Sundries 21. 4. 8.
Credit Balance at 31. 12. 65. 58. 13. 4

£1599. 14. 6

BALANCES ON DEPOSIT 31. 12. 65.

Appeal Fund £238. 17. 7.
Organ Fund 30. 12. 5.
Sunday School 78. 13. 10.

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