My dear Friends,

I see in the first issue of the new magazine published in June 1961, I said we would keep the old price of 4d for the time being and as long as we could. Costs of practically everything have soared since then and the Church Council have decided that the time has come when the price of the magazine will have to be increased if we are to be able to continue to keep it as a Village magazine as well as a purely Church publication. Consequently from January 1st 1967 the price of the magazine will be increased to 6d but we hope to include in it the Salisbury Diocesan leaflet. So though you will pay a very little more you will receive considerably more reading matter which will extend the scope of the magazine to cover the whole of the Salisbury Diocese as well.

The extra cost comes to that of a small size filter tip cigarette! So I am sure you will not grumble. I believe the magazine fulfils a most useful purpose in Bere Regis, publishing as it does not just Church news but items from any organisation which takes the trouble to send them in. As I have said before we will publish your contributions but we cannot write them. We shall therefore be very glad to receive items from any source, including letters of comment, praise or complaint - though of course the Editor will reserve to himself the right of whether or not to publish any such contribution.

Many thanks to those who by their voluntary labours have so greatly improved the lower entrance to the Church. The path here has been a trouble for some time, being washed down to the road every time there was heavy rain - leaving ridges and gullies and exposed roots, which was highly dangerous to the user. The concrete will prevent all this - when it is properly settled we shall put a rough surface on it so that it will match in with the rest of the gravel.

Our next away visit in the Common Life Plan will be to Hazelbury Bryan on Sunday, October 16th. As this is one of the further churches I think the coach had better be at Winterbourne Kingston not later than 6 p.m. to pick up at Bere Regis at 6.10. I hope many people will come with us on this occasion.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Oct. 2nd. Harvest Festival
9th. Miss Smith Miss McFall
16th. Mrs Lys Mrs. Benjafield
23rd. Mrs. Applin Mrs. Carter Jones
30th. Mrs. Howard Mrs. Tadman.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2nd. 10 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & R. Barnes
9th. 11 a.m. Messrs. M. Lys & A. Harding
6 p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett & D. Poore
16th. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries
7 p.m. Service at Hazelbury Bryan
23rd. 11 a.m. Major G. Howard & Mr. J. House
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & P. Wyatt
30th. 11 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & L. Bartlett.

Nov. 6th. 10 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & I. Mullins
6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & D. Poore.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The quarterly Corporate Communion of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Church on Thursday October 13th. at 7.30 p.m. Tea afterwards in the Vicarage.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Oct. 1st. Sat. Harvest Supper 7 p.m. Drax Hall Tickets 3-
Oct. 2nd. Sun. Harvest Festival
Oct. 9th. Sun. Winterbourne Kingston Harvest Festival
9.30 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.
Oct. 14th. Fri. Winterbourne Kingston Harvest Supper
Oct. 16th. Sun. Church visit to Hazelbury Bryan for Service
Coach leaves Winterbourne Kingston 6 p.m.
Bere Regis 6.10 p.m. Service at 7 p.m.
Oct. 18th. Tues. St. Luke. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Nov. 10th. Thurs. Poppy Whist Drive. 7.30 p.m. Drax Hall
Admission 2/6. Proceeds to Earl Haig Fund.

CALENDAR (continued)

Nov. 13th. Sun. Remembrance Sunday. 10.50 Service at War
Memorial, afterwards in Church.
Nov. 28th. Mon. Parochial Church Council. 7.30 Vicarage.
2.30 Drax Hall.
Dec. 14th. Wed. Sidesmen meeting 8 p.m.
Dec. 18th. Sun. 6 p.m. Carol Service
Dec. 31st. Sat. 6.30 p.m. Foresters Carol Service.
1967
June 3rd. Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
June 24th. Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party.

THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC
Addington Palace, Croydon, Surrey.

Bere Regis Church has now joined the Royal School of Church Music and in doing this it becomes affiliated to a movement which has members in all parts of the English-speaking world. All of these are working for the same object, the improvement of the music of church services; in being affiliated they are able to make use of various benefits which are available for members.

The RSCM was founded in 1927 by Sir Sydney Nicholson, who gave up his post as Organist of Westminster Abbey to devote his attention to the musical needs and problems of parish churches and to provide a centre for training church musicians. The Headquarters of the RSCM are at Addington Palace, Croydon, and the RSCM has now a very widespread influence and membership.

COMMON LIFE PLAN

Our next visit is to 7 p.m. Evensong at Hazelbury Bryan, where Mr. Alexander is the Incumbent. 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 6.10 approximately.

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 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The October Meeting will be held in the Drax Hall on Tuesday
October 18th at 7 p.m. There is to be a talk with slides on Cathedrals
and the business side includes taking nominations for the Committee for the oncoming year.

During November we hope to hold an Autumn Sale and also a Coffee Evening when all friends will be welcome. Dates will be announced later.

M. C.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 11th October, when Mrs. Rowe is coming to demonstrate "Autumn Arrangements". This will be one of the best demonstrations this year, and you might like to bring a friend to enjoy it with you. Miss Lys will be glad to receive any suggestions for our next year's programme - which is still in the making.

M. A.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 64
PARISH MAGAZINE (continued)

1893

H.M. school inspector, having visited the Heath School (at Chamberlaynes) pronounced that the infants' classroom was too small, being only 10 feet by 8 feet and a new room 18 feet by 16 feet was built, and completed by the end of the year.

In June, Mr. John Lane, the Parish Clerk died, having held the office since 1875 on the death of his father, William Lane, who had been Clerk since 1840.

In July, the Rev. C. F. Sweet resigned as curate at Kingston after six years, and was to be succeeded by the Rev. S. Rogerson.

The 5th annual Flower Show received a record of 500 entries.

A large Scots Fir on Rye Hill which had been a prominent landmark for many years, was blown down in a severe gale on the 12th of December.

1894

The magazine circulation had reached 150 copies.

On the 2nd January, the new church hall was used as such for the first time. This is now called the Drax Hall, and prior to 1894 had been used as the Congregational Church. At the same time, the Butt Lane reading room, which had been used for Sunday School classes, was given up and converted to the present Congregational Church.

November saw the setting up of Parish Councils, and from this time onward, Church Vestry meetings would be concerned with Church matters only. Bere Regis Parish Council was to have 11 members, and the election took place on the 17th December, 1894, when 161 electors voted out of a possible 230, and 22 candidates stood for the 11 seats.

During the year the board and joist floors of the nave and north aisle were taken up and replaced by oak blocks at a cost of £150. A jumble sale in aid of the fund raised the incredible sum of £80 3s 4d.

Mr. Radclyffe of Hyde House presented the oak eagle lectern.

1895

As was the usual custom, the Itinerant Mission attended Woodbury Hill Fair from Friday 20th to Monday 23rd September. As well as providing open air services, the mission ran a school for children of the fair people, when over 40 attended.

The Parish Council formed a committee to consider the possibility of acquiring a recreation ground for the village, but it was to be a further 10 years before the project was realised.

During the year the circulation of the magazine had reached 190 copies.

(to be continued) F.P.P.

BERE REGIS CHURCH CHOIR

Owing to one of our Choristers going to Boarding School, we have a vacancy for a boy. He should be about 8 years old, capable of reading fairly fluently. Application should be made either to Miss Smith or the Vicar, who will arrange for a voice trial.

Are there any ladies who enjoy singing and would care to help us with the singing? We are contemplating starting an adult ladies' choir and should be glad to receive names of any interested.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE GOSPELS

As you may well have gathered from the two previous articles, we are going to think this month of the Gospels, because as I have already written, we have a Collect, Epistle and Gospel set aside for each Sunday of the Church's Year, as well as for the Festival Days of the Church and those commemorating special Saints. The reading of the Gospel, as the name implies, means that the reading is taken from one of the four Gospels.

There is only one Gospel of course, but we have four versions of it, because the four Evangelists, Saint Matthew, Saint Mark, Saint Luke and Saint John have all written down in their own fashion and in their own words, as they were guided by the Holy Spirit, the good news which they had to tell mankind.
The New Testament history began of course by people telling one another. The Apostles and others who had seen and known Jesus, told others about Him. They described how He was born, how He lived and worked and taught, how He died on the Cross and rose again on the third day, how He had returned to Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to give life to the Church that was to carry on His work. The Apostles knew they must find some way to prevent the Life of Our Lord being forgotten and lost, and so we have the sacred Books which are called the ‘Gospels’. The word comes from a Greek word meaning “To bring news well”. And they do indeed ‘bring news well’ for they have recorded for ever such a clear account of the Life and Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Another definition of the word ‘Gospel’ is ‘Good Tidings’, or ‘Good News’. Each of the Gospels is in fact a Life or History of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and to tell of Him is to tell the best tidings the world has ever heard.

The order in which the Gospels appear in our Bible is not the same order in which they were written. The Gospel according to Saint Mark is thought the first to have been written of all the four Gospels, and even this was not written until about fifty years after our Lord’s Ascension.

The Gospels were written in Greek. Greek was once learnt and talked all over the world, just as English is today. Then the people began more and more to talk another language, called Latin, therefore the Gospels together with the other Books of the Bible were translated into Latin. It was in the reign of King Henry VIII that William Tyndale gave us the first English printed Bible, and it was this King who gave orders that an English Bible should be put in every Church. So precious were these Bibles, that they were in fact chained to the reading desks, so that no one could take them away, but everyone who liked, men, women or children, could come to Church to read, or listen to someone else reading the Bible aloud.

Saint Mark began the writing of his Gospel with these words - "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," which really means the beginning of the ‘good news’ of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Such a beginning would make people think when they read it, that this must be a lovely book if it has ‘good news’ in it. Well the ‘good news’ is there for us to read, and to hear read in our Churches - the most wonderful tidings the world has ever heard.

E. M. S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HARVEST-TIDE AT ST. NICHOLAS

HARVEST FESTIVAL - SUNDAY - 9th October

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, 8th October, from 10.00 a.m. onwards.

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday - 14th October.    7.30 p.m.    Village Hall
Tickets price 3/- obtainable from the Organising Sub-Committee or Members of the Church Council.

You are warmly invited to join us at our Harvest-tide Thanksgivings

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

The quarterly Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Church at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday October 12th.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
July 24th.    Tracy Jane HOLLINSHED
             Hazel Ann BARTLETT
Aug. 21st.    Nigel James EVERETT.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

BURIAL
Aug. 5th.    Louisa Emily DAVIS. 70 years.
SMALL ADS.

(2/6 for three lines)

MRS. SIMPSON AT THE STORES, WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON, OPENED A NURSERY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER. SHE WELCOMES ENQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED PARENTS OF CHILDREN FROM THREE TO FIVE YEARS. TELEPHONE BERE REGIS 246.

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